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Rosburg wins Emmet County Treasurer race

Voter turnout down from 2018 Midterm Election

By DAVID SWARTZ
MANAGING EDITOR

Emmet County results

In the lone contested Emmet County race, Republican Lisa Rosburg was elected county treasurer as she received 2,192 votes (65.4 percent) while Democrat Kati Rivera received 1,157 (34.5 percent).

With two seats open on the county board of supervisor race, both incumbent Republican John Pluth and incumbent independent candidate Jeff Quastad were unopposed and were re-elected to the board. Pluth received 2,630 votes while Quastad received 2,253.

Republican incumbent county recorder Diann Quastad Minion and Republican incumbent county attorney Melanie Summers Bauler were both unopposed for their offices. Quastad Minion received 2,962 votes and Summers Bauler received 2,722 votes.

In the District 9 Iowa House race, incumbent Republican Henry Stone defeated Democrat challenger Joseph Tillman. District 9 includes Emmet and Winnebago counties and over half of Kossuth County.

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VETERAN RECOMMENDS VETS GO ON HONOR FLIGHT

Ken Haisman and his daughter, Angie Baldwin, stop in front of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial while on their trip to Washington, DC with Midwest Honor Flight. Photo courtesy of Ken Haisman.

Haisman said the difference between what he expected and what he experienced was immense

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Ken Haisman of Estherville said he waited three years on the long waiting list to go on Midwest Honor Flight when his name finally came up in June. Haisman and his daughter, Angie Baldwin of Spencer, took the Oct. 1 flight

to Washington, DC.

"Everyone involved with the flight was just so helpful," Haisman said.

Prior to Angie asking Haisman if he was interested in going on the flight, Haisman said he hadn't given it much thought.

Haisman is a Vietnam-

era Veteran who grew up in Graettinger. He joined the Army on Aug. 4, 1964 and was honorably discharged July 16, 1966. He was stationed in Germany.

"I was one of the fortunate ones," Haisman said.

Haisman returned from Germany to Iowa and helped

his parents on their farm, then worked at John Morrell until it closed. He worked as a custodian and in custodial maintenance for 21 years until retiring in 2009, then worked for the county conservation department until retiring for real in 2015.

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Council OKs board appointments

Forum address traffic on North Sixth Street

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Street is 25 miles per hour. Recently, a resident's greyhound was hit by a car and killed.

The council also approved Mayor Kenny Billings' appointments to boards and commissions. Dave Welch was appointed to the planning and zoning commission, Howard Metzger was appointed to the airport commission, and Lais Nespole Cavalanti to the Parks & Recreation Board. Cavalanti is an employee of Redwood Farms. She attended the meeting along with Russ Heinrichs, general manager of the plant.

Heinrichs said plant employees have expressed concerns about where they are allowed

to play soccer in Estherville.

"I know there's a field in town that needs a lot of work," Heinrichs said. "Currently they go to Spencer or wherever they can play. They have their own team. They would like to be able to play here and maybe have tournaments here. They'd like to get to the point where they can reciprocate because there's a league that they belong to," Heinrichs said.

Council member Roy Gage, a neighbor to the field along 7th Avenue South, said, "It's been really enjoyable sometimes walking back there where they are playing. I'm not a big soccer fan; I've never been up with that. But I enjoy

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Local author pens new children's books

Joan Enockson melds authenticity, life lessons, and the farm into her illustrated children's books, available at Brey's on Seventh

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Author and teacher Joan Enockson said she benefited from being raised "old school," but the old ways don't address the modern trauma kids face in and out of the classroom today.

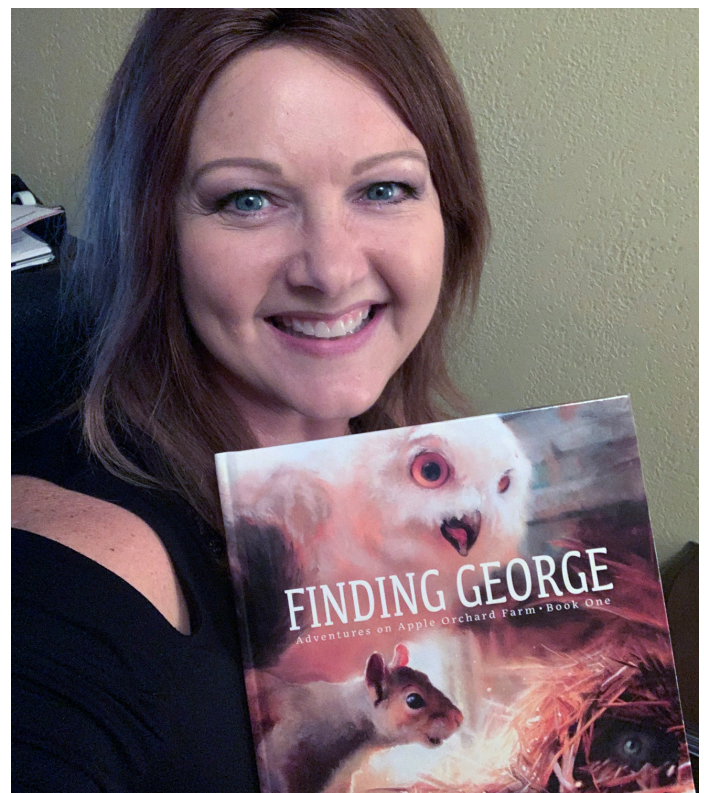
While parts of growing up on a farm in a rural Washington State were idyllic, Enockson said she carried trauma from those days. The old school upbringing means she presents as a proper teacher, and she is.

"I am a rebel to the core. I ride motorcycles. I like to dress up in biker gear and go bar-hopping. I love to go to the casino and play blackjack. I am a rebel, and I couldn't be a rebel in the culture in which I was raised," Enockson said.

The cultural mismatch caused loneliness.

"I chose to be alone, because if I was alone, then I wasn't hurting anybody. A lot of our

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Author Joan Enockson with her children's book, "Finding George."

Estherville FFA members enjoy trip to National Convention

By DAVID SWARTZ
MANAGING EDITOR

What some younger students might not know is that joining the FFA can give you chances to travel.

Seven members of the Estherville FFA learned that lesson first hand as they attended the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26-29.

Accompanied by FFA instructor Matt Schroeder, Estherville Lincoln Central students attending the event were River Rasmussen, Elias Cuthbertson, Shelby Brosh, Audree Reinhardt, Grace Lutat, Kamryn Hilton, and Alison Olson.

Rasmussen, the current Estherville FFA President, said there were over 65,000 FFA members who attended the conference.

The Estherville group attended a couple of workshops.

"We all went to a workshop called 'Friends in Agriculture.' That was a lot of fun," said Rasmussen. "We split up and talked to people from all over the country. We took home some things that we could work into our chapter and work here."

Two of those ideas were regional meal packing and farmer meals.

"Regional meal packing uses

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Estherville FFA members attend Opening Session at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. From closest to furthest are Elias Cuthbertson, Kamryn Hilton, River Rasmussen, Alison Olson, Shelby Brosh, Grace Lutat, Audree Reinhardt.

Celebrating veterans in Estherville

Members of the Estherville VFW and American Legion will hold a brief ceremony at Veterans Park (north-east corner of Central Avenue and 18th Street) at 11 a.m., Friday. All are welcome.

Iowa Lakes Community College is holding a Veterans Day celebration at 11 a.m. at the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts auditorium on the Estherville campus.

Jackie O in Estherville?

Actress/writer/producer Jillann Gabrielle brings Jacqueline Onassis to life in one-woman show

By AMY H. PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

Jillann Gabrielle of Chicago, Illinois said she plays characters and leading ladies. For her performance of "Oh, Jackie O!" Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Estherville Public Library, Gabrielle said the character of Jackie Onassis is definitely that of a leading lady.

"As far as performances go, I book shows as legitimate theater pieces and go on the road at libraries and other places," Gabrielle said.

Gabrielle researches real, historical women like Ms. Onassis and Lucille Ball, a show she's currently writing, until she knows everything there is to know about them and writes them into a solo musical.

"Instead of being an impersonator, I portray the person as an actor who is also a writer, and I answer audience questions afterward as a creator," Gabrielle said.

On Jackie, Gabrielle said she has been courting the idea for

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Haisman married in 1973, seven years after his return from the service, and raised his family on his parents' farm west of Estherville on 170th Street. In all those years, he hadn't really talked to his family about his time in the service.

Haisman said, "Angie mentioned in her letter [Honor Flight Veterans receive mail from public officials, loved ones, elementary students and supporters for the flight home] that 'you never really talked about your years in the service,' and it's true. I guess it was partly due to the Vietnam conflict not being very popular. I've talked to a lot of families and they said their loved ones who were over there didn't really talk about it too much."

Vietnam Veterans who spoke with the Estherville News in advance of the traveling Vietnam Memorial event in 2018 said Veterans returned from Vietnam often alone on a plane after their year-long tour - hence there were few if any parades or public welcomes home.

"Unfortunately, the guys when they came home, they weren't real well appreciated. That's why if any of those Veterans have the opportunity to take this flight, I recommend they go," Haisman said.

Eighty-three Veterans went on the Oct. 1 Honor Flight that left from Sioux Falls. Haisman said there was a bit of a storm from the remnants of Hurricane Ian while the group was watching the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the



Ken Haisman pauses in front of his home while wearing his Honor Flight t-shirt, one of several pieces of memorabilia he received while on the flight.

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

Unknown Soldier, but other than that it was dark and dreary, but they stayed dry.

"We covered a lot of territory in one day. What I expected and what I got was so different. I was just overwhelmed," Haisman said.

The Vietnam War Memorial was the stop that stood out the most to Haisman. This was because of his own history as a Vietnam-era Veteran and what Haisman said was the immensity of the wall.

"A close second would have to be Arlington Cemetery. It was just amazing - all those white grave markers and if you laid a string down each row they were in a perfect line," Haisman said.

Haisman said he was also moved by the precision and pageantry of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The day rounded out with the Air Force Memorial, the World

War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the statue of the Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima.

"On the way home, we had mail call. I had letters from [U.S. Senator] Grassley, from [South Dakota governor] Kristi Noem, all kinds of elementary students and coins and medals. Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I take out all this stuff and start remembering how great we have it," Haisman said.

Returning late that night to loved ones and supporters waving flags and a short ceremony in the same conference room as the one in which they'd attended their banquet the night before was emotional, Haisman said.

"I recommend that if there's any Vietnam Veteran having any thoughts on whether they want to go on an Honor Flight or not, I highly recommend it," Haisman said.

Conservation Board to look at rural water for Wolden and Nature Center

By MICHAEL TIDEMANN

Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink.

That could well be the summary of what the Emmet County Conservation Board has faced over the last year with its water testing.

The board previously used Mangold Environmental Testing of Storm Lake for its water sampling for Wolden Campground and the adjacent Emmet County Nature Center.

Since changing to the State Hygienic Lab in Milford, there have been problems with water sampling which costs about \$300 a month. There have been no problems with water at the Tuttle Lake or Iowa Lake

campgrounds. Emmet County Conservation Board Director Eric Anderson told the board at the monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 3 Iowa Lakes Regional Water will pass by the Nature Center to provide water to nearby Ingham Lake Bible Camp, offering an opportunity for Wolden and the Nature Center to hook up to the system.

Anderson said Wolden Campground water infrastructure would cost \$16,000-\$20,000 while it could cost \$3,000-\$5,000 for the Nature Center - both unofficial estimates. In addition, it would cost \$750 a month for 100 gallons of usage.

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Board member Kim Swanson moved and board member Phyllis McKean seconded a motion to investigate the possibility of hooking up to rural water, and the board approved.

In the Emmet County Nature Center Foundation meeting preceding the Conservation Board meeting, Naturalist Ashley Reed said she had toured Fort Defiance State

Park with Estherville Lincoln Central first graders and high school students. Reed also conducted archery sessions with high school students and said the archery program will start the second week of November. Reed will also assist with a wildlife class at ELC High School this spring. She said 15 new students, mainly in fourth and fifth grades, will be in the

program. Reed also did a program with North Union elementary students and she will also have archery participants from North Union. She reported no behavior problems in the new archery building.

Anderson discussed planned improvements at the Nature Center and archery building, including a handicap ramp and roof replacement at the Nature Center. The board approved a \$9,300 bid by Mike Hansen to pour a concrete apron in front of the archery building.

The Conservation Board also agreed to pursue buying a pickup for \$33,948 on a bid the sheriff's department had received.

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a while. "It was very attractive to me; her thick New York accent, her baby voice. It was a lot of fun to write the piece and portray her, and it's sold really well," Gabrielle said.

Gabrielle said she remembers vividly Nov. 20, 1963, the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Texas. Gabrielle was ten years old and said she felt how Jackie, "carried the weight of the world on her shoulders."

In creating a show on Onassis now, "I'm at the age when she found out she had non-Hodgkins lymphoma. I wrote it as she was diagnosed, and her life flashed before her eyes. I get the sense that she just wanted

to live out the rest of her life as best she could. She loved her books, editing. It was later in life that she found what she really loved to do," Gabrielle said.

In the fun piece that has very serious moments, Gabrielle explores how Jackie walked into the White House and thought it looked like an office in an Army base - in the style of the Kennedys' predecessors Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. She set about the steps in her major overhaul of the White House, restoring furnishings and décor through presidential history that had been stored away, refurbishing spaces, and creating the White House as a work of art and

beauty. "She knew what she was doing, and she was great at squeezing money out of her rich friends to do it," Gabrielle said.

Saturday morning's event is the first of three stops in Iowa.

"I just love the people of Iowa. They're all really super nice and help me enjoy what I do. I can't wait to see the people of Iowa again," Gabrielle said.

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watching them and they should be able to enjoy it. Yeah - I'd like to see that."

Cavalcanti is originally from Brazil. She said Portuguese is her first language, Spanish her second and English her third. Clayton informed her of the upcoming Parks & Rec meeting Monday, Nov. 14.

In other business Estherville Chamber director Lexie Ruter presented the Hotel-Motel Tax revenue and expense report. The quarter ending June 30, 2022 had the most revenue

at \$14,072.67. The second most for the year was end of year 2021 reported in January 2022 at \$11,561.40. Clayton said there was a time the city might collect a few hundred dollars each quarter. Total tourism revenue for the year was \$41,708.02. The chamber used nearly \$20,000 of the revenue to advertise in various places with costs ranging from a few hundred dollars to nearly \$2,000 for an Estherville video. The funds were also used for a \$750 grant to Black

Knights Car Show. Clayton said, "Each city is required, if they have hotel-motel tax, to designate 50% toward tourism. The Chamber is meeting that goal for us and it's worked out very well. I think it's been a good partnership over the years."

The fund has a balance as of June 30, 2022 of \$58,898.74. Ruter also reported that the Fright Hike held Oct. 29 drew 1,250 people. The parking area at Ft. Defiance State Park had license plates from Minnesota,

South Dakota, and surrounding counties including Clay, Dickinson and Palo Alto counties. Ruter said she received no comments about the \$1 price increase this year. The \$6 admission is still about half of what events in surrounding areas charge, Ruter said.

"We like to be affordable for families [but] we have to pay to advertise, we have to pay to light everything, we have to pay for gas to run all of the generators...all of that stuff adds up so we had to go up just

knowing that we were leaving money on the table," Ruter said.

In other business, the council approved a pay estimate of \$22,752.50 to Blacktop Service Company for the 2022 Street Improvements project, updated a water treatment agreement with movero, and discussed recent fire flare ups at the city tree dump. The next meeting of the Estherville city council will be Monday, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

as they could be.

The animals in the story each have journeys of self-discovery and of learning core values. Sid the Snail wanted to hop, and gets some help with liftoff. Millie the Mammoth overcomes others' judgments over her friendships with mice, changing the culture around her.

Brey's on Seventh carries Enockson's books, with new titles available for the holidays and two available in English and Spanish. More information is available at Tall Girl Publishing: <https://joanockson.com/>

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kids nowadays are in a similar mindset - they've experienced traumas and they just reclude and say, 'You know what? I'd rather be alone than make anybody mad.'" Enockson said.

Music came to Enockson in the barn.

"I spent my childhood in the barns singing to the cows. They make the best audience. They never talk back. I had cats and dogs following me like I was the pied piper. Singing was the only thing that gave me joy," Enockson said.

An encounter with a northwest Iowa college choir while at a festival in Washington fueled Enockson's dream of music, and she earned a vocal

scholarship to Dordt College. That brought her to northwest Iowa, to a teaching degree, then a master's degree in vocal performance at University of South Dakota.

"The only reason I went to graduate school was just to keep singing - because I wasn't done yet. I felt like I had such a late start. Here in Iowa kids take voice lessons when they're in high school. My high school didn't have that; we were just in choir so I didn't have any of that technique and individual learning," Enockson said.

The music played on and Enockson's path led eventually to meeting and marrying

Sid, the farmer in Laurens and to teaching music before being headhunted by Estherville Lincoln Central where she's taught talented and gifted students in the middle school for four years.

"I'm very, very real with the kids and I tell them the truth as I see it, giving them always the power for their own thinking and their own decision making," Enockson said.

Enockson's story is vital to understanding her calling to write and produce children's books. Her stories come to her fully formed in her mind, as if she's watching a movie. While Enockson admits the pen-to-paper process has been slowed

at first by procrastination, she set about learning the business side of creating books - buying a web domain, building a website, acquiring ISBNs, filing with the U.S. Copyright office and getting a Library of Congress number, and creating, formatting, and editing. During the three year learning process, Enockson continued writing, and when she came up for air, she had 10 books written for two age categories: 0-8 years and 9-11 years. Those books formed the Adventures in Apple Orchard Farm series. She created the world of her story in a graph paper sketch, and she hired an illustrator to make the images as beautiful

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