The strength of the U.S. is not the gold at Fort Knox, or the weapons of mass destruction that we have, but the sum total of the education and the character of our people.

-- Claiborne Pell

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

In times of change learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves fully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

-- Eric Hoffer

The Des Moines Art Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Gilbert Vicario as its new curator. Mr. Vicario comes to Des Moines from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, where he served as assistant curator of Latin American Art and Latino Art since 2004. Vicario will serve as head of the Art Center’s curatorial department and we welcome the new vision and leadership that he brings to this community and the many contributions that will follow.

The Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center opened in 2004 at the historic site of Fort Des Moines, to preserve, interpret, and celebrate the courage and heroism of the Fort’s history, and in American history. The window to collect these stories is continually shrinking, as the youngest World War II WAC turns 84 this year. A timely, important project whose importance will grow into the future.

Representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Paralyzed Veterans of America were also on hand to offer resources to veterans. The Museum is currently raising money to match this grant. More information about helping the Museum preserve these important stories and honor our women veterans by making a tax-deductible gift to the Museum, contact Adrienne Windley, Development Director, at 515-282-8060.

The Museum Executive Director Joe Nolte said, "We are so thankful to Congressman Boswell and to the IMLS for this opportunity to collect, preserve, and interpret this chapter in the Fort’s history, and in American history. The window to collect these stories is continually shrinking, as the youngest World War II WAC turns 84 this year. This is a timely, important project whose importance will grow into the future."

Congressman Leonard Boswell (pictured) presented the Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center with a $131,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Museums for America program. "It is a great honor and joy to deliver the Museum funding to preserve the stories of the Women’s Army Corps," Boswell said. "These women made history.

Three Women’s Army Corps (WAC) veterans who served in World War II and trained at Fort Des Moines were in attendance, in addition to World War II Navy veterans from the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service ( WAVES) and Women Marines, who were present to support their WAC counterparts. The grant will allow the Museum to conduct a major oral history project on the WAC at Fort Des Moines, find and preserve artifacts, documents, and photographs of the era at the fort, and present programs and exhibits about these women.

Vicario says, "I’m excited to apply my knowledge and lived experience to the wonderful artistic legacy well in place at the Des Moines Art Center ," and "The Museum’s history and collections have been foundational to the careers of artists who are part of the contemporary art scene today, at home and abroad."

Vicario has a B.A. in curatorial studies from the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College, and a B.A. in visual arts from the University of California at San Diego.

Patricia Hickson, who had served as the head of the curatorial department at the Des Moines Art Center since December 2003, left Des Moines in February to accept a position at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, Connecticut.

This position is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Arts and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Fear God, Tell the Truth & Make Money • The Oldest Black Publication West of the Mississippi • Vol. 119 No. 34 • August 26, 2009

David Adelman, a candidate for Des Moines City Council’s at large seat that’s up for election this November 3rd, is getting a lot of attention. David’s campaign is running a strong grassroots outreach program, has recently been endorsed by the Des Moines Fire Fighters, is holding a campaign meet and greets throughout Des Moines. David was raised in and has a history of public service to Des Moines.

David attended the Des Moines public schools. He left Des Moines to receive a B.S. in Marketing, Finance and Business Legal Studies from Miami University, and earned a certificate in International Business study in London, England.

David returned to Des Moines where he received his law degree from Drake University Law School in May 2006. In law school, David worked with the Department of Justice, in the Iowa Attorney’s General Office, and clerked for a general practice firm in West Des Moines.

David sits on the Des Moines Playhouse Board of Directors, is co-chair of the Des Moines Jewish Federation Emerging Leader Institute, a member of the 2008 Business Records Forty under 40, Polk County Citizens Academy, and an alumni of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

David’s free time, he teaches a financial literacy class at his alma mater, Theodore Roosevelt High School.

During law school, David worked in Washington D.C. where he was employed by the Democratic National Party assisting a presidential campaign and helping to establish the legal protection network for the state party.

David served two terms on the Iowa Democratic State Central Committee. He is an attorney with the Brick Gentry Law Firm with a general practice not limited to Contract Negotiations, Health Law, Government Relations, Legislative Law, and Election Law.

David is running on a platform of revitalizing Des Moines’ neighborhoods, building Des Moines economy, and bringing new leadership to the city he loves.

Des Moines has fifty-three individual neighborhoods, these neighborhoods are the cornerstone of Des Moines’ community and they serve to empower Des Moines’ cultural diversity. David believes strong neighborhoods and neighbor-hood associations are critical for maintaining an investing these communities and he believes that good communication between these communities, the school boards and city hall are important for the future of Des Moines.

David believes the economy is the key to Des Moines’ future, and that Des Moines must prepare locally for the global economy. Des Moines must employ local workers on city contracts such as rebuilding our roads and bridges. At the same time Des Moines must reduce red tape and lower taxes to make it easier for new companies to locate in Des Moines and for companies that are already here to expand. Finally Des Moines must work with the State, School, Business, and Community partners to invest in our schools, to train our work force and retain and create jobs for working families.

Throughout David’s life he has held the values he believes make great public servants, hard work, integrity, honesty and leadership. He has a record of public service and bringing fresh ideas and energy into public and private life. As a councilman David would work to bring about property tax relief while working to balance the city’s budget.

David may be found online at AdelmanDSM@council.com or on Facebook and Twitter.
Real Success = Wealth

Three key ingredients that can make success possible are wish, wealth, wisdom these three W’s can lead to the accumulations of wealth. The first one we will look at is wish – a wish put into action equals desire. When this happens it becomes the engine of wealth acquisition. Next we look at wisdom, the acquiring the questions, taking the journey and gaining more information and insight. Learning a skill or trade, getting more education on a specific subject matter is value added wisdom.

The third… wealth
What is wealth? You are about to learn the wealth-building equivalent of E=MC squared. Like Einstein’s famous equation, the Secret of Automatic Wealth is very simple – but to understand it you need to understand the meaning of each of its parts.

Here is the equation:

\[ W = VO^2 \]

- \( W \) stands for wealth - automatic wealth.
- \( V \) stands for value - true, sustained value.
- \( O \) stands for opportunity - the very real chance to improve your situation.

It’s not money. Money is the most common way we measure wealth, but wealth itself is something different. A rudimentary acquaintance with economics tells you that. Having a million dollars in the bank today might make you wealthy, but if the country’s currency were devalued by a significant percentage, you would no longer be wealthy.

For the same reason, wealth is not gold. Gold has properties that make it’s value more stable than currency, yet it is not wealth.

Wealth is neither money nor gold. Nor is it knowing important people or being highly intelligent or having ambition or thinking positive thoughts. If wealth were any of these things, lots of mentally impoverished critics would be rich and happy, instead of poverty stricken and bitter.

So if wealth is none of those things, what is it?

The answer is value, accumulated value. All of the knowledge and information gained are the true measure of are value, it’s the thing that can always produce revenue for us if used properly. We must go forth and do research gain more information and apply what we have learned — that value — to accumulate wealth that lasts and is transferable to our families thus keeping our communities strong for the future.

Change happened… Change Continues… Moving Toward Change …

Harkin Encourages Students To Apply For Senate Youth Program, Scholarship

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) announced that college scholarships will be available to students interested in public service and government. Harkin is encouraging students around the state to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program which provides the $5,000 scholarships and a conference in Washington D.C.

Senator Tom Harkin, Iowa’s senior United States Senator, today encouraged students around Iowa to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program. Each year, the program picks two outstanding students from each state to receive the scholarship and attend the conference in Washington D.C. Senator Harkin said, “I am excited to introduce the Senate Youth Program to Iowa students and hope that many students will apply.”

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The applications are due by October 30, 2009. For more information on the program please visit www.usasenateyouth.org

International Literacy Day Comes To DSM

Submitted by Anne Marr

International Literacy Day, is September 8. In recognition of this significant event, you are invited to attend the Right to Literacy Forum. 6:00 p.m., at the Des Moines Central Library.

Adults who lack the skills to be able to read and write in today’s world have many struggles. Beyond the economic impact, the personal costs of unfulfilled potential are exceedingly great. Hear how Iowa adults are exercising their “right to literacy” and how this affects their lives and the Central Iowa economy.

The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) found that 38% of US adults lack functional literacy, i.e. they do not have the literacy skills to be independent with reading and writing tasks. That means that approximately 90,000 Polk County adults read at or below the Basic Skill level. (30% of the 312,212 Polk County residents, 18 and older. US Census 2007 data).

The Right to Literacy Forum is jointly sponsored by the Des Moines Public Library, Drake University Adult Literacy Center, New Readers of Iowa, Iowa Literacy Council, and the Iowa Dept. of Education.

For more information, or to pre-register, call the Central Library, 283-4152 or online at http://www.dmpll.org.

Des Moines School Board Candidate Forums

Des Moines Neighbors Candidate Forum
Thursday, August 27 • 7 p.m.
Bob Mickle Center, 1820 Pleasant St.

AMOS School Board Candidates Accountability Forum
Monday, August 31 • 7 p.m.
Bethel AME Church, 1544 East University Ave.

Citywide PTA, Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, and League of Women Voters Forum
Wednesday, September 2 • 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave.

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Tuesday September 8, 2009

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CCI Members Out Wells Fargo For Funneling Hundreds Of Millions To Predatory Lenders

More than 225 members of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI) outed Wells Fargo for funneling hundreds of millions of dollars to predatory payday lenders Saturday during a public hearing with Federal Reserve officials in Des Moines.

The unprecedented public hearing with the Federal Reserve was the sixth of nine hearings across the country and was won through direct action after grassroots members of Iowa CCI and other community organizations in the National People’s Action network pressured Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke to put people before profits and to work towards an economic recovery and financial regulatory reform that works for all Americans.

Documents disclosed by Iowa CCI members today show that Wells Fargo has loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to predatory payday lenders Cash America International, Inc., Ace Cash Express, Inc., and others. This research also shows that payday lenders are overwhelming low and moderate-income neighborhoods in Des Moines.

“Wells Fargo may not be the good corporate citizen it claims to be,” said Hugh Espey, Executive Director of Iowa CCI. “Today, we demanded that the Federal Reserve tell Wells Fargo to stop financing payday lenders.”

Payday loans are loans with 400 percent or higher interest rates that are due in full in two weeks. Iowa CCI members say that these potentially dangerous products trap many customers in a cycle of debt that can be impossible to escape.

Copies of these documents and other research held by Iowa CCI may be requested by contacting staff at the numbers listed above.

At the public hearing, Iowa CCI members demanded that the Fed put its full weight and power behind small-dollar loan programs and other alternatives to predatory lending, interest rate caps and extended repayment periods for payday loans, loan modifications and bankruptcy reforms that keep people in their homes, the establishment of a retirement reimbursement fund for people who lost their life savings, the modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act and the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and increased consumer protections through an independent Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

“I think these are fair requests,” said Joseph Firschein, Assistant Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C. “I’ll commit to take your requests back and to share your recommendations with the Board of Governors, and I’ll commit to responding in writing within 30 days.”

Alicia Williams, Vice President, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, also personally committed to convening a meeting in Des Moines by the end of the year with local area banks and Iowa CCI members to discuss predatory payday lending and Iowa CCI’s small dollar loan program, a viable alternative to payday loans first developed by the community organization in collaboration with Bankers Trust.

The small dollar loan program offers loans up to $1500 with a 12 percent interest rate and a payback period of up to three years.

“We need good, affordable credit in our communities,” Espey said. “We want more Des Moines area banks to institute the small dollar loan program developed by Iowa CCI and Bankers Trust.”

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement is a group of everyday people who talk, act and get things done on issues that matter most. With thousands of members from all walks of life — urban and rural, black and white, immigrants and lifelong Iowans — CCI has been tackling tough issues and getting things done for more than 30 years.
Something To Think About

What’s Up With Cable?

As you all are aware on June 12, 2009 all television programs are now digital broadcasts. What does this mean? Well...you will need a DTV converter box. The 2009 Year television. You will need to buy a digital ready TV. Or...you will need to subscribe to cable. Which of these is the easiest way to go? For me, being that the 3 or 4 basic channels have some of the weakest programs, cable is the way that I have chosen to go.

I personally only have basic cable. The other 999 channels I rarely watch so why pay for them? Yet I noticed that a month or so ago the basic cable tv guide, I think it was on channel 62, just went away with a message stating that you can get their listing by going to the internet or by purchasing a TV guide OR by subscribing to digital cable. Go figure. Okay. So I choose to use the internet to get the listings. Is this inconvenient? You betcha!

Besides that, the programming on basic cable, seems to have gotten worse, even though I watch a lot of TV.Land reruns, Law and Order, sports and very few of the news programs. Well, much to my surprise channel 51 and 52 no longer exist. TVLand is now on channel 61, animal planet is now on 62. And to make matters worse Law and Order doesn’t come on all day long like it use to... So... Am I happy about these changes? No. I think the cable company is making these changes to require people to subscribe to digital cable. Which is good for them, but bad for the consumer. You see, too often I feel that I am paying good money for cable so that I can have more choices and the changes that are available to me, for my hard earned money, has gotten worse instead of better and consists mostly...yep...re-runs!

What’s up with that? When the Cosby show came on new, in the 1980’s it was on NBC, and was free to viewers. Now that it is a rerun...we pay to see it...over and over and over again, when we have already seen it new and for free, 20 years ago! Does this make sense to you?

Well, my point about this is what is the real motivation behind the digital conversion. Technology, I think, was to require people to subscribe to cable and when that didn’t happen, they are trying to force us to subscribe because of the programming.

So my thinking is that I subscribe to the internet using NETZERO for around $10.00 a month. I can get the news and so on. I can then subscribe to Netflix for about $8.99 and get unlimited movies for the month. $20.00 these services versus $100.00 for cable, when I only watch about 3 channels anyway. You tell me, which service(s) will give you the better bang for your buck? Internet or Cable?

You be the judge.

American Cancer Society Great American Eat Right Challenge Fights America’s #1 Health Problem—Obesity

It is estimated that about one-third of cancer deaths could be prevented through eating well, being active and maintaining a healthy weight. Obesity has reached epidemic proportions in our country and is the nation’s fastest growing health problem. The latest statistics show that more than two-thirds of Americans are now overweight or obese, and the percentage is still rising. The price tag on obesity is believed to be as high as $147 billion annually.

“Everyone needs to know they have a tremendous amount of control over their chances of getting cancer,” said Chuck Reed, American Cancer Society Public Relations Manager. “Diet, exercise, and avoiding tobacco can reduce your chances of getting cancer by over 50%.”

Currently, the 2009 Iowa State Fair is taking place in Des Moines, and summer cookouts abound. The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion for so He giveth His beloved sleep

Andrew Young Endorses Reed For Atlanta Mayor

ATLANTA(AP)- Andrew Young has endorsed Democratic state Sen. Kasim Reed to fill his one of his old jobs. Radio ads featuring the former U.N. ambassador and civil rights leader began airing Tuesday afternoon.

In the ad, Young said the Atlanta Democrat impressed him immediately when the two met 20 years ago as members of the Howard University board of trustees.

Young also donated $1,000 to Reed’s campaign. Current Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin, whose two mayoral campaigns were run by Reed, has not yet endorsed a candidate. Former mayor Sam Massell also hasn’t thrown his backing behind anyone.

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Psalms 127...For so He giveth His beloved sleep
“Seven Seals” For Your Spiritual Diet

By Carolyn Clinton King C., Th.D

Welcome back dear heart; it’s another day’s journey, aren’t you glad? In our brief journey we now find ourselves at the edge of the opening of the sixth seal. John was shown the following:

Rev 6:12-14. “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood; and the stars of heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places…”

When the Sixth Seal is broken great ‘physical changes’ will occur on the earth. Joel 2:30, 31; Matt. 24:23. “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall the angels of God take away from the earth the bodies of the dead, that are in the graves. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised also? And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.”

As we study the Seals, we briefly see the commencement of the Tribulation, and those events which will occur over a more extended period, up until the return of Our Lord, as described in Rev. 19:16. “And I hear a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God will be their God, and he will be their God for ever and ever.’”

Do the seals represent conditions which will be present in the Great Tribulation? Or do the seals represent conditions which will be present in the year of our Lord’s return, or in the millennium, or in the eternal state? There are many different opinions, but it seems best to say that the seals, trumpets, and bowls do not follow the seals and the bowls do not follow the trumpets. The first six seals are “a summary of the judgments distributed over the whole book; a brief summary of what will occur in ‘the day of the Lord,’ up the time of His actual Apocalypse or Unveiling in chapter 19.”

“The difference is inside us.” – Matthew Henry

“Growing Together In The Things Of God” – Michelle Harris

Email comments to carolynking7@yahoo.com.

Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, we were here. Before the pen of Jefferson etched across the pages of history the majestic words of the Declaration of Independence, we were here. If the inexpressible cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Before everyone who has done God's work and who has been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The believer can stand in the face of this great wrath of God because Jesus already bore the wrath the believer deserved. Well, that’s all for this time, keep the faith and let us look to the hills from which cometh our help, our help cometh from the Lord who made Heaven and Earth.

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The Joshua Christian Academy uniforms have arrived, and students are stopping in to be sized and receive their uniforms. A few of the students were available for a photo at the Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church recently. Clockwise are pictured Sandra Perez, 1st grade; Tahzhae Burton, 3rd grade; Abby Hurley, Kindergarten; and Rev. Keith Ratliff, Executive Director. The school will open for grades K-3 on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 8 a.m. For more information, call 515-GOT-JOSH (515-468-5674).

South Africa Rallies Behind Runner In Gender Storm

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - South Africans planned to rally in support of track champion Caster Semenya - celebrating her win in the 800 meters at the world championship, and denouncing questions about whether she should be allowed to compete as a woman as racist and sexist.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has initiated gender tests on Semenya, expected to take weeks to complete. While that cloud hovers, Athletics South Africa, track’s national governing body, on Friday invited reporters to welcome the nation’s athletes home from Tuesday’s championships in Berlin.

The youth wing of the governing African National Congress said its president Julius Malema would lead a welcome rally for “South Africa’s golden girl,” saying Friday that Semenya “should be celebrated by all South Africans, despite attempts by the IAAF to humiliate her.”

The ANC women’s league said its leaders would be at airport, too, and that other members, would hold protests across South Africa on Tuesday. The women’s league said questions about Semenya’s gender “suggest that women can only perform to a certain level and that those who exceed this level should be men.”

Butana Komphela, chairman of a parliamentary sports committee, cited both sexism and racism in a statement Friday. The South African Press Association quoted him as saying Friday that his committee would soon lodge a complaint with the U.N. Commissioner of Human Rights asking for an investigation into the IAAF’s “gross and severe undermining” of Semenya’s rights and privacy.

“Just because she is black and she surpassed her European competitors, there is all this uproar,” Komphela was quoted as saying.

Race is never far from sport in South Africa, where apartheid leaders lavished money and attention on sports embraced by the white minority such as rugby and cricket while black players and fans languished in dilapidated stadiums. Soccer is seen as the sport of blacks, and excitement over South Africa becoming the first African nation to host a soccer World Cup have been tempered by charges from some blacks that white South Africans didn’t support the bid and won’t go to the games.

Family Values Forum & Old Fashioned Hog Roast

September 12, 2009
IA State Fair Grounds Ag Building
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

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- Christian Fong*  - Sen. Paul McKinley
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- Rep. Rod Roberts*
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August 26, 2009
Drake Helps Prepare High Schoolers For College, Pharmacy Careers

Before the school year even started, a group of Des Moines high schoolers visited Drake to explore a possible future at the University and a career in pharmacy through Drake’s ‘Discover Drake, Explore Pharmacy’ program. Ten high schoolers, including minorities, from Des Moines’ GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program) came to Drake on Aug. 11 to tour the University and learn about the pharmacy field. (link: http://www.icansucceed.org/DMGEARUP/default.aspx)

“The kickoff for the ‘Discover Drake, Explore Pharmacy’ was a great opportunity for students to experience pharmacy firsthand and hear about career opportunities within the profession,” said Renae Chesnut, associate professor of pharmacy practice. “We are excited to increase diversity within the profession and be able to make pharmacy a possibility for students who may not have thought about it as a viable career option.”

The students took part in hands-on lab experiences and learned asthma inhaler techniques, including ways to advise patients on how to use different kinds of inhalers. Two students showed the group how to use one of the inhalers much like they’d explain the process to a patient. One explained, “sometimes you need to pump the inhaler a few times — just like when you use a pen and it doesn’t always work the first time.”

“Thanks to technology, we’re able to spend more time with patients and we have more time to make sure they know how to use their medications,” said Janalyn Phillips, adjunct instructor of pharmacy practice and pharmacist at Walgreens, who led the students in the lab experience.

Students also participated in activities that introduced them to undergraduate college studies, the world of pharmacy and pharmacy education. They also interacted with Drake pharmacy students who serve as mentors for the high schoolers, who will return to campus later this fall.

“It was exciting to see high school students’ enthusiasm as they participated in the sessions throughout the day,” said Chesnut, who also also serves as associate dean for academic and student affairs in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. “The day was designed to give them a better understanding of the role of pharmacists through hands-on experiences. One student even said, ‘I felt like a pharmacist today!’”

As participants in the Drake program, students will visit campus one day each summer as well as one evening each semester. On occasion, the students’ parents or guardians will be invited to campus to learn about financial aid and parenting college-bound students, among other topics.

The program is made possible by a grant from Walgreen’s with the purpose of developing, implementing and supporting programs that will have a positive impact and gain more diversity within Drake’s pharmacy student body.
Ruby Mae Jewett Makes Her Homegoing

Ruby Mae Jewett was born January 17, 1922 in Sedan, Kansas to Amanda Funkhauser and Thomas Nelson Kidd. Ruby was educated in the Sedan Public School System. She attended college in Los Angeles, California. After college she moved to Des Moines, Iowa. Ruby later was employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield where she worked as a claims processor for twenty nine years.

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She leaves to cherish her memories her sister, Barbara Clark of Topeka, Kansas; step-children: daughter, Linda Kay Jewett; son, John Jewett, Jr. both of Des Moines, Iowa; fifteen grandchildren; thirty one great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; a host of nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends.

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Ruby Mae Jewett was born January 17, 1922 in Sedan, Kansas to Amanda Funkhauser and Thomas Nelson Kidd. Ruby was educated in the Sedan Public School System. She attended college in Los Angeles, California. After college she moved to Des Moines, Iowa. Ruby later was employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield where she worked as a claims processor for twenty nine years.

She joined Bethlehem Baptist Church as a teenager in Sedan, Kansas and was baptized in the North Caney Creek. As a youth she worked as a secretary for the Baptist Youth Training Union. After arriving in Des Moines, Iowa, Ruby joined Union Missionary Baptist Church. She held the office of secretary for a period of time, was a choir member, and also on the Usher Board. She enjoyed life by attending Church functions.

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Make A Decision To Live Healthier Today

By Edward E. Boyert Jr.

Millions of people each week tune into popular shows like “The Biggest Loser,” which features ghastly overweight people competing to lose weight for money on television. Personal trainers push the contestants to their limits.

You and I don’t have that luxury. Most of us don’t have cooks in our kitchens everyday. We don’t have personal trainers coaxing us from the couch after a long stressful day at work or school. Even so, we know we need to be more active and eat well, but we don’t. Why not? Sometimes it’s because we don’t know enough about good nutrition and exercise. Sometimes shows like the Biggest Loser, where most of the participants inevitably gain all the weight back, reinforce to us just how hard it is to live a healthy life. So we do nothing. But, creating a new diet and exercise program requires action on our part. Unlike the Biggest Loser or other weight-loss reality shows, where there are teams of cooks and trainers, your success at improving your diet and increasing your fitness level depends solely upon you. Starting today, you can make better choices about your nutrition and fitness level. You have the knowledge to make a difference in your life right now.

Eating. Exercise. More. Count calories. Use low fat ingredients. You can take a swim or go for a long walk. Today, you can choose to do the things that lead you to a healthier life.


Cornerstone Family Church

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Des Moines, IA 50321
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Business Office
Monday – Friday: 8:30-4:40
Church Office 515-243-2852 ext 75

Our Purpose
Helping ALL people find and live their lives for Christ, bridging ethnic, cultural and denominational lines.

Sundays
Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Elevate 9:30 a.m.
Read Life – Ministry for Singles 18-29
Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Transportation to Sunday worship services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
SpiralLife: 7:00 p.m.
One Youth 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays
Worship at 6:00 p.m.
Merge – Ministry for Singles over 30
2nd Saturday of each month 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Radio Ministry
Fri: 11:30 a.m. & Sun: 7:30 a.m. on Praise 940 AM
Website: www.cornerstonefamilychurch.org

Miracle Life Family Church

“Church not as usual”.....

Meeting currently at:
John R Grubb YMCA
1611 11th St., Des Moines
Thursday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:15am
515-460-1235

Miracle Life Family Church Welcomes You!

To get your church in our directory call Jon at 515-770-1218!

Iowa Bystander Church Directory

...how are they to hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

Burla United Methodist Church
Address: 811 Crocker Street • DSM, IA 50309
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Willy L. Mafuta
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1338-9th Street • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: Church 515-244-5883
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Young
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Free Medical Clinic: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1552 E. Maple Street • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-280-9163
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Young
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Philadephia SDA Church
Address: 1639 Garfield Avenue • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-7467
Pastor: Rev. Marlin T. Perkins, Sr.
Sabbath (Saturday) Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath (Saturday) Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting Service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Radio Ministry: 9:00 a.m., Praise 940 AM

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Address: E. Univ. & McCormick • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 262-1785
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Henry I. Thomas
Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:40 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

African Americans in Iowa are the most obese Iowans. We have to do something about this. Coming in September is a church based health and fitness initiative that will produce results for those serious about losing weight. Interested? Already a dozen churches are on board. Is your church? For information call Jonathan Narcisse at 515-770-1218.

To get your church in our directory call Jon at 515-770-1218!
From Senator Matt McCoy

Getting ready for ‘Back to School’

As summer comes to an end, teachers and students are preparing to head back to school. I have fond memories of back to school time at my home growing up. I remember my parents telling all of us kids that we had a fresh start, and we could make whatever we wanted of the year to come.

We’d make a big run to Target after church on the Sunday before school. I remember convincing my parents that I really needed the purple Trapper Keeper with the built-in calculator.

Now I’m a dad helping my own 10-year-old get ready for back to school. I find myself giving him the same advice my parents gave me. We’ll also make a run to Target for school supplies, issues that have made it a top priority in my work at the Statehouse.

Democrats and Republicans have worked together to improve student achievement by keeping the best teachers in Iowa classrooms, increasing accountability, and making preschool available to more Iowa families.

I’ll get a firsthand look at the progress we’re making when I visit local classrooms this school year as part of America’s Legislators Back to School Program.

The Back to School Program is designed to get legislators into local classrooms to help students learn what it’s like to be a state legislator. It also gives me a chance to meet with local constituents, answer questions and listen to concerns and suggestions.

Every year, more than 1,300 state lawmakers visit an estimated 320,000 students in their classrooms through the Back to School Program. Sponsored by the nonpartisan National Conference of State Legislatures, the program offers a contemporary approach to engaging young people in our democracy.

I’m starting to set up my classroom visits for the upcoming school year. If you’d like me to come to your school, call me at 515-274-0561 or e-mail me at mdmccoy@me.com.

Additional information

% Senator Matt McCoy, representing western and southern portions of Des Moines for newsletters, photos and further information, go to www.iowasanatemocrats.org/mccoy.

To contact Senator McCoy when the Legislative is not in session, e-mail him at MMcCoy@downtowndemocrats.com or call him at home at 515-274-0561.

Senator Matt McCoy is chair of the Transportation & Infrastructure Budget Subcommittee and vice-chair of the Ways & Means and Appropriations committees. He also serves on the Commerce, Local Government, and Transportation committees.

WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation (WNDC) invites applications for the position of Executive Director. The WNDC is a new organization and the person selected to fill this position will be the first Executive Director. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the Corporation including program administration, fundraising, outreach, finance and property management. Major program responsibilities will include housing and community development, small business assistance and development, expansion of social programs to support children, youth and families and implementation of a recently completed neighborhood master plan. The successful candidate will possess excellent communication, fiscal management, fundraising and people skills. Three to five years of community and neighborhood development experience is preferred. The successful candidate will possess a degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in business administration, public administration, nonprofit management or related field or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the essential knowledge, skills and abilities. The annual salary is $50,000. Please submit a resume to:

David Harris, Housing and Community Development Director
Historic Federal Building
350 West 6th Street, Suite 312
Des Moines, Iowa 52501


The Housing and Community Development Director may be contacted at 563-589-4239 (phone), 563-690-6692 (fax) or dbhattan@cityofdubuque.org. Women, minorities and qualified persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
Roswell: Truth Or Fiction?

We have been told that an alien spacecraft crash-landed in Roswell, New Mexico in the mid nineteen forties, supposedly, bodies were found, and maybe one that was still alive. When I first heard of this, I was very puzzled, I had always been deep into the nature of the universe, all the galaxies and solar systems, to be able to travel from one galaxy to another. As I investigated the possibility of space travel, I kept reading about something called light speed and light years. What I found was the speed of light equals 186,200 miles per second, and that everything that reaches this speed turns to energy, or bursts into flame. We may not be able to reach some of the planets in our own solar system due to the vast distances between our nine planets. We have not been able to even approach light speed, let alone achieve multiples of it. Ok, lets take a look at the nearest system to our own Milky Way, the system is known as Alpha Centauri, also known as Rigil Kentaurus, rigil Kent, or tolitan. Alpha Centauri is the brightest in the southern constellation of centaurus and an established binary star system. Alpha Centauri is the closest star system to our own solar system, being only 1.34 parsecs, or 4.37 light years away from our own sun. Now, this is the closest place that there could be life as we know it, by that phrase I mean, a being that could construct a space craft would necessarily need to have, a head with eyes, arms, hands, fingers, legs, feet and toes. I don’t care if they eat or not.

Now we have already said that this system is 4.37 light years away from us, one year at the speed of light equals, in miles, 5,878,499,812,499, almost six trillion miles, take that times 4.37, what we find is that this place is a long ways away, further than we could reach in a real fast space craft. I don’t know why anyone would want us to believe that men from outer space came here in the nineteen forties and crashed. I do remember hearing of a radio program that was done by Orson Wells in 1938. This was a radio drama produced by the mercury theatre on the air, broadcast on CBS live on OCT. 30, 1938 at 8-9pm EST. Mono sound, 60min. It was produced and directed by Orson Wells, based on the 1898 novel by H.G. Wells, radio script written by Orson Wells and Howard Koch, music by Bernard Hanson orchestra.

When this program aired, it was so realistic that some people actually committed suicide, now this was just a radio program, what if some group put on a television show that was realistic to the extent that they were showing the little grays that we always see in the movies, it would be very convincing, if a radio program made people go bonkers, what do you think that would do. I think this would be a very effective way to take over and control the people of the United States and the world. Now, I would like to pose a question, do you people really think that a group of beings could figure out how to cover all those miles and then crash the ship, please give me a break, if you believe that I’ve got a gold mine that I’ll sell you real cheap, we can sign the papers right away.

R.L. Parkey, Sr
State Of The State

The State of Iowa is at a crossroads. We have higher unemployment than we are used to. We are facing a record budget deficit, and we really are not used to that. We see drug criminality increasing. Iowa is on the verge of reclaiming the title of the Meth Capitol of North America. We have become a magnet for illegal immigrants while our educated natives leave the state for better, higher paying jobs. Our seniors are leaving with their wealth. Our population is declining to the point that we are slated to lose a Congressional seat, and we are seeing our once-legendary education system coming apart at the seams as our graduation rates decline dramatically. Our economic development is hamstrung by an archaic and dysfunctional corporate tax regime.

Meanwhile, our elected leaders continue to prioritize issues like dove hunting and relinquishing our electoral college sovereignty while avoiding responsible action on the pressing issues facing our state. In short, as long as lobbyists and vested interests continue to fill political coffers, the people be damned.

There is much to be done. If we are going to rid ourselves of bloated, ineffective government more committed to the whims of corrupt union bosses and greedy corporate interests than the taxpayer’s agenda, we will need to take a hard look inside and at ourselves. Are we willing to put aside our pet projects and personal priorities to secure accountable, responsible governance? Do we have the courage to make the right decisions?

Each of these problems can be fixed if we are willing to take on the ‘old school’ system. We begin by streamlining state and local government making it smaller, more efficient and more accountable. The centerpiece of any reform movement must be re-establishing Iowa’s proud position as the nation’s leader in public education. We need to restore excellence in education by allowing the dollars to follow our students. We need to have a system that allows educational entrepreneurship. We need a system that reduces waste, eliminates redundancy and guts the unnecessary education bureaucracy. The money we save will allow local districts to ensure higher pay for teachers and a higher quality educational experience for our children.

Other reforms include reducing our corporate and property tax rates so that we can keep businesses in, and attract businesses to, Iowa.

Iowa must also lay to rest our failed economic development triumvirate of “casinos, prisons and government spending.” These strategies have not only failed our state but have damaged our state, as well. Instead we need an economic growth strategy based in community capitalism, urban and rural economic development through private investment and strategic uses of tax credits, and the restoration of good, high paying private sector jobs.

Iowa can be a leader in a health movement. While the nation is locked in a debate over managing and paying for illness maintenance, Iowa can truly demonstrate to the nation what a healthy state looks like. Leadership in Iowa must also be willing to tackle the tough issues such as our re-emerging meth crisis and illegal immigration.

Finally, a legacy of leadership must be the goal of the next administration. Iowa no longer needs a chief executive that defines his effectiveness by the size of the appropriations he secures. Rather, Iowa needs a leader that will facilitate the growth of Iowa, not the growth of Iowa’s government.

We can do it, and we can do it without special interests trumping the will of the people. It’s our government, after all.

Source: David A. Vaudt, Auditor of State, August 2009:
Iowa’s growth in government contrasted against Iowa’s stagnant population growth