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The City Council is made up of members from each of Carroll’s four wards plus two at-large members.

Businessman and community advocate Tage Henkelman plans to challenge incumbent Kyle Bauer for the Carroll City Council 3rd Ward seat, which encompasses the southwest part of the city.

A news release Henkelman emailed to the Times Herald Wednesday says, “With a strong commitment to transparency, conservatism, safety, and sustainable growth, Tage enters the race with a focus on giving residents a stronger voice in the decisions that shape the city’s future.”

Henkelman says in the release, “As someone who lives and works in Carroll, I understand both the challenges we face and the incredible potential of our community. I’m running to ensure we have accountable leadership that listens to residents, protects our families, and builds a more inclusive, forward-thinking city. As a small-business owner myself, I have to be present every day to balance my own budget but yet still continue forward.

Henkelman, 28, noted he grew up in Carroll since he was 7 years old and attended Carroll Community schools from second through sixth grades and Kuemephr Catholic schools from seventh through 12th grades, graduating in 2016. He said that after high school he worked for his father’s welding shop in Denison before becoming an independent insurance agent and auctioneer. Henkelman, who lives at 520 Summit Drive, is owner/auctioneer of DM Auctions.

“I am very much entrepreneurial minded,” he says in the release. “I love to help and teach people about things they typically hate, like insurance. I think government is another issue people don’t like to discuss because tough decisions have to be made.”

In the next month, he will marry Abbey Gustafson, who is an Ogden native and works in IT at Core-Mark in Carroll.

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“This is jamming through at the last moment. It’s so frustrating. It’s always at the last moment that we’re jamming. We can’t really even do research,” Atherton said.

In his memorandum to the council, City Manager Aaron Kooiker wrote, “Hoppe Development would then ask that we would partner with them for a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC), which we as a city have been involved in recently. The city does not have to determine the program match at this time, however since this is a new project rather than a remodel, the City could provide infrastructure to the project rather than an abatement or cash.”

Former Mayor Mark Beardmore addressed the council with concerns about the timing of the meeting and the process.

“Has anybody done due diligence on the company? Has anybody, the mayor, the manager, any of the council they’ve given you? There’s going to be some

legal things here. There’s not enough information out there. They’ve got an impressive website, okay, but I mean, has anybody spent any of their personal collateral and having dialogue with anybody that has some experience with these people,” Beardmore said.

Carroll resident Kim Tiefenthaler addressed the council and said that Hoppe Development is highly recommended by Jim Thompson, who is a business specialist with Iowa Economic Development and Financing Authority.

In the meeting, Kooiker recommended that the city provide infrastructure rather than other incentives. He added that the inclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carroll and Hoppe and Son, LLC in the Iowa Thriving Community application does not mean that the city must award the development to Hoppe Development.

The City of Carroll can select local builders if selected as an Iowa Thriving Community. City Attorney David Bruner confirmed

that statement.

Hoppe Development is based in Lincoln, Neb., and has several projects throughout that state.

In February, the Fort Dodge city council approved the sale of city-owned land to build apartments there. City land was sold to Hoppe Development for \$369,000 for the construction of 65 apartments in a series of 8 two- and three-story buildings on that property.

According to a Fort Dodge Messenger report, construction of the apartment complex will begin in June of 2026.

2026 Iowa Thriving Communities Timeline:

■ February 10: Application Period Opened

■ May 12: Application Deadline

■ Week of July 7: In-person finalist pitches

■ Week of July 14: Iowa Thriving Communities announced

■ September 2-4: Iowa Thriving Community representatives attend Housing Iowa Conference in Des Moines

EDUCATION

DMACC graduation Friday afternoon

Des Moines Area Community College will present diplomas to approximately 80 students in the school’s graduation ceremonies beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the Carroll High School gymnasium.

Featured speaker will be Tim Rial of Carroll, an independent financial adviser and owner of Rial Financial Team, who teaches calculus courses at the DMACC Carroll Campus.

Rial grew up in Atlantic and earned academic all-conference honors in various sports. He chose to play football at the University of Northern Iowa, where one of teammates was future National Football League MVP and Super Bowl champion quarterback Kurt Warner. Warner was a groomsman and read Scripture for Tim and Lisa at their wedding. Rial attended Warner’s NFL Hall of Fame induction in Canton, Ohio, with his sons Trevor and Logan, and was asked to stand during Warner’s acceptance speech along with nine other former UNI players.

Rial was a second-team wide receiver at UNI behind



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tim Rial, the featured speaker

Kennedy Shedd, who played eight years in the NFL. Rial was a three-year letter winner and received

the All-Gateway Conference Academic award for seniors twice, since he graduated with his four-year B.A. degree in mathematics in only three years. He was in graduate school his last two years of football, and received a master’s degree in mathematics from UNI after only 4½ years of coursework.

He then went on to do Ph.D. work for about 1½ years in theoretical advanced calculus and logic theory at the University of Illinois, where he was a teaching assistant and taught his own Calculus II course.

In his career, Rial also holds designations of chartered financial consultant and certified life underwriter. He is a 14-year member

of the Million Dollar Round Table, the Premier Association of Financial Professionals. MDRT is a global, independent association of the world’s leading life insurance and financial services professionals from 85 nations and territories and more than 700 companies. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. Qualifications include approximately the top 1 to 2% of advisers. Rial has achieved the “Top of the Table” level annually since 2019, which requires six times the qualification level of MDRT.

Rial has taught calculus courses at DMACC Carroll Campus since moving here in 1999.

He will enter his 11th season as an assistant on the Kuemper Catholic High School varsity football coaching staff this fall.

Tim and his wife, Lisa, have been married 31 years and have four children: Madison (and husband Andrew), Amber (and fiancé Ben), Trevor, and Logan.

WINNERS FROM PAGE 3

— Mya Wiskus, daughter of Gary and Amy Wiskus of Carroll, is a Kuemper Catholic High School senior and plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny to study agriculture business. Mya credits her upbringing in agriculture and her father’s influence for inspiring her educational path. Her involvement in FFA also fueled her passion and helped shape her skills and commitment to the agriculture industry.

— Hayden Vonnahme, son of Bill and Becky Vonnahme of Breda, is a Kuemper Catholic High School

senior and plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College to study diesel technology. Passionate about raising plants and animals, Hayden hopes to return to and continue the family farm. He sees his education as a stepping-stone toward maintaining his own equipment and potentially starting a repair business to serve fellow farmers.

The Carroll County Agricultural Scholarship is a joint initiative of the Carroll Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County Cattlemen. It is funded through donations from local businesses, proceeds from the Chamber Ag Golf Outing,

and a special livestock auction held in 1987. In 2024, the Carroll County Cattlemen contributed \$15,000 to the Ag Scholarship Fund, enabling the selection committee to award more scholarships to local students committed to a future in agriculture.

Funds for the scholarships are sent directly to the students at the beginning of the second semester, after receiving their transcript. Scholarships must be used within one year of their grant. Recipients must be Carroll County residents but do not have to attend a high school in the county.

BREDA FROM PAGE 3

current lights date to when the baseball stadium was built in 1947. The City of Breda’s website says the stadium is believed to have one of the few remaining wooden covered grandstands in the Midwest.

The Rec League plans to install modern LED lighting, upgrade underground wiring, and replace the existing poles. There will also be lighting on the ballpark’s outfield poles to illuminate Memorial Park and the shelterhouse area. Cost of the project is estimated at \$325,000. With the support of Western Iowa Networks’ contribution, the fundraising total has now reached \$250,000.

“A lot of community donors have been very generous to help get us to where we’re at,” Rec League Board

member Tera Petersen said. “We’re excited about the project and appreciate all the donors, and special thanks to Western Iowa Networks.”

“At WIN, we are committed to investing in the communities we serve,” said Jeff Roiland, CEO of Western Iowa Networks. “The Breda ballpark is a vital part of the town’s identity and has been a gathering place for generations. We’re proud to support a project that will enhance its use for years to come.”

The Rec League continues to seek additional support to meet its fundraising goal. If you would like to donate, make checks payable to Breda Recreation League and mail to PO Box 302, Breda, IA 51436.

Petersen said that in addition to the fundraising, the Rec League will be applying for grants.

Breda Telephone Corp. — doing business as Western Iowa Networks — is a leading communications company based in Breda. It is one of western Iowa’s largest independent telephone companies, and one of the area’s most diverse service providers. WIN was founded in 1905 as Breda Telephone Company and today provides telephone, internet, cellular, cable, and many complementary services to customers across western and southwestern Iowa in nine counties including Arcadia, Auburn, Breda, Carroll, Council Bluffs, Dedham, Denison, Farragut, Glenwood, Glidden, Halbur, Hastings, Lidderdale, Macedonia, Malvern, Maple River, Mineola, Mount Carmel, Nemaha, Pacific Junction, Roselle, Silver City, Treynor, Vail, Westside and Willey.

CCSD

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discussed having another space to send misbehaving students beside the principal’s office. The school board has previously shown support in hiring a full-time behavior interventionist for Carroll Middle School. With this new position, Boes

said she hopes the behavior interventionist can help with this issue.

Tonia Onken, a special education teacher at Carroll Middle School, said the bigger issue is making the parents more aware of the board policy.

“All of us in this room know, we better drive 55 miles an hour and if we

don’t drive 55 miles an hour, we’re probably going to get a ticket,” Onken said.

Furthermore, Onken said the board policy needs to be with parents so they understand that if a student breaks the rules, there will be consequences.

The next school board meeting will take place on Monday, May 19.

LEGION

Life Line Screening to provide health screening at Carroll Legion

Carroll area residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Carroll American Legion will host this community event on Tuesday, May 20. The site is located at 1124 Heires Ave in Carroll.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultations will work with you to

create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.



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