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Home delivered meals available

The Bellevue Senior Center offers home delivered or to-go meals, but some may be on a waiting list from NEI3A for home delivered or to-go meals. If you are on a waiting list, just call Michelle at the Senior Center (872-4666) to learn how to get your meals immediately and bypass NEI3A's waiting list. Meals will be facilitated through the City of Bellevue. A new option also exists on how to get freshly baked and packaged frozen meals for weekends or for meals in between the daily weekly meals.

Groups looking for can tabs

The American Legion Auxiliary, its Junior members and the Cub Scouts are joining forces for the next few months to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Together the groups are asking the community to save and donate can tabs. Those interested can leave can tabs at the Bellevue American Legion, Marquette School or they can be dropped off at 401 1/2 S. 2nd Street or 135 River Ridge Drive in Bellevue. For more information call Dianne at 563-422-8099 or Lexsea at 563-231-0487.

Drivers needed for Bellevue RTA

The City of Bellevue is seeking volunteer RTA (Regional Transit Authority) drivers, both substitutes and weekday drivers to transport those in the local community who need rides to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store or banks within Bellevue. Drivers need a chauffeurs license, which would be reimbursed by the City. For more information, call Bellevue City Hall at (563) 872-4456.

Recycle holiday lights in Bellevue

The Jackson County Energy District is again partnering with Friends of Jackson County Conservation to recycle holiday lights. Drop off old lights at the recycling box at the Hurstville Interpretive Center or the Bellevue Public Works recycling center and be sure to replace old bulbs with LED bulbs. Last year, more than 700 pounds of old bulbs were collected and properly recycled. Lights will be accepted for recycling at the Hurstville and Bellevue locations until Jan. 6, 2023.



BELLEVUE BASKETBALL FANS went wild during the Iowa Class 1A state quarterfinal basketball game against #1 seeded Grand View Christian at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Monday, March 7, 2022.

2022: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Triumphs, tragedies and milestones highlighted the news in the year that was

By **DAVID NAMANNY**
Bellevue Herald-Leader

The year 2022 was definitely one to remember – from a trip to the State Basketball Tournament by the Bellevue varsity boys team in early March to a grisly murder north of town in October. There were also many milestones, anniversaries and celebrations, including the 100th anniversary of the Bellevue Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, the 50th anniversary of Bellevue EMS and the 50th anniversary of the Bellevue High School football program. And, along the way, a handful of new businesses also opened, a new garbage collection program was put in place by the city and the town's main thoroughfares

were entirely repaved, many city sidewalks were replaced.

The year ended with the announcement by the Bellevue School Board of a possible \$13 million bond referendum in hopes of building a new elementary facility in 2023.

JANUARY 2022 Cole and Kyden's Cause

Cole Heim was a standout student-athlete for the Bellevue High School Comets during his high school career, but in 2022, he stepped it up outside the classroom, leading "Cole's Cancer Crushing Crue," with a mission to raise funds for the

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THE BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL POOL at Cole Park was a busy place during the summer of 2022. On Monday, July 18, 2022, the community took advantage of the first night swim opportunity of the season. About 160 swimmers turned out to enjoy the great summer evening. Add that to the rest of the activities throughout that day, and the pool recorded roughly 440 patrons. According to Certified Pool Operator Mark Mueller, that marked the highest number of participants in one day for the 2022 season.

County ag land values increase

Jackson County's average value per acre up 17.5%

By **NANCY MAYFIELD**
for the Bellevue Herald-Leader

The value of farmland in Jackson County increased 17.5% last year, following the upward trend seen in all 99 counties of Iowa.

The results from the 2022 Iowa State University Land Value Survey released in December are similar to those from Realtors Land Institute and other surveys, noted Chuck Schwager, owner of East Iowa Real Estate in Maquoketa.

"All showed the surging farmland market trends due to higher commodity prices and limited land supply," noted Schwager, who is a member of the Iowa Chapter of Realtor's Land Institute (RLI).

"Favorable weather and good yields in our area resulted in a strong market with good buyer participation at recent land auctions. There were more bidder numbers out, and the live auction method seemed to be the best method of selling good farmland," Schwager said.

Land auctions have been more frequent and robust in the last 18 months than they have been in recent years in the Midwest, he said. Indeed, in early

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