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‘REMEMBERING IS THE GREATEST RESPECT’

Veterans Day speaker says people should express their gratitude to service members who maintained our freedoms



Christopher Braunschweig/Newton News

Members of the Honor Guard prepare a ceremony for Veterans Day on Nov. 11 outside the American Legion Post 111 in Newton.

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Marvin Morris, the chaplain of American Legion Post 111 and a Korean War veteran, reminded guests during a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 that “remember-

ing is the greatest respect” we can give to those who served, and to forget would be the poorest way, a great dishonor to those men and women.

Newton did not forget. Veterans of all wars were honored for their service and sacrifice during the ceremony at the post, which

ended with the Honor Guard firing three volleys of ammunition and a bugle call of “Taps.” Morris led the invocation and benediction, blessing the country and its service members.

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Newton adopts ATV/UTV ordinance with limits on state highways

Council will review the code in one year to make any possible revisions

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Iowa law now allows for expanded operation of ATVs and UTVs on roadways, and although an ordinance passed by council members on Nov. 7 upholds that law the city prohibits extended use of the off-road vehicles on state highways, like parts of Highway 14 and First Avenue/U.S. Route 6 in Newton.

Specifically, ATVs and UTVs are prohibited from operating on the 100-2300 block of Highway 14 South and the 100-300 block of Highway 14 North. ATVs and UTVs can be operated on First Avenue over the most direct and accessible route, but driving on the road for prolonged distances is not allowed.

Drivers can use an all-terrain vehicle park or trail outside of the city limits, a secondary road outside of city limits, a city street on which such vehicles are

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County creates job positions for EMS enhancement program

6 providers will be available to offset struggles felt by volunteer agencies and rural patients

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

The creation of six permanent part-time positions for the sheriff’s office is the first step in enhancing emergency medical services in Jasper County.

Supervisors approved a resolution on Nov. 8 to add the advanced life support (ALS)/basic life support (BLS) technicians to the Jasper County Sher-

iff’s Office. Sheriff John Halferty collaborated with human resources to create the six positions, which consist of four new providers and the two currently on staff.

“We would like to hire two additional right now, get them



Halferty

trained with our two current paramedics, evaluate how that goes and cover more days and hours, and then have the option to fill those two additional — for a total of six — as the need increases,” Halferty said at the board of supervisors meeting.

Providers would work 12-hour shifts, the sheriff added, and they would be paid less than what reserve deputies are making because they do

not have the reserve deputy certification. Hiring resolutions will still be presented to the supervisors to fill the positions and set the level of pay, county documents state.

Reserve deputies Steve Ashing and Jacob Halferty — the two temporary part-time ALS staff members — are covering approximately 12 days a

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Election reflection

Candidates look back on campaign trail, messages and their chances

By Christopher Braunschweig
Newton News

Editor’s note: The following article is a collection of interviews Newton News conducted with Jasper County candidates throughout Election Day. The goal was to meet with candidates as they go about their day and get a sense of how they feel about their campaigns, their efforts and their concerns

before results posted.

1:20 p.m. — Tyler Stewart knows he’s the underdog and his chances are slim

Six hours after Stewart cast his ballot at the county administration office precinct, his students found out he was running for office. Admittedly, that was my doing. When school kids see a cameraman, they rightfully ask questions and they wonder if they are

the ones being photographed. Or they make faces at him.

I tell them I’m not taking pictures of them, I’m taking pictures of their teacher.

“Why?” a middle school girl asks. I tell her it’s because her teacher is running for office. She paused, genuinely confused. “What’s that mean?”

Stewart answered for her, “If you take my civics class

next year you’ll find out.”

Others knew exactly what that meant. Pretty soon they were pestering Mr. Stewart with questions about his campaign for Iowa Senate District 19 and what would happen if he won or if he lost. He gave short answers but tried to keep their attention to their work for the remaining few minutes of class.

Eventually, it was time for

students to leave for their next class, leaving Stewart a minute or two of free time before teaching his civics students a lesson on, of course, elections. In about seven hours he would know if voters wanted him to become their next representative. Stewart already feels accomplished.

“I did it. I put my name on

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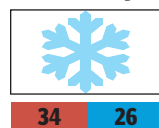
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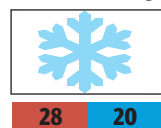
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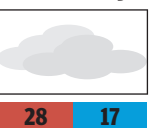
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