



## Lisbon considers allowing chickens

The City of Lisbon is considering adopting an ordinance to allow residents to raise chickens within city limits. The ordinance is being considered by the city council following the request of resident Charles Franks.



A public hearing on the matter was held this past Tuesday.

The proposed ordinance provides for citizens to raise up to six chickens on their personal property. The ordinance also states that only hens may be raised. Roosters are not permitted. In the proposal, any person who raises chickens must receive a permit from the City of Lisbon at a cost of \$10 per year.

After the public hearing, the ordinance will require three readings and publication in the newspaper to become law.

## SUN Spots

### Voting available Saturday in county auditors' offices

County auditors' offices will be open on Saturday to assist Iowans wanting to cast a ballot early for the upcoming June 3 primary election.

Iowans wanting to vote on Saturday who have not yet registered to vote may use election day registration procedures to register to vote and cast a ballot at their county auditor's office.

Polls for the Democratic and Republican primaries will be open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Polling places include: Mount Vernon North – Mount Vernon City Hall; Mount Vernon South – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; Franklin Township (Lisbon) – Lisbon City Hall.

### Cornell suspending Chautauqua program

Cornell College will not offer its long-running Chautauqua adult enrichment program for the 2014-15 academic year, as faculty and administrators consider program revisions.

College officials say the program, which began in 1980, has seen much success over the past 34 years, and has offered hundreds of four-session classes to adults on topics ranging from gender studies to American and world history to writing and poetry.

However, Cornell dean Joe Dieker noted, the program has seen a drop in enrollment, including about a 50 percent decline over the past two years.

"Cornell is going to evaluate and reimagine our programs for adults in the region," Dieker said. "It is time to take a new look at what Chautauqua can be in the future."

### Pool to open Saturday

The Mount Vernon pool is scheduled to open for the season this Saturday, weather permitting. Open swim is from noon to 5 p.m.

## Temporary lights to be installed uptown

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Sun news

Temporary stoplights will be installed in uptown Mount Vernon early this coming week as the city still works to get permanent signals.

Streetwise, based in Grandview, Mo., will set up portable signals, powered by battery, on each corner of the First Street/Hwy. 1 intersection. Mayor Jim Moore said Mount Vernon police Sgt. Doug Shannon found the option.

The cost is \$4,800 a month, and Moore said they will be



Temporary traffic signals like this will be installed at Hwy. 1 and First Street in uptown Mount Vernon this coming week.

used for as long as needed, until permanent signals are installed. Moore said it could take a couple of months for the other signals to arrive.

The uptown has been without a signaling system since April 27, when high winds toppled the stoplight on the northwest corner. In January, a tractor trailer took out the other north side signal.

Without signals, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has only allowed stop signs on First Street, and would not allow

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## Memorial Day MV unveils memorial proposal

Jake Krob  
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With a simple "we need to make this happen and we need to finish it" from Mike Woods, a concept for a new veterans memorial at Mount Vernon Cemetery was unveiled during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony.

Woods, commander of Mount Vernon's American Legion Hahn Howard Post 480, said Legion Auxiliary member Ruth Reckling reminded the organization that "work is not done" to replace a memorial

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## Lisbon marks day with ceremony



— Sun photo Margaret Stevens  
Christopher Ricke of Scout Pack 54 in Lisbon leaves Lisbon Cemetery after handing flags to those attending the town's Memorial Day ceremony Monday.

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Sun news

A large crowd that included many veterans and their families met in Lisbon Cemetery Monday to mark Memorial Day.

Lisbon American Legion Cyclops Post 109 organized the event that included a parade from the post to the cemetery with Legion members, Lisbon Scouts, and the Lisbon High School band.

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## CHAMPS!



— Courtesy photo

Local preps brought home two state crowns from the state track and field championships this past week. The Mount Vernon girls 4x400m relay of (above, from left) freshmen Maggie Davis and Libby Ryan, and juniors Samantha Walters and Emma Cochrane took the Class 2A title. Lisbon junior Keegan Tritle (below) was the champ in the Class 1A shot put. See Page B1 for more coverage.



— Photo courtesy of Tracy Tritle

## City names current staffer new public works director

Jim Bonewald  
Sun news

Lisbon is one step closer to filling its newly created public works director position.

At a recent meeting, council members Nathan Smith and Lance Zerbe presented a recommendation to hire Travis Bagby, the city's current water/wastewater superintendent. The recommendation came after Bagby expressed interest in the position, which was posted internally, and an interview with him was conducted by the two council members.

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The position was created by the council earlier this year and the person hired will oversee the department's remaining two employees as well as a proposed additional new employee the council hopes to hire at the beginning of July.

The director position was budgeted for the new fiscal year that begins July 1. Council members said that in contrast to hiring a candidate



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## Historic day

Mount Vernon celebrated its once-every-100-year event for the first time Friday – ZIP Code Day, when the date (5/23/14) aligned with the town's postal code. Above: Hundreds created 52314 on First Street West for a town photo. Left: Jerry Wells, a committee member who helped organize the event, takes a selfie at one of the numerous activities available uptown Friday night. Right: Eleanor Smith, with mother Jamie Wallace Smith, was named the youngest person at the event. Eleanor, born May 5, might just be around for the next ZIP Code Day, in 2114.



— Sun photo by Margaret Stevens

