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MONONA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Auditor's Office

610 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, Iowa 51040 (First Floor of Courthouse)
Office - 712-433-2191
Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Institute of Public Affairs has labeled the Auditor's Office as the "Hub of County Government."

The Main Duties of the Auditor's Office

- Budget Central for all government entities, Schools, Cities, Townships, Agricultural Extension, Emergency Management Agencies, E911 Service Boards, and County Assessor. All file their completed budget with the Auditor.
- File the County Budget with the State Department of Management.
- Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner of Elections-prepares and supervisors ballots/programming voting machines and orders all election supplies. Acting as Receiving clerk for nomination papers and public measurers to be placed on the ballot. Acting as Clerk of the County Board of Election Canvassers and Special Precinct Board.
- Train all Election Workers.
- County Registrar of Voters.
- Custodian of Election Returns and Records.
- County Tax Accountant by tabulating the taxable valuation for each property owner in the county after applying the proper exemptions, homestead and military credits, roll-backs and other adjustments to

the assessed valuation certified by the Assessor's Office. The Auditor certifies the "taxable" valuation of the county to the State.

- Custodian of the Courthouse under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. This responsibility includes not only general maintenance and repair of the building, but also issues involving office space, records storage, and disaster recovery.
- Insurance /Bonds
- Licenses (Cigarette, Beer, Liquor)
- Permits (Firework)
- Overseer of County Plats and Transfer Books
- Payroll & Human Resources
- Records and Plans (Manure Management, Drainage Records, Road and Bridge Records are maintained by the Auditor's Office.)
- Drainage

Services the Auditor's Office provides to the public:

- Voter Registration
- Public Notary
- Absentee Voting
- General Information



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This is a picture of the board room where the county supervisors meet.



Peggy Rolph
Monona County Auditor
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There are three other employees in the Auditor's office

- Plat Books
- Research Real Estate and Roads

Peggy Rolph is starting her seventh year as Auditor. She has worked for Monona County for nine years.

"What I like best about my job is that it is not the same from day to day and I enjoy working with the public," Rolph said.

Inside the Monona County Courthouse feature conducted by Jenna Comes, Mapleton Press

Inside the Monona County Courthouse is a special feature to help readers understand what goes on in each office at courthouse.

Area Briefs

Feb. 11

St. Matthews Youth Group

Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner

The St. Matthews Youth Group is hosting a Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 5:30-8 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton. Reservations Recommended by calling Sarah Schmidt at 880-2412. Take-outs will be available. The meal includes spaghetti with choice of marinara or alfredo sauce, salad, garlic bread and a special dessert. Proceeds go to the St. Matthews Youth Group.

Feb. 12

Loess Hills Historical Society Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Loess Hills Historical Society will be February 12 at 1 p.m. at the Monona County Historical Museum (Kiwaniw Avenue, 12th Street North, Onawa).

Feb. 13

Schleswig VFW Meeting

Schleswig VFW Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at the Schleswig Golf Course for their regular monthly meeting. Items on the agenda include new veteran signs, Basic Fund grant, Veterans Brunch and valentines for Veterans. Come join us!

Feb. 16

Scarlett O'Hatters

Mapleton Scarlett O'Hatters will eat at the Beef-n-Brew on Thursday, Feb. 16. Meet there at 11:30 a.m. for Noon luncheon. Please be prepared to tell about a funny and favorite, or most unusual, or mysterious Valentine you ever received. Planners are Bonnie Banks and Sara Snow. New members welcome!

Feb. 17

Parents Night Out

St. John's United Methodist Church invites you to Parents Night Out on Friday, Feb. 17 from 5-10 p.m. Treat yourself to a night out while church members watch the kids for free. This is for ages 2 and older. The night includes light supper, movie, craft, snacks and more. To pre-register call/text Daniel at 712-840-9062; Jenna at 712-210-1425 or Linda at 712-251-5882.

Feb. 19

Castana Church Pancake Supper

The Castana Community UCC Church will have their annual Pancake Supper on Sunday, Feb. 19. Serving will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu is all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and hot chocolate.

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credits so the people who attend EMS day will have official certification.

EMTs are required to have 24 hours of continuing education every two years.

"That is why we provided these classes," Prorok said. He noted most licenses become due at the end of March so it's good tim-

ing for people looking for classes.

Monona County Emergency Management along with sponsorship from Burgess, there is no cost for the attendees to attend the event.

While most attendees are from Monona County, Prorok said people come from

all around the area (Woodbury/Harrison County, Decatur, even Orange City, South Dakota) to attend for as a number of people need the continuing education.

Prorok said they need to sponsor our EMS people as volunteers are most likely the first to respond when something happens.

"Any time, people have any interest in this (ambulance/fire department), please reach out to any of the rescue departments," Pat said.

Depending on the service, the cost for the training can be provided (through funding and grants) to become certified.

Soldier Fire Dept. receives \$55,000 grant

The Soldier Community Fire Department and the City of Soldier were awarded a \$55,000 USDA Rural Development Grant for the purchase of a 2008 HME Silverfox Custom Pumper. The pumper was acquired from the City of Norwalk for a total cost of \$100,000. The Soldier Community Fire Department has fundraised and saved for many years to make such an investment. The USDA Rural Development grant alleviated the pressure of such a large purchase.

A family affair. Warren Jensen, Fire Chief who has served with the Soldier Community Fire Department for 49 years spearheaded the purchase with assistance from his wife, Barb Jensen, treasurer who has been with the Soldier Community Fire Department for 41 years, along with their children who are also a part of the fire department.



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Barb Jensen, Treasurer and Warren Jensen, Chief

Mapleton Brainstorming Gathering is Thursday

Instead of having a January/February meeting, the Mapleton Chamber is hosting a Brainstorming Gathering on Thursday, Feb. 9. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. It will be held in the Beef-n-Brew meeting room starting at 6:30 p.m. Light appetizers will be served.

The group will be making plans for 2023. In order to keep Mapleton moving, more volunteers are needed to help make events happen.

In 2022, the Chamber hosted events like First Saturday in Mapleton including the Taste of Mapleton meal; helped with a number of holiday events like adverting for the 4th of July celebration; Halloween: Haunted House, Downtown Trick-or-Treat and Party in the Park and Mapleton's Home for the Holidays.

They also hosted a Trivia Night and put together newsletters with updates and sent out investment letters.

One of the current Chamber projects is helping the city get new banners for the light poles.

The group would like to host more events and work on more projects but needs more volunteers to make this happen.

Find out how you can help. If you have any questions, call 712-210-1425 or send the Chamber a message on Facebook.

Langholdt to celebrate 103rd birthday



Laura Langholdt will be celebrating her 103rd Birthday on Friday, Feb. 10. Cards can be sent to Laura Langholdt, P.O. Box 67, Ricketts, IA 51460.

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Charter Oak-Ute PTO

- **OMELET Breakfast**
Sunday, February 12
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- at Charter Oak Community Building
Free Will Donation

All proceeds go directly back to the betterment of the school and teacher support.

Ute VFW is having its
63rd Annual **STEAK NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Friday, February 24, 2023
5:30 P.M.-1:30 A.M.
at Ute VFW, 113 W. Main St. - Ute, Iowa
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\$60⁰⁰ before February 20
\$65⁰⁰ at the Door

*Appetizers, 12 oz. Ribeye, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll, Vegetable
*DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Come out and support your troops and veterans. Your support is deeply appreciated.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Rebecca Hanlin of Schleswig will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on February 16. Please help them celebrate their milestone by sending a card to PO Box 151 Schleswig, Iowa 51461

With Love from Your Family: Robbin Dreibelbis, Rana Quandt and Ryan Hanlin and their families