

Inside the...
MONONA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Recorder's Office

610 Iowa Ave., Onawa, IA 51040 (First Floor of the Courthouse on the East Side)
Office - 712-433-2575
Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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This is a picture looking down the main hall toward the entrance of the courthouse.

The Office of the County Recorder was first created to maintain records affecting title to real estate but has grown in to much more over the years.

The Main Duties and Services of the Recorder's Office

"Our office records all real estate and land purchases, plats of survey, mortgages, tax liens, military discharges and many other business agreement," said Recorded Kelly Seward. "About 60% of all documents being recorded in the State of Iowa are now electronically submitted."

Land documents in the Monona County office date back to 1855. Seward said they are currently working on digitizing these records.

"Along with recording, our office is the Registrar of Vital Records," she said.

With this responsibility, the Recorder's office issues birth, death and marriage certificates. Marriage applications are processed and licenses issued also.

They also offer many DNR services including registering all ATV's, UTV's, snowmobiles and boats in Monona County.

The public can also purchase their hunting and fishing licenses in the Recorder's office.

"Our office has seen more traffic from surrounding counties for renewals of DNR services and also for marriage and birth records," Seward said. "These customers enjoy coming into our courthouse and not having to wait in lines or make appointments."

Seward has been the Monona County Recorder since January 2019. She began working for Monona County in 2001 under Benita J. Davis, County Auditor.

She said what she likes most about her job is the



Kelly Seward
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There are also two deputy's in the Recorder's Office

people.

"I am very proud to be from rural Iowa and I enjoy helping the citizens of Monona County," Seward 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. 22
Yoga at the Nature Center

The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center will be hosting yoga class on February 22 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for an ALL Levels class as we gently move our bodies with our breath! Unwind after a busy day with this yoga practice. Starting with a quick guided meditation and slowly moving our bodies, this class is for everyone to enjoy with the goal of leaving class relaxed and refreshed. This class is taught by certified yoga instructor, Chan Follen. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or emailing ksandage@woodburyparks.org. This is a free class. Yoga mats are not provided.

Feb. 24
Ute VFW Steak Night

The Ute VFW will be hosting its 63rd Annual Steak Night Fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Ute VFW/Sabor a Mexico. Tickets are available at the door.

Feb. 25
Winter Tree Identification Hike

Identifying trees by their leaves and fruits is easy, but have you ever wondered how to identify a tree during the winter without those clues? During this educational walk, you will learn how to identify trees in the winter by looking at bark and twigs. The program takes place at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature

Center on Saturday, February 25, from 10-11 a.m. This program is designed for adults. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or emailing ksandage@woodburyparks.org.

March 9
Mapleton Legion Auxiliary Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, March 9 at the Beef N Brew at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast with the Legion guys. Then the Auxiliary will have their meeting afterward. Hope to see you all there.
*Note that this will be a week later than normal. Shirley Hesse, President/Secretary

Updates about Mapleton's 4th of July Celebration

The Mapleton 4th of July committee is in need of volunteers to help continue this tradition that has grown in recent years.

Due to various reasons we are low on members to help with the planning of the activities and help on the day of the event.

We know it is February but it takes time to plan everything.

With the 4th of July falling on a Tuesday this year, it has been decided to hold the celebration on Saturday, July 1 so we aren't competing with surrounding town (Battle Creek, Dunlap and Whiting's 150th celebration).

The fire department will be shooting off fireworks on Monday, July 3rd at dusk.

Another change for the year is Mapleton will be having a carnival instead of bounce houses. This does mean people will have to purchase tickets but we just don't have the man power for all the bounce houses. We are going to try the carnival for a year and see how it goes.

The other change is the meal in the park. The fire department will no longer be serving the meal. The 4th of July committee will be looking for volunteers to help organize the meal.

We aren't asking people

to spend the whole celebration volunteering maybe just an hour or two.

The committee has received great support in the way of donations to help with activities and will be asking for donations again from businesses and individuals/families. But we need volunteers too.

Come to our next meeting to see how you can help and share your ideas. The 4th of July committee will hold a meeting on MONDAY, February 27 at the Mapleton Community Center at 6:30 p.m. (Note NEW DATE) See how you can help!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: REGISTER TO EARN A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Iowa high school seniors may register for a chance to receive one of 50 scholarships worth \$1,000 each. To be considered, students should:

- Register between Nov. 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023, at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Know-How
- Follow the emailed instructions to complete two online tutorials before 4 p.m. on March 31.



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Ute Town & Country Fundraiser

Ladies Night

Saturday, February 25, 2023

• Drinks-5 p.m. • Meal-6 p.m.
Vendors • Prizes • Games

Tickets \$50 each

Need not be present to win!

Contact Lonnie Carlson, Jeremy Creese, Richard Hageman, Mariah Nutt, Jimmy Carlson, Annie Teut at Sparetime or Susie Bird at Ute Tire

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!!

St. John's United Methodist Church

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Friday, Feb. 24, 2023
4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

Dine at St. John's UMC
In! 212 S. 7th St., Mapleton
Adults: \$13⁰⁰
Kids up to age 10: \$10⁰⁰

• Delivery in Mapleton •
Call Glenda Muckey 712-840-1237
or Judy Martin call 712-840-9871

Catered by Staley's

FFA Omelet Brunch

Sunday,
February 26, 2023

8:00 a.m.-12:30p.m.

Mapleton Community Center
Mapleton, Iowa



Serving: omelets, homemade rolls, toast, coffee, juice and fruit cup

Admission:
Free Will donation

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