



*Zearing  
Newsletter  
September  
2021*

**Message from the Mayor:**

Well September has finally arrived! School is going to be starting before we know it. I would like to ask everyone to use extra caution while driving, especially in the morning and afternoon. We have been having some individuals speeding through town. Please slow down! If you see something, call the Story County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 515-382-6566. We have to work together to help keep everyone safe! The Sheriff's office also wanted to remind citizens to lock their vehicles. While I have not heard of any theft in Zearing, other communities have been having some problems with unlocked vehicles being broken into.

While we all enjoy seeing everyone out with their animals, please remember it is your responsibility to clean up after your animals! This includes all animals (dogs, horses, etc.) and locations (streets, city parks, neighborhoods, etc.) Please try to be respectful of other community members as we are all trying to enjoy the last days of summer!

I hope all the kids have a safe and enjoyable school year!

Mayor Reed

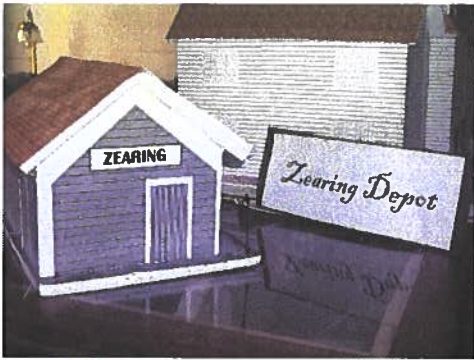
**Want to help shape the future of Zearing? Consider running for an elected position!**

The following positions will be opening for election (re-election) this November 2nd: Mayor -2-year (Tim Reed) At-Large (Lisa Obrecht) At-Large (Sandy Perisho) At-Large (David J. Tisdale)

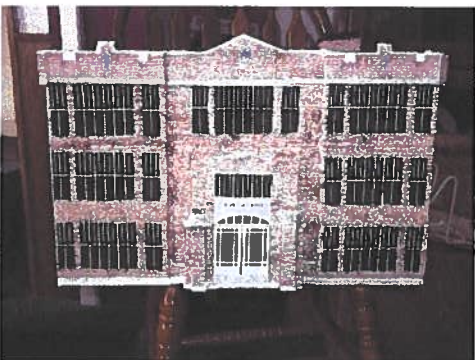
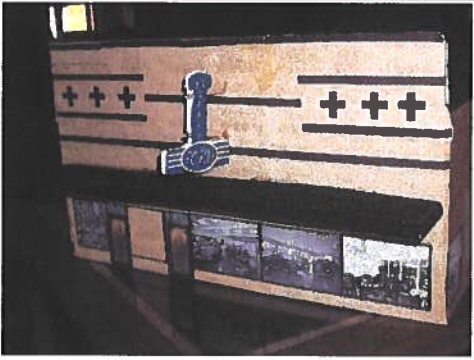
Filing period Monday, August 23 – Thursday, September 16, 2021 • Nomination petitions and affidavits of candidacy are filed with the city clerk. • City clerks' office will be open until 5:00 pm on the day of the deadline. • Affidavits must be notarized.

Paperwork required (fillable forms available on SOS website) • Nomination Petition • Affidavit of Candidacy

Paperwork is also available at City Hall.



The Heritage Room is excited to share our next display location! Security State Bank, on Main Street in Zearing, has agreed to let us place a display in their lobby. It will showcase the building models that Tim Adams made for the Heritage Room. We would also like to thank the library for allowing us to borrow their folding table.



**Library hours:**

- Monday 10 am – 2 pm
- Tuesday 3 pm – 7 m
- Wednesday 10 am – 7 pm
- Thursday 3 pm – 7 pm
- Friday 3 pm – 7 pm
- Saturday 10 am – 3 pm
- Come and visit us soon!



We are thankful for great neighbors and friends! Thanks to Max Dunlap, Larry Fisher and Ryan Fisher for letting us borrow a window air conditioner and installing it! It made things tolerable during the heat until repairs were made. Very kind and generous! Thank you again!

Sandy and PJ

**LET THE PLANTING BEGIN!**

Join us at the East Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 9am!

Thanks to Alliant Energy's Branching Out grant, we are beginning the process of replanting trees in our City Park from the Derecho!

Everyone is welcome to join the Park Board as we begin this process of recovery. Thank you to Alliant Energy and Trees Forever

If you have additional questions, please contact

Tanya Nunn at 515-203-1347 or Rod Sargent at 5151-371-3046.







# 2021 ELECTION LAW CHANGES *for Iowa Voters*

## VOTER REGISTRATION

## ABSENTEE VOTING

## VOTING AT THE POLLS

This is a list of important changes to Iowa election law passed by the 2021 Iowa legislature. These changes are effective immediately. For questions, contact your County Auditor.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

- Voters must register to vote 15 days or more before the election to appear on the voter register on election day (formerly 11 days, and 10 days for general elections). Voters may still register to vote on election day, or when voting absentee in person, with both proof of identity AND proof of residence.
- A voter who has moved and has therefore been sent mail by the County Auditor to inquire of their proper address, AND who did not vote in the most recent general election (formerly the last two general elections), shall be marked inactive (unless they were not 18 years old at the time of the most recent general election). Registrations of inactive voters will not be cancelled until two more general elections pass with no voter activity.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

- The first day to submit an absentee ballot request form to your County Auditor is 70 days before an election (formerly 120 days).
- The first day County Auditors may mail absentee ballots to voters is 20 days before an election (formerly 29 days).
- The first day to vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office is 20 days before an election (formerly 29 days). *(If you have requested a ballot by mail prior to this, your ballot will go out in the mail on this date.)*
- The first day to vote absentee in person at a satellite location is 20 days before the election (formerly 29 days), and satellite voting locations may only be established by a public petition with a minimum of 100 signatures (formerly County Auditors could establish satellite locations on their own motion).
- Absentee ballot requests for voting by mail must be received by 15 days before the election (formerly 11 days, and 10 days for general elections). Exception: If a voter is admitted to a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program, or hospital 14 or fewer days before the election, the voter may request an absentee ballot by telephone no later than 4:00 pm on election day.

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## VOTING AT THE POLLS

- Polls close at 8:00 pm for all elections (formerly 9:00 pm for primary and general elections).
- When a registered voter is attesting to the identity and residency of a voter unable to present required forms of identification, the attesting voter must present his/her own required form of identification.
- For a provisional ballot to be counted, the voter must either provide the necessary identification at the polling place before it closes at 8:00 pm, or provide it at the Auditor's Office by noon on the following Monday. If the canvass by the Board of Supervisors will be held earlier than the following Monday (for cities with possible runoff elections), the identification must be provided before the canvass. (The post-election deadline was previously unclear.)
- Employers must allow employees two consecutive hours to vote on election day, if they do not already have two consecutive hours off during the time the polls are open (formerly three hours).

- **Absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor by 8:00 pm on election day.** (Previously, ballots were valid if postmarked before Election Day and received by the Monday following the election.) Postmarks or bar codes printed on ballot envelopes will no longer make a ballot received after election day valid, except in these cases:
  - Ballots from participants in the Safe at Home program received by the Secretary of State in time to be transmitted to the County Auditor by noon on the Monday following the election.
  - Ballots from uniformed and overseas citizens received by noon on the Monday following the election.
- If an absentee ballot affidavit envelope is not signed by the voter, the County Auditor shall contact the voter, who may then:
  - Request a replacement ballot and return it by 8:00 pm on election day (changed from postmarked the day before the election or earlier).
  - Vote at the polls on election day.
  - Sign the affidavit in person at the county auditor's office by 8:00 pm on election day (changed from 5:00 pm the day before the election).

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS:**

- Absentee ballot requests for voting by mail must be received by the County Auditor 15 days before the election (see exception on previous page).
- Must include the date the request is signed.
- May not be sent to voters by County Auditors unless a voter requests one.
- May not be sent to voters by the Secretary of State unless directed to do so by the state legislature in the event of a public health disaster declared by the governor.
- May be sent to voters by candidates, political groups, and other private organizations, but no fields on the request form may be prefilled except for type and date of election.

### **RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

- The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot other than the voter are:
  - Someone living in the voter's household
  - An immediate family member
  - The two special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program, or hospital
  - Voters unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability may use a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballots. **See below.\***
- Absentee ballots may be returned via designated ballot drop boxes (unless returned by a "delivery agent"\*), which if available must be located on the grounds of or within the building where the County Auditor conducts in-person absentee voting. (Auditors are not required to provide drop boxes.)

**\*RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS - DISABILITY EXCEPTION – DELIVERY AGENTS:** In the case of a voter unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability, the voter may ask a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballot.

- "Delivery agent" is defined as follows:
  - Iowa registered voter
  - A delivery agent cannot be:
    - The voter's employer or an agent of the employer
    - An officer or agent of the voter's union
    - An actual or implied agent for a political party, candidate or committee
- If a voter with a disability designates a delivery agent, the voter must complete and sign a designation form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- A delivery agent shall return no more than two absentee ballots per election.
- The delivery agent shall fill out a receipt in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall leave it with the voter.
- The delivery agent shall collect the voter's designation form at the same time as collecting the ballot, and shall deliver the ballot and designation form to the County Auditor at the same time.

### **The delivery agent must:**

- Deliver the ballot in person to the County Auditor, not by mail or drop box.
- Provide to the County Auditor the same identification as a voter at the polls.
- Provide the following on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State:
  - Full legal name
  - Residential address
  - Phone number
  - Email address, if applicable
- Sign a statement (prescribed in the law) certifying under penalty of perjury that the delivery agent has complied with the law.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## DOROTHY IRENE PERISHO

JANUARY 4, 1931 - AUGUST 18, 2021

Dorothy Perisho, 90, of Zearing, Iowa passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Zearing Healthcare Center in Zearing. A visitation was held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at Fredregill Funeral Home, in Zearing, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Her funeral service was on

Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Zearing Christian Church. Burial followed at the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing, Iowa.

Dorothy was born on January 4, 1931 to Claude and Mable (Kline) Ladd in Iowa Falls. She attended country school in Crystal Lake until 8th grade. Dorothy then attended Forest City High School and graduated with the class of 1949. Following school, she moved to Nevada, Iowa and stayed with extended family. While there she was introduced to Lloyd Perisho. Dorothy and Lloyd were united in marriage on August 24, 1952 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. The couple relocated to the family farm north of Zearing where they began their family together. Dorothy took care of the kids and assisted on the farm. Once the kids had all began school she started working at Tri County State Bank and remained as the Assistant Cashier for 22 year. She then went to work at the National Veterinary Services Lab, where she remained for 10 years until her retirement. She was a member of the Zearing Christian Church and the Zearing Civic Improvement Club. Dorothy's family was her life and she loved spending time with them and attending her grandkids sporting events. She also enjoyed reading, gardening, flowers, sewing, and quilting.

Those left to cherish her loving memories are her children Scott (Peggy) Perisho, Penney (Rick) Reed, Kathy Cook, Doug (Sandy) Perisho, and Robin (Mark) Johnson; grandchildren Jill (Scott) Clayton, Shelley (Josh Knipping) Farris, Crystal (Joel) Reed, Toni (Dustin) Smith, Stacie (Erick) Hill, Jennifer (Mark) Britten, Robbie (Jeff) Anderson, Ryan Reed, Meredith Cook, Mitchell Cook, Amy (Bart) Weldon, Tami (Rich) Corcoran, Wyatt (Breann) Perisho, Dana (Jake) Norman, and Evan Johnson; 23 great-grandchildren; many nieces; and many nephews.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lloyd, siblings Vivian, Evelyn, Robert, Thelma, Ronald, stepsister Glenda.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Fredregill Funeral & Cremation Care was entrusted with the care of Dorothy and her family.





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## WAYNE BLESSING

AUGUST 10, 1955 - AUGUST 17, 2021

Wayne Blessing, 66, of Iowa Falls and formerly of Zearing, Iowa passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in Zearing, Iowa. A memorial visitation was held on Sunday, August

22, 2021 at the Zearing City Park Shelter from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. A memorial service followed and begin at 3:00 p.m. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Wayne was born on August 10, 1955 in Marshalltown, Iowa to Harold and Voleta (Jackson) Blessing. He grew up in Melbourne, Iowa and attended West Marshall, graduating with the class of 1974. Immediately after school Wayne joined the BAC Local 3 and began his career as a bricklayer. Most small-town main street buildings and local city signs all around Central Iowa Wayne has either help fix or build. On August 10, 1995 Wayne married Mary "Jo" Campbell and the couple moved to Zearing. Wayne enjoyed road trips, especially with Jo. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, antiques, gardening, restoring pioneer cemetery stones, and working. He was an avid sports fans with his teams being the Atlanta Braves, the Las Vegas Raiders, and Dale Earnhardt Racing.

Those left to cherish his loving memory are his wife Jo Blessing; children Tashia (Evan Liggins) Blessing, Ian (Hope) Foley, Eric (Elizabeth) Foley, Taine Blessing, Trae (Jordan) Blessing, and Tori Blessing; grandchildren Skylar, Keenan, Iris, Jackson, Calasta, Olivia, Aiden, Eleanor, Demrie, Korie, Hugo, Bentley, and Easton; brothers Greg (Laura) Dickel and Allen Blessing; second dad "Rosie" Lavern Williams; many nieces and nephews.

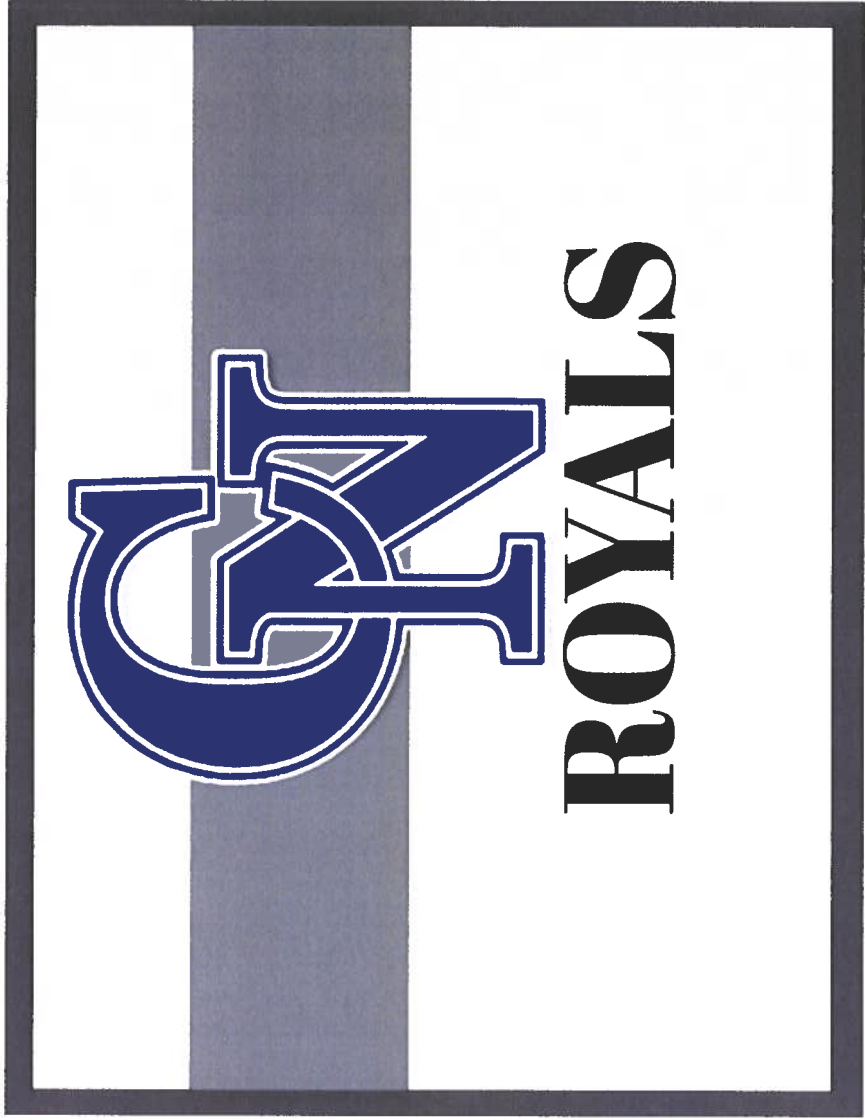
Wayne was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Fredregill Funeral & Cremation Care was entrusted with Wayne's cremation care.

Several community members have expressed a desire to have a memorial for Wayne Blessing. His craftsmanship and amazing talent are visible all around Zearing. Anyone that may be interested in contributing to a memorial, can contact City Hall at 641-487-7477 or Mayor Reed. Suggested ideas have been a bench or rock placed by the Zearing sign on Hwy 65 that he built. Suggestions and ideas are still welcome at this time as well.

# SUPPORT AFTER PROM!



THE JUNIOR CLASS IS  
SELLING YARD SIGNS FOR  
OUR FIRST AFTER PROM  
FUNDRAISER!

Come to Colo or Zearing  
City hall or contact a  
junior to get one!

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**SIGN!!**

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# The Extras



Due to landfill closure in observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage collection services Monday, 9/6/21. This means that all pickup days will be one day behind for the rest of that week. Please reach out to us if you have any questions!

-Jerry's Sanitation

Happy Anniversary

## September Anniversaries

- 6<sup>th</sup> Harold and Edwina Amundson
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dave and Kathy Hayes
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mike and Jennifer Price
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wayne and Jana Larsen
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dale and Kem Packer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jim and Beverley Chance
- 21<sup>st</sup> Todd and Tracy Britten
- 24<sup>th</sup> Eric and Jakkie Lennemann
- 28<sup>th</sup> Dick and JoAnn Couser
- 28<sup>th</sup> Drew and Teri McCloud



## September Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cheryl Bowmen (Bailey)  
Blake Perisho
- 5<sup>th</sup> Doug Perisho  
Macy Elizabeth Perry
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cindy Bowers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Logan Soe
- 11<sup>th</sup> Rosie Gray
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cameron Reischauer
- 17<sup>th</sup> Kevin Frowein  
Kathy Langenburg  
Leighton Memmer
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jared Johnson  
Jana Larsen
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rick Good  
Nicolete Stalzer
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Jerol Larsen
- 27<sup>th</sup> Hannah Reischauer
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tucker Bailey



School starts Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>!

Welcome back students and staff!

Have a happy healthy and educational

School year!



City Hall will be closed Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Labor Day!

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Standard Mail

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