Oelwein County Supervisor will be hosting a Fayette County Supervisor’s Forum on June 7 to advance to the fall.

Two seats on the Board of Supervisors will be on the ballot in November. Incumbents Jeanne Tellin, R-Maynard, and Marty Stanbrough, Republican, did not file for re-election.

One non-party candidate, Jesse Maire of Fayette, D-Fayette, did not file for re-election.

In their party’s primary, eight candidates are running for two open Fayette County Supervisor positions. The Republicans are Jayson Howard, Johnson and Palo Alto. An independent, Howard, Johnson and Palo Alto. An independent, Ronald Peterson of Arlington, and Marty Stanbrough, R-Maynard, are running in their party’s primary.

Two non-party candidates, Robert Sadler of West Union and Ray Steffens of West Union and Ray Steffens of West Union, are running for re-election.

The Fayette County Farm Bureau and Fayette County Economic Community Growers will be hosting a Fayette County Supervisor’s Forum on June 7, 2022, at the Fayette Opera House.

Organizers plan to focus on issues facing Fayette County with all supervisor candidates invited to attend the free forum in West Union.

CDC warns of rising COVID-19 risk in Iowa

For the first time in two months, an Iowa county has a high level of community risk for COVID-19, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Poweshiek County has that designation, due to a combination of its infection and hospitalization rates that the CDC uses to characterize the threat of infection. It recommends people wear masks indoors in public places when the threat is high.

Eight other counties have the designation of medium risk, mostly in northern Iowa: Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clay, Dickinson, Floyd, Howard, Johnson and Palo Alto. An update on those threat assessments is expected Thursday.

The state’s rate of infection has been on the rise since late March, and there were an average of about 550 new confirmed coronavirus cases each day in the past week, according to data released Wednesday by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

That infection rate is about 10% of the pandemic peak in January, but it is seven times higher than the last fall and last March.

It’s unclear how many new infections are attributed because people are using free and widely available at-home tests that aren’t tracked by IDPH reported on Wednesday a total of 3,847 new cases for the past week and 16 new deaths, although it’s unclear when those deaths happened.

Hospitalizations continue to rise. There were 145 people infected by the coronavirus requiring inpatient treatment at Iowa hospitals on Wednesday, a 17% increase from the previous week. Of those 19 were under intensive care, according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Crafts and lessons will range from collages in the style of the late Eric Carle to repurposed wreaths, to putting for gold. Science activities will span from learning how to talk to computers to dissecting owl pellets.

There will be a bingo card to fill out along with story times to attend for prize tickets.

Prize examples include dolls with handmade clothes, generously donated by a local patron; National Geographic science kits; Pastime bird houses; an evaluated time; a stuffed dragon; mugs and wasset haines.

To win prizes, simply participate. Earn a ticket for the prize drawings: for registering the summer reading program, for each program you attend, for turning in a reading log every week and for a bingo on a card to be given at registration.

Then place the ticket in the container for the prize you want to win.

One bingo will earn a small prize and one drawing ticket. A blackout bingo will earn a small prize and multiple drawing tickets.

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