

EXHIBIT 3

Sidney Argus-Herald

Shenandoah to host talent show July 4

Always striving to improve, members of Shenandoah’s 4th of July committee have decided to host an Iowa State Fair Bill Riley Talent Search as part of the Independence Day celebration.

Chair for the event, and 4th of July committee member, Tess Gruber Nelson, explained the event will be held in the evening at Sportsman’s Park, prior to the annual flag retirement ceremony and fireworks display. “Depending on how many contestants we have, we’re thinking of starting it at 6 p.m.,” said Gruber Nelson. “However, we may have to move it up to 5 if we have an overabundance of contestants.”

The Bill Riley Talent Search is a statewide program open to anyone residing in Iowa explained Gruber Nelson. There are three basic areas of talent, dance, vocal and instrumental. Winners in the two divisions move on to compete at the Iowa State Fair.

“The competition is between those in the sprout and senior categories, with the first place acts moving on to compete at the state level,” she said. “Only one act may advance in each category.”

Sprouts pertain to children two years through 12 years, while the senior division is for those 13 to 21 years of age.

Prizes will be awarded and Rick Keeton, owner/operator of Traveling Light and Sound, will provide lights and sound. Kristen Gray will serve as emcee.

“There will be three judges - one experienced in dance, one in instrumental and one in vocal. However, I haven’t gotten that far yet,” said Gruber Nelson. “Regardless, it’s important to me the judges have no ties to

Honor Society hosts Bloodmobile Feb. 24

The Sidney High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile Friday, February 24, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Sidney High School gymnasium.

For further information or to make an appointment contact Sidney Community School Guidance Counselor Rita Laughlin at 712-374-2141.

any of the contestants in order to make this competition as fair as possible.

Categories of vocals include classical, country or contemporary. Categories in dance include tap, ballet, pointe, acrobatic or baton. Acts for instrumental include classical or contemporary.

Per the rules, there are to be no more than 15 acts per division and no more than five people per act. Additionally, acts need to be kept to three minutes, with an additional setup time of only one minute.

On top of that, contestants may only appear once and can’t be “professionals,” explained Gruber Nelson.

Lastly, the rules state there can be no prerecorded tapes or backing vocals allowed because this is an actual talent contest and not a karaoke contest.

More specific information about the contest will be released in late May or early June. However, Gruber Nelson said getting the word out that there will be a competition, as well as the basic rules, will allow those interested in participating plenty of time to start gathering ideas and begin practicing.

P/T conferences are February 27

Parent/Teacher conferences for this semester at Sidney Community Schools will be held Monday, February 27, from eight that morning until eight that evening.

Elementary teachers will conduct conferences in their rooms. Sidney Junior/Senior High Teachers will hold conferences in the Cowboy Café at the Sidney Elementary School

No School on Tuesday

Due to the conferences there will be no school on Tuesday, February 28.

E911 Board sets budget hearing

The Joint E911 Service Board for Fremont County will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fremont County Roads Department Building.

A summary of past budgets and the proposed budget is published in this issue of the Argus-Herald.

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Legion Club benefit will be February 18

A benefit soup and sandwich supper will be held at the Sidney Legion Club Saturday, February 18, beginning at 6 p.m. The meal will be prepared by Emmy Bengtson and Mary Anne Waltz.

A free will donation will be taken to help fund the new flooring at the club.

Entertainment by Charlie Powers will follow the supper.

Vote unanimous on revenue aims

Voters in the Sidney Community School District voted 91-0 in favor of the proposed revenue purpose statement at the election held February 7 in the district.

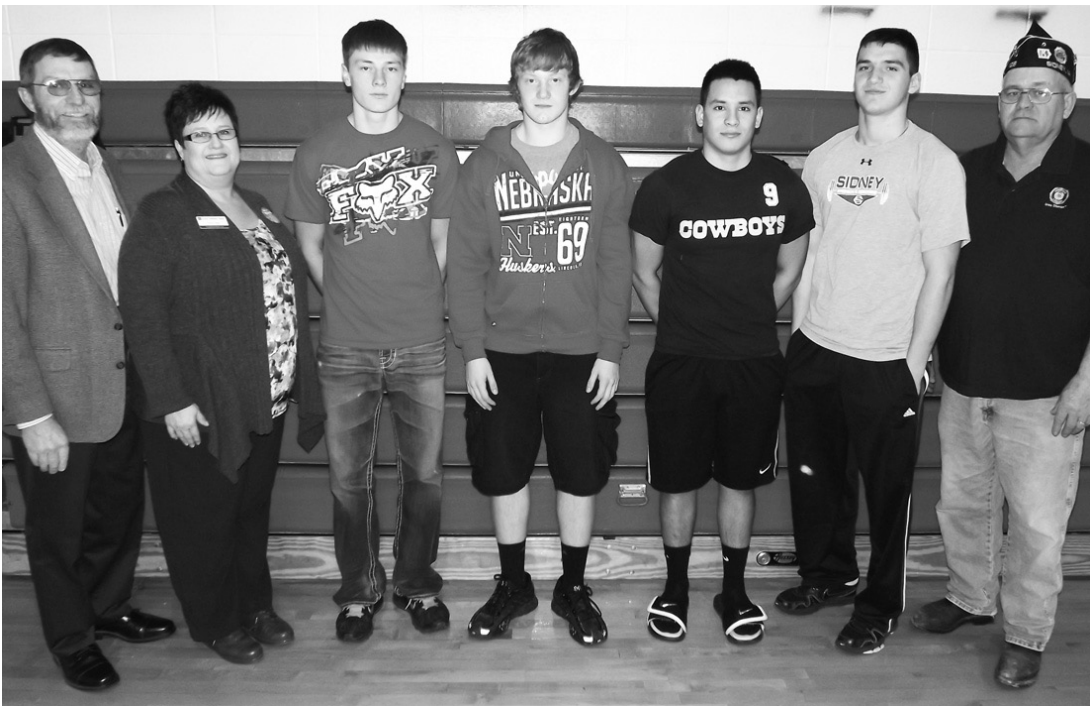
The revenue purpose statement gives the school district a wider range of allowed uses for the funds generated by the penny option sales and service tax levy.

Similar measures were passed in both the Glenwood and Lenox school districts, also with overwhelming approval.

The bond issue to build a new school in the Riverside School District in Oakland, failed to receive the 60% approval for passage. Only 54% of the voters approved the bond measure.

Sidney Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank said the statement’s renewal until 2029, when the statewide penny tax law sunsets, gives the district flexibility on projects, such as proposed renovations to Sidney’s elementary building. While he expects some sort of action in the near future, Cruickshank also believes the Sidney School Board will deal with projects on a case-by-case basis, rather than making sweeping changes to the building.

Our deadline is Monday at 2 p.m.



Four will attend American Legion Boys State

Four Sidney High School juniors have been chosen to attend American Legion Boys State to be held this June at Camp Dodge near Des Moines.

Two are sponsored by the Sidney American Legion Post and two are sponsored by the local banks.

Pictured above from left to right are: Paul Bachman of Arbor Bank in Sidney, Cindy Gregg of Great Western Bank in Sidney, Cody Timmerman, Ben Klinkebiel, Antonio Rodriguez, Noah McKeever and Randy Monroe, Post Chaplain and Seventh District Youth and Children Chair-man.

Some will be closed on Presidents’ Day

The annual Presidents’ Day holiday will occur on Monday, February 20, with the U. S. Post Offices closed and there will be no rural mail delivery that day.

Others not open on this holiday are the offices in the Fremont County Courthouse and at Sidney City Hall.

Fremont County Landfill and the Fremont County Engineer’s Office and shop will remain open their usual hours.

Sidney Public Library, Fremont County Extension Office, banks in Sidney and retail stores, will also be open for business as usual on Presidents’ Day, February 20

Medical Clinic, PC will be open February 20 in Sidney, Tabor and Hamburg. Fremont County Medical Center in Sidney is normally closed on Mondays.

Extension to hold budget hearing

The Fremont County Extension District will hold its public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013 on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Sidney.

A summary and estimate of the proposed budget can be found in the legal notice elsewhere in this issue of the Argus-Herald.

Many attend meet on Missouri River

Responsible River Management Board members; Charlie Zanker, Leo Ettleman, Leroy Bowman and Robert Woltemath and their spouses, along with other R2M members, attended the annual meeting of Missouri River Levee and Drainage District Association in Columbia, MO, recently.

Over 250 were present for the keynote address delivered by Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army – Civil Works.

Speech students receive 1 ratings

On February 4, nine students from Sidney High School competed at Ankeny High School for Large Group State Speech.

Noah McKeever, Dominick Spencer and Cristian Valquier earned three 1 ratings for an overall 1 rating for their Group Improvisation, “Making a Pizza for the First Time.”

Billy Dyke, Haven Hackworth, Molly Longman, Noah McKeever, Jeannie Schleip, Nick Shipley and Bailey Shirley earned two 1 ratings and a two rating for an overall 1 rating for their Choral Reading, “Tastebuds”.

Levee repairs in county are ahead of schedule

Fremont County is closing in on an important milestone in its recovery from the flooding of 2011.

US Army Corps of Engineers briefed local and state officials on the progress of levee repairs along the Missouri River basin at a meeting in Des Moines February 8. Fremont County Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Crecelius said considerable progress has been made on levees near Percival and in Atchison County southwest of Hamburg. He added that both projects are nearing completion.

And, after delays due to property ownership issues, Crecelius said repairs on a third levee south of Hamburg are 10-to-15 percent complete. He added that contractors were confident all repairs will be completed by the March 1 deadline, which coincides with the unofficial start of the spring runoff season along the river.

Second man caught following car chase

Both suspects in February 2’s high speed pursuit through Northwest Missouri and Southwest Iowa are now in custody.

The Page County Sheriff’s Office said 44-year-old Alan Craig Gardner of Clarinda was arrested Feb. 9 on charges of domestic abuse and second degree theft.

Gardner was also wanted in connection with a high speed chase February 2 beginning in Burlington Junction, MO, and ending north of Hamburg.

Gardner had been on the loose since he abandoned a stolen car with 37 year old Sean Christopher Schmidt of St. Joseph. Schmidt was arrested several hours following the crash after an extensive manhunt.

Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope said Gardner walked into Clarinda Regional Health Center, where he was held by Clarinda Police officers until Page County deputies arrived.

Gardner was then transferred to the Page/Fremont County line, was taken to the Fremont County Jail to await an appearance before the county magistrate.

Bond on Gardner was set at \$50,000. He is charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamines, possession of precursor anhydrous ammonia, unauthorized transport of anhydrous ammonia, possession of controlled substance-methamphetamine and second degree theft.

weather helped expedite the levee repairs. But, Crecelius said not even the last snowfall has deterred contractors.

Crecelius added that workers have been scraping snow off, piling it up on the side and carrying on with the work at hand.

Crecelius said the repairs’ timely completion is a big boost to residents whose properties were damaged by flooding. Dubbed “the super levee” by some local residents, he said the levee near Percival is about twice as wide at the top as the original structure.

He also said the National Weather Service’s recent projections of a drought along the river this summer make it less likely the area will experience a repeat of the severe flooding.

Hamburg girl wins DAR essay contest

Shenandoah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored four area high school seniors as their 2012 Good Citizens at a tea February 10, in Shenandoah.

Those honored were: Quentin Bangston of Essex Community School, Paige Jewell of Nishnabotna High School, Bailey DeBolt of Shenandoah Community School and Nickolaus Fichter of Sidney Community School. They were chosen by their classmates and faculty to receive this honor. They were honored guests at the tea along with their parents and other family members.

These students had met the criteria established by the DAR and had written an essay on “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It.”

Hamburg girl will advance

The entry of Paige Jewell representing Nishnabotna High School and daughter of Tom and Rachel Jewell of Hamburg, was selected by the judges to be forwarded to the Southwest Iowa District Contest. Should it receive a top rating there, she will receive a \$100 cash award and her entry will be sent on to the state level to compete for a scholarship.

For being the local Chapter winner Paige received a \$50 cash gift from the Shenandoah Chapter.

AIB rep will visit SHS on March 1

Shane Brass, an admissions counselor from AIB College of Business in Des Moines, will be available at 10:30 a.m. March 1 at Sidney High School.



Skype brings two schools together for important message

Connecting two classrooms 30 miles apart is what happened in Mrs Payne’s eighth grade Computer Skills class on January 26 at Glenwood. Mrs Payne’s sixth hour class Skyped (talked in real time via webcams on laptops) a presentation about internet safety and cyber bullying to a fourth grade classroom, Mrs Ewalt’s, at Sidney Elementary School.

The computer skills classes have been discussing internet safety and cyber bullying during class. Trooper Miller with the Iowa State Patrol also came in to talk with all of the classes about the dangers they can face online. Each class (13 sections) then faced the task of coming up with a way to present information on internet safety and cyber bullying to a class of fourth graders. The section of students that showed the most effort was chosen to Skype with the fourth graders.

On January 26 this became a reality with both classrooms connected. The eighth graders rehearsed their presentation then presented to the younger students in Sidney. Phoenix Capps, an eighth grader who participated in the presentation says, “It was neat to be able to Skype with another classroom. The fourth graders were a little quiet, but I really enjoyed doing this.”

All in all the presentation was a success and it was interesting to be able to use technology in a different way to connect with another classroom.

Mrs (Kim Henneman) Payne is married to Kiley Payne of Sidney and is the daughter of Dennis and Nancy Henneman from Sidney.

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Thurman & Bartlett News

Sharlyn Trudell, 712-628-2791

I have a correction to make on the Thurman Methodist Church Soup Supper on the 19th. I had it starting at 6 p.m. It actually starts at 5 p.m. I hope everyone in the community will take part in this event.

They will be serving potato and chili soup from 5 p.m. until the soup is gone. There will be many desserts available to finish off an evening of great food. So, Dads take your family out

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to eat and give Mom a break on preparing a meal at home.

We are being reminded today of the death of Whitney Huston. We all know she was a wonderful entertainer and had the voice of an angel. Another one taken away apparently by drugs. Such a terrible waste of life by drugs. I would pray that someday our people and children would realize the danger in being a user.

We always think it would not happen to us, but it does. Whitney had made a statement in an interview that she loved life and had much to live for; that she would not go back to using after her rehab.

A pill can be just like a loaded gun ready to take you out any time.

This drug business reminds me of the time the Russian President Khrushchev came to the U.S. for the first time. While in California, he made a statement they would get to the people of this country through our youth.

That statement made such an uproar throughout the U.S.

Being a kid at that time, I remember thinking he wouldn't get to me. I didn't understand his statement, but about two to three years after that, drugs started to get noticed, and kids were using them.

Now, I can't help but think this epidemic of using was what he was talking about. They've

gotten to adults and children.

We are so gung-ho on protecting our children from everything. I feel not enough has been done to get rid of the drugs which should have been done long before they decided to work on education and other methods.

When money comes into a situation like the drugs they don't seem to get rid of the problem. Too many big pockets at the top of the issue.

So, I guess we will continue to lose our loved ones no matter who they are or where they come from as long as they can get their hands on the poison. What a sick society we have.

We see such a huge push on eating right, exercising. I don't remember that big a push on drug use. And no thanks to the news people who have to draw attention and tell everyone what is new, and how it is made.

Naturally someone has to check out and try to use or make something that will harm them. Not to mention that computers have all types of information that should not be allowed.

Now, on another end of the drug use, a person I know was given an antibiotic for an infection. They had one treatment of this drug. Within a few hours they noticed a horrible high pitch in their ear. In contact the next day with medical people, they mentioned this noise. Well it seems it is one of the side effects of this drug. It will cause a person to go deaf. They still can't hear out of one ear.

What condition would they

have been in if they hadn't found out about this drug when they did? I suppose they would have been deaf for the rest of their lives, or maybe worse.

Why in the world would the FDA approve a drug that would do this to you? So, pay attention people: you could get a drug that will really do some bad things to you. I guess we should heed the warnings we hear about certain drugs, and we need to ask questions before we use any drug.

Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day. I heard more cards and flowers are sold on the 14th of February then any time of the year. I hope everyone had a nice Valentine Day.

There was a birthday party for little Alyssa Brockelsby at the Community Building Sunday. She turned one year old. My time does fly! Doesn't seem like she should be one already. Mom and Dad are Lacy and Jeremy, Grandma and Grandpa are Jeff and Nellie Linkenhoker. I'm Great Grandma.

These babies are so precious. I know all grandparents feel as we do.

I had a visit from Carolyn Travis yesterday. She told me her granddaughter will be going to China this summer with a church group in Glenwood and Omaha. They are trying to raise money for this trip.

Her granddaughter is offering to do home chores for her trip, if you would like to help this 16-year-old earn some money, give Carolyn Travis a call. She will help you set a time to get your work done.

The group will be over there about ten days teaching lessons on the Bible.

I heard the other day some of these countries are asking for education on religious training. This trip should be very educational for the kids going over.

Please pray for our military folks and their families. Our country needs so much prayer.

I had a conversation with a dear friend the other day, and we discussed the fact that people claim they don't believe but when they get on their death bed, they want to pray.

If you are a person who claims the church walls will cave in if you enter a church, give it a try. I'd like to see the wall that falls.

Don't wait to ask God to help you at the last minute. Give him some help before that and see how wonderful you can make your life. Our churches need you.

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Fremont County Board Proceedings

The Fremont County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Fremont County Courthouse Boardroom, with Hickey and Bartholomew present. A quorum was declared and the meeting officially called to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous Board session were read and approved. The agenda was approved as posted.

Let the records show Cara Morgan was not present for this meeting.

At 9:00 a.m. Dan Davis, Engineer, met with the board requesting approval of the following:

Motion was made by Bartholomew authorizing Chairman Hickey to sign Work in ROW Permit for Robert Roth to clean ditches and raise level B Road on 240th Ave. in Sec. 36-68-43. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.

Motion was made by Bartholomew authorizing Chairman Hickey to sign Work in ROW Permit for Robert Roth for ditch cleaning along 155th St. in Sec. 31-70-43. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.

Motion was made by Bartholomew authorizing Chairman Hickey to sign Work in ROW Permit for Lyle Hodde to clean out road ditch on parts of 310th St. & 265th Ave. in Sec. 29-67-42. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.

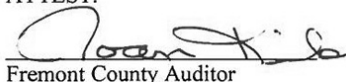
Motion was made by Bartholomew authorizing Chairman Hickey to sign Work in ROW Permit for Lyle Hodde to clean ditch to improve drainage on part of 310th St. in Sec 25-67-43. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.


Motion was made by Bartholomew authorizing Chairman Hickey to sign to sign Work in ROW Permit for MidAmerican Energy to Re-locate overhead primary wires & poles to north side level B Road on 305th St. ¼ mile from 300th Ave. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.

11:00 a.m. Teleconference call with Aaron Gillett Re: FEMA Status. Gillett was not available for the Teleconference.

At 10:30 a.m. there being no further business, Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. Bartholomew, aye; Hickey aye.

ATTEST:


Fremont County Auditor


Randy Hickey, Chairman

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