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Lonnie Hogeland Sr., owner of Hogeland Auto Plaza, gave the go ahead for a large new expansion to his business recently, and the new construction will create a much larger space where he and his team can work. The construction area is just west of the existing structures on the property at 1408 E. Main St.

Hogeland Auto Plaza kickstarts new expansion

By SUSANNA MEYER
TIMES-REPUBLICAN

An expansion to the Hogeland Auto Plaza is officially in the works, and owner Lonnie Hogeland Sr. is excited about the opportunities the large new addition will provide.

Hogeland Auto Plaza's presence in Marshalltown dates back nearly 75 years, and it has been in the Hogeland family since the beginning, when Lonnie's dad Lyle first opened the doors in 1948. While it started out strictly as a body shop, they have since evolved into a salvage yard and towing company, and they still offer the same services that started it all.

Currently, the auto plaza consists of three main areas, an office building, a body shop and a service shop, but construction started on the largest building yet last week. A 60 by 80-foot expansion is being built directly west of the service shop, sporting four huge doors, and in addition to the workspace, a break room and a storage room will also be a part of the new structure.

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The Traer Public Library's new digital message board pictured this past August.

Traer Library upgrades message board

By RUBY F. MCALLISTER
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TRAER — Thanks to the generosity of several local families, the Traer Public Library now has a spiffy new digital sign to welcome visitors and share library happenings in a clear, modern manner.

As much as some local residents may miss the former, traditional sign that required changing the message by hand, the hiccups it created often left library employees literally out in the cold.

"The previous 'message board' had served us well since the library renovation and addition in 2004," Traer Library Director Diane Panfil said in an email interview. "However, it would often get frozen shut in the winter, leaving us with the same message for several weeks or even months."

Finding out in April that you could have taken a watercolor class in the cozy Carnegie Library back in the

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A place to call home



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Four of the five members of the Myroshnikov family — Maria, second from right, Philip, right, their daughter Anhelina, second from left, son Damir — and Maria's mother Katerina, left, originally from Mariupol, Ukraine, pose for a photo inside of their new home in rural Marshall County on the Swift Greenhouses property. They are the first family displaced by the Russia-Ukraine war to be settled in Marshall County through the humanitarian parole program with the help of local churches and assistance organizations.

First Ukrainian family displaced by war settles in Marshall County

By ROBERT MAHARRY
TIMES-REPUBLICAN

GILMAN — Maria and Philip Myroshnikov, their three children Anhelina, Damir and Karim and Maria's mother Katerina are still doing plenty of adjusting to their new surroundings. They've only been settled at the farmhouse on the Swift Greenhouses property between Laurel, Gilman and Ferguson for about a week, but despite all of the trials and tribulations they've faced in the seven months since the Russian invasion of Ukraine upended their old lives in Mariupol, they couldn't be happier to finally be chasing their version of the American Dream.

A group effort

The Myroshnikovs have been granted "humanitarian parole," which differs slightly from refugee status, and they are the first Ukrainian family displaced by the war to settle in Mar-

shall County.

The push to bring them here involved a strong collaboration among members of the local faith community from various churches, and Marshalltown City Councilor Mike Ladehoff and his former colleague Bill Martin were among the most active in organizing "United for Ukraine" meetings. As Ladehoff explained in a previous T-R story, seeing the Holocaust exhibit at the Marshalltown Public Library led him to realize that many Americans wanted little or nothing to do with assisting Jewish refugees attempting to escape Europe, and he could not bear to stand by idly as another humanitarian crisis unfolded before his eyes. In a similar vein, Dani Musselman, the pastor at Hope United Methodist Church, recalled German Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemoller's famous poem "First They Came" about the price of inaction as the Nazi party rose to power in the 1930s.

"It kind of makes you think about how America, to a certain extent, failed when the Holocaust happened and how, if the unthinkable would happen here, what would it mean to you if someone from another country called and said 'Hey, we've got your back. Come here,' and knowing the people from Marshalltown... Watch what happens. This is what happens," Ladehoff said in a living room filled with volunteers and advocates alongside the Myroshnikov family. "Everyone does their thing, kind of. That's one of the way this group works. We all work together, but different people do different things. They all jump in to help each other."

Still, the general urge to help others facing an unthinkable situation and the follow through required to make it a reality are two very different things, and it was going to take more than a wing and a prayer to bring the families

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An adventure in America at large

Marshalltown native clocks 175 plus shows a year

By AUSTIN CHADDERDON
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Over the last week, Severio Mancieri traveled 1,600 miles between Wednesday and Saturday. Along the way, he made a stop to play for a welcoming hometown crowd in Marshalltown, where he spent the majority of his childhood.

After playing a two hour set at Tannin, Mancieri packed up his self contained stage set up: a guitar, amp and microphone. A necessarily minimal collection of gear fits in his gold 2012 Dodge Caravan, while leaving enough room for a small bed where he often sleeps.

That night, he crashed at his parents' house in town



T-R PHOTO BY AUSTIN CHADDERDON

Severio Mancieri plays for a packed room at Tannin wine bar on Sept. 24. Mancieri is a Marshalltown native who left his job as a CNA in 2020 to become a full time musician and has since traveled the Midwest, playing nearly 200 shows a year.

to get some much needed rest. In the morning, he hopped behind the wheel to make the five hour journey to his next gig.

"Around 185," Mancieri

said as he estimated his 2021 show count. "Probably something similar this year. I'm constantly traveling. I'm on the road all the time."

At this rate, he's looking

at 85,000 miles a year, which is six times the amount of the average driver. Whereas a long haul trucker gener-

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