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Dennis Parrott announces retirement from county auditor's office

Jasper County supervisors will have to hold a special election or appoint person to fill position

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Jasper County Auditor Dennis Parrott announced today that he will be retiring from his office, effective Dec. 31, which means the board of supervisors will most likely have to hold a special election or appoint a new person to fill the position at the start of 2023. Parrott was first elected county auditor in 2004.

For the past 36 years Parrott has held some kind of

IPERS job, whether it was working at the Page County Recorder's Office, the State of Iowa or Jasper County. At the board of supervisors meeting this morning Parrott did not give a reason for his retirement other than "it's time."

Looking back on his years in office, Parrott said he enjoyed bantering with the press, supervisors and elected officials and working on issues together. To him, his

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Supervisors candidates agree economic development is a must in Jasper County

Forum discussion leans heavy on growth, taxes and sustainable services

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Editor's note: The following is part one of a two-part series covering the forum organized by both major parties. Candidate questions were submitted by visitors and read aloud by moderator Andrew Green, a professor at Central College in Pella. Republican candidate Denny Carpenter was not present.

Three out of four candidates running for two open seats on the Jasper County Board of



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From left: Jasper County supervisors candidates Brandon Talsma, Bev Price and Pam Olson speak during a joint forum organized by the Democratic and Republican party chairpersons on Oct. 15 at the Newton Community Theatre.

Supervisors participated in a joint forum organized by both major political parties on Oct. 15 at the Newton Community Theatre. Discussions heavily

centered on economic development, a noted priority among candidates.

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SOUP'S UP, DEMS!

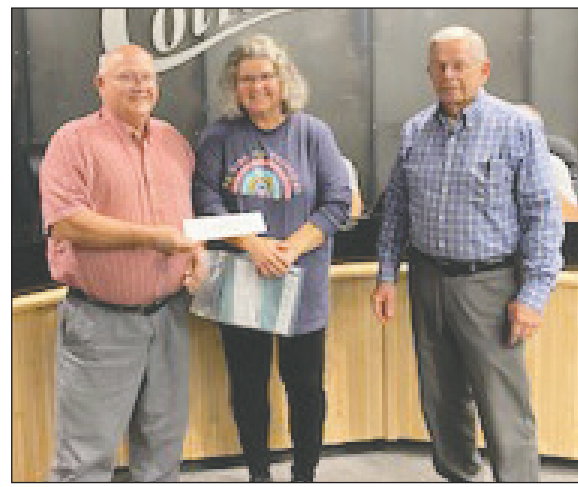
Local Democrats line up for annual soup supper fundraiser



Photo provided by Michelle Smith
The Jasper County Democratic Party held its annual soup supper fundraiser on Oct. 15 at Legacy Plaza. The event is held every year a month or so before Election Day as way to drum up extra funds for candidates and get party members energized for last-minute canvassing.

Yard of the Month

Submitted Photo
Mark and Denise Bell accept a City of Colfax flag and Colfax Bucks from mayor David Mast for being selected as the September Yard of the Month.



Supervisor Candidate Q&As

Denny Carpenter

Name: Denny Carpenter
City: Reasnor
Office sought: Jasper County Supervisor

Occupation: Incumbent supervisor

Education: High school and the American Institute of Business

Elected offices held: Jasper County Board of Supervisors

1. Introduce/Reintroduce yourself to Jasper County voters and explain why you want to be on the board of supervisors.

I'm Denny Carpenter and I would like to serve on the county board of



Carpenter

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Bev Price

Name: Bev Price
City: Newton
Office sought: Jasper County Supervisor

Occupation: Retired with 45 years of banking experience including Retail Banking Regional Manager of up to 20 locations in Iowa/Minnesota and Commercial Lender.

Education: Newton Community High School Graduate, Iowa Bankers Association Commercial Lending School, Licensed Life Insurance Agent in Iowa.

Elected offices held: Newton Community School Board. Also several



Price

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Brandon Talsma

Name: Brandon Talsma
City: Rural Newton
Office sought: Jasper County Supervisor

Occupation: Land and Wildlife Management Associates in Criminal Justice/Homeland Security

Elected offices held: County Supervisor

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My name is Brandon Talsma, I'm a lifelong Jasper County resident and



Talsma

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Pam Olson

Name: Pamela Olson
City: Newton
Office sought: Jasper County Board of Supervisors

Occupation: Retired from the Jasper County Engineer's Office

Education: Civil Engineering Degree from the Hawkeye Institute of Technology

Elected offices held: None

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I am Pam Olson. After graduating from Hawkeye Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering I



Olson

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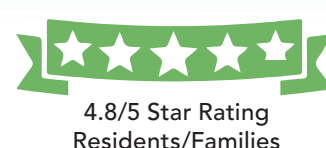


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