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## Evansdale Youth Sports T-ball/Softball Program

Submitted

Registration for Evansdale Youth Sports T-ball/Softball program will begin Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday-Friday March 30-April 4 from 4-7 p.m. and Sat-

urday, April 4 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Evansdale City Hall, 123 N. Evans Road.

This is open to all youth in the Cedar Valley. For more information, call John at 235-7500 at home or 296-5539 cell.

## Every Hero Has a Story

### 2015 Summer Reading Program Theme

The Evansdale Public Library will present "Every Hero Has a Story" during this year's summer library program.

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages with crafts, programs, prize drawings and more! Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

Registration for "Every Hero Has a Story" begins on June 15th and the 4-week program starts June 22nd.

For more information, call the library at 319-232-5367, visit our website at [www.evansdale.lib.ia.us](http://www.evansdale.lib.ia.us) or check us out our Facebook

page, Evansdale LibraryIowa, for planned events and other information.

All programs are free of charge.

### Accepting Donations For Lego Club

The Evansdale Public Library is interested in establishing an early-out LEGO club at the library and is currently accepting donations. We are looking for either donations of LEGOs (bases, people, bricks and books) or cash donations to purchase the needed materials. Cash donations can be accepted at the library and check donations may be made out to the Friends of the Evansdale Public Library. For questions, contact Shannon at 319-232-5367.

## Free Training

### Free Heavy Equipment Operator Training Available for Women and Minorities

WATERLOO—Interactive, hands-on training in heavy equipment operation is available to women and minorities at no cost through an Iowa Department of Transportation grant.

The 10-day training program provides the basic skills and

knowledge to safely operate heavy equipment and enter the high-demand construction industry as an entry-level equipment operator. Participants will learn workplace safety principles, how to complete equipment safety inspections, how to use personal protective gear, and safe operation of heavy equipment. Training will use driving simulators as well as SEE TRAINING/Pg 4

## Choosing Care for Children

Waterloo -- Choosing care for their children is one of the most important decisions parents will make, and it can be overwhelming. Understanding Iowa's child care system and regulations can help parents make a child care decision that fits their family, says Cindy Thompson, a human sciences specialist in family life with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Whether a child care program is operating from a home or center, the operators should be knowledgeable about the state child care regulations. Parents and community members who understand the regulations as well will help support quality child care for Iowa's youngest residents, Thompson said.

"Neuroscience tells us the first years of a child's life are when the brain develops the most rapidly, and when the quality of the child's interactions with caregivers have lifelong impact on shaping who he or she becomes," Thompson said.

Children who have spent time in high quality child care environments have lasting benefits from the experience. Research indicates that children who receive a high quality early childhood education have better math, language and social skills as they enter school, and as they grow older require less special education and progress further in school. They also have fewer interactions with the justice system and have higher earnings as adults, Thompson continued.

### Different Types of Care in Iowa

The Iowa Department of Human Services monitors licensed and registered child care programs. They are required to meet health and safety standards, programing standards and training stan-

dards that include CPR and first aid. All employees of licensed centers and all household members of a family child care home are required to submit a state and national background check.

Licensed care may be found in private or nonprofit child care centers, church-based centers, afterschool or summer programs, or school-age programs. Registered family child care homes fall into four different categories, mainly depending upon the number of children receiving care.

"Different rules apply to licensed child care centers and registered child care homes," Thompson said. These regulations are available to anyone online at <https://dhs.iowa.gov/licensure-and-registration>.

Certain early childhood programs are exempt from licensing by the Iowa DHS, such as those operated by school districts under the Iowa Department of Education, Thompson noted.

"Many parents might be surprised to discover that home child care centers that care for five or fewer children do not need to register their program with the state of Iowa. Even though these unregistered providers are legally operating, they are not monitored by any regulatory agency and are not required to meet any minimum health and safety standards, have CPR or first aid, or participate in professional development," Thompson explained.

### How Parents and Community Members Can Support Quality Child Care

"The most important thing is to be aware and ask questions," Thompson said. "Licensed or registered child care providers will proudly display their certification standards and training stan-

SEE CHILD/Pg 4

# 2015 • Calendar of Events • 2015

## Friday, March 20

- Spring begins!
- Fish Fry at the Gilbertville American Legion
- Lenten Fish Fry at the Izaak Walton League. see Community events.

## Friday, March 27

- Raymond Fire Rescue Fish Fry, see Community events back page
- Lenten Fish Fry at the Izaak Walton League. see Community events.

## Saturday, March 28

Evansdale Youth Sports t-ball/

softball registration begins 9-11

• “Soup to Nuts” dinner at the Evansdale AMVETS, see Community events.

• Steak Fry at the American Legion in Gilbertville, see Community events.

• Food Pantry at Countryside Vineyard Church, 3467 Lafayette Rd., 10-11:30 a.m.

## Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday
- Pancake breakfast at Queen of Peace Church. See page 3 for more details.

## Tuesday, March 31

• Deadline to apply for the Forever Young Memorial Scholarship

## Friday, April 3

- Next edition of the Evansdale News is released
- Lenten Fish Fry at the Izaak Walton League. see Community events.



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eggs, cinnamon rolls, and juice, milk or coffee. Adults \$7 and kids under 5 are free. Part of the proceeds go for Queen of Peace Community meals.

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'—Robin Williams



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# Big News For New Life Fellowship Church

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New Life Fellowship Church began just two years ago here in Elk Run Heights at 204 McCoy Road. In the months that followed it became a Mission Church of the Presbyterian Church in America. All of that is about to change in a very good way.

At 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 12th, New Life Fellowship will be particularized, a big word for telling the church and the community that it is stable and growing and seeking to play a positive role in the community as it tells other people about the

impact God really has in people's lives.

Rev. Dr. Larry Hoop of West Union, Ohio will come back to the heart of Iowa for that special day and will be speaking, with a time of fellowship to follow. Everyone is invited to this great time of celebration.

If you have any questions about New Life Fellowship Church, a great deal can be found at the church website: [www.NewLifeElkRun.org](http://www.NewLifeElkRun.org). Fell free to contact Pastor Larry Doughan by email from the church website of by calling 319-939-4806.

## Have an announcement for The Evansdale News?

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## NEIAAA Meal Schedule

*Submitted* Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging meals are offered on a contribution basis for people over 60 years of age. Actual cost for the meal is \$7.26. People under the age of 60 must pay the actual cost. Meals are offered on a contribution basis to those ages 60 and over. Meals are offered at the United Methodist Church in Raymond at noon on Wednesdays, and at the Countryside Vineyard Church, 3467 Lafayette Road in Evansdale on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. For more information, to reserve a place or order a meal, call the Senior Center at 319-272-2086.

**Raymond March 25:** A: Oven Fried Chicken, Baked Potato, Winter Vegetable Blend, Multi Grain Bread, Tropical Fruit, and Margarine

B: Mixed Bean Soup, Sliced Roast Beef, Swiss Cheese, Multi Grain Bread, Green Pea Salad, Tropical Fruit, and Mayonnaise

**Evansdale March 26:** A: Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Whipped O'Brien Potatoes, Capri Vegetable Blend, Multi Grain Bread, Chocolate Swirl Pudding, Margarine

B: Chicken Salad, Three Bean Salad, Multi Grain Bread, Tropical Fruit, and Chocolate Swirl Pudding

**Raymond April 1:** A: Glazed Ham, Hubbard Squash, Club Spinach, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine

B: Herb Crusted Pork, Hubbard Squash, Club Spinach, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine

**Evansdale April 2:** A: Egg and Sausage Casserole, Hashbrowns, Hot Spiced Apples, Wheat Bread, Cranberry Juice, and Margarine

B: Cheese Omelet, Hashbrowns, Hot Apple Slices, Wheat Bread, Cranberry Juice, and Margarine

**Training** - Continued from page 1 actual equipment, including wheel loaders, dump trucks, six-wheel trucks, forklifts, and skid steer loaders.

Individuals interested in this program can attend one of the information sessions planned at Hawkeye's Regional Transportation Training Center, 6433 Hammond Ave., Waterloo.

Information Sessions

Fridays, March 27, 10:00 a.m.; May 8, 10:00 a.m.; June 5, 10:00 a.m.

Classes are held Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Hawkeye's Regional Transportation Training Center.

10-Day Training Sessions

Mondays, March 30, 2015; May 11, 2015  
Monday, June 8, 2015

For more information or to apply, call 319-296-4286 or visit [www.hawkeyecollege.edu/go/heavy-equipment](http://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/go/heavy-equipment).

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cate from the state."

Thompson emphasized that any program in Iowa caring for more than five children that does not register with the state is not abiding by the law. Not only is the program not being regulated, but there may be other consequences for operating illegally, such as liability or homeowner's insurance not covering in cases of injury or death.

Thompson offers these additional suggestions to those supporting quality standards for young children. The state of Iowa has a voluntary Quality Rating System in place to support early childhood programs in improving quality. If a child care program chooses to participate in QRS, this may indicate the program is interested in providing good care for children. If the program has earned a high rating, this usually indicates that the program is providing higher quality child

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## Community Announcements

### Annual Isaak Walton Fish Fries

Fridays during Lent: Feb. 20-April 3. Serving from 6-7:30 p.m. All you can eat fish, sides, milk and coffee. Between Gilbertville and Washburn

### Raymond Fire Rescue Fish Fry

Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 27th 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12 and children under 3 are free. Reuter Hall in Raymond

### Evansdale AMVETS "Soup to Nuts" Dinner

3rd Annual "Soup to Nuts" Turkey Testicle Festival is Saturday, March 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the AMVET Post 31 in Evansdale. The cost for the dinner will be \$6 for turkey testicles, \$4 for soup (chili and chicken noodle will be available) and \$8 for a combo plate

### American Legion Steak Fry

The American Legion Post 714 in Gilbertville will host a steak fry on Saturday, March 28. a 12 oz. ribeye steak for \$15, a 16 oz. t-bone steak for \$16, a 12 oz. sirloin steak for \$11, and an option of salad bar only for \$6. The steaks will be served with a baked potato, vegetable, salad, a roll, and coffee or milk. 5:30-8 p.m.

care. Learn more about QRS, including a list of programs participating, at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/iqrs>. Child Care Resource & Referral is a program to support quality child care throughout Iowa. CCR&R is available to assist families in selecting child care providers who best meet the needs of the child and the family. More information can be found at <http://www.iowaccrr.org/>

**What Is Best for Children**

"Ultimately, parents must decide what type of early learning program is best for their child and family," Thompson said. "Visit a variety of programs, ask questions, observe activities and relationships."

For further research-based information on early care and education, visit the Let's Talk... Child Care website at <http://blogs.extension.ias-tate.edu/childcare/>.

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