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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.

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.

Feb. 22

Yoga at the

Nature Center

ture 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 mediation

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 Fol-

len. Please pre-register

by calling 712-258-0838

or emailing ksandage@

woodburyparks.org. This is

a free class. Yoga mats are

not provided.

The Dorothy Pecaut Na-

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

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 Audi-

She said what she likes most about her job is the



PHOTO COURTESY OF DON THOMPSON

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



Kelly Seward Monona County Recorder mocorec@mononacounty.org There are also two deputy's in the Recorder's Office

"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 want goes on in each office at courthouse.

Area Briefs

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 celebra-

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

St. John's

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!



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.lowaStudentLoan.org/Know-How
- Follow the emailed instructions to complete two online tutorials before 4 p.m. on March 31.



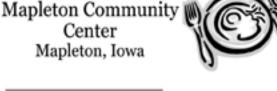
www.lowaStudentLoan.org/Know-How

FFA Omelet Brunch

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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

Center



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

Admission: Free Will donation

Sponsored by the MVAO FFA and FFA Alumni Group. Proceeds provide funding for FFA leadership conferences and activities.







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