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On the cover: Jan and Allen Goche at the Meals From The Heartland packaging event.

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'The Immigrant Next Door' by James Kenyon

By JULIE LARSEN, Humboldt Public Library Director

Save the Date in your calendar! James Kenyon will return to the Humboldt Public Library on Monday, June 8, at 6: p.m. to discuss his latest book, "The Immigrant Next Door". This book is a collection of 31 first-person narratives that are written in a personal, quieter fashion that focuses on the history of the countries and lived experiences from WWII to the present day.

For those of you who attended James Kenyon's program, "Echoes in the Hallway", you experienced his captivating, wonderful details in retelling stories. A natural at speaking engagements, Kenyon captures his audience and takes you on an adventure, sharing how he came about researching and collecting the stories in his books.

James Kenyon was raised on a third-generation Kansas family grain and livestock

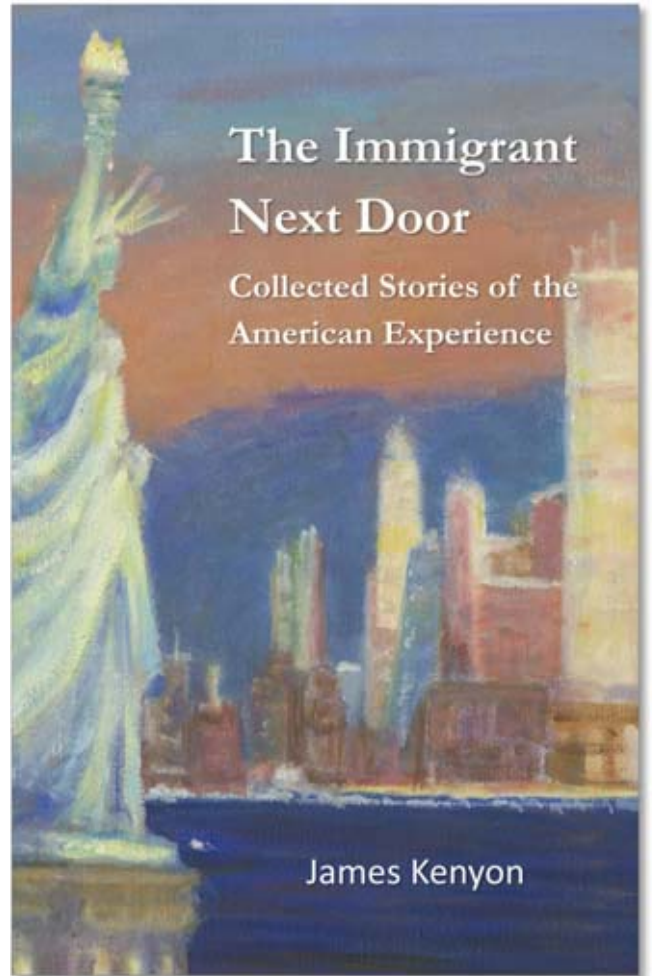
farm. He was an Iowa veterinarian for 35 years in a mixed animal practice. Through his mentoring, 18 student workers went on to become veterinarians. He is a seven-time veterinarian for the Alaska Iditarod Dog Sled Race, was named Iowa Veterinarian of the Year and was the state president of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, as well as the chairman of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

Today, James continues the family tradition of community involvement with 24 years of service on his local school board. This made him the fourth generation of his family to serve as a school board member. He credits the importance of teamwork and leadership learned in school as having guided him through his adult years.

I particularly enjoyed the history of the immigrants' home countries. The historical information is relevant for each individual and family's story and their reason for searching for a better opportunity. The stories do not lecture or persuade; instead, each invites the reader to listen.

James Kenyon assembles a compelling, diverse choir of immigrant voices that deliver a unified song of humanity in his collection of stories, "The Immigrant Next Door". Kenyon's historical exploration reveals the foundational connecting point for us all, reminding us through the bond of stories that we all have immigrant origins. These stories resonate with a compelling vibrancy that validates the strongest human ties that best happen at the individual level.

— John Busbee, "The Culture Buzz", winner of a 2014 Iowa History Award for a feature magazine story




I read this book through an Interlibrary Loan check-out. The library will have this book available after James Kenyon's author visit on June 8th. Call the library (515-332-1925) to put your name on the list.

The library does have four other titles in the collection written by Kenyon, each uniquely different.

Like Kenyon's previous books, "The Immigrant Next Door" allows readers to encounter experiences beyond their own. This book would make a great book club discussion, with each individual finding different stories that are of interest. Perhaps this book and James' visit will inspire you to do some family research

What's Happening May NOW!

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3	4	5	No School 6	7	8	9
<p>World Press Freedom Day</p>	<p>Adams Post 119 meeting At VFW in Dakota City at 7PM Humboldt City Council - 5:30PM</p>	<p>Happy Cinco de Mayo</p>			<p>HUMBOLDT FARMERS MARKET Downtown Humboldt 8AM-Noon May 9 & 23</p>	
10	11	12	Early Out 13	14	15	16
<p>Mother's Day</p>		<p>Crafts & Crafts Free event by HAAC Bring your own craft! At Night Owl 5-8PM Wildcat PTO Mease Library - 5:30PM</p>	<p>Dakota City City Council 7PM</p>			<p>ARMED FORCES DAY ★ ☆ ★</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>CONGRATULATIONS GRADS Graduation 2PM - HHS Gym</p>	<p>Humboldt School Board Meeting 5:30PM Admin office Humboldt City Council - 5:30PM</p>		<p>Conservation Board - 5:00PM</p>			<p>Humboldt Family Aquatic Center Opens</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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HUMBOLDT IN THE '50S AND '60S

BY TOM SWEARINGEN

PROMS

This April and May, high schools across the nation will continue the time-honored tradition of the Junior/Senior class prom.

Promenades were commonplace at universities throughout America in the 1800s. They were usually held towards the end of the school year at colleges, sort of a coming-out party for the graduates, mainly male, to show off their newfound manners and social standing in venues like school gyms, hotels and clubs.

Gradually, the promenade waned in the college scene, and it was adopted by high schools across the country.

In the 1920s the word "prom," shortened from the word promenade, came into vogue. It morphed into a year-end dance, which gained in popularity, and to this day has stayed popular as a final tribute to graduating seniors in small and large high schools across the nation.

In today's world, students most often dress in their finery, wearing boutonnieres and corsages; kings and queens of the proms crowned at many.

During much of the 50s and 60s proms were held in gyms and cafeterias but have today gradually moved off site to swanky hotels and restaurants (except in small rural towns like Humboldt). Often, there are post-parties and events to keep students out of trouble until morning brightens the sky.

It has always been a tradition at Humboldt High School for sophomores to help out by serving the juniors and seniors. The juniors worked on the theme and decorations. Freshmen and sophomores were banned from the Junior/Senior. prom unless they were dates of an upperclassman.

When it was our turn, as juniors in the Class of 1968, we formed a committee and, after brainstorming, settled on a tropical Hawaiian theme. We did our best to transform the cafeteria into our 50th state.

We ordered tropical flowers from a company in Hawaii that sent us a goodly amount of flowers and leis to help us promote the mood. Dry ice was used to "spike" the punch to create a mist. A bunch of us took my trusty red Ford pickup to Steve Crouse's house out near Berkheimer Bridge and built a working waterfall in the truck bed. Murals depicting tropical jungles and volcanoes adorned the walls of our cafeteria. There was even a small bridge to cross. All felt like they had, for one night at least, been transported to our 50th state.

Before the dance, there was a dinner for attendees in the high school gym. Afterwards we attended a movie at The Humota, sponsored by parents of the senior class - to keep us out of trouble and off the roads. The magical night was topped off at individual homes, breakfast being served to end the gala in the wee hours of the morning.

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Allen Goche (third from right) made the announcement when his wife, Jan (left-center), presented a plaque to Pastor Katie Russell of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Humboldt on Meals from the Heartland reaching the two million meals level.



GOCHES LEAD MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Community comes together for meal-packaging event

By PHIL MONSON

A total of 162,000 meals were packaged at the recent Meals from the Heartland event in late-March.

Money raised from Humboldt County actually paid for 147,273 of those meals. A total of 878 volunteers participated to make sure 623 children will be fed for an entire year.

Something that began as an idea back in 2011 has become a monumental event each year, thanks to a supportive community and a dedicated committee of volunteers led by Allen and Jan Goche.

The committee, labeled Team 4 Hungry, prepares several months in advance, leading up to the two-day packaging event at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Humboldt.

Students and staff from Humboldt Middle School and St. Mary's School in Humboldt team up on day one with the community joining the packaging effort the next day. This year they reached the two million meals mark.

"To hit two million meals is quite a milestone. I never envisioned it when we started with this," Allen Goche said.

"I'd like to give a shoutout to Team 4 Hungry for all they do. In the first year when I went about trying to put togeth-



Jan (left) and Allen Goche stand next to a pallet of packaged meal boxes at the Meals from the Heartland event held in March.

er a team I was hoping to land a member from each faith formation. We are always looking for people to come into our team. All faith groups are welcome to join us,” Allen said.

“Most of all I would like to give a shoutout to Team 4 Hungry members who have been with us for so long. They have been steadfast. They are the heart and soul of what makes this go,” Allen said.

Members include Brenda Geitzenauer, Cassie Smith, Cindy Edge, Denise Hartford, Gabby Ferguson, Jan Goche, Jim Lemmenes, Jim Gronbach, John Hartford, Margaret Tellier, Matt Powers, Mick Hatcher, Pastor Katie Russell, Rose Zeman and Georgie Filber of Des Moines.

“I want to thank all of the members’ families that donate their time and sacrifice to allow people to participate. We appreciate all of their connections that support this,” Allen said.

Georgie Filber of Des Moines, who oversees the program statewide, praised Humboldt’s efforts.

“Humboldt is the first community to hit 2 million meals with our event. We’ve had a couple of other entities hit that mark but they are not community events, they’re either a company or business. It is really wonderful to see so many groups come together here in Humboldt. This would be the first group outside of Des Moines to do it as well so that is significant to note,” Filber said.

“Allen and Jan Goche, their hearts are big. They do an incredible job and take so much ownership and leadership of the event. They are on top of things for next year already,” Filber said.

Allen Goche grew up on a farm outside of Bancroft, graduating from St. John High School in Bancroft in 1970. Jan, a native of St. Joe, graduated from Algona Garrigan High School in 1972.

Jan attended Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge to study in the licensed, practical nursing program. She initially got a job at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge and later worked 33 years at UnityPoint Clinic in Humboldt. Allen worked for his father, area farmers and Snap-On Tools in Algona before joining the Air Force.

“The Vietnam War was still going on and in 1972 Uncle Sam came calling. I went down to the National Guard Unit in Fort Dodge and signed up with the Air Force. Basic training was in San Antonio and tech school in Mississippi in radar maintenance,” Allen said. “We traveled through many states as well as many countries around the world. Eventually I got a position at the Fort Dodge 133rd Tactical Squadron.”

“We met on a blind date in January of 1971 and got married February 9, 1974,” Jan said.

Their daughter, Nicole, is married to Matt Bradley and they live in West Des Moines and have two boys. Their son, Mi-



A group of volunteers shown at the Meals from the Heartland meal packaging event on March 21 in Humboldt.

chael, lives in Ankeny with two teenage children.

“When Allen got close to retirement he wanted to pursue holding this event here, I was a big doubter. Allen went out and raised money by talking to businesses and spoke to different service organizations,” Jan said. “The Humboldt County Ministerial Association gave this a big lift to help it get momentum.”

“At that time Pastor Gene Broughton at Our Saviour’s, Pastor Jerry Raether of Zion Lutheran Church and the pastor at Faith United Methodist Church stepped in to get behind it and give us a boost,” Allen said.

“Our goal was to make 40,000 meals and we had eight, three-hour shifts. Now we have 14 shifts and 80 people per shift. But we had no idea of how this would turn out,” Jan said. “We were in awe when 250 people showed up to help out. We ended up packaging 52,530 meals that first year based on the money that was raised.”

“The ministers were surprised that first year but it gave them the belief that the whole county and community cares,” Allen said.

“Another note to that first year, a week before our event our trucking plan fell through. Pelham Waters in Fort Dodge loaned us a straight truck full of fuel. God was looking out for us,” Allen said.

“In 2012 Pastor Broughton knew the people at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge and they provided the semi to haul the packages and they’ve been doing it ever since,” Jan said.

“That year we ended up doing 12 stations and raised \$13,500 and packaged 67,570 meals. We had 400 volunteers. We got a little smarter and assigned people to different shifts,” Jan said. “In 2013 Brenda Geitzenauer, who was principal at the middle school at that time, selected 120 students from seventh and eighth grade to participate. After that she became a member of our committee and asked to involve the entire middle school. We also incorporated the fourth, fifth and sixth grade at St. Mary’s.”

Pastor Katie Russell of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church quickly learned what the event is all about when she first came to Humboldt.

"When I got to Humboldt one of the first things they told me about was this Meals from the Heartland event. At that time we were still in lockdown because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The preparation going into that second year and seeing it go into action was truly amazing," Russell said.

"Being able to witness, talk about and see how we come together as a county and not just a handful of people, but from all throughout the community and from all the churches, service groups and school students is impressive," Russell said.

"The way our school and community come together to feed the world and the community to do Jesus' work. To feed everyone we can find. The fact that meals come home to the F.U.E.L. program as well as our local food pantry. We aren't just thinking of those over there but the neighbor across the street as well as the neighbor across the world," Russell said.

"Here at Our Saviour's we are honored to have the event here and now we have the one millionth and two millionth meal plaques on display," Russell said. "We are now working toward that next million. It's a donation of talent, time and treasure. Everything that comes together."

"The community has sustained it so long for so many meals to reach the two million mark. In other communities it may have died out or taken a lot longer," Geitzenauer said. "We have such great community support with everything we do with it. It's such a positive experience. I'm really pleased with how our community comes together for this year after year."

"The community support is the reason it is so successful. People and businesses donate their time and money," John Hartford said. "Also the partnership with the schools has been important with the students taking part and their fundraising efforts."

"I love volunteering to help others while helping people in our community find a way they can help, too," Denise Hartford said. "The committee works together and each person has a job that fits what they do best."

"I love it. It never fails to touch my heart to see the students come pouring enthusiastically in from the schools to package. They've learned a lot about how we're feeding children in other parts of the world. At the end of the day I'm exhausted but this includes the greatest feeling ever in that together many ages of people have worked together to contribute more food for our world," Denise Hartford said.

"It is an amazing experience seeing the community come together for this, no matter what your age is and to see the local schools get involved," Gabby Ferguson said. "I've been involved with this my whole life. When I lived in Des Moines I recall my church group going to the former Wells Fargo



Volunteers gathered recently to package meals at the Meals from the Heartland event at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Humboldt.

Arena to package meals. We moved here in 2024 and I've been on the committee for a year here. It is something I wanted to get involved in."

"It is an awesome thing to see people come together to make this all work each year," Mick Hatcher said. "I've been on the committee since its inception. To see people get behind it each year is really a great thing about our community."

"This is my first year helping with the group. Last year I volunteered and got asked to join the group. It makes you feel good to get involved with this so you can give back to the community," Matt Powers said. "This is a way for me to use some of my skills to give back and help."

"I've only been in the community for four years. My wife, Carolyn, is a fifth grade reading teacher and she told me about this. Andrea Harms, my sister-in-law, brings her Muddy Boots 4-H Club in to help out. Friday is so awesome watching the kids work. They all have such a great attitude about it," Powers said.

"I'm excited to have the leadership of Jan and Allen Goche and all the other people who make Meals from the Heartland a success year after year. I appreciate Pastor Russell and the church for allowing us to package the meals in their building each year," Cindy Edge said.

"It is humbling to be a small part of something that brings people together for the good of community. It's good to see the goodwill come together whether it be donations from businesses and individuals to feed hungry people," Edge said.

"We moved to Humboldt the year it began and I got involved a year later. Allen and I drove the Midas bus the same time and so that is how I met him. I moved here from Minnesota, where I was a pastor. Now I'm retired but I remember when I was in Minnesota I took a group of youth to a meal-making event. It wasn't Meals from the Heartland but it was a similar event," Jim Lemmenes said.

"I told Allen a little bit about my experience and he asked me to join the committee. What amazes me the most is that

this started by Allen feeling a drive to try it. He felt a touch from God to serve in this way. They jumped in and the rest was history,” Lemmenes said.

“What an amazing opportunity to be involved in an event that helps so many people, both near and far,” Humboldt Middle School Principal Cassie Smith said. “I was on the committee many years ago then stepped away for a bit. When I became principal, I rejoined Team 4 Hungry. Brenda Geitzenauer had a great system set up when she was principal so it was easy to step in and continue the great work.”

“Our students do little things all year to help raise funds for the meal packaging event. Our goal is to get as close to \$5,000 as possible. This year we reached that goal. We have the students participate in \$1 hat days, \$1 kiss-a-pig photo ops, 3-point shooting contest as well as hosting the dance and fun night,” Smith said.

“I keep a thermometer poster in the cafeteria so students can see our goal, how much money we have raised and how much more is needed. We help students prepare for the event by watching clips of how the meals are used and the impact of what our small act of kindness has on others around the world,” Smith said.

“In a time where so many are focused on ‘what’s in it for me?’ it is great for the staff and students to be a part of some-

thing greater than ourselves. It truly is an honor to be a part of the committee and the work they do,” Smith said.

“I don’t think we can say enough about our community and our team members. Everybody steps right in to make everything work,” Jan said.



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The Good Cup

By Kylie Portz

One of the first pieces of advice young entrepreneurs are often given when starting their journey is, “never go into business with family”.

Some business professionals claim that going into business with family only leads to blurred boundaries, legal implications and undue stress in the end.

But that has not been the experience of the Arnold sisters, Lakyn Harvey, Jos Savage and Kyah McPherson, since they opened The Good Cup in the historic American Legion Building on Sumner Avenue last fall.

Growing up

The family moved to Humboldt in 2003 after living on Navy bases in places like Hawaii and Florida while their father, Shane Arnold, was serving as a Navy SEAL.

Harvey said, “Our parents (Shane and Heidi Arnold) are from southeastern Iowa. Then my dad joined the military and we just kind of moved around

a bunch. So that’s why they wanted to come back to Iowa, just because they loved it. It’s the good old small town vibes. I’m very thankful that they came back here because I can’t imagine raising kids anywhere else.”

Being a military family, the Arnolds move around a lot, going from base to base with their father.

Harvey said, “We were just kind of used to it (moving). When you have a parent in the military, we lived on Navy bases. I mean it was pretty normal to us. I remember when we moved here, we’d always lived on a military base and when we moved to this house, we were allowed to paint the walls because you’re not allowed to do that.”

She said, “But no, it was fun. We lived in Hawaii; it doesn’t get better than that.”

“When we lived in Hawaii and Florida, for vacation we would come back to Iowa, and everybody was like ‘that’s so you live (in Hawaii) why would you come (to Iowa).’ And we were like, ‘it’s the best’. We were so excited to come

back, all our family was here. We loved Iowa, so we were pumped.”

So when it came time to settle down and start families of their own, the majority of the Arnold siblings chose Iowa.

Harvey and her husband, Sam, have five children – the oldest is in seventh grade while the youngest is 2-years-old.

She said, “I was a registered nurse, but I left nursing to stay home with my kids and then I became a photographer so this (The Good Cup) was the next thing.”

Harvey owns the popular photography business, The Good Stuff.

She said, “I’ve had that for around four or five years but I’ve kind of stepped back from it a little bit this summer, just because we’re so busy with this (The Good Cup).”

Savage is the “second sister”, who lives in Fort Worth Texas with her husband, John, and their three kids.

Savage said, “Honestly, I never wanted to stay in Iowa, the one kid

who didn't want to stay in Iowa. I've always just had this spirit to be out in the world."

"I love small town Iowa, I love all the things they (her family) say about it. But for me, it just never felt like home to me," she said.

"So when I graduated, I was out. After I got my bachelor's, I went out to Colorado and then I met my husband and we moved to Texas. I will probably stay in Texas till either I don't know, they put me in the ground or Jesus himself would walk up into my room and tell me to leave."

The "third" sister McPhearson is the so-called "general manager" of the coffee shop, managing day-to-day operations while her sisters take care of the responsibilities a CEO or President of a company would have.

McPhearson and her husband, Cameron, just welcomed their first child

She said, "We live in Humboldt and just had our first, this is what I do, other than I coach volleyball on the side."

Like some of her siblings, McPhearson chose to attend Charis Bible School.

McPhearson said, "I was actually going to Iowa State to get my bachelor's in human services and social work and it was my third year and I stopped in the fall and I went out to Charis and did two years and graduated from there."

Starting a business

The adventure into the coffee business began with Harvey and Savage, who were looking for an opportunity to work together without having to uproot their lives as the latter lives in Texas and the former wanted to stay close to home in Iowa.

Savage explained, "The initial business plan was we were going to do online graphics and retail. So that really was the vision originally – Christian graphics, online retail and potentially (it would) branch into like an online boutique."

She said, "For us the vision was God calling us into business together, clearly neither of us are uprooting our lives so we could only envision something being online. And at the time, God really put it on our heart to do Christian graphics. And so we just only ever thought our presence would be online. And then both of us got pregnant at the same time, like within three weeks of each other."

Savage continued, "So without hav-



Kyah McPhearson (left) and Lakyn Harvey (right) prepare a drink at The Good Cup, located inside of the old American Legion Building on Sumner Avenue.

ing to say anything we both knew we needed to shelve it, but we did get the LLC going, all of the paperwork and all of the legal stuff was there and it was more on the brainstorming side of things and the experimental side of things. Right before we had the kids was when we started to feel like we were supposed to pick it back up, and we launched in graphics."

The first projects the pair worked on was to design the "Save The Dam" shirts, as well as shirts for McPhearson's college's mission trip.

Still, there was always another dream in the back of Savage's mind. She had always wanted to open her own café.

Harvey said, "We had the idea that we were going to do this graphic thing, but as a precursor Jos has been talking about opening a coffee shop since she was in high school. That has always been something that she wanted."

Savage shared, "I mean it's a story of how I feel like God just knows you better than you know yourself."

After McPhearson graduated from Charis Bible College, the sisters launched their business in 2024, purchasing a trailer and attending farmers' markets. Within four weeks, they were approached by Lori Curran who owns Happy Go Lucky – and the entire old American Legion building.

Harvey said, "Even though we were doing graphics, we all still said we want to own a coffee shop. We talked about (it), Jos and I would drive up and down main street (Sumner Avenue) and look at the buildings and say, 'this would be

a good coffee shop or this would be a good coffee shop."

She said, "But this building right here was the one where we said, 'This is the prettiest building. This is the building we would want to be in. We just love this building, just the charm of it, the history, everything.'"

So, when Curran reached out with the opportunity, the family decided to make the leap.

With the coffee shop in mind, the sisters wanted to view the space first to see if it would be a viable space for their business, and if it was something Curran would be open to having in her building.

Harvey said, "So, we said to her, 'well we really honestly want this space to open a coffee shop' and she was like, 'that's exactly what I thought should go in here.'"

"So, it was just so perfect. Like she had no reason to reach out to us, other than she felt like she was supposed to and it just worked out so perfectly."

And so, they signed on the dotted line and got to work. Taking the time to make the necessary renovations to the space and design their menu before the grand opening on Sept. 25, 2025.

The response from the community was instantaneous.

Harvey said, "Everybody loves a café on main street (Sumner Avenue). So that really encouraged us in where there was maybe a little bit of fear, like how do we get started? Will we be received well?"

"We've said that our entire goal was

that we just wanted to be a blessing to the community. So that's what pushed it over the edge. We were like 'okay that's what we're supposed to do, we don't care about all of the obstacles in the works, right? We're going to go forward with this.'

The announcement that the shop was coming came around Thanksgiving in 2024 and then came the renovations.

Hoag's Plumbing and Heating was contracted for the plumbing work, AK Electric out of Badger took care of the electrical work.

The rest of the renovations were completed by family friends. Harvey's husband, Sam, and his father built the bars while his cousin helped with some other remodel work.

Harvey said, "Other than the plumbing and electricity, I don't think we hired anything else out. But yeah, it felt like it took years to get open like even though in the grand scheme of things it didn't take that long."

"We were so excited to get started and the town was excited for us to get started." Harvey said.

Savage said, "I think too, something that isn't a huge cornerstone to many coffee shops is that we knew our goal was to roast our own beans. And so when that came in the picture, it wasn't just we've got to get a shop up with a machine or whatever it's a whole other side of education and product development and training and everything."

Harvey said, "We roast them (beans) in a separate location. And that's just a very fun part of the job, too, is just being able to experiment with all these different kinds of beans and where they come from and just how we like them best in a light or a medium or a dark (roast)."

Savage said, "The world of coffee is changing so much, because we all know that Starbucks basically exploded the industry, right? But there's this new generation that's grown up with Starbucks. So now they've got a love for coffee, but now people are going into the craft of coffee and that's a whole other world in and of itself."

Savage said, "I feel like that is something that maybe at the beginning we didn't have foreknowledge of, but as you know, you find out our process of developing this company and its business, you see it starts, and it ends with the voice of God. And what does God want from us? What does God want from our family? What does he want from our business?"



Kyah McPhearson (left) powers steamed milk into the Toast Marshmallow Chai Latte while Lakyn Harvey (right) stirs an iced coffee drink.

She said, "And there's so many things that you can do through the art of coffee and through the industry of coffee, just opening a coffee shop. We didn't really think about it, but roasting has brought so many of those aspects into it. So, it's really awesome to expand into that. And it wouldn't have been something had the Lord not spoken to us and said, 'Hey go learn how to roast your own coffee.' Which was super overwhelming for us

Savage said, "For us, we feel like we have done a lot of growing in our knowledge of the industry and yet there's still so much to be learned. I mean I'm overwhelmed thinking about going over the next two days."

Harvey added, "because I'm sure there are people in the industry who know leaps and bounds above what we do, we still have so much to learn, but we're willing to learn. We want to be the best we can."

Savage said, "While Humboldt is where this started, we don't have a small vision for The Good Cup. Like you might see The Good Cup right now in Humboldt but none of us started this vision thinking this is just going to be one small town coffee shop."

She said, "So you see us going to all of these things (conventions) and we are investing in being out here this weekend and that is because we're not trying to be a small business. We're trying to be a very large business. That's kind of why we push, you know, constantly go beyond our means and learn and grow, because that's ultimately our



Two of the three sisters responsible for The Good Cup, Lakyn Harvey (left) and Kyah McPhearson (right), pose with their finished drinks. Not pictured is their sister Jos Savage, who lives in Texas.

vision. It's much larger than just being in Humboldt.

Harvey said, "Ultimately, we never say no to God, because we don't know where this will go but we know that it's going to be bigger than one coffee shop. I'm not saying that it's going to be a year from now, but we just know God has huge things in store for us and for our business, and we're confident it that. That's our stake in the ground."

Driven by Faith

The Good Cup is not just a place for the family to sell their coffee; it is a place to share their faith in God.

Harvey said, "We grew up in a super Christian home, I mean, Jesus has been a pillar in the way our parents raised us. And then as we grew into adulthood, especially these guys being out at Charis, I mean, that was hugely impactful to all of them. I didn't go to Charis,

but I mean just growing up and going through things and just learning that ultimately you know, God is always on my side and he's always there."

Charis Bible College, where many of the Arnold siblings attended college, is a non-accredited Christian college in College Park. That was founded by American evangelist, preacher and faith healer Andrew Wommack, who is known for his TV program "The Gospel Truth".

Wommack and his teachings have been something the family has followed growing up as their father listened to his radio and TV program.

Harvey said, "So it was just like a ripple effect. Jos went out there and absolutely loved it and then each person, they heard from God themselves that that's where they were supposed to be."

Savage said, "Nobody has a perfect life, right? You just don't. But we grew up in a Christian-centered home. So, I think from the beginning we always grew up being told that you know, your life's not your own. Ultimately, it's the Lord's and what does that look like?"

She continued, "I think every single one of us, all six of us, have looked different in that. While, yeah, maybe Lakyn didn't go out to Charis, God's met her where she's at and we all have had this surrender moment where we chose just to hold on to that." Savage said, "In every single one of our lives, we had this moment where we could keep choosing the world or we could choose Him. And in those places, whether it was earlier on in life or later on in life, we all came to it and it's brought all of our life paths to where we are right now."

She said, "That's the beauty of where The Good Cup came out of, right, is because this isn't just someone had a good business idea. This is something that was birthed out of following the Lord. You know, He'll throw you some curve balls, but ultimately it says, 'If you delight yourself in the Lord, you don't lean on your own understanding, but in all your ways, acknowledge Him and he'll give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37).'"

Savage said, "And we're seeing that come to fruition. I mean we work with our own family, every single day. We're each other's best friends, we're our favorite people in the whole wide world, and at the end of the day God's

building something in us that hopefully we get to pass on to more family."

She said, "And ultimately, like our LLC is named Proverbs 13 for a reason, because Proverbs 13:22 says, 'A righteous man, leaves an inheritance for his children's children and the wealth of the wicked is laid up for the just.' And what we believe is we're meant to bring something to this world that not only impacts it and leaves better than when we found but it should also be something that we get to pass on to our children and big enough that they get to pass it on to their children."

She said, "God's a multi-generational God and so we have this in mind, where we've seen the fruit of our parents where it might have been a small thing of just telling us and growing us up in the love and the admonition of the Lord that there's a Lord and there's a Jesus and there's a man who loved you so much that He gave the ultimate gift of His life so that you could have yours forever and ever with him."

"So, it's in our family, it's in our business, it's in our ministry, it's in everything and rest assured, our life will be worked to pass it on to our generation in a way where it's not just benefiting our kids but our grandkids and then that's our hope."

She said, "Our stories aren't anything outlandish, we had a pretty standard salvation story all of us did, like we came to the end of ourselves ultimately, like our way of doing life, just led us in despair, brokenness, addiction, depression, all of the things that you could rattle off there, but Jesus came and picked us up and put us on a high place and fixed all those things. And He deserves our praise forever and ever. And we'll never be ashamed of that. We are living proof, like we're not ashamed to preach the Gospel. It's the power of God to save man."

Harvey said, "This business is above everything else, is to honor God. It's not to make us money. It's not to honor ourselves. It's not to put ourselves on a pedestal. This business was born to bring God glory, and I feel like it stands out because of that."

She said, "If we have learned one thing, it's that we don't plan much. We don't plan, we pray. We're just like, 'let me take this to God and see what He's going to say about it.'"

"We'll all pray about different things, and we all get peace on the exact same thing." Harvey said, "So

that's awesome to work with your family and we're all like-minded so it's really cool, we know when something's a no and we know when something's a yes. It's the best thing ever. I feel so blessed that we're able to work alongside each other as sisters, as, you know, parents, brothers, all that. We get to do this with our family."

What's Next

A large part of The Good Cup is its ministry. Last year, Savage and Harvey went on a solo mission trip to Uganda to bring the good word to the people there.

Harvey said, "I never thought I would go so far from home but it was the most amazing thing that we've ever done."

The sisters, along with some friends who joined them on the mission worked with The Tower of Hope Children's Foundation and its director Gretti to help bring humanitarian aid to those in need.

Harvey said, "They want us to come back in August, and so we're planning that trip."

Savage said, "We felt the Lord put it on our heart to reach out to these groups of people that Scripture tells us to care for, right, orphans, widows, those who need clothing, those who are naked, those who need to be fed. These are those who, when we extend our hand to them, we're extending them to Jesus."

Savage said, "Where we say you drink, they eat, we mean it. We've already gone and done it. So, we've launched our business by that trip first, where because of The Good Cup and because of our own resources, we went and we fed 500 kids in the villages outside of Soroti."

She said, "But it became a wonderful friendship and support system where now we've been supporting her (Gretti) and the orphanage and we're going to go back and we're going to do even bigger and better."

Harvey said, "This coffee shop has become home, just as much as our homes are our home."

She said, "There's nothing we can say to express our gratitude to our customers and to this town and to the people that have just welcomed us and given us the chance to make them a cup of coffee. We feel so blessed."

McPhearson said, "We're just lucky to be able to share it with everyone."



EMA Director Kyle Bissell preparing Humboldt for the *next* *emergency*

By APRIL KELLEY

Humboldt County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Kyle Bissell will tell you that when he walked into the room to interview for the job, he felt completely at ease.

“I walked into that interview and was never more comfortable and felt so positive about an interview in my life. It was just amazing,” Kyle remembers.

There is probably a good reason for that. Bissell embodies the ideal EMA Director. With his motto of “Be prepared”, he has taken what was essentially a gutted agency on life support and brought it back to a robust, vital office; however, most people didn’t even realize it was having difficulty.

“I remember Taylor Kunert (member of EMA Commission that hired Bissell) asked me during my interview, ‘Don’t you think you’ll be bored? You’ve got all these qualifications, all this experience. Don’t you think you’ll be bored?’” Bissell said,

“And I looked right at him and said, ‘I hope so.’ I meant it. I hope I’m bored stiff because that means nothing bad’s out there,” Bissell concluded.

The road to Humboldt EMA

Bissell’s background makes him uniquely qualified to run the Emergency Management Agency.

Bissell began his adult life as a student at Iowa State, pursuing a degree in radio and television broadcasting through the university’s Tele-communicative Arts program.

“I wanted to be in radio or television as a director or producer but then WOI Communications sold the program, and that’s who funded Iowa State’s program. They went away, so I said, “Well, I’d better join the workforce, be-

EMA Director Kyle Bissell gave a presentation to citizens of Gilmore City at the library. This presentation was on being ready for severe weather such as tornados and hail, but Bissell can customize the presentation to any disaster.

cause I'm not going to start over with school," Bissell said.

That statement that would become almost a dare to Bissell in the years to come but his immediate need for employment was met by joining his dad's company, which sold copiers.

"They were the direct competitors of Xerox. Not Xerox small machines, but the ones you see behind the counter at Kinko's. They would provide service on those for a lot cheaper than Xerox could. So, he asked me to come work for him," Bissell said.

Bissell excelled, becoming Vice President of sales for business fax machines and huge copiers. His territory covered Iowa, Nebraska, Texas and California.

"I was a natural at it because it was such a simple pitch," Bissell said.

When his father had a stroke, Bissell began to take over the business. Luckily, his father recovered from the stroke, but at that point, Bissell decided he wanted to leave the business.

"That's when I decided I was going to do the paramedic thing. My grandpa was the Assistant Fire Chief of Ottumwa and I was a first responder with Adel Volunteer Fire Department. I loved it," Bissell said.

"It's kind of crazy to walk into your dad's office and say 'Dad, I know you're going to retire, and you were going to turn the company over to me, and I would have been wealthy beyond my wildest dreams but I'm going to be a paramedic,'" Bissell recalls.

The drive to be a paramedic wasn't just about his grandpa being a firefighter. While working as a volunteer first responder, there were times Bissell felt helpless because of what he didn't know in a situation and he vowed never to feel that way again.

"That's kind of what drove me to do better, to get more education. Knowing the outcome may not change but I gave it all I had," Bissell said.

Bissell attended the Mercy College Emergency Medical Services Program (Previously Mercy College). Following his graduation from the program, he worked at Dallas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for about 10 years as a paramedic full-time.



EMA Director Kyle Bissell throws candy from the EMA command center vehicle during the Humboldt Fourth of July parade. The vehicle is equipped to be used as a central command center during an emergency situation.

He then worked for Urbandale as a firefighter, getting hired there full-time as well.

For Bissell, the 24 hours on and 48 off shifts gave him extra time on his hands, so he took a second job as a firefighter-medic with the Indianola Fire Department and part-time with West Des Moines EMS.

Later, Bissell left the Indianola Fire Department and instead worked part-time with the Clive Fire Department.

While working a full-time and two part-time jobs, Bissell also decided to go back to school, something he had not planned to do again.

He attended Columbia Southern University and received his undergraduate degree in fire science and then his master's degree in leadership with an emphasis in Disaster Preparedness from Grand Canyon University, graduating with honors.

Bissell attained the position of lieutenant for the Clive Fire Department before leaving the station.

While Bissell was working three jobs and going to school, a close family member was diagnosed with leukemia. Dealing with emergencies at work and his family member's cancer treatments at home took a toll on him and he chose to leave EMS services completely.

"I just said, 'enough, I'm done'. Sometimes when your two worlds collide, all you can say is enough,"

Bissell said.

He took a position with Medical Transportation Management, working remotely with stakeholders in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Washington, Texas and New York to build emergency response plans for the transportation of individuals.

Since Bissell was able to work from anywhere with his position with Medical Transportation Management, when the opportunity arose to move to his wife, Michelle's, family farm, the couple eagerly set down roots in the area.

About a year later, Bissell found himself back into preparing for emergencies when he interviewed for and was offered the position of Emergency Management Director.

Taking over EMA

Bissell had his work cut out for him when he first took over the EMA position. Much of the information was outdated or missing.

"Each and every EMA does things differently. The EMA from Polk County can't really be expected to do the same as in Humboldt County, because he's so busy and big," Bissell said.

"I want to be more personable than Polk County can be. I want to be there for those residents or the business owner and help assist them getting back on their feet," Bissell concluded.

He started by going through all of the files, manuals and records in the office to see what needed to be updated or created from scratch.

He created a community response plan manual that breaks down each job and the steps needed to be performed by each department during an emergency. From the mayor and other city officials to first responders and medical personnel, the manual lays out their duties during a disaster in clear and concise language.

“As an example, in a disaster, what do we have to do? (the manual) says we have to open up a shelter. Well, how do I do that? The manuals answer things like that,” Bissell said.

Bissell created the manuals so that they can be adapted to fit each community. The officials in an area can modify it to what they need to, but the basics, step one through 10, are there. And they’re relatively the same for each community, just adapted somewhat.

He also spent the first year talking. Talking to businesses, organizations and individuals in an attempt to create a database of resources.

“The time to start looking for resources is not when you need them but to have them already in your pocket so you can just pull it out when you need them,” Bissell said

Bissell admits that he is present during an emergency situation as the EMA Director, but that his responsibilities really kick in before or after the event.

“I can’t do anything about the response because the firefighters are doing that, but I can help with prevention or I can help with recovery,” Bissell said.

For Bissell, prevention is a very important part of his job.

“It’s better to spend \$3,000 on a mitigation plan and being prepared than \$70,000 worth of cleaning up the damage,” Bissell said.

Within two years of accepting the EMA position, Bissell was dealing with a large-scale disaster due to the flooding in June of 2024.

He was surprised to find that the people of Humboldt County were far more prepared and willing to follow



EMA Director Kyle Bissell and his wife, Michelle, adopted River, the amazing three-legged cat, from Moffit’s Animal Shelter after it was rescued during the flooding in Humboldt in 2023.

what needed to be done than he had anticipated.

“What really surprised me was the level of honesty, the level of care and preparedness that the citizens had. I was shocked,” Bissell said.

While he has found most people know the basics of how to prepare for a disaster both personally and professionally, it’s looking at that next step that is now critical.

“Let’s start preparing your medicines, food and water, clothes or blankets, your pet food, those types of things, getting that type of stuff prepared. They don’t realize, ‘Oh, I’m going to need something to survive for 72 hours before help really can arrive’. I tell everyone, plan for 72 hours, you’re on your own,” Bissell said.

Along with giving talks to the public, he trains EMS departments throughout the county such as a recent tabletop exercise he conducted with Gilmore City first responders.

During the exercise, the group of firefighters, paramedics, city employees and law enforcement personnel worked through what their response would be during a natural gas line explosion.

The seminar, which lasted just a couple of hours, helped the first responders to lay out a game plan in

their heads in the event that something similar happens.

Bissell has many different trainings he is prepared to give to any group or organization that would like to have him come and talk.

His minor in journalistic photography has helped him to create engaging and informative presentations that give a lot of information in a short amount of time without feeling overwhelming.

“Probably the part I feel is most important in my daily work is getting out and meeting people. That’s what makes me feel like I’m doing the right thing. I am able to be there with a path forward because I’m meeting people before a disaster happens, so I can be there when they have the worst day of their life and they can trust me,” Bissell said.

Following a disaster, Bissell feels that his role is more that of a guide.

“Sometimes people just need somebody to help them get those first steps going. Because if they can get those first few steps going, they know they’re going to be all right,” Bissell said.

Bissell is quick to remind everyone that he is more than willing to give a presentation on emergency preparation and recovery to groups or organizations.

Off the clock

Kyle and his wife, Michelle, live outside of Gilmore City on her family’s farm. They have two adult children, one in Ankeny and one in Indianola and six grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 14 years old that they enjoy visiting when possible.

He also enjoys photography, painting, genealogy and riding his bike on the local trails.

“I want to get out and create beautiful things like I used to when I was younger, taking images of beautiful buildings, architecture, things that capture the way life should be,” Bissell said.

Back at work, Bissell is still waiting to ‘be bored’ like Kunert warned him about during his interview. Maybe next year.



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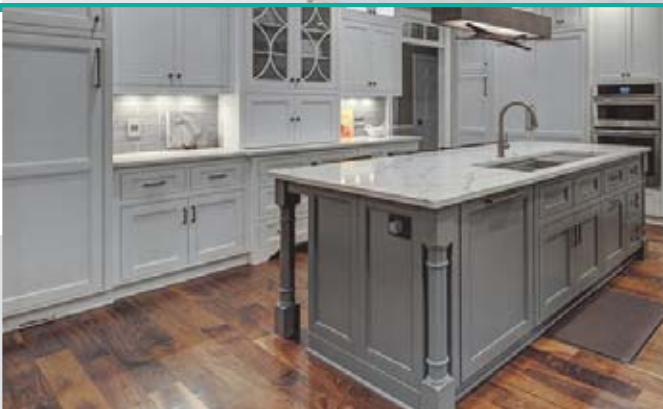
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Karen's Quips!

By Karen May



Where has the time gone? I can hardly believe that I spent months away from home, away from snow and cold, away from friends and relatives, away from local church activities and away from my club meetings and the list goes on, But as you read this, I will be home. Hard to write about “the future” sometimes, but today I am enjoying “looking to the future.”

I am enjoying my last week in Florida. The sun shines brightly and many residents are counting the days “until they return home also”. Most winter residents spend several months here (meaning two to three) and most of the rest spend three to four. We even have a few that come for just a few weeks or a month.

It all depends on if they own their place or if they rent one. This is my first-year spending over three months. Although I had a great time, I found I got “homesick” or “lonesome” for my clubs, church and friends. As the old saying goes, “there is no place like home”. As of now, I am planning on a shorter trip next season, but back to the present.

As of the end of March, about half the residents here had packed up and moved home. Activities at the clubhouse were winding down and by the end of the first week in April, there were no more planned activities; cards, dances, crafts, quilting, etc.

We have so many, there is a regular calendar put out from October until March. A lot to choose from, lots to keep you busy. But come October, the area is filling up with returnees, the local “board of directors” is meeting and plans are being printed on a monthly calendar so residents can decide what they want to participate in. It’s a great cycle and whether you are a “regular” or just want to try something once in a while, all are welcome.

I participate in about three activities a week. I have tried most of them, but I also enjoy walking and swimming and just sitting in my front yard visiting with whoever goes by. This is the first year I have not spent a day “shopping”. I really don’t need anything anymore. Instead, I shop for groceries weekly (I can’t go without food!) Instead of being on the road like I used to when I first located here, I find myself content

with what is offered within the area and enjoy not being on “the run” all the time.

The one thing I really miss is a local newspaper! It went out of business a few years ago and residents find themselves content with the grocery ad sheets or special events that come in flyers in the mail box occasionally. I find myself looking forward to the Humboldt Newspaper and reading the Fort Dodge Messenger online. I get the daily newspaper (the Tampa Bay Times) for national news and weather. But let me tell you, there is nothing the majority of us enjoy more than getting mail.

We have a small building that houses mailboxes for all the residents. It usually is delivered mid-afternoon and a red light goes on above the building letting residents know “the mail has arrived”. We each have a box with our lot number on it and most people check the individual box daily. Most of us pick up our mail within hours - we like to hear from friends and “news of home”. But the mail service is horrible. I plan on a week to receive mail sent from Iowa. And now the price is going up? I cannot believe almost \$1.00? We shall see.

Many people do not write letters anymore - they use e-mail or the phone. But some things require the postal service. I sent a small box of “things” home and it cost me almost \$50! No wonder most people who have homes here just leave a range of clothing!! Taking a suitcase on the airplane costs an arm and a leg (so to speak), and I find few people traveling with luggage.

Easter is always looked forward to, and along with the religious part of the day, many families choose to “get together” before the hectic summer season begins. I was listening to my granddaughter in Florida as she was attempting to figure out her family schedule - and groaned, several volleyball games (and practice) weekly, cheerleading practice for the second granddaughter, vacations and the list goes on. No wonder she is glad to see the school year start.

This year I have a special birthday and my siblings plan to come from California Alaska Arizona and Florida to help me celebrate. I look forward to being together again, as it doesn’t happen often with so many miles between us.

Gas prices continue to rise - and for a number of unspecified reasons. While in Florida, I paid almost \$4 per gallon one time. It sure made me think twice before taking a trip. Family members report gas prices at \$5 in California and if you listen to the news, it hasn't reached the top price yet. Many of us try to run errands on the same day to save some money but with church, school and club activities to attend, that is hard to do. Back to carpooling with neighbors when necessary perhaps?

Airfare prices aren't too bad in comparison, if you can look ahead and make plans when and where to go. I recently "planned ahead" for coming home and my ticket cost less than the gas would have cost and took much less time.

By the time you read this I will be home. Home sweet home! Close to family and friends that I have dearly missed these past months. Back to shopping in my familiar grocery stores. Good to be back at the church where I worship. Seeing friends and neighbors again, gee, it's been over five months. Time flies when you are having fun is a favorite saying. May I add, there is no place like home. Hope to you see you soon!

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A guy named Betty

By Phyllis Johnson

She's one of "the guys", but she's not "a guy". She's a gal, and her name is Betty. In addition, she has not always been a guy. She was a Heinkel for some 16 years before she married a guy.

Sound intriguing? Not really, she married a man named Jack Guy. She is a remarkable lady, and adding to her interesting life, she will reach the century mark in a few months. Yes, Betty will be 100 years old in October.

One would guess her to be years younger. Now she lives in Springvale Independent Living, as do two of her sisters-in-law. She is a special friend to all of us who live here.

Her interesting life started when she was born on a farm near Lu verne. Not in a hospital like nowadays, but at home, like many of her generation. Her parents, Charlie and Jewel Heinkel, were blessed with three other children: Gordon, Gaylen and Sharon. Betty Maxine was the oldest.

When it was time to go to school, she attended a rural school in the country near their home. After eighth grade, she started high school in Lu Verne.

Living nearby was a family whose children went to the Lu Verne school, too. The Guy family had several children, among them a daughter named Margaret, who, although a few years younger, was a good friend. And there was a boy, a special boy, Betty thought. His name was Jack. How fun to ride the bus with them each day. The school bus picked them all up at one stop.

Jack was a couple of years older than Betty. He was the oldest of the nine Guy children. Not really dating, the two saw each other often. Their families were friends and were together frequently. It wasn't long until Jack and Betty fell in love, but they were so young.

Graduation came and Jack graduated with the class of 1942. He was 18 years old and had decided to join the Marines after he graduated. It was a lonely time for Betty, waiting for him to finish basic training. After spending several months at training camp, he was given furlough before being sent overseas. It seemed a long time until Betty saw him again.

Both knew the dangers that Jack faced. Like all soldiers going to a battle zone, the thought of not returning home was a real possibility. Jack wanted to get married before he left. Betty was not so sure, but these were circumstances that required a quick decision. She knew she wanted to marry Jack too.

There was no time to plan a big wedding. So the couple decided to elope. Blue Earth, Minnesota was not too far away and would fit into the plans they had made. Excitement grew as the plans all came together. No one must know, since Betty wanted to graduate. Besides, her parents would not be happy if she married at 16 years old. It would be hard to keep their



Betty (left) and Jack (right) Guy.

marriage a secret but it had to be done.

Jack had a good friend, Stan, whom he knew could be trusted. Since they needed a witness for their wedding, Stan could be his attendant, as well as a driver. The plan was for Stan to pick Jack up at his home and meet Betty at school when she got off the bus in the morning. They would head to Minnesota and get married. The plan worked perfectly.

The secret had to be kept, so the couple returned to the school in time for dismissal. Betty got on the bus and returned to her home. No one, except Stan, knew the secret. Betty's parents and the couple's siblings had no idea what went on that day. It was not easy for this newly married couple to be separated after a few hours of marriage.

Then Jack had to report for duty. It was so hard to say goodbye. His family gathered to wish him well. Betty was there too. She had to be strong, yet her emotions were hard to control. After all, she was his wife, and as much as they needed to have a moment alone, it couldn't happen. Betty cried as she clung to Jack.

Watching the display of affection, Jack's mother threw up her hands in a hopeless gesture and said disgustedly. "They could just as well be married."

Betty wanted to shout “We are married”. But she didn’t.

Jack was sent overseas and spent the next two years stationed in Guam. Betty went to Minneapolis to find work. She and Jack’s sister, Maxine, shared living quarters for the next two years. Maxine too, kept the marriage a secret.

Finally, Jack came home. Now, this time, the secret could be shared. He and Betty moved to Colfax and began married life.

For several years, they remained in Colfax, until an opportunity for a job with the postal service came up. The fact that this was in Lu Verne, their hometown, was an opportunity he could not pass up.

Jack passed the Civil Service test that was required and was hired by the U.S government as a rural mail carrier. It was not long before Betty took the same exam and was hired as the local postmistress.

Life settled down for the couple. They were active in their Presbyterian church. Betty, who had a lovely voice, was a member of the church choir. Life went on.

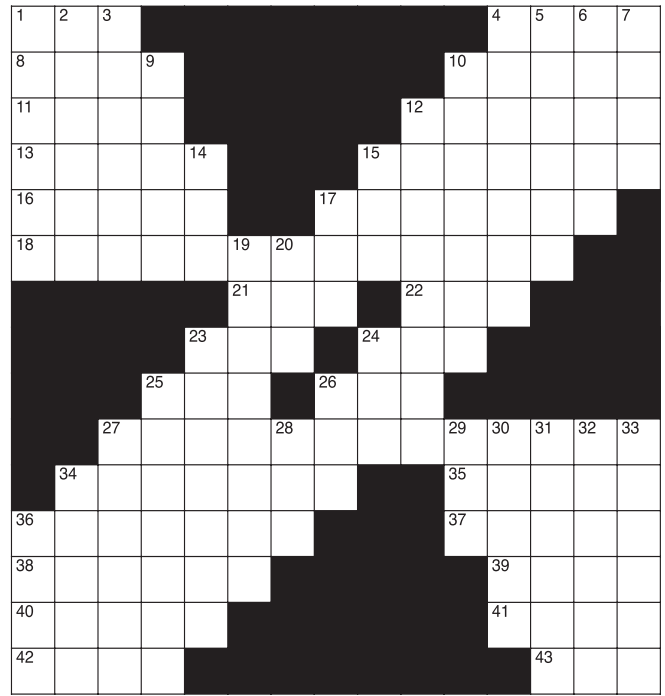
Then came the surprise of their lives. The doctor informed Betty she would be a mother. After all these years of hoping to be parents, and now, with Betty in her early 40s, this long-held dream was coming true.

Betty and Jack became parents of a boy. They named him Bill. He has been a blessing to them and still is Betty’s pride and joy. Jack died twenty years ago. Betty’s eyes tell her love for him whenever she mentions him.

Betty’s story is not over. She may be nearing the century mark, but no one would guess. She enjoys her friends here at Springvale and joins in the activities. She needs to be coaxed, but will play the piano from time to time, playing any song requested. She needs no practice or sheets of music. She attends a weekly Bible Class and plays Bingo with a passion. She loves to go gambling with Bill. Then, too, she often comes home with a pocketful of winnings.

We at Springvale are blessed to have Betty living among us. Always with a smile and an unassuming attitude, she maintains a quiet and sweet presence.

Here’s to more years of interesting life, Betty. Enjoy it!!



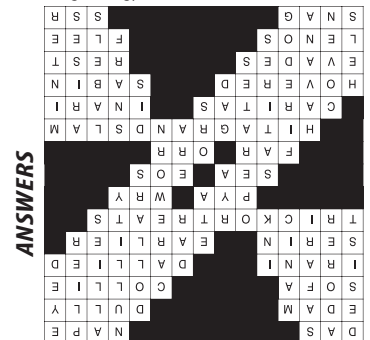
CLUES ACROSS

1. Government lawyers
4. The back of a person's neck
8. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
10. In a less flashy way
11. Living room piece
12. Shepherd dog
13. A citizen of Iran
15. Moved slowly
16. Small finch
17. Previously
18. What a kid does on Halloween
21. Monetary unit
22. Using dry humor
23. Ocean
24. Greek goddess of the dawn
25. Not close
26. NHL legend Bobby
27. A ballplayer would love to do this
34. Charity
35. City in Finland
36. Loomed over
37. Vaccine developer
38. Avoids capture
39. We all need it
40. Openwork fabrics
41. Get away
42. Something you might hit
43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Admirer
3. Expedition to observe animals
4. Act that is legally void
5. WW2 combatants

6. A tool
7. Looked at
9. Showing wild excitement
10. Banknotes
12. Tired
14. Printers need it
15. Women's patriotic group
17. When you anticipate getting somewhere
19. Functions
20. Breed of sheep
23. Mocking pieces
24. A major division of geological time
25. Andiron
26. Many not ands
27. Cuban city
28. He voiced "Olaf"
29. Criticize
30. "Thundercats" character
31. Markings
32. Gets up
33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
34. An assembly of witches
36. High energy lasers (abbr.)



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