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Brewer Creek Park work honored Scott Jaycox/Page 2



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## G'Day!

It's a great day to enjoy what's left of summer.

## VDMC Auxiliary to host The Nutman Company fundraising event

The Van Diest Medical Center — VDMC — Auxiliary is sponsoring a fundraiser with The Nutman Company, on Thursday, Aug. 25 and Friday, Aug. 26, in the cafeteria conference room at the hospital.

The fundraiser will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 25 and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 26.

The proceeds from VDMC Hospital Auxiliary fundraising events are used to support health care scholarships and to purchase patient care equipment at Van Diest Medical Center.

The Nutman Company offers more than 200 fine quality nuts, chocolates, snack mixes and candies available for purchase. Cash and credit/debit cards will be accepted. Universal masking in the hospital and clinics is still required upon entry, with masks available at the registration desks.

## Crane crossings will cause road closures in the county

A short-term temporary closures, perhaps one to two hours in length, will be required for the crossing of wind turbine construction cranes in Hamilton County.

The area of 380th and 390th streets from Stagecoach Road to Dickenson Avenue will be impacted, as well as Dickenson Avenue from 380th Street to 390th Street.

These temporary closures will begin on or around Thursday, Aug. 18, and will likely continue until Friday, Sept. 30, according to the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. If you have questions, call the county engineer's office at 515-832-9520.

## Hamilton County Conservation Board amends agenda

The Hamilton County Conservation Board will hold its regular board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 18. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Maple Shelter at Little Wall Lake Park south of Jewell.

In addition to what was previously published, the board will voted on an RFQ selection for the Observation Deck Project along JewEllsworth Trail.

The former Illinois Central Railroad depot finds itself in a statewide initiative that calls to strangers, and recalls the past.

# CQ, CQ, CQ



By JANE CURTIS

Huddled over their microphones, a handful of people occupied the picnic tables under the trees next to the old Illinois Central Depot at Wilson Brewer Park on Tuesday afternoon.

"CQ, CQ, CQ!"

They weren't talking to themselves.

In fact, the members of the Hamilton County and the Story County Amateur Radio clubs, were talking to whoever they could find. CQ, CQ, CQ is amateur radio speak meaning, hey, there's someone here. It's used in rapid succession so that other operators scanning for such

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— Daily Freeman-Journal photo by Jane Curtis

Jeff Prater, of Ames, talks with Juan Trujillo, of Webster City, during IRROTA — or Iowa Railroads on the Air on Tuesday at Wilson Brewer Park in Webster City, above.

— Submitted photo

Forrest (F.S.) Prater is pictured seated in his chair at the Illinois Central Railroad depot when it was still used as a depot, left.

## Farm bill season arrives: What's the outlook for 2023?

By ALLISON WINTER

Iowa Capital Dispatch

WASHINGTON — Over the course of the next year, lawmakers on the U.S. House and Senate Agriculture committees will draft a new federal farm bill that will shape food, farm, conservation and nutrition programs across the country for the next five years.

The omnibus law that began 90 years ago as crop supports now has an impact far beyond the farm, with programs to cre-

ate wildlife habitat, address climate change and run the nation's largest federal nutrition program.

"Any number of economic policies that we establish in farm bills impact everybody's daily lives," said former Sen. Saxby Chambliss, the top Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee during the 2008 farm bill. The Georgia lawmaker now works at the global law firm DLA Piper.

Chambliss said farm bills affect food

prices and availability, global trade and renewable fuels.

But he said the debate going into the legislation is often overshadowed by crop subsidies — the farm bill's longstanding support system for producers of farm commodities. The payments are intended to provide economic stability for farmers but are usually a target for those who would like to invest the money elsewhere.

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