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## League of Women Voters forum gives Dems more time to talk

Questions for supervisors candidates limited after previous joint forum

By Christopher Braunschweig  
Newton News

*Editor's note: The following is part two of a two-part series covering the League of Women Voters forum. In an effort to reduce redundancies, Newton News has decided to not feature responses that were featured at the past forum held by the chairpersons of the Republican and Democratic parties.*

With the Republicans deciding to not take part in the League of Women Voters forums any longer, the remaining Democratic candidates — Pam Olson and Bev Price — were left to answer questions without their opponents present. However, many of the questions asked were answered at the previous forum.



From left: Pam Olson and Bev Price, who are Democratic candidates running for Jasper County Supervisor, speak at during the League of Women Voters forum on Oct. 20 at the Newton High School.

During the joint forum organized by the leaders of both major parties, Olson, Price and Republican incumbent Brandon Talsma talked in-depth about issues like economic development, whether the board should have five mem-

bers and how to handle property tax increases, among many others.

At the League of Women Voters of Jasper County's candidate

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## Newton man arrested again for derogatory comments at council meeting

Mayor was forced to suspend the meeting even after city attorney reinforced rules of conduct

By Christopher Braunschweig  
Newton News

The same man arrested for disorderly conduct during public comment at a city council meeting three weeks ago in Newton was put in handcuffs again on Oct. 24 and escorted out of the chambers, but not before the mayor warned him to not make derogatory comments and had an attorney reinforce the rules of conduct.

Noah Petersen, 22, of Newton was arrested once more for disorderly conduct during his three minutes of public comment after calling the mayor and the police chief fascists and should to

ARREST | 2A

## BIG SECONDARY ROADS PROJECT

County approves architectural-engineering services for new secondary roads yard, which will house staff and equipment

By Christopher Braunschweig  
Newton News

The Jasper County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 25 approved an architectural-engineering services agreement for the early designs and administration of a new yard and engineer's office, which officials say will provide local crews with better access to secondary roads and improve county services.

Jasper County Engineer Mike Fri-

etsch said the current secondary roads yard/engineer's office at 910 N. 11th Ave. E. is at least one-and-a-half miles within the city limits of Newton. In addition to housing office staff, the property has a number of shops, salt bins, vehicles and fuel pumps on site.

With the added distance it takes for crews to access the county's gravel roads and unincorporated territories

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## GOOD GOURD!

Newton Public Library sees almost 40 entries in Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest



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## Iowa House District 37 Candidate Q&A

**Name:** Barb Kniff McCulla  
**City:** Pella  
**Office sought:** State Representative for HD 37  
**Occupation:** Business owner

**Education:** BA Degree  
**Elected offices held:** 0

**1. Introduce/Reintroduce yourself to Jasper County voters and explain why you want to be the representative**

**of Iowa House District 37.**

Having been a small business owner for over 40 years and involved in many community, state, and national boards, I feel



McCulla

called to now serve in the Iowa Legislature.

As a devout mother and grandmother, I want my children and grandchildren and your children and grandchildren to have opportunities to start or grow a business and raise a family in Iowa, just as I have. I am interested in pursuing legislation that helps Iowans do just that so our greatest as-

set - the next generation - will stay right here in Iowa.

**2. Public education funding, educational savings accounts/vouchers and school choice were at the center of political discourse this past year. What is your overall vision for public education in Iowa? What worries you?**

I believe in school choice. Parents have the fundamental

jurisdiction to choose what style of education is best for their child, whether that is public, private, or home education. As for public education, I want to see more efforts in preparing our youth for the workforce. We have some great programs in place with STEM and with our

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