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Get to know New BOS MEMBER... Lisa Heddens

Lisa was born in Rochester, Minnesota where she graduated from Mayo High School. After moving to Ames in 1984 Lisa earned her teaching certificate in elementary education at Iowa State University in 1989. Lisa has raised two children over the years, Makenzie and Paul Heddens, and is married to John Mageli. During her free time Lisa enjoys traveling, spending time with her family and friends, listening to music and cooking.

Lisa was elected in 2002, and served 17 years in the Iowa House of Representatives. Lisa served on a variety of committees and as the Ranking Member of Health and Human Services budget. She is most notably known for her work on mental health and disability issues and her ability to work across party lines sponsoring legislation to provide increased services, greater access and increased opportunities for people with disabilities.

Lisa's work and dedication in the disability field spans two decades. Her work experience includes: working as an advocate at Iowa Protection and Advocacy (now known as Disability Rights Iowa), Access for Special Kids- focusing on special education rules and regulations with Access for Special Kids; and serving as an advocate at the Brain Injury Association. Lisa also was the Service Coordinator for Lutheran Services in Iowa's People Place Family Center, which focused on early childhood. Mostly recently, she served as the executive director for NAMI Central Iowa.

Lisa's years of volunteer service include service on the Board of Directors for Friendship Ark, Inc., Westory Fire Department, Mental Health & Disabilities Commission, Special Olympics Iowa, Senior Living Coordinating Unit, the Iowa State Rehabilitation Council, and the Advisory Board for Community and Family Resources.

As a Supervisor, Lisa represents Story County on the following boards: Aging Resources of Central Iowa, Ames Assessors Mini-Board, Story County's Board of Health, BooSt for Children, Central Iowa Community Services (CICS), Central Iowa Juvenile Detention, Central Iowa Recovery and Story County Decatorization.



AN ALL-FEMALE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



The Story County Board of Supervisors serve as the administrative and legislative branches of County government. In Iowa, the functions of the Board of Supervisors are varied, and its authority embraces practically every aspect of county government.

Story County has three members serving on the Board of Supervisors, all representing the county "at-large". As 2019 began, Supervisors Rick Sanders, Lauris Olson, and Linda Murken comprised the Board, until May when Sanders announced his resignation.

The process to fill a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors is outlined in the *Code of Iowa*. A committee of county officers, specifically the County Treasurer, County Recorder and County Auditor, may select to fill the vacancy by either appointment or special election. On May 20, Treasurer Ted Rasmusson, Recorder Stacie Herridge, and Auditor Lucy Martin, voted to fill the vacancy via the appointment option, and solicited applications from interested individuals.

Following a review of the applicants on June 10, the committee met again on June 13 when qualified finalists made public presentations. That evening, the committee voted to appoint Lisa Heddens to the vacant Board of Supervisors seat.

On Tuesday, June 18, Lisa Heddens was sworn in, joining Linda Murken (Chair) and Lauris Olson on the Story County Board of Supervisors. Within Iowa, Story County is led by the only all-female Board of Supervisors, believed to be the first in the history of Iowa as well.

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Upcoming Events

- Treasurer's Revised Hours Dates
- General Election - November 5th
- Two Special Ames Elections- August 6th & September 10th

Story County offices will be closed the following days in observance of holidays:

- Monday September 2nd - Labor Day
- Monday, November 11th - Veterans Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th - Thanksgiving and Day After
- Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
- Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas
- Tuesday, December 31st - New Year's Eve: closing at 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Story County Board of Supervisors meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Story County Administration Building, Nevada.

For more Story County events and classes through Story County Conservation, please visit



www.storycountyia.gov

Story County Mental Health Expo 2019 SAVE THE DATE



**Monday, September 16th
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

ISU Memorial Union - Great Hall
Free admission/parking - Refreshments - Door prizes
Local Resource Fair 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Featuring Keynote Speaker
JAKE SULLIVAN

Election Reminders

Special Election - Iowa House 46: August 6 (portions of Ames only)

Special Election - Healthy Life Center: September 10 (Ames residents only)

School/City Election: November 5 (all of Story County)

Beginning January 1, 2019, all registered voters are required to show identification before being issued a ballot. Required ID is either your Iowa driver's license/non-operator ID or a voter PIN card (issued only to registered voters who do not have an Iowa driver license/non-operator ID).

2019 is also the first time city and school elections are combined. The combined election is November 5, 2019. If you are a resident of a city, your ballot will have both city and school races on it. If you live in the unincorporated area, your ballot will only have school races. You will vote at the same location where you vote in federal elections (Note: vote centers for school elections will not be used.)

More information is available at www.storycountyia.gov/elections. Questions? Please call the Auditor's Office at (515) 382- 7210. We're happy to answer your questions.

Treasurer's Office Revised Hours of Operation

2019/2020 Revised Hours		
August 13	September 10	February 11
October 8	November 12	March 10
December 10	January 14	April 14
		May 12
		June 9
		July 14

The Story County Treasurer's Office is changing its hours of operation for the public. *The change will be for the second Tuesday of each month. Updated office hours are from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.* The office will remain open to the public from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on all other days.

The Story County Treasurer's Office believes in continuous improvement. The Treasurer and staff will be using these 90 minutes each month for training, development, and communications. To ensure that citizens of Story County are continually served by a knowledgeable and informed staff in an accurate and efficient manner.

2019 Citizen of the Year



The Board of Supervisors honored Mr. Gil Peterson as the 2019 Citizen of the Year. The Story County Citizen of the Year Award is given annually to residents of Story County who perform meritorious service above and beyond what would be expected of a citizen. Their efforts demonstrate creativity, vision, leadership, and citizenship by providing service to programs and activities that positively impact the welfare of the citizens of Story County, Iowa.

This year's recipient stands out among a strong network of community volunteers with their ongoing and tireless efforts to act with compassion and care for others when needed the most. Hundreds of individuals have benefited from the 2019 recipient's quiet efforts for the past 20 years.

Those nominating Gil call him "our community every day hero who cares deeply, offers abundances, and is always there to make life better for neighbors in need." Since 1997, Gil has acted as the volunteer Executive Director for the Nevada Community Cupboard, managing all operational aspects of the agency. Gil advocates to address hunger and food insecurity as a member of the Story County Hunger Collaboration, and through his involvement brought improved access to healthy food for school-aged children during the summer months. Each year, for the past 17 years, Gil has provided free tax preparation as an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Volunteer, serving individuals and households in Nevada, Ames, and Boone. "Gil's enduring diligence to provide the citizens of Story County with the assistance they need has touched the lives of more people than we can count," states one of those who nominated Gil.

Our Story

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Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor

Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor opened to the public on June 28th, 2019, after unveiling the project back in February 2017. Named after former Ames Mayor Ted Tedesco who wanted to connect the city of Ames, Story County and Iowa State University through conservation, the park showcases conservation techniques, environmental education, water quality awareness and trail connectivity. The park includes two creeks and features stream access,



water improvement demonstrations, a wetland boardwalk, paved trails with connections to Ames and solar-powered stations. Park hours are from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily.



Go check it out!

Hickory Grove Update

The lake restoration at Hickory Grove Park is in full swing. The majority of the park is closed as it is an active construction site. This includes the entire lake, beach, concessions, open shelter houses on the north side of the lake, Oriole Ridge Lodge, and all trails. Camping and use of the Snow Bunting Lodge is limited – check our website for more details. No fishing or boating is allowed. Park visitors must obey signage and/or barricades during this active construction period.

Contractors recently cut a notch in the temporary dam to achieve full draw down of the lake. A water control structure was installed, giving future park staff the ability to adjust the lake level if additional restoration efforts are required. Mechanical dredging and reshaping of the lakebed and shoreline will remain in progress into winter with the goal of refilling and restocking the lake in spring 2020.

The public can expect many new amenities, including a foot bridge to the island and new rock piles, reefs, and jetties. Expanded truck and boat trailer parking will be added at both boat ramps. The north ramp will have room for two trucks and trailers to back in at one time and will also have two separate docks to ease boat traffic. While the lakebed is empty this fall, we'll be involving the community to build new fish habitat structure. Stay tuned for ways to get involved!

*Background Photo taken by Nick Lennie

Iowa Assessment Valuation Procedures for the Agricultural Class

Iowa law requires that residential, commercial, multi-residential, and industrial real estate be assessed at the property's fair market value. The law requires that agricultural real estate, however, be assessed according to its productivity and net earning capability. The basic procedure for valuing agricultural real estate was developed under the direction of the Economics Departments of Iowa State University (ISU). By January 1st annually, the assessed valuation is arrived by taking a five-year average of crop yields, prices paid for crops, expenses incurred with production of these crops, and government payments paid to the farm operator. From this information, a net income per acre value after real estate taxes is calculated. This figure is capitalized by seven percent to arrive at an average assessed value per acre. The soil survey is utilized by establishing a dollar value per CSR2 (see below for more information) rating, used to calculate and distribute the assessed value of the farmland.

What is the Procedure to Value Agricultural Property?

Per Iowa Code 441.21, (e) and (f), the actual value of agricultural property is determined on the basis of its use for agricultural purposes capitalized at a rate of seven percent and applied uniformly among counties and among classes of property. In counties or townships in which field work on a modern soil survey has been completed since January 1, 1949, the assessor places an emphasis upon the results of the survey in spreading the valuation among individual parcels of the agricultural property. Assessments as of January 1, 2019 use the five-year average from 2013 -2017.

Final Steps in Ag Valuation

The five-year average of the overall productivity less expenses and capitalizing net income by 7% results in an average dollar per acre for assessment purposes, including the farm land and outbuildings. By subtracting the out-building value from that amount, land value is determined. In determining the farm outbuilding assessed value we make an adjustment to the buildings, called an "Ag-Building Factor", so the value of the buildings represent a productivity value. Using the ISU Farm Land Market Value Survey, a five-year average is compiled to compare the relationship between the market value averages to the estimated average per acre by the productivity formula. In Story County, the productivity value is approximately 20% of the five-year market value. Therefore, all farm buildings receive an "Ag-Building Factor" adjustment of 80%. After subtracting the total value of the farm buildings, the balance is the value left for the land.

Finally, the "Dollar per Point" for the CSR2 is calculated. By multiplying the estimated value per acre from the productivity formula by the total number of acres in the jurisdiction, the result is a total value that includes land and outbuildings. The Ag building value is subtracted, arriving at land value only. Finally, by dividing the total land value by the total CSR2 points, an estimated "Dollar per CSR2 Point" is determined, used to calculate the land value.

What is CSR and a CSR2?

The Iowa Corn Suitability Rating (CSR) measures potential soil productivity based on soil profile, slope characteristics and weather conditions using an index rating from 5-100, with 100 being the most productive. Corn Suitability Rating 2 (CSR2) is the next iteration of Iowa's CSR rating. CSR2, implemented in 2014, is an index similar to the CSR concept but uses a clearly defined, easy to calculate formula to determine soil productivity, evaluating soil properties, specific field conditions for a soil map unit, soil depth, local climate, environment, and expert judgment. More consistent with the newer, more data driven methods the USDA-NRCS uses, CSR2 is more suitable to site-specific soil measurement and precision farming practices.

In areas where various land uses aren't capable of being cropped or have never been improved for production, such as building sites, non-crossable streams or waterways, forest or timber ground, ponds, and permanent pasture, the CSR2 rating may be high. Because the CSR2 rating is based on what that type of soil should produce if improved, these sites score high on the CSR2 index.

In 2013, the Iowa Department of Revenue passed Administrative Rules that non-crop type of uses are to receive an adjustment to the CSR2 rating. The method to determine the amount of the adjustment for non-crop is the relationship between permanent pasture rent and crop land rent utilizing a five-year average of the USDA rent survey. In Story County, pasture rent is 30% of the rent for tillable land. The next step is to determine the average tillable CSR2 rating for the jurisdiction. Story County has an 82 CSR2 rating for tillable land. The 82 CSR2 is divided by 50% to establish a "Floor CSR2" (41 CSR2 in Story County.) Earlier we stated the relationship between pasture and tillable land rent was 30%; which in turn is a 70% difference. Finally, all CSR2 ratings of non-crop land over the "Floor CSR2" of 41 are adjusted by 70%.

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Details									
Description	SR#	Sub Name	CSR	Unadj. Acres	Unadj. CSR	Adj. Acres	Adj. CSR	Non-Crop	Assessed
									Value
Crop Land	1107	WEBSTER	88	3.17	274.02	0.00	3.17	0.00	274.02
Crop Land	1188	CLARION	86	12.17	1,083.18	0.00	12.17	0.00	1,083.18
Crop Land	807	DAVISTED	84	1.98	169.52	0.00	1.98	0.00	169.52
Crop Land	818C2	CLARION-STORDEN	75	4.71	393.25	0.00	4.71	0.00	393.25
Crop Land	80	DKORJUI	56	0.89	49.28	0.00	0.89	0.00	49.28
Crop Land	817	HAUSEP	72	1.16	83.52	0.00	1.16	0.00	83.52
Crop Land	1107	WEBSTER	88	5.38	473.44	0.00	5.38	0.00	473.44
Non-Crop	1107	WEBSTER	88	0.54	3.44	0.00	0.04	1.42	2.02
Non-Crop	1188	CLARION	86	0.76	72.31	0.00	0.76	29.98	42.95
Non-Crop	807	DAVISTED	84	8.88	754.32	0.00	8.88	305.25	449.27
Non-Crop	817	INTERMOUNT	12	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00
Total				49.00	3,309.05	0.00	47.00	338.43	3,647.52

Summary									
	Acres	CSR	Rate	CSR	Value	Non-Crop	Assessed	Net	Land
						Value	Value	Value	Value
Agri	29.45	84.28	177.50	7,481.59	843.50	241.75	30	343.50	9
Non	19.55	78.40	177.50	3,821.51	314.51	181.94	55.04	83.00	5
Total	49.00	82.74	177.50	3,309.63	3,647.52	350.04	85.04	356.50	14

Example CSR Soil Reports
www.storyassessor.org

Veterans Affairs Office Updates

The Freedom Run in Nevada held on Saturday June 22, 2019 raised enough funds to send 16 Veterans to Washington, DC on a one day trip. A big thank you to the runners, volunteers and sponsors of this event. Dates for the next three flights are September 21, 2019, May 9, 2020 and September 19, 2020.

On Friday June 14, 2019, Story County Veterans Affairs Commission held its first Bar-B-Q/Veterans Appreciation Event with food, yard games, face painting, more food and great conversations at Shagbark Shelter at Inis Grove Park in Ames. Around 90 Veterans and families were served a full menu from Hickory Park Restaurant.

For information on your VA benefits you can call Erin at 515.956.2625 or Brett at 515.956.2626 and schedule an appointment with them. Services provided by Story County Veterans Affairs staff are at no cost, and they are able to handle county, state and federal benefits for you.

2020 U.S. Census

2020 Decennial U.S. Census is fast approaching and the U.S. Census Bureau goal is to count everyone once, only once and in the right place. Here are some key dates everyone should keep in mind.

- 2019 August In-field Address Canvassing Starts
- 2020 End of March Self Response period Begins
- 2020 March - July Field enumeration
- 2020 April 1 Census Day

Questions about the 2020 U.S. Census, County plans, or how to get more involved, please contact Jerry Moore, Planning and Development Director at jmoore@storycountyiowa.gov or 515-382-7246.

Administration Building
Phone: 515-382-6581

Engineer and Secondary Roads
Phone: 515-382-7355

Human Service Center
Phone: 515-663-2930

Conservation
Phone: 515-232-2516

Justice Center
Attorney Phone: 515-382-7255
Sheriff Phone: 515-382-6566

Animal Shelter
Phone: 515-382-3338

STORY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

County Attorney
Jessica Reynolds

County Sheriff
Paul Fitzgerald

County Auditor
Lucy Martin

County Treasurer
Ted Rasmuson

County Recorder
Stacie Herridge

Supervisor
Lauris Olson

Supervisor
Linda Murken

Supervisor
Lisa Heddens

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