

COMMUNITY

Farm Rescue lends helping hand to local family

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Doug Steele was going to have a hard time with this fall's harvest, due to his wife, Lynnette's being ill and his father not feeling so great, either. Two hundred acres of corn were waiting to be harvested.

A friend of the Steeles from eastern Iowa knew about a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization called Farm Rescue, which provides planting, haying and harvesting assistance free of charge for farm families in crisis, and contacted them. And so, last week, the corn was combined and hauled out, finishing up on Wednesday evening.

Levi Weilenga is just one of the volunteers who give their time and talent for the organization. He is from Sioux Center and has been a volunteer with Farm Rescue since the spring of 2011. He grew up on a farm and says he loves farming with all his heart. This is his volunteer hobby. But, his "paying" hobby is as a locomotive engineer for the BNSF railroad. His wife Carol is the coordinator for all the volunteers, where they are going and what they are doing.

The jobs, be it planting, making hay, or harvesting, are worked at until the job is finished. Farm



Farm Rescue volunteers at Doug Steele's farm last week, were, from left, Kenneth Chyle, Emil Baranko and Levi Weilenga, holding his son, Lincoln.

Rescue has four paid employees and many volunteers covering the five states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana. All of the opera-

tions are funded by donations from businesses, organizations and individuals that support America's tradition of independent family farms and strong rural

economics. The donations are used to pay the many expenses associated with the operations to help farmers finding themselves in an unexpected crisis of one

kind or another. For the Steeles, the group brought in two combines, three grain carts and semis. Levi himself ran one combine, with his

toddler son, Lincoln. There are around 750 volunteers from all 50 states. Basically, the group helps one farmer at a time, as equipment is available.

John Robertson, of eastern Iowa, was at the Steeles'. He has been a volunteer for three years and is a retired truck driver. Kenneth Chyle, the team leader, is a retired farmer from Kentucky. Emil Baranko is from Chicago and has been with Farm Rescue for two years. Will Rudolph of Champaign, Illinois, has been a volunteer for about six years. Most of the volunteers are retired. This is a way for them to come out and "play" — the boys with their toys, Levi said.

This is rural Iowa. A lot of the times, the neighbors come in and help out, and Levi said that Farm Rescue does not want to interfere. They will let the neighbors come in and help. They are here to help take the pressure off the neighbors who also have their own work to get done.

As he was finishing up one of the fields of corn, Levi said what a sense of accomplishment it is to finish a field. On the website, farmrescue.org, Levi said one of his favorite aspects is spending time with his wife and son. Having Lincoln with him in the combine is special, as well. "We are making memories," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Table listing various utility and service bills for Greenfield Municipal Utilities, including items like SEPT PURCHASED ENERGY, STATE OF IOWA, BOND PAYMENTS, and others with associated amounts.

Attest: Rebecca Haase, Office Manager
Chairperson, Lynne Don Carlos
Motion by Guikema seconded by Schneider to approve the Apprenticeship Program as presented. Ayes: Don Carlos, Guikema, and Schneider, motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Adair County Board Proceedings
October 28, 2015
Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Hoadley, Homan, Shelley, Twombly, and Wedemeyer.
Also present: Sandy McCurdy and Mindy Schaefer

hour for Adam Comstock to an hourly rate of \$16.97 per County Engineer, Nick Kauffman's recommendation. Approved.
Disc Mower Discussion - The group discussed the purchase of a disc mower. There is \$40,000 in the Secondary Roads Budget for equipment and Kauffman would like to try a Vermeer Disc Mower this time. The cost is \$10,625. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Shelley to purchase a Vermeer Disc Mower for \$10,625. Twombly, aye; Shelley, aye; Hoadley, aye; Homan, aye; and Wedemeyer, nay. Approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Probate ESPR009272
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR ADAIR COUNTY IN THE ESTATE OF Juanita K. Gilman, Deceased

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 this Oct. 27, 2015.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Probate ESPR009273
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR ADAIR COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Darlene A. Herr, deceased

ment 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 this 27th day of October 2015.

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All ayes motion carried.
The public hearing on the bids for the construction of City Hall Improvements opened at 6:32 p.m. Derek Johnson from ISG reported there were three responsive bidders with the lowest being Blue Ribbon Builders from Earlham with a base bid of \$168,900 and a bid of \$2,500 for alternate A1. Other bids were from Koester Construction and TB&M LLC.

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