

# Empty Bowls project helps out food pantries

Marion art department helps raise \$6,000

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**CEDAR RAPIDS** — The Marion Food Pantry and the Linn Community Food Bank have benefited once again from a local Empty Bowls project coordinated by the Marion Independent School District's art department.

Many area schools participated in the project by having their students

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make small bowls and recipe jars that were sold at the Marion Arts Festival last month.

The project raised \$6,000, of which \$2,000 will go to the Marion Food Pantry.

The remaining \$4,000 goes to the Linn Community Food Bank.

Since the project began in 1996, more than \$40,000 has been raised and donated to local food banks.

The project is coordinated by teachers Jennifer Thilges and Barb

Shultz.

## A helping hand

Kennedy High School's student government held a loose change drive this spring to help a Cedar Rapids family devastated by an April 5 house fire at 3755 H Ave. NE. Students raised \$241 for Vickie Reed-Grahlman and her children who attend Kenwood Elementary School.

The fire that destroyed their home claimed the lives of 6-year-old Jaymie Grahlman, 6, and father Jay Grahlman.

The student government class also gave the family a \$140 Target gift certificate and free haircuts at a local business.

## Kudos

William Fuller, who just graduated from Linn-Mar High School, was given the International Thespian Society's Outstanding Student Achievement Award. The honor is given to one outstanding high school senior Thespian from around the world each year.

His selection was based on his

lead roles in numerous plays, his technical theater work, his leadership qualities as an officer in Thespian Troupe 680 and his job as director of the Thespian murder mystery play "Murder in the Manor."

*School Talk is a weekly listing of school-related honors and achievements. To submit an item, e-mail Janet Rorholm at janet.rorholm@gazettecommunications.com or write her at P.O. Box 511, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.*

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

Information appears as it was supplied to The Gazette.

### Various

At **Morrison Institute of Technology**, Morrison, Ill. — Kevin Campbell of Cedar Rapids, AAS, summa cum laude.

At **Northwestern College**, Orange City — Angela Hershberger of Marengo, BA, business administration/management; Sarah Hutchinson of Marion, BA, Spanish.

At **Dordt College**, Sioux Center — Matthew Ellerie of Cedar Rapids, BA, elementary education and English-language arts.

At **Harding University**, Searcy, Ark. — Kyle Bielefeld of Cedar Rapids, BS, biology.

At **Graceland University**, Lamoni — Evan Hrabak of Belle Plaine, BA, communications: speech; Lori Jennings of Decorah, BA, business administration; Robin Barker of Hazleton, BA, liberal studies; Justin Rapier of Marion, BA, communications English (writing); Janice Dolley of Vinton, MSN, family nurse practitioner; Jody Mohwinkle of Waukon, BA, accounting, cum laude; Anya Molyneux of What Cheer, BA, business administration, summa cum laude.

At **Beloit College**, Beloit, Wis. — Kira Johanson of Lisbon, BA, psychology, Spanish.

Meetings this week of public, tax-spending agencies and Cedar Rapids mayor's schedule. Send information to It's Your Business, P.O. Box 511, Cedar Rapids 52406; or fax (319) 398-5846, by noon Thursday.

### Today

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### Tuesday

**7:30 a.m.** — Marion Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall.

**8:30 a.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Council, informal session, council chambers, City Hall.

**8:30 a.m.** — Linn County Board of Supervisors, informal session, tour of the Grant Wood trail.

**9 a.m.** — Linn-Mar Community school board and Linn-Mar Secretarial and Educational Assistant Association, negotiating session, boardroom, Educational Services Center.

**12:30 p.m.** — Linn County Commission of Veteran's Affairs, Linn County Administrative Office Annex, 825 Third St. SW.

**2 p.m.** — Linn County Community Empowerment Executive Committee, United Way of East Central Iowa, 1030 Fifth Ave. SE.

**6:45 p.m.** — Center Point-Urbana Community school board, special meeting, Elementary School.

**7 p.m.** — Hiawatha Public Library board of directors, Hiawatha Public Library.

**7 p.m.** — Linn County Conservation Board, Conservation/Engineering building, 1890 County Home Rd., Marion.

**7 p.m.** — Marion Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall.

### Wednesday

**8 a.m.** — Linn County Elected Officials and Managers meeting, boardroom, Linn County Administrative Office Building.

**9 a.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Council, council chambers, City Hall.

**10 a.m.** — Linn County Board of Supervisors, boardroom, Linn County Administrative Office Building.

**Noon** — Marion Park Board, Parks Department, 600 10th Ave., Marion.

**4 p.m.** — Public Service Board, Marion Public Services, 195 31st St., Marion.

**5 p.m.** — Center Point-Urbana Community school board, District Office.

### Thursday

**Noon** — Linn Health Services Program, advisory committee meeting, Room 1156, Mercy Medical Center.

**2 p.m.** — Linn County General Assistance, advisory committee, small conference room, Linn

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**3 p.m.** — Linn County Decategorization executive committee, United Way of East Central Iowa, 1030 Fifth Ave. SE.

**4 p.m.** — Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Commission, council chambers, City Hall.

**7 p.m.** — Robins Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall.

**7:30 p.m.** — Center Point-Urbana Community school board, District Office.

### Friday

**8:30 a.m.** — Linn County Mental Health Services, planning committee, boardroom, Abbe Center for Community Mental Health, 520 11th St. NW.

**1:30 p.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Council, agenda planning session, mayor's office, City Hall.

### C.R. mayor's schedule

The mayor's calendar lists meetings and events scheduled as of the previous week. It does not list private meetings, work periods or day-to-day obligations.

• **Today: 5:30 p.m.**, Veterans Memorial Commission meeting; Oakhill Jackson Neighborhood Association meeting.

• **Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.**, City Council staff meeting.

• **Wednesday: 9 a.m.**, City Council meeting; **11 a.m.**, join Linn

County Emergency Management Duane Arnold Energy Center Emergency Exercise.

• **Thursday: 2 p.m.**, local business visit.

• **Friday: 9 a.m.**, remarks at meeting of Iowa Association of Colored Women's Clubs; **Noon**, help serve neighborhood meals program; **1 p.m.**, remarks at Alpha International annual employee picnic; **1:30 p.m.**, City Council

agenda planning session.

### Neighborhoods

Meetings this week of local neighborhood associations.

#### Today

**7 p.m.** — Oakhill Jackson Neighborhood Association, Jane Boyd Community House, 943 14th Ave. SE.

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