

Supervisor declares National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

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Linn County Board of Supervisors passed a proclamation during a work session recognizing April 10-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.

“Emergencies can strike at any time; We rely on the vigilance and preparedness of these

individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year,” said Linn County Board Supervisor Ben Rogers.

The Association of Public Communications officials, an organization of over 35,000 people in the United States and Canada, has set aside this week in April to recognize telecommunicators and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.

Public safety telecommunicators are responsible for answering requests for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services when residents dial 911. They dispatch the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible while serving as a vital link between the resident or victim and the public safety provider. The quality and accuracy of information

obtained by telecommunicators and dispatchers are critical to ensuring the safety of our emergency responders. They provide radio, telephone, and computer services to perform essential functions related to highway safety, road maintenance, public utilities, and other services that impact the health and safety of Linn County citizens.

UnityPoint Health recognized as ‘Top Place to Work in Healthcare’ for third consecutive year

For the third consecutive year, UnityPoint Health has been recognized as one of the top places to work in healthcare in the country by a national industry publication.

This week, Becker’s Healthcare included UnityPoint Health on their 2024 list of “150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare.” The list highlights hospitals, health systems and healthcare companies that prioritize workplace excellence and the happiness, satisfaction, well-being, and fulfillment of their employees.

UnityPoint Health, which provides care across Iowa, western Illinois and southern Wisconsin, is the only health system headquartered in Iowa to be named to this year’s list and is one of only a handful of health systems in Illinois and Wisconsin to be included.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized as a top place to work in healthcare for the third consecutive year,” said UnityPoint Health Chief Administrative Officer Jessica Meisner. “We continue to have a strong commitment to our culture and team members and this recognition is

affirmation of that ongoing effort across our organization.”

In naming UnityPoint Health to this year’s list, Becker’s Healthcare said, “(UnityPoint Health) utilizes engagement channels for team members to share information, network and explore opportunities to improve overall team member experience. The feedback is then used to identify improvement opportunities for all team members. Advancing talent and culture is at the center of UnityPoint’s strategy, and it works to offer best-in-class career experiences by recruiting and hiring diverse talent and supporting team member growth.”

In addition to this year’s top place to work in healthcare recognition from Becker’s Healthcare, UnityPoint Health has also been named a top employer by Forbes (three times) and the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce since 2021.

For individuals interested in joining the UnityPoint Health team, search for open career opportunities at unitypoint.org/joinourteam.

Walker American Legion Auxiliary April meeting

Ray Unit #376 of the American Legion Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on April 9, in the Walker Community Room at City Hall, following social time with the Legion members. Treats were provided by the Auxiliary members. Fourteen cards for shut-ins were signed by those in attendance.

President Rozena McVey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Nine members were in attendance. Prayer was said by Darlene Seaman. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Auxiliary preamble. Pat Beuter placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair.

Minutes from the March meeting were read and placed on file. Kelley reported she had been unable to find any spring decorations that were

suitable so had purchased none.

Treasurer’s report was given by Kelley Reiersen and was placed on file.

Bills were presented by Rozena McVey for the purchase of nameplates for our Past President’s plaque and Mona Blair for the purchase of a poppy kit and tags. Appropriate motions to pay these were made, seconded and carried by voice vote.

Committee reports:
• Coupon total to date is \$5,321.48, which is almost \$14,000 less than last year as many coupons are now online and not printed in the paper or magazines.

• Impact reports were completed; the report will be filed with the state at the end of April.

Old Business:
• Four members attended the Linn County Conference

in Troy Mills on March 26. A delicious meal was served, and Dick Bell from the Honor Flight gave a very interesting report. New county officers are President, Amy Pisarik from Marion; Vice Pres. Pat Hawxby, from Ely; Sec/Treas. Jenny Houlihan, Ely.

• Rozena is compiling a book of prayers for our outgoing District President, Teresa Kramer. She asked members to contribute prayers to this endeavor.

• Flag Books for students: Kelley will work with Rozena to present these to the North Linn students and home-schooled students, as previously discussed.

• Pat A. has submitted our Merit Award application to the school. Applications must be received by April 30. The Awards ceremony will be held May 15.

New Business:

• Girls State - Our attendee, Kelby Reiersen, has been registered. There will be no Girl’s State tea this year, as all information for Girl’s State can be found on the website.

• Spaghetti Dinner, the Legion presented the Auxiliary with a check for helping with this. Eight-five adults were served, 10 students, and two children under age 5.

• Treats for May will be provided by Earlene and Shannon.

Good of Order: Rozena reported that her grandson had achieved the rank of E7 with the Guard. She attended the ceremony on March 16.

Pat Beuter removed the POW/MIA chair cover. Rozena closed the meeting at 8 p.m.

*Respectfully,
Pat Akers, Secretary*

Linn News Building Undergoing Renovation

The Linn News, which is located in Central City, is relocating due to renovations. The newspaper’s operations will be shifted to the Anamosa Journal-Eureka building at 405 E Main St, Anamosa. This transition will be effective from April 1, and readers can rest assured that they will not notice any change in the publication or news coverage.

Linn News owner Chris Nelson, is excited about the refurbishments for the historic building and the potential that lies ahead for the publication.

“This is a new chapter for

Linn News. We are looking forward to the work done on the building by LH Holdings. Even though we won’t operate from our Central City building, it will remain business as usual,” said Nelson.

Nelson, the President and Founder of Nelson Media Company, acquired the Anamosa Eureka-Journal and owns three other publications. In early February, Nelson took the helm at Linn News.

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Robert Rundle scoops up a load of grass and leaf clippings from the yard waste bin

It is quite impressive how dark, rich and fine the “finish” pile compost is. That’s because the last step in the composting process is to sift the decomposed matter to ensure that no large particles, sticks, or debris remain. Every few years, the City hires an outside company to come in and trammel/sift the compost piles that have mostly decomposed. The compost that makes it through the sifter is what is placed in the finish pile for residents to use. It’s great stuff.

The compost piles can be accessed seven days a week, so come with your shovels and buckets and load up. But, if you are looking for a larger amount of compost, during weekdays, Public Works staff at the facility will help by using a skid steer loader to fill up your pickup bed. Call



Dumping the yard clippings at the compost pile location in back of the aeration ponds.

or email Public Works for an appointment (319-438-1236; publicworks@centralcityia.gov), or just stop in the office at the maintenance yard to see if someone is available. Happy gardening.

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