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With Me. Frank’s original material is full of gentle, soothing melodies that often accompany lyrics that pluck on the heart-strings, or tickle the soul.

The Cedar Valley Whalers joined Frank on the stage for more soul soothing music that left the crowd feeling better than when they came. The players for the Cedar Valley Whalers are Phil Thomas, Daryl Hokanson, Patty O’Connor, and Steve Schott.

They performed some covers, like “500 Miles,” and “You are My Sunshine,” and some originals, including Hokanson’s “Land of Endless Corn.” Hohanson also shared a song he wrote from a poem written by his mother that was discovered after her passing.

The mic rotated between the Whalers, as each player took a turn on lead vocals. For most of the numbers the other players use their

voices as instruments and would harmonize or provide backup vocals, enriching the experience. Thomas sings with a bluesy voice, and Hokanson with a rich folk sound, and the blend of their voices, has blessed many of our local celebrations and Open Mic nights in Vinton lately. As the only female in the band, O’Connor added to the nostalgia of the show with her rendition of Patsy Cline’s, “Walkin’ After Midnight.” Steve Schott, formerly of the Pig Ponies, is the newest member of the Cedar Valley Whalers and he brings with him a lifetime of music and countless compositions of his own. The range of Schott’s voice is impressive, as well his guitar playing. He also played the harmonica for several numbers, which helped accentuate the incredible acoustics of the Mercantile building.

Between the sets, there



PHOTOS BY AMY STOURAC

Darryl Hokanson and Patty O’Connor of the Cedar Valley Whalers.

was an intermission with a home-cooked meal served buffet style by the Garrison Library Board. Many of those who attend shows at Farmers Mercantile say that the meal is part of the reason they come. First-timers are always sorry they ate before they came. This Sunday’s fare was quite a spread, complete with beef and noodles, spaghetti, little smokies,

cheese and crackers, salads, so many desserts, beverages, and as usual, fresh popcorn. The Library Board provides these meals for a free will donation with proceeds staying within the town of Garrison for improvements.

It’s not unusual for other players from Farmers Mercantile to attend the shows of their musical colleagues. Sunday was no exception, as



Steve Schott, and Phil Thomas of the Cedar Valley Whalers, and local favorite, Todd Frank.

Joy Ward and Mark Clark from Castle Ridge were in the crowd to support the players. Joy will be returning, fiddle in hand, to the Mercantile for the St. Patrick’s Day Show on March 17 with Bob and Kristie Black and the rest of Banjoy.

After the show, Nick Fisher called for a round of applause for the players and thanked

folks for “coming out in the weather.” He also thanked the Garrison Library Board and made some announcements for upcoming shows. The next show at Farmers Mercantile will be from 2 — 4:30 pm on Feb. 18 with The Feralings, a returning favorite from last season. Check the Farmers Mercantile Facebook page for updates on events.

## BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
BENTON COUNTY				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The BENTON COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 2/13/2024 09:30 AM		Contact: Hayley Rippel, Auditor		Phone: (319) 472-2365
Meeting Location: Benton County Service Center Conference Room 811 D Ave. Vinton, IA 52349				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals">https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals</a> .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	15,045,026	0	15,045,026
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	1,049,182	0	1,049,182
Net Current Property Tax	4	13,995,844	0	13,995,844
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	5,812	0	5,812
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	95,210	0	95,210
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,479,223	0	1,479,223
Intergovernmental	8	9,424,878	313,000	9,737,878
Licenses & Permits	9	51,100	0	51,100
Charges for Service	10	859,250	0	859,250
Use of Money & Property	11	80,737	0	80,737
Miscellaneous	12	896,283	0	896,283
Subtotal Revenue	13	26,888,337	313,000	27,201,337
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	4,196,862	0	4,196,862
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	32,000	0	32,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	31,117,199	313,000	31,430,199
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	9,211,517	5,802	9,217,319
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,718,449	25,546	1,743,995
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	2,474,158	332,800	2,806,958
Roads & Transportation	22	10,804,576	260,000	11,064,576
Government Services to Residents	23	1,256,852	0	1,256,852
Administration	24	6,121,185	12,940	6,134,125
Nonprogram Current	25	179,269	225,000	404,269
Debt Service	26	811,850	0	811,850
Capital Projects	27	6,693,513	0	6,693,513
Subtotal Expenditures	28	39,271,369	862,088	40,133,457
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	4,196,862	0	4,196,862
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	43,468,231	862,088	44,330,319
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-12,351,032	-549,088	-12,900,120
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33	23,798,517	0	23,798,517
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	8,722,687	0	8,722,687
Fund Balance - Committed	37	892,463	0	892,463
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,832,335	-549,088	1,283,247
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40	11,447,485	-549,088	10,898,397

## BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 11, 2024

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in special session with Supervisors Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Benton County Service Center. Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously. Summarized Resolutions will be available in the Auditor’s office and at: [www.bentoncountya.gov](http://www.bentoncountya.gov)

Seeman moved/Bierschenk sec-

onded: To approve the Agenda as listed. Motion carried.

Ryan Berven with Assured Partners came to present insurance data and discuss FY25 renewal rates with the Board. Benton County is partially self-funded for Health Insurance and utilizes Assured Partners as our insurance broker for employee benefit services.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To enter into exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9: A

meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To adjourn at 11:06 a.m.. Motion carried.

Richard Primmer, Chairman  
ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

## CITY OF BLAIRSTOWN

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Blainstown, Iowa, proposes to fill the vacancy on the City Council of the City of Blainstown, Iowa, by appointment on February 12, 2024 as provided in Section 372.13(2)(a), of the Code of Iowa.

You are further notified that the electors of the City of Blainstown, Iowa, have the right to file a petition as provided in Section 372.13(2)(a), of the Code of Iowa, requiring that said vacancy be filled by a special

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BENTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE ADMINISTRATION  
P.O. BOX 327  
VINTON, IA 52349  
PHONE: (319) 472-3119  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Benton County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 9:15 A.M. in the Conference Room, at the Benton County Service Center, located at 811 D Ave, Vinton, IA, to consider a request for permission approval for a non-agricultural land use on the following generally described property: A part of the Northeast One-Fourth (NE1/4) of the Northeast One-Fourth (NE1/4) of

Sec. 5, T84N, R10W, of the 5th P.M. The purpose of the request is to change the status of the approximate (1.25) acres to a non-agricultural use. Specifically: For a residential and well business use.

The applicant is: Steve & Lexa Speidel  
5710 22nd Ave Dr  
Vinton, IA 52349

You may appear if you so desire either in person or by agent or attorney, in opposition to or support of the proposed change of land use, or you may submit written comments.  
By: Barbara Greenlee  
Deputy Land Use Administrator  
Date: January 23rd, 2024

## PROBATE NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
BENTON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Eugene Edward Clerkin, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR009519  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Eugene Edward Clerkin, Deceased, who died on or about December 18, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of Janaury, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Eugene Edward Clerkin, deceased, bearing date of the 29th day of September, 1992, was admitted to Probate in the above named court and that Patrick Joseph Clerkin and Cynthia Diane Flander were appointed Co-Execu-

tors of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice

or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 22, 2024  
Patrick Jospher Clerkin  
7848 Wistful Vista Dr.  
West Des Moines, IA 50266  
Cynthia Diane Flander  
33902 277th St.  
Keota, IA 52248  
CO-EXECUTORS FOR ESTATE  
John Mossman, ICIS PIN No: 0005619  
Attorney for Executor  
Firm Name: MOSSMAN LAW FIRM  
Address: 122 E 4th St, Vinton, IA 52349  
Date of second publication  
2nd day of February, 2024