

Obituary

Memorial services for J.E. Ecklin, 95, of Lenox, Iowa was held at 1:30 PM at Cummings Family Funeral Home in Lenox on Thursday, May 15, 2025. A time of gathering for friends was held from 1:00 PM until service time. Inurnment was held at North Fairview Cemetery in Lenox. Memorials may be directed towards EveryStep Hospice in Mount Ayr, Iowa. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.cummingsfamilyfuneralhome.com under Obituaries.

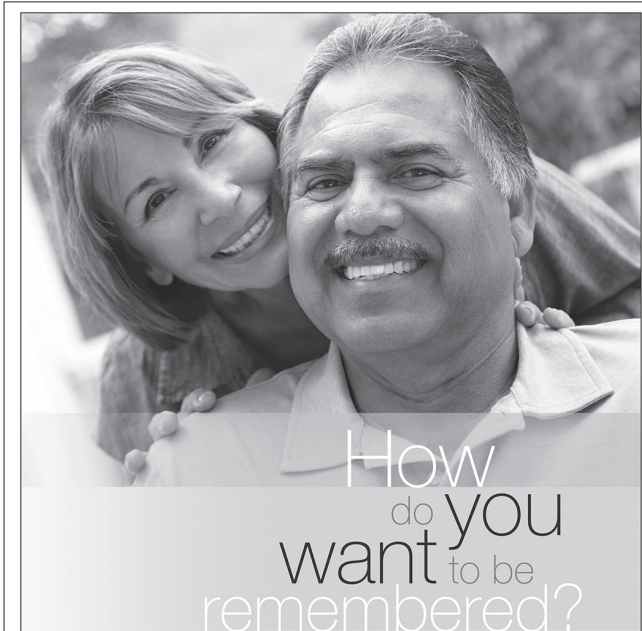
John Edwon (J.E.) Ecklin was born on September 2, 1929 to Frank Gilpon and Verla Grace (Hays) Ecklin on a farm



northeast of Conway, Iowa. He had an older half-sister, Frances and a younger sister, Arlene. He attended four rural elementary schools and attended two years of high school in Clearfield and due to the death of his father in 1947, J.E. was unable to complete high school and took over the

farm. He married Bernadine (Routh) on September 21, 1950 at the Creston Methodist Church. He lived on the family farm for 50 years, from 1943 to 1993 until he retired and moved to Lenox. J.E. and Bernadine farmed as partners northeast of Clearfield. While farming, he also sold Moorman's Feed, was a Calvary Go-Getters 4-H Club Leader, was a member of Old Thyme Power, Clearfield Lions and camped and drove shuttle busses for many years at the Iowa State Fair. He was a Clearfield Happy Camper and had a love for travel including several overseas trips. He was self-taught on guitar, dobro, mandolin

and harmonica and loved participating in jam sessions. His life-long goal was to be able to winter in the south. They spent over 30 years as winter Texans. J.E. was preceded in death by his parents, his half-sister Frances Grace, brother-in-law Richard Bandy, granddaughter Janis Ecklin, and in-laws Bert and Pearl Routh. J.E. is survived by his wife, Bernadine, his four children: Johnny Ecklin (Kathy), Judy Brewster, Joan Mattes (Stan), and Jerry Ecklin (Tina), 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Arlene Bandy, and his nephew, Mark.



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Sharpsburg News

What a beautiful morning for God to do his laundry! Yes, He blessed us with at least an inch of rain so far and hopefully there is more to come. The rain washes the pollen and dirt off the trees and the grass! For those of us who suffer from allergies, the sound of thunder rumbling at 5AM was music to our ears!

The surprising news of the week was Norma and Ronnie's garden tiller was returned. So, we have a great big shout out to whoever returned it. THANK

YOU!! Our condolences to Jill Sawyer in the loss of her beloved cat. As we grow older, our pets become our family. Our prayers for healing, go out to Jeff Reeds wife, who suffered burns while burning trash. I dug holes, planted flowers, watered, and am looking forward to a summer of blooms when I enter my West gate. However, when I arrived home from church yesterday, another flower had been dug up! That makes 2! Since Ken-

ny Brand is having trouble with Squirrels in his garden, if figured they must be the guilty party!! I read on Facebook to cut windows in a plastic jug, fill it half full of water and put a hand full of moth balls in it. The moth balls will not melt but the animals do not like the smell of them. I am going to try it. I am planting sweet potatoes in bales of straw this year. A bird ate one of my plants. I guess I will have to put a jug out there as well. I will keep you posted!

Bob Boulden stopped in earlier this week and

brought me several Methodist Cookbooks his mother had saved. I have really enjoyed looking through them. So many memories of those ladies who submitted recipes!

It was nice to see Dee Brown at coffee this morning. She is in great spirits! Also, Dick Blazek was back with us. 19 gathered around the tables in Springs Store this morning! Come join us! If the laughter does not lift your spirits, the love will! A wonderful way to start the week!

Until next week
Beverly Bender

It sure is dry, we need rain. I mowed south of my house on Thursday, and I was in a cloud of dust most of the time.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Alumni Banquet. The committee is working on a neat program.

Can't believe it's Memorial Day already. Sherry, my sister-in-law and I are going out to the

cemetery this week to decorate. Always enjoy doing that. Don't forget to go to the program the Legion puts on, Lions Hall, the 26th at 9:30.

Closing-If you keep saying things are going to be bad, you may have a chance to be a prophet.

L. Bell

COFFEE TALK

Sunday and today is Mother's Day. We had a full house in church today. Also had two baptisms, one was a sweet baby and the other was her uncle.

I had 16 at my house for dinner. Makes my day!

Marcy gave me a garden-it's a metal box, 3'x 5' on legs. She planted two tomatoes and some cukes, onions, radish, and lettuce. So far it is growing and looking great. All I have to do is water it.

Lenox City Council Minutes, May 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on May 12, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Huffman, Tull and Cruz; Peterson and Hodges were absent. Staff present was City Clerk, Dawne Bowman and City Administrator, Allison Kitzman. Visitors were Colleen Larimer and Kristi Ritchie.

Tull made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Huffman made a motion to approve 4/28/25 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Tull, all ayes, motion carried. Tull made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried. Tull made a motion to approve April 2025 Clerk Treasurer Report, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Cruz made a motion to approve Tiger Lanes Bowling Center Class C Retail Alcohol License, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Kitzman discussed the Design and Construction Engineering Agreement with Water's Edge for Toddler Pool. This portion of the agreement is in the amount of \$15,750. Tull made a motion to approve Design and Construction Engineering Agreement with Water's Edge for Toddler Pool, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Kristi Ritchie was present to discuss the progress of the Pool Improvement fundraising. The goal is for 90% of the funds to be raised by June 2025. Ritchie also added that there are fundraising events taking place this summer. Kitzman stated that businesses can sponsor water features if they wish. Ritchie also mentioned that the project could possibly expand, pending funds raised.

Kitzman discussed Engineering Agreement with Snyder

& Associates for 2025 Road Repair, mentioning several asphalt street overlays and complete concrete intersection repair. The total cost for the project is approximately \$365,000. Tull made a motion to approve Engineering Agreement with Snyder & Associates for 2025 Road Repair, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Cruz made a motion to approve Resolution 25-21 Seasonal Pool Employee Wages, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull made a motion to approve re-appointment of Sherri Calvin to the Board of Adjustments for term of 5 years, ending 6/2030, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull made a motion to approve re-appointment of Cody Adams and Heather Samo to Park/Pool/Rec Board for term of 2 years, ending 6/2027, seconded by Huffman, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cruz seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM. List of Bills 05/12/2025

Payee	Description.....	Amount
Adams County Free Press	project share	\$15.09
Banyon Data Systems	fund/payroll support.....	\$1,730.00
CivicPlus	social media archiving	\$3,137.40
Garden & Associates	walking trail	\$1,325.00
Green Valley Pest Control	pest control	\$42.00
Linda Hogan	cleaning	\$10.50
Heffron	dust control	\$3,934.32
Lenox Family Hardware	supplies/spray paint/degreaser /flush valve.....	\$890.24

Lenox Municipal Utilities	phone/internet/utilities/ sewer billing	\$5,323.55
Lincoln's Lawn Care	mulch/park mowing.....	\$570.00
Office Depot	paper/glass cleaner	\$78.78
Riteway	checks.....	\$201.76
RJ's Plumbing	porta pottie.....	\$130.00
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	deposit books	\$79.90
VISA/ISSB	flags/hotel/stencil/supplies /books.....	\$1,956.52
Agrivision	battery	\$70.13
Microbac	lab testing.....	\$296.44
Echo	breakers.....	\$160.62
City of Atlantic	lab testing.....	\$150.00
Aqua Chem	paint.....	\$1,773.00
Arnold Motor Supply	oil/filters.....	\$713.39
Chris Larsen	foam.....	\$250.00
David's Feed Shed	dry shod.....	\$117.70
Iowa One Call	one calls	\$42.30
IRBY	meter bar.....	\$685.81
Agri Tech	gly star/ diplomat.....	\$393.05
Schildberg	rock.....	\$440.11
BC Concrete	pool sidewalk	\$1,989.00
Sweeney Repair	brake line	\$26.58
NAPA	ujoint	\$20.63
Hawhee Truck Repair	dump truck r epairs	\$5,402.92
Carruthers	indirect thread	\$25.00
Barco Municipal Supply	square post cap.....	\$74.93
Utility Safety & Design	public awarenes.....	\$1,170.00
Dylan Douglas	meal reimbursement	\$15.54
Tom Christensen	garbage collection.....	\$9,727.30
CHI Occupational Medicine		

drug testing	\$100.00
Precision Pulley & Idler	
TIF refund	\$11,752.38
Dalton Ag Products	
TIF refund	\$15,889.62
Verizon	
data plan	\$100.00
UnityPoint Clinic	
drug testing	\$42.00
Employees	
PR 9	\$18,913.45
EFPTS	
941	\$4,171.76
Advantage Administrator	
premium	\$43.50
Merchant Bankcard	
credit card fees	\$62.60
Clover App	
monthly fee.....	\$16.00
Clayton Energy	
w/s gas.....	\$38,061.36
PEFA	
w/s gas.....	\$43,123.05
IA Dept of Revenue.....	
pril sales/use tax.....	\$3,674.39
US Post Office	
postage	\$298.41
Total....	\$179,218.03
EXPENSES:	
General	\$21,043.05
RUT.....	\$16,665.60
Employee Benefit	
Library Special	
Cemetery Special	
Neighborhood	
Center	\$2,835.17
Emergency	
LOST	\$3,121.00
TIF	\$27,642.00
Debt Service	
Capital	
Projects	\$1,325.00
Golf	\$3,467.87
Sewer	\$9,392.87
Gas	\$90,060.64
Prescott	\$3,664.83
TOTAL	\$179,218.03
RECEIPTS:	
General	\$63,761.28
RUT.....	\$15,667.10
Empl Benefit	\$9,024.49
Library Special.....	\$1,842.21
Cem Special	\$31.17
Neighborhood	\$5,048.00
Emergency	
LOST	\$13,282.14
TIF	\$13,821.43
Debt Service.....	\$6,928.51
Capital Proj.....	\$24,513.67
Golf	\$12,927.94
Sewer.....	\$29,936.80
Gas	\$150,215.13
Prescott	\$9,938.10
TOTAL	\$356,937.97



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June 6-7

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Main Street, Lenox

June 7, 9am – 1pm

Vendors, Food, Roger Burger Music, Spotlight School of Dance, Ringgold County Conservation reptiles

CHAMBER'S PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 13, 6pm

Lenox Golf Course

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