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February 10, 2025
The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.
Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.
Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve February 6, 2025 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.
Board received the Recorder's Report of Fees collected for the month ending January 31, 2025.
Sandy Ross, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's semi-annual report to the Board of Supervisors. Ross advised the board that the lease agreement on the postage machine will expire in May, so she is obtaining quotes and researching the best options for the postage machine. Bolen relayed to Ross complaints received regarding the driver's license department. Ross stated she is available to discuss any concerns regarding the office with anyone. Bolen further stated that she did relay to the individuals to address the concerns to Treasurer Ross.
Bart Klaver, County Attorney met with the board to discuss the proposed FY26 budget. The board inquired about the county attorney revenue line for legal work performed for the City of Grinnell. Klaver stated this agreement is for prosecution work associated with City tickets or violation of City ordinances only and is charged at an hourly rate agreed upon between the parties. The board discussed possible uses for the funds within "County Attorney-Forfeiture Proceeds" and the "Opioioid Abatement" general ledger funds. Board held a workshop on the FY26 budget.
10:52 a.m. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.
Melissa Ellander, Poweshiek County Auditor
Jeff Tindle, Chairman

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. ESPR019947
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMY J VAN ERSVELDE, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **JIMMY J VAN ERSVELDE**, Deceased, who died on or about January 29, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on February 11, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of **JIMMY J VAN ERSVELDE**, deceased, bearing date of March 6, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Janet A. Van Ersvelde was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated February 11, 2025.
Janet A Van Ersvelde
Executor of Estate
4435 V18 Rd
Montezuma, IA 50171
Jennifer L Zahradnik, ICIS#: AT0008656
Attorney for Executor
Kollmorgen, Schlue & Zahradnik, P.C.
920 12th St
Box 283
Belle Plaine, IA 52208
Date of second publication the 28th day of February, 2025.

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION
CASE NO. ESPR019946
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN E. RAFFETY, Deceased.
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of **ANN E. RAFFETY**, Deceased, who died on or about January 22, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on February 10, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of **Ann E. Raffety**, deceased, bearing date of November 12, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one (1) month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Dated: February 12, 2025
Megan Veldboom
3564 20th St
Grinnell, IA 50112

Travis J. Schroeder, AT0010099, Attorney for Petitioner
Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC
115 3rd Street SE, Suite 1200
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
Date of second publication: the 28th day of February, 2025.

TRUST NOTICE WITH WILL WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: ANN E. RAFFETY REVOCABLE TRUST, ORIGINALLY EXECUTED APRIL 2, 2015, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED NOVEMBER 12, 2021
To all persons regarding Ann E. Raffety, deceased, who died on or about January

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22, 2025. You are hereby notified that Megan Veldboom is the trustee of the **Ann E. Raffety Revocable Trust** Originally Executed April 2, 2015, as Amended and Restated November 12, 2021. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Poweshiek County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.
Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.
Notice is further given that the will of the decedent has been admitted to probate without present administration in the above-named court, that such will designates the trust as the residual beneficiary of the estate, that all persons indebted to the estate of the decedent are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned trustee, and that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or thirty days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.
Dated: February 12, 2025
Ann E. Raffety Revocable Trust
Originally Executed April 2, 2015, as Amended and Restated November 12, 2021
Megan Veldboom, Trustee
3564 20th St
Grinnell, IA 50112

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Letter to the editor

Beef should be declare country of origin

The United States Cattlemen's Association, National Farmers Union and other agricultural groups advocate for reinstating mandatory country-of-origin labeling for beef.

Current store-labeled beef often lacks reliable origin information, as it can come from the USA or any of the twenty importing countries. USDA inspection labels don't clarify the source, and consumers deserve transparency about where their beef comes from.

Four major international meat packers import cheaper foreign beef to sell at higher prices in the U.S. In 2008, Congress enacted MCOOL for beef, but by 2015, the packers swayed Canada and Mexico to challenge it, leading the World Trade Organization to restore misleading labeling practices in the U.S. beef market.

The WTO has inconsistently enforced its rules, with European Union Member States requiring origin labeling for all beef and countries like Japan, Austria, and Brazil implementing MCOOL labels.

The U.S. Trade Representative criticized the WTO's ruling for misinterpreting agreements and undermining U.S. sovereignty.

Subsequent U.S. administrations, including Obama, Biden and Trump, did not appoint new judges to the WTO court, leading to a lack of quorum by 2019. Thus, the WTO court can no longer function.

The meat packers lobby in Congress against reinstating beef MCOOL, but their points can be countered.

First, they reference a Kentucky study claiming consumers prioritize price, not the country's origin.

However, MCOOL enhances transparency, allowing lower-cost imports to be compared with domestic beef, fostering competition, and keeping prices affordable.

Second, packers state that MCOOL didn't increase demand for beef, but during its implementation, imported beef decreased, benefiting U.S. producers.

Thirdly, packers argue that tracing and labeling origins is costly, doesn't benefit consumers, and only leads to higher prices. However, there was no significant increase in consumer prices during the mandatory COOL labeling for beef from 2008 to 2015.

Origin labeling adds minimal costs for food companies as most imports, like bananas, dates, nuts and chicken already require country-of-origin labels.

A research report by the EU states, "... the cost of compulsory labeling represents around 6% of the beef processing costs." Since all European EU members' beef must be labeled with the country of origin for each of their states (countries), this elevates their packers' trace-label costs.

R-CALF USA COOL Committee Chairman Mike Schulz of Kansas states that labeling U.S. beef doesn't require tracking all U.S. cattle.

On Feb. 5, 2025, Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) and Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) reintroduced the bipartisan American Beef Labeling Act. The new MCOOL Senate Bill 421 aims to combat deceptive labeling, enhance consumer transparency, and support rural communities.

Please, ask your U.S. Senators if they support beef MCOOL.
John Clayton, Brooklyn

Opinion

Iowa House passes bill to affirm support for Israel

By State Rep. Thomas Gerhold

Hope you are doing well and had no major issues with the first big snowstorm of the season.

We continue to hold subcommittee and committee meetings on many bills filed this year. Today, we voted to pass House Resolution 3 and Senate File 167.

HR 3 was passed to affirm support for the State

of Israel's sovereignty and their right to defend themselves. It passed on the floor with every Republican and some of the Democrats, while 10 Democrats voted against the resolution.

SF 167 was the annual budget bill of Supplemental State Aid bill for public schools. It passed with 58 of 62 Republicans in favor and no Democrats.

The Iowa House conformed with the Senate bill, but increases the FY26 from 2% to 2.25% and increases the Property Tax Pickup by \$11.6

Million.

Republicans have voted for increased SSA budgets every year since holding the majority. The last time there was a cut, it was a 10% cut with Gov. Culver and a Democrat trifecta.

The Legislature passed a budget last year that increased teacher pay to sixth highest in the country, with 44% of the entire state budget (the annual state budget is over \$9 Billion) going to K-12 education.

Have a great weekend, stay safe and warm — especially next week.

Opinion

Celebrating the business

By Jim Magdefrau

I'm still bouncing back from that Super Bowl halftime show.

I know and read enough on this. I caught the reference to a great

Gil Scott Heron song — the revolution will not be televised.

And the feud. I realize there's a tiff between Drake and

Kendrick Lamar. But that's nothing compared to the whole Hank Thompson vs. Kitty Wells. Honky Tonk Angels. Don't get me started.

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I've had many travels. The most recent one was to Des Moines for our Iowa Newspaper Association Convention. I was nailing it on my way to the Marriott in Des Moines, scraping my way through a glaze of moisture until I found the driveway to the Marriott.

But somehow I ended up going down a narrow alley next the Marriott. I didn't panic. I knew where I was. But being in a grid of one-way streets, I knew I'd have to go away

from where I was going to get back to where I was.

After my first run, I felt I was in a David Lynch movie. Up is down. Down is up. I was seeing parts of Des Moines I'd never seen. My destination is 33 stories tall. It meant I had to get back to a street that cuts through the town at an angle to get me back.

It was a feeling of accomplishment to make it into the lobby. After dropping off the travel bags, I set up my office by the lighted sign for the convention. It's there I can do some web work and visit with legends in Iowa newspapers as they arrived.

Big takeaways from the our convention. I feel better than ever. I see many young people who are believers in journalism in Iowa.

Couple that with our older mainstay journalists who are still in the game some way, and who make sure there is a future for newspapers. Enthusiasm. It's good to see.

And it's good to wear my Extinguished Service banner on my badge.

Wait. Distinguished. It was also great to hear that every county in Iowa has a newspaper. Only five states can say that. It's a tribute to our

state and our newspaper colleagues.

If had I had any melancholy, it was remembering our colleagues who weren't here. This was a place my dad enjoyed being a part of, and hearing how in his term as president kept the thing together.

I remember Jay Wagner and his strong love for this state and the business, which was evident even as he battled cancer.

I was asked by my former boss to get pics of her husband receiving a major award. Glad to.

I had a great talk with a former editor in our group who won major sports awards at his current paper. I think back to Joe, who in his last year at our paper, won the award for best sports coverage. I think of Peter Yarrow who gave a short show in the room where I helped lead a jam session.

I think of a picture of Dad featured in a new book about the newspaper association by friend Brian Cooper. A picture I took of Dad walking or running down 13th Street in Belle Plaine, carrying a strobe light and giving me instructions on how to click the shutter.

That's where it started. I hope it keeps going.



Thomas Gerhold



Jim Magdefrau