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Council examines building permit rates

■ Haven't been updated in Greenfield since 2001

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The Greenfield City Council took the first step to adjusting building permit fees during their meeting Tuesday, March 14.



Wolfe

According to City Clerk Laura Wolfe, obtaining a building permit in town haven't been revisited since 2001.

"Doing the first reading doesn't mean it's set in stone and they're going to do it," Wolfe explained. "It is time to change them. I told the council I just doubled them. After 22 years that's probably OK. If you're building a new house you're going to pay \$500. That's \$500 on probably a minimum

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Contributed photo courtesy of GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY
 From left, Marlin Marckmann, Rolan Jensen and Dennis Lundy display decorative clothing they were gifted upon visiting a Tanzanian village on a recent trip.

Greetings from Tanzania

Local farmers see mission work's impact first hand

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Three farmers from Adair County thought the big airplane they left for Tanzania on recently would land at a big airport more like what they're accustomed to in the United States, but it didn't.

Instead, it landed on a dry, desolate air strip.

While that may have at first seemed like an anticlimactic start to a trip they had high expectations for, experiences they gained during their time in the country far outgrew their initial notion.

Dennis Lundy, Rolan Jensen and Marlin Marckmann went with Growing Hope Globally on a trip Feb. 24-March 6 to Tanzania. Growing Hope Globally is just one mission organization working in that country. It is the ministry

that serves as a conduit for the funds these men, and others, raise together each year through their "Fields of Faith" project. Through the soybeans they grow and sell, they've cumulatively raised over \$630,000 for global missions.

Other organizations they worked with while in Tanzania include One World, Mennonite Central Committee and Convoy of Hope.

While they were able to have the fun occasion to experience a faraway place, the main purpose of their trip was to learn from the natives and have the natives learn from them.

'My gosh, it's dry here'

On a trip to Arusha after they landed, Lundy first thought, "My gosh, it's dry here."

"The first 50 pictures I took are of rocks, dry dirt and dust devils blowing in the distance, going way up," Lundy said. "You see a

herd of goats, cattle, with someone herding them, and you're wondering what are they eating. There's nothing there."

They didn't have to go far to encounter people. In fact, there were people everywhere, walking outside, or many rode motorcycles. As they drove into villages, they encountered open front shops because of how warm it gets.

"It was the beginning of rainy season, so it was actually quite cloudy," Marckmann said. They were never uncomfortable because of the heat. As they went along, they found areas that were wetter.

First visits

Spending a few days in Arusha, a sprawling metropolis of 2.3 million people, the men were able to

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O-M board examines middle school schedules

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Orient-Macksburg teachers and administrators have a way they'll be able to offer exploratory classes to junior high-age students next school year.

School board members were presented a plan Tuesday, March 14 that staff helped develop.



Holloway

This comes after Orient-Macksburg's board met with Nodaway Valley's board in a combined meeting Wednesday, March 8.

The matter additionally seemed to be one of the biggest question marks for Orient-Macksburg carrying on as is after their own meeting in February covered the topic of sharing agreements.

O-M's high school students spend part of their school day at NV. Activities, as needed, are also shared.

The proposal includes several different exploratory classes that would meet for nine weeks each.

During the first quarter, Bulldog Academy (a leadership/lifeskills-type class) and ag/shop would rotate; during the second quarter, computers and Iowa history would rotate; during the third quarter, book club and robotics would rotate; and during the fourth quarter, computers and family and consumer sciences would rotate.

Intervention times would be added in during various subject areas where needed, according to the plan.

Junior high sports practices would also be moved to after school.

"As long as there's not any changes in staffing, we'll be able to offer that in house," Holloway said. "Other than that, it's kind of a three-headed monster. At the end of the year we'll see what finances look like. Come August and September we'll see about any staffing changes. Also next fall, we'll see where we are enrollment-wise."

WEATHER

WEATHER REPORT

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Tues.	39	31	
Wed.	56	31	
Thurs.	45	16	.15
Fri.	32	9	
Sat.	27	10	
Sun.	37	23	
Mon.	56	32	



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Fontanelle navigates business without a clerk

By CALEB NELSON
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In a special meeting Tuesday, March 14, the Fontanelle City Council passed several measures designed to get all city operations on the same page, especially while there's no city clerk on duty.

City Clerk Amanda Held resigned recently, which left city officials looking for a contingency plan for essential functions that

have to be accomplished.

The council said staffing city hall will have to be a team effort in the interim. Council member Carol Barrett has city clerking experience in Fontanelle and stated she would be willing to help, and other city employees are also willing to help.



Sturdy-Martin

Greenfield Municipal Utilities employee Jessica Foster expressed a willingness to help Fontanelle during her off hours. At the council's approval, she will provide up to five hours of work for Fontanelle to handle payroll and other duties. Mayor Mary Sturdy-Martin will assist Foster with approving checks before signing.

At library director Melissa Menefee's direction, street department employees will help clean

up the community center after it is used until a clerk is hired.

Clearing up concerns about chain of command, the council said that for the time being, street department employees are equals, without a true superintendent overseeing them. Council members Lane Ellis and Tyson Sickles will be the contact people should issues arise until a more

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NHS Induction: Those inducted into the Nodaway Valley chapter of National Honor Society in a ceremony Wednesday afternoon include, from left, front: Carli Stuva, Marie Pickrell, Annika Nelson, Megan McCall, Tyler Cooper, Jacob Mangels, Emma Lundy, Genevieve Livingston, Dax Kintigh, back: Lily Day, Ellie Brewer, Malachi Broers, Lindsey Davis, Bella Hogan, Jorja Holliday and Jack Jensen. Those previously inducted helped with the ceremony and Caleb Nelson of the Adair County Free Press was guest speaker, talking about planning how you will overcome adversity in life.