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TOWN GIRL WITH BIG DREAMS



Inside:

BY AMY H. PETERSON STAFF WRITER

At Monday evening's city

council meeting, city finance

director Beth Burton and city

administrator Penny Clayton

presented the proposed 2023-

2024 budget. The council set

a public hearing on the budget

for its April 3, 2023 meeting.

The new fiscal year begins July

One item of concern is the

state legislature's introduction

of a bill that would replace the

local option sales & service tax

(LOSST) funds with a state-

This topic was also one of

several discussed at Saturday's

legislative town hall—a dis-

cussion that became spirited at

Local option sales and ser-

based on a specific formula

that includes population and

In a bill that passed through

the first legislative funnel, the

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property tax levies.

1, 2023.

wide tax.

Iowa Lakes men to host Region XI Championship game Saturday Page 1B

New budget tightens

Estherville residents may not see the cuts to the 2023-2024 city budget as many cuts are happening by attrition and eliminating vacant positions. At the

state level, removal of LOSST funding and backfill may result in even more cuts

fireston



Supervisors | approve pipeline ordinance

By MICHAEL TIDEMANN

The Emmet County Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, March 7 meeting held a public hearing and approved first reading of an ordinance amending portions of the county zoning ordinance to address land for transporting hazardous liquid through a pipeline.

Representatives from both Summit and Navigator CO2 pipelines were present, along with a group of pipeline opponents spilling from the board

As the meeting opened, Supervisor Jeff Quastad, chairing the meeting for Chair Todd Glasnapp who met telephonically along with Supervisor Lisa Hansen, asked for a show of hands of those favoring the ordinance and those opposed -16 favored it while three, representing Green Plains Ethanol and Summit and Navigator pipelines – were opposed.

Landowner concerns focused on danger of the pipeline, the use of eminent domain, questions about the need for carbon sequestration and who would profit from the pipeline.

"We're not thinking about safety," said landowner Mike Mart who argued that ethanol plants themselves could store or use carbon for their own

"This pipeline is nothing but hazardous," said Doug Nelson, also favoring the ordinance.

Dan Torreson, grain merchandiser for Green Plains, said many ethanol plants can't compete without a lower carbon-intensity score. Torreson said the pipeline is critical to economic development for both Emmet County and Iowa. Supervisor John Pluth dis-Turn to **COUNTY**, Page 3A

Kaitlyn Hammond of Ringsted headed for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston

BY AMY H. PETERSON

STAFF WRITER aitlyn Hammond of Ringsted has been known for her science skills for a long time. The Estherville News featured Hammond as an eighth grader with another student nominated for a STEM conference by the then-middle-school science teacher Ms. Christen Foster-Thomas. Today Hammond is set to graduate from Estherville Lincoln Central High School with the class of 2023 – a year early. She has a year of credit toward a registered nursing (RN) degree from Iowa Lakes Community College, and works as a CNA at Good Samaritan Center in Estherville. Hammond is the third

Emmet County student to receive an invitation from the Congress of Medical Leaders. Nevaeah Koppman attended the virtual Congress last summer, and ELC senior Grace Lutat has also received an invitation. Hammond said she faces a challenge of raising her own funds to attend the Congress. While she's waiting on word of a scholarship application from the Future Doctors of America organization, she is required to put down \$1,645 tuition by mid-April, and needs money for a flight and additional expenses of \$660 for lodging. Hammond will still be a minor



Kaitlyn Hammond

in June and the additional cost is to lodge with other students

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is a gathering of top students who have committed to a career as a physician or medical scientist. The activities of the Congress

last from 6-11 p.m. June 21 and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 22 and 23. The Congress has not released its 2023 schedule, but past speakers and present-Winners, researchers at top universities, young prodigies who are lighting a path to the and patients whose lives have been changed by cutting-edge

also have the opportunity to observe a surgical procedure, see other action in the lab, and hear from mentors about various areas of medical technology and research, and their successes, failures, and

Photo by Amy H. Peterson

Hammond has already been accepted for work toward her bachelor's degree at University of Iowa and

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Local GMC dealer would spend \$300,000 or more out of pocket to upgrade dealership for electric vehicle sales and service, more for extra service techs, and EV batteries have lower performance in the cold

BY AMY H. PETERSON STAFF WRITER

The push for all-electric vehicles has thrown many of Iowa and Emmet County's sectors into question: will the rural area have enough charging stations for the number of electric vehicles on the road? What effect will the increase in electric vehicles have on the ethanol industry, on corn growers, on gas stations, and more? Do Estherville and Emmet County have the electrical infrastructure to handle the capacity of EV battery charging?

Motor Inn in Estherville has chosen not to sell Buicks because of a mandate from GMC. Similarly to its action with Cadillac dealers in 2020, GMC issued this A/B choice to Buick dealers: pay \$300-\$400,000 to add infrastructure to its dealerships to accommodate the sale and service of electric cars, or accept a payout to remove the license to sell Buicks.

Mark Heywood of Motor Inn said the cost to revamp the dealership is not the only obstacle. Working on electric



through the program, have adults meet her at the airport and transport her to the site at University of Massachusetts -

Lowell.

ers have been Nobel Prize future of medical science, medical technology. Delegates practical advice.

study committee for Senate

File 1124 relating to local government property taxes and

Senate File 1125 that would

make L.O.S.S.T. a statewide

tax. "This isn't a finished prod-

Rowley said SF 1124 would

set maximum levies in certain

categories and put a 2.5 per-

Stone said the House was

working on its version of the

same proposals. He said the

House Speaker and Senate

Majority Leader would recon-

cent cap on assessed values.

uct," said Rowley.

Rowley, Stone meet with constituents at RWC

Legislators host annual town hall meeting

By MICHAEL TIDEMANN

Dist. 5 Iowa Sen. Dave Rowley and Dist. 9 Rep. Henry Stone met with constituents Saturday afternoon, March 4 in a legislative town hall at the Regional Wellness Center in Estherville during the Farm, Home, and Living Show to discuss CO2 pipelines, educational choice and other issues.

Stone, now in his second term and majority whip, serves on the Ethics Board, Judicial Committee, Education Committee and Economic Development Subcommittee.

He discussed parental choice legislation and debate scheduled this week on legislation that would prohibit alternative gender identity or sex education in grades kindergarten through six. He said he wanted the legislation to go further, prohibiting it in kindergarten through grade 12. Rowley said

he also supports legislation limiting CO2 pipelines.

Rowley serves on the Commerce, Judicial and Ways and Means committees. He is now also in his second term.

Rowley discussed tort reform that would limit medical malpractice liability which he said could help attract more doctors and nurses to the state. He also discussed realignment from 37 to 16 state agencies which he said could save the state \$200 million over four years. He also discussed cross-county vehicle titling and parental bill of rights legislation.

Seylar, City of Dave Estherville councilmember, brought up the issues of school choice and the state taking over control of Local Option Sales and Services Tax. Seylar said 40 percent of L.O.S.S.T. funds in Estherville go for property tax relief.



Dist. 5 Sen Dave Rowley and Dist. 9 Rep. Henry Stone met with constituents at the Legislative Town Hall at the RWC in Estherville Saturday, March 4.

Photo by Michael Tidemann

Seylar also discussed the viewed as inequality in tax once-approved 3/8 cent tax for water quality improvement that never moved forward, a property tax cap and what he

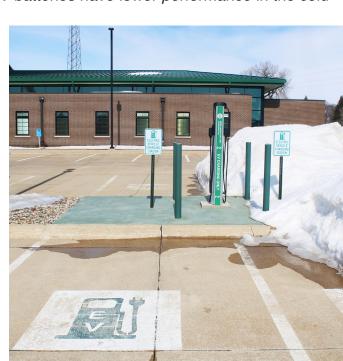
rates between residential property and confined animal feeding operations.

Rowley said he is on the

cile the two bills Stone also discussed Universal School Choice legislation he had authored last

session. Seylar said 73 percent of Iowans opposed the legislation. However, Stone said Gov. Kim Reynolds had run for office with the issue and won by a landslide. Stone said constituent emails favored school choice 1,400 to 800.

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The EV charging station at Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative is available to electric vehicle drivers free of charge. Photo by Amy H. Peterson

cars for GMC will require two certified EV technicians at any given time.

GMC has gone all in with its

Cadillac Lyriq, which rolled out in 2021. However, only 122 Lyriqs were sold across

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agreed with Torreson about the necessity for carbon sequestra-

Quastad agreed, saying, "This is all a money grab because the ethanol plant is not hurting the environment."

Landowner Mark Mitchell said Navigator pipeline would cross 82 tiles, a \$200,000 investment over the past year, in one mile of his property.

"That's a total lie," Mitchell said of promises to repair tile. "I'll be in the ground before any of you come onto my

Mitchell also said farmers would profit little from the ven-

"We'll rally together. We

won't sell you any grain," said

Mitchell, noting a 10-cent difference between what Green Plains pays compared to another local elevator. Kylie Lange, Summit project manager, said the ethanol

industry was under pressure to decarbonize. "This is going to be a domi-

nant force in the energy industry to get a seat at the table," said Lange, who said the etha-

nol industry needs to show it is low carbon.

Lange said the pipeline industry is already regulated at the federal level and that Summit is working with the Army Corps of Engineers on waterway crossings. She asserted that the proposed ordinance would conflict with state and federal law.

Craig Schoenfeld, representing Navigator, agreed. Schoenfeld was at the Emmet County Zoning Commission meeting when the commission approved the ordinance to be forwarded to the supervisors.

backyards. "We have a stake in this. It's our livelihood. It's our safety.

by federal and state law," said

Schoenfeld, an attorney, speak-

ing for CR3 Connect, repre-

"We don't have a carbon

problem," said Emmet County

Zoning Commissioner Doug

Hansen. "We have a carbon

Hansen pressed Summit and

Navigator representatives as to

whether they would like a haz-

ardous liquid pipeline in their

of \$0.91 per \$1,000 valuation

– a home with a valuation of

\$100,000 will pay the city \$58

The state's property tax back-

fill is being phased out. The

backfill decreased this year by

almost \$10,000, with \$27,613

Burton and Clayton's mes-

sage concluded, "It is import-

ant to know that the City of

Estherville is in a healthy fi-

nancial condition, but in order

to maintain that, the proposed

of that to the general fund.

more than last year.

senting Navigator.

negative problem."

"The ordinance is preempted It's our lives," said Hansen. Richard McKean, Emmet

County Zoning Commission chair, said the commission had not anticipated hazardous liquid pipelines when it made the last changes in the county ordinance. He encouraged ordinance passage.

The board concluded the public hearing, then voted unanimous passage of the ordinance, waiving second and third readings. They next discussed how to handle expected litigation costs and ordinance enforce-

retaining walls, and held pub-

lic hearings (with no attend-

ees) on an urban renewal plan

amendment, and annual Tax

Increment Financing for the

Estherville Area Chamber of

Commerce and Iowa Lakes

Corridor. The council also

approved a street closing re-

quest for the Relay for Life

Committee to close First Ave.

North between 6th and 7th

Streets for the event on Friday,

Because it did not make it to

the agenda, the consideration

of the Estherville FFA's rezon-

ing request for the future site

of its agricultural building was

rescheduled for the March 20

March 20 is the date of the

next Estherville city council

meeting at 5 p.m. in the council

\$315), spending money for six

or seven meals not covered

meeting of the city council.

June 2.

County to defend itself on StateLine refund

By MICHAEL TIDEMANN

Emmet County will find itself facing StateLine Cooperative again - this time regarding a refund on property taxes for years outside a recent settle-

Emmet County Attorney Melanie Summers Bauler told the Emmet County Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday, March 7 meeting she had received a petition from StateLine Cooperative for the

refund. She said she had contacted attorney Brett Ryan who has been working on the case for the past six years and that the two attorneys will work together on the matter. The Emmet County Board of Supervisors had earlier agreed that it would abide by a District Court decision on the case. Summers Bauler said money to pay Ryan could come from her budget and she hoped that amount would be minimal.

Summers Bauler said the county will file a motion to dismiss StateLine's petition, which must be done within 30 days after filing of the suit. She said after the county filing and StateLine's response the district court judge will set a court "I think it needs to be de-

fended," Summers Bauler said of the county response to StateLine's petition.



Howard Metzger, Oliver Anderson, Gary Richard, and Veterans Affairs coordinator Casee Ross collected nonperishable food items and donations from people who attended the Farm, Home & Living Show last weekend. The Stomp Out Hunger program is just the

beginning for the Veterans Action Corps Council. Photo by Amy H. Peterson **Veterans form coalition**

for community betterment

BY AMY H. PETERSON

A group of local veterans connected to VFW Post 3388 and major supporters of the post have formed a special board called the Veterans Action Corps Council. The group is focused on veteran betterment and the betterment of local communities, and it operates independently from

other entities. The main purpose, according to co-organizer Howard Metzger is, "We want to make sure if somebody needs some help, we can give them some help. It will be up to the board

to decide who receives what." Assistance will involve an application process, and the focus will be on medical expenses and small home repairs, similarly to the now-depleted

Iowa Trust Grant.

"We're doing something similar here with the money we're raising for the Action Corps," Metzger said.

The Emmet County branch of the Veterans Action Corps is a national grassroots advocacy network comprised of over 300,000 VFW and Auxiliary members, and patriotic support of veterans. The national organization attended the VFW legislative conference in Washington, DC this past week to ensure veterans' voices are

heard on Capitol Hill. It's the Unmet Needs program for which members of the local Corps are raising funds. The goal is to raise enough for a substantial endowment, then pay for the needs of veterans, their spouses, widows or wid-

owers with the income from

the endowment.

Of the larger organization, Metzger said, "Basically their organization is all about just helping veterans wherever they can. The bottom line is, if you have somebody that can't pay their utility bill through no fault of their own, or something that happened to them when they were in the service, those people need help. That's why so many are dying by suicide – 20 suicides every day. People are homeless so often and they feel they're not worth anything. We might make mistakes doing it; we might have people who maybe don't deserve it, but

we'll take that risk." Metzger paused before he said, "It's about all of us together."

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amount cities or entities receive could further decrease. The new law also implements new property tax assessment limitations, makes changes to tax credits, including the Homestead Property Tax Credit, and at long last provides funding for Iowa's Water Land and Legacy Program (IWILL). The Iowa League of Cities found that largely residential cities would see a boon, but smaller communities like Estherville could see less money. The LOSST program has already changed. Beginning in October, 2022, the Iowa Dept. of Revenue moved away from the "annual estimated payments" process and began distributing funds to local governments based on actual receipts from that entity in the previous month. This year, 2023, will be the first calendar year that the

estimate accounting method is gone. As of 2019, remote sellers (online merchants) located in Iowa must collect Iowa taxes if they generate \$100,000 or more in gross revenue.

Burton and Clayton presented a budget with a decrease of over a million dollars from last year's budget. This was accomplished primarily by leaving positions vacant by attrition, and the completion of the pool project which will not require further startup costs. The decrease of \$1,012,670 equals a total 2023-2024 budget of \$25,103,980.

As Burton and Clayton prepared this year's budget, the calculated general fund expenses exceeding revenues by about \$540,000. An inflation rate of 8.1% was a major factor in the increase as costs of doing city business rose across categories. Burton and Clayton's budget message states, "To balance the General Fund budget, we will not be replacing staff due to attrition in the Library, Economic Development, and Police Department. We will also not be hiring a Park & Recreation Director or replacing the part-time cleaning person at the Administration

building." Depending on the final changes to the property tax structure at the state legislature level, the city may or may not replace Geoff Schmaus in the street department after his April retirement. The city will also move the \$70,000 snow removal budget out of the general fund and into the road use tax fund and defer a storm sewer capital project.

The proposed property tax levy represents an increase on fences, hedges, walls and

It's emotional to see them

changes were necessary.' In other business, the city council set Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. sharp at Spurgin Park as the time and place for

the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt for children aged third grade and The council also had a sec-

ond reading of an ordinance

chambers of city hall.

and sundries. A Go Fund Me fundraiser with a goal of \$2,500 has been started for Hammond: https:// gofund.me/66a57a52/ Those with checks or cash may put the funds in an envelope with Kaitlyn Hammond's name on it and drop it at Good Samaritan Society in

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University of Northern Iowa. She is waiting for acceptance letters from other places, including Harvard and Stanford Universities.

Hammond said she has wanted to be a doctor since she was very young. "Friends of my dad's gave

him anatomy books, which I read. I treated my stuffed animals as their doctor and even talked my grandpa into sitting for exams with my

stethoscope and placement of bandaid stickers. My little sister was also a frequent patient," Hammond said. Hammond said she has al-

ways really enjoyed science. "As time went on, I still dream of being a doctor,"

Hammond said. She seems to have the bedside manner, too, working

many hours as a CNA. "I love building relationships with patients and families.

in decline, and hurts to lose them move on, whether they pass away or get better and go home, even though I know in my heart it's what's best for

them," Hammond said. Hammond also has a way with words, and her plan when she starts her undergraduate university journey is to double major in nursing or a medical field and English.

"I love writing poetry, short

idea about. A family friend said she'd help me to get my writing published," Hammond For now, Hammond hopes

stories, or anything I have an

to have a successful fundraiser for this summer's chapter of her story – getting to the Congress with the tuition, lodging, a flight (at press time a round trip flight on Sun Country from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Boston Logan was

Estherville.

The initial Buick EV model is sold in Asia as the Electra 2023, arriving in showrooms in 2024 as the 2025 model. The sticker price will be around

Buick sales around the U.S.

ply chain began moving. Heywood said, looking ahead to Motor Inn's strategy, "We will focus more on our lines of Chevrolet, GMC, and especially the GMC and Chevy trucks."

the beginning," said Stone.

"At least you have two repre-

sentatives here that are on your

Rowley said the carbon pipe-

lines do not meet the test of

"I'm pretty confident it will

pass the House," Stone said of

meeting the public good.

pipeline legislation.

side."

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the U.S in 2022. Plans are underway for GMCs only electric sedan, a Cadillac Celestiq, which will be hand-built at a rate of about 1.2 cars per day and priced at \$200,000.

Officials at GMC have said

they expect electric vehicles will make a profit in 2025. GMC has declared a goal of moving all of its lines to all-electric vehicles by 2030. Also in that timeframe, GMC reported that all Buick products will be sport utility vehicle frames (SUVs).

Estherville News readers who have expressed interest in purchasing an EV cited concerns about the life of an EV battery. Heywood said an EV powered-vehicle could leave drivers out in the cold.

battery pack will have 100 kilowatt hours (KwH), and a

Rowley discussed CO2 pipe-

line legislation which would

require 90 percent landown-

er approval before the Iowa

Utilities Board could issue a

permit and make other limita-

"I am not for eminent do-

main. I never have been. I nev-

er will," said Rowley.

tions.

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capacity of about 300 miles between charges. Company reports also state GMC is working on a zero-cobalt alternative for future batteries. GMC's stated plans include development of electric vehicles with a range of 400 miles or more, with 600 miles possible and fast charging at 350 kWh

Today's reality, however, is that the 300 mile performance of the current Ultimum battery pack is for trips in temperatures between 40 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Emmet County Iowa stays within that range for high and low daily temperatures only in the months of May, June, and September – and that's the average.

Heywood said temperatures below freezing puts the bat-GMC said its GM Ultimum tery life distance at a factor of 0.6. The 300 mile maximum now shrinks to 180 miles – not

needs to be rewritten," Stone

said of how the state addressed

CO2 pipelines. "The code just

needs to be updated to meet

modern times. I think that the

Julie Clark, City of Estherville

Ward 3 councilmember and

mayor pro-tem, took up the

issue of reassessment. She

pipeline bill will pass."

enough to travel to Sioux Falls and back, nor for a one-way trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul or Des Moines. If the temperature is below zero Fahrenheit, The supplemental fee for an the factor moves to 0.4, or 120 electric passenger vehicle in and in the U.S as the Wildcat, miles maximum. These figures Iowa is \$130. The fee was and will be shown yet this year, assume the driver will want to use the vehicle's heating system which requires a portion of the battery's power. It's the same with the air conditioning; in very hot temperatures there is more stress on the battery and use of the air conditioner can speed the battery's power

Iowa Dept. of The Transportation reports for 2022, Emmet County had a total of six vehicles that paid the supplemental fee for electric vehicles. This compares to four registered in 2021. Dickinson County had 73 registered electric vehicles in 2022, Palo

ties don't see increased assess-

ments as a windfall since tax

rates go down with higher as-

sessments. She also questioned

the state taking over L.O.S.S.T.

Seylar argued for local con-

trol of local option money. "We

know more about what the lo-

cal people want," he said. "We

want it here where we have lo-

43. All figures represented a growth over 2021 numbers. phased in over three years beginning in January 2020.

Alto County had 33, Kossuth

had 34, and Clay County had

The demand for EV charging stations far outweighs the availability. Users also report even when the station is available, it may be broken or inoperable.

Last summer, J.D. Power & Associates released its U.S. Electric Vehicle Experience Public Charging Study. The study found there was a shortage of public charging stations and a failure to maintain equipment as drivers often pull up to a charging station only to find it broken or inoperable. This, according to J.D. Power, con-

cal control. Local people have

Micki Erickson, former

Emmet County Auditor, also

argued for local control. "Keep

your hands off of our local

The lawmakers reaffirmed

their support for landowners in

"I just want it to stop from

people," Erickson said.

the CO2 pipeline issue.

different standards.'

tributes to a decline in owner satisfaction with public EV chargers.

\$50,000.

plummeted by 50% in 2022 compared with 2021 sales figures, while sales grew among other model lines once the sup-

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