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Denise Allen, who owns Fresh! along with her husband Scott, puts together a bouquet of roses on the morning of Valentine's Day.

FLOWER FRENZY

Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for Kalona's newest flower shop

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

KALONA

Flowers have become synonymous with Valentine's Day as an expression of love.

Every Feb. 14, florists are swamped with customers buying everything from single roses to lavish bouquets as gifts for the people they love.

Valentine's Day was proved to be no different for Kalona's newest flower shop, Fresh!, located at 508 C Ave., next to the Kalona Public Library.

"Valentine's Day is a madhouse," said Scott Allen, who owns the shop with his wife, Denise. "It's exciting and exhilarating. It's really fun to see all the people you can make happy all at one time. That said, it's also exhausting."

He explained that Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the two busiest holidays of the year for florists.

"The crazy thing about Valentine's Day is that people want it all on one day," Allen said.

Planning for the big day starts about a month in advance.

"You start planning what flowers you need to order and what supplies you need to order," he said. "There are certain things you can do to prep ahead of time. You get bows ready and other things like that ready."

The flowers start coming in about a week before Valentine's Day, which was a help to Allen because of the freshness of the flowers he gets from his supplier.

"They're so fresh, they pretty much come straight from the farm to here," he said. "They are all pretty tight. We have to prepare them all and get them in buckets of water. They have to sit for three or four days before they're ready to go."

All the planning and preparation, however, do not completely take away any angst in the days right before the holiday.

"Years ago - and it stays the same today - my wife told me when I get all freaky a couple days before and I'm wondering where all the orders are, she said 'It's a man's holiday. Nobody plans ahead. It'll all show up on the day of and the day before.' And she's right," Allen said. "I was still nervous yesterday. I didn't know what to expect."

Allen has been in the flower business since he was a young man, starting out helping Joyce Niffenegger at her shop, Niff's Nature Nook.

"In the early 1980s when Joyce was first opening up, I was a kid who liked plants and flowers," Allen said. "I was a kid who showed up there."

In 1999, he and his wife purchased an existing shop, The Garden of Eden, on B Avenue where The Raven's Nest is now

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Kalona council OKs \$3.7 million budget

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

KALONA

On Monday night, the Kalona City Council passed a nearly \$3.7 million budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

As part of that budget, the overall property tax levy will go down.

The current levy is at \$10.73 per \$1,000 of valuation. The new levy will be \$10.59 per \$1,000 of valuation, a reduction of about 1.35%.

City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh said that the levy reduction was possible because overall valuation went up about \$4.3 million.

The city will see an additional \$28,000 in property tax revenue from the new levy and increased valuation.

Schlabaugh told the council that the levy is comparatively low compared to other similarly sized cities in the state.

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Hotel tax grants sought by 4 Riverside organizations

BY JIM JOHNSON
The News

RIVERSIDE

The Riverside City Council was scheduled to consider \$54,500 in hotel-motel tax revenue to five organizations at its meeting Tuesday night.

The council's regular Monday meeting was moved until Tuesday due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

The Riverside Area Community Club applied for a \$19,000 for Trekfest and an additional \$4,000 for summer events. The Riverside History Center asked for \$19,000. The Washington County YMCA requested \$10,000 and Paws & More sought \$2,500.

The amount requested by

organizations is a small part of the \$183,880 collected from visitors who stay overnight at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

An additional \$91,940 is slated to go to city parks.

According to its grant application, Trekfest last year attracted approximately 7,000 visitors the last weekend in June.

The grant will help pay for parade awards, advertising, the costume contest, security, the Bill Reilly Talent Search and rentals such as tables, tents, inflatables and portable toilets.

RACC requested an additional \$4,000 for summer

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JAMES JENNINGS/THE NEWS

State Rep. Jarad Klein (R-Keota) speaks during Saturday's legislative forum at the Washington County Courthouse.

Local lawmakers discuss school funding, abortion

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

WASHINGTON

School funding and abortion rights dominated the conversation at Saturday's legislative forum at the Washington County Courthouse.

State Sens. Kevin Kinney and Rich Taylor, both Democrats, and State Reps. Jarad Klein and Joe Mitchell, both

Republicans, all gave their thoughts on those issues and others at the forum.

Klein pointed out that the House recently agreed to a 2.5% spending increase in education funding, as well as an additional \$7.6 million for transportation equity for rural schools.

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Lone Tree's Squiers OK'd for retirement

LONE TREE

The Lone Tree school board approved Athletic Director and coach Tom Squiers for early retirement at its meeting Feb. 12. At an earlier meeting, the board approved an early retirement package offered to teachers and staff in the district. The retirement package is an incentive, which lowers salary

expenses. The board approved the retirement request without discussion. "Thirty-two years is quite a lot," board member Mike Waldschmidt said. "You do a lot for the school," board member Joe Williams said to Squiers who attended the meeting but did not comment.

PET OF THE WEEK

GWEN



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This week's Paws & More pet of the week is Gwen. Gwen is an adult female Vizsla mix who is described as a "Classic Family Dog." This means she is loyal, trusting, and obedient to her people. Gwen lost her home about a year ago due to a larger female dog moving in who threatened her. Gwen has impeccable indoor manners (fully house-trained and does not chew). She is happy to snuggle with humans on the couch and does well with male dogs. Outdoors, she walks well on a leash and is eager to share in whatever fun is at hand. Last July, Gwen was in foster care in a rural setting but developed grass allergies or kept getting into wild parsnip. For more information, contact Paws & More at 319-653-6713.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

Benedictine College

Alexander Ockenfels of Wellman graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in management at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., at the end of the 2019 fall semester.

president's list. Any full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average is named to the president's list.

Drake University

Jakeb Yeggy earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Drake University in Des Moines at the end of the 2019 fall semester.

Ockenfels was also named to the fall 2019

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"That's \$239,000 for the Mid-Prairie school district in transportation equity," Klein said. "We want to make sure rural districts get a fair shake."

Taylor lamented that the 2.5% increase "doesn't keep up with inflation." Highland school board member said that the district has had to make cuts because state funding has dwindled over the years.

"It's still less than the 3.35% we need for the school," Engel said. "We used to have four principals and a full-time superintendent. Now, we have two principals and a half-time superintendent."

A school official from Washington added, "We need 3.2% in Washington to break even."

Klein said that legislators understand the needs of the schools, but those needs are weighed against other needs in the state.

He also pointed out that education still takes up the majority of the state budget.

The State Senate has proposed a 2.1% increase in education funding.

"We're still in negotiations with the Senate," Klein said.

The lawmakers also weighed in on a proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution that states a woman's right to an abortion is not guaranteed. The measure passed in the Senate last week. If passed by the House,



JAMES JENNINGS/THE NEWS

State Sen. Kevin Kinney (D-Tiffin) speaks during Saturday's legislative forum at the Washington County Courthouse.

it would still need to be approved by the Legislature again in 2021 or 2022 before going to a statewide vote.

"We're starting to tell a one-third co-equal branch of government what they can and can't do," said Kinney, who voted against the amendment. "We're starting to get into murky waters."

Taylor, who also voted against the amendment, said, "Healthcare is not the government's business. It's not my business to make your healthcare decisions. We don't do

that to men."

Mitchell said that he favors more access to birth control.

"We all want less unplanned pregnancies," he said. Klein said he favors the amendment.

"I'm pro-life," he said. "Life begins at conception."

Klein added that, if the amendment is twice approved by the Legislature, the voters of the state will get the final say.

"This does not get done in a vacuum," he said. "It will go to a vote of the people."

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movies and bands in the park. Plans call for an event each month during the summer. Last year, similar events drew about 200 people, half of them children.

The Riverside History Center asked for \$19,000 to support the city museum and the Voyage Home Museum, which chronicles the history of the Star Trek television and movie enterprise, a major draw of visitors to the city who come to see the future birthplace of the fictional Capt. James T. Kirk.

"We attract visitors from all over the world," the History Center's grant application reads.

Last year, the museum attracted 5,000 visitors "from all seven continents and 49 countries." The Highland High School wood shop class built a captain's chair for the museum.

Camp Highland, operated by the Washington County YMCA, requested \$10,000. The camp has been offered in Riverside every summer since 2012 at Highland Elementary School in Riverside.

Last year, 35 students attended, 30 of them were Highland Community School District students. The program collaborates with the school district, the YMCA-operated

pool in Kalona and the Kalona Public Library.

Camp Highland "creates a place where the children can have supervised fun activities within their community and also gives them field trip opportunities to create lasting memories," according to the grant application.

The grant reduces costs for Highland students who pay \$142 per week to attend the camp. Children from other communities pay \$137 per week.

Paws & More requested a grant for \$2,500 to support the pet adoption services offered by the organization.

4-H SENIOR PROFILE

Cael Yeggy

Hometown: Riversdale. Parents: Mandy and Scott Yeggy.

School: Highland High School. 4-H Club: Riversdale Ramblers. Projects: Market beef and breeding beef.

4-H activities: State 4-H conference in Ames.

Special 4-H memory/highlight: Winning rate-of-gain at the county fair.

Other activities: Shooting



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sports team, football, golf, wrestling, baseball.

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TALKING BROADBAND



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State Rep. Jarad Klein (R-Keota) welcomed James Graham of Kalona with the Iowa Communications Association to the Iowa House of Representatives last week. Graham was visiting the Capitol to meet with legislators to discuss broadband access in Iowa.

City of Kalona upgrading underground service and transmission lines

KALONA

The city of Kalona is boring new underground service lines over the next few years in partnership with Alliant Energy. Directional boring is already underway along Highway 22 and will be moving next to A Avenue.

As early as this summer, a third of the primary underground feeds will be finished. The finished project re-

moves the reliance on a pole-centered service that is susceptible to icing and wind shear.

The underground lines will be more durable while the pole removal will update the city's aesthetic.

In partnership with ITC the city of Kalona will see the installation of 69 kV transmission lines from A Avenue to Riverside in the near future.

The new transmission lines

will act as a second feed to the city for redundancy and result in fewer outages.

The upgrade is state-mandated and will be completed by fall 2020.

The pole removal project will accommodate the transmission lines work.

Together, the utility updates will provide the community with a more consistent and reliable service.

Nominations are open for Kid Captain

IOWA CITY

Do you know someone who would make a great Kid Captain?

Kid Captain is a partnership that began in 2009 between University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes to feature stories of strength, courage and inspiration.

If your child has a life-changing story, consider nominating him or her for the 2020 Kid Captain program.

Nominations are open until Sunday, March 15 for current or former pediatric patients of UI Stead Family Children's Hospital ages 18 and younger.

Only parents and legal guardians may nominate their child.

All Kid Captains will receive a commemorative jersey, special recognition from UI Stead Family Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes, and an invitation to a special behind-the-scenes tour of Kinnick Stadium in August.

Recent Kid Captains from the area were Gabby Yoder in 2019 and Quinn Stumpf in 2018.

Children of any age may be nominated as an honorary (away game) Kid Captain. Due to sideline safety concerns, only children who will be 6 or older by November 2020 may be nominated as a home game Kid Captain.

For more information or to nominate your child, visit uichildrens.org/kidcaptain.

LOOKING AHEAD

- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20**
Cattle and Hay Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 9 a.m.
Kalona Optimist Meeting - Kalona United Methodist, 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21**
Auction and Potato Bar - Pathway Christian School, starting at 4 p.m.
Sporting Goods Open House - 2430 Highway 22, Riverside, 1 - 7 p.m.
Wellman Garden Club - Goodwin Senior Dining, Noon.
- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22**
Sporting Goods Auction - 2430 Highway 22, Riverside.
Spaghetti Dinner - Goodwin Senior Dining, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23**
Kalona Historical Society Czech Heritage Event - Kalona Brewing Company, 405 B Ave., Kalona, starting at 3 p.m.
- MONDAY FEBRUARY 24**
Mid-Prairie school board meeting - 6 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. business meeting.
Highland school board meeting - 6 p.m.
The News' Spring Home Improvement ad deadline, Noon.
- TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25**
"Cooking for One or Two" class - Pleasantview Home, 10 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26**
ASH WEDNESDAY
Sheep, Goat and Hog Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 9 a.m.
- THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27**
FFA Week Agriculture Dinner - Lone Tree School cafeteria, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Hertz Land Auction - Louisa Co. Fairgrounds, Columbus Junction, IA, 10 a.m.
Cattle and Hay Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 9 a.m.
Kalona Optimist Tenderloin Dinner - Kalona United Methodist, serving from 4:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28**
VFW Fish Fry - Post 6414, 1259 Riverside Road, Riverside, 1 - 8 p.m.
Christian Experience Weekend - St. Mary's Church, 51 St. Mary's Street, Riverside.
- SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29**
Christian Experience Weekend - St. Mary's Church, 51 St. Mary's Street, Riverside.
- SUNDAY MARCH 1**
Christian Experience Weekend - St. Mary's Church, 51 St. Mary's Street, Riverside.
- MONDAY MARCH 2**
Horse and Tack Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 8:30 a.m.
Farm Retirement Auction - 6677 56th Ave., Agency, Iowa, 9:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY MARCH 3**
Farm Retirement Auction - 1375 Batavia Rd., Batavia, Iowa, 10 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 4**
Sheep, Goat and Hog Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 9 a.m.
Ag Outlook event - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY MARCH 5**
Cattle and Hay Sale - Kalona Sales Barn, 9 a.m.

BRIEFS

Wellman Garden Club to meet Feb. 21

Wellman Garden Club will meet Friday, Feb. 21, at noon, for lunch together at the Senior Center. After lunch (approximately 1 p.m.), club members will enjoy the annual "antique road show," sharing old and unique items with each other.

Guests are welcome. Please make your own reservations for lunch by 9 a.m. that day.

Cooking class to be held at Pleasantview

Pleasantview Home Culinary Director Austin Gian will host a class focusing on "Cooking for One or Two," at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

It will be held in the Friendship Center on the Pleasantview

campus and is open to the public.

There will be items prepared and sampled on the spot, along with recipe handouts, tips on nutrition and motivation when a person is cooking minimally, and ideas on preparing food by not cooking every day.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is encouraged by calling Pleasantview at 319-656-2421 or emailing Gran at AGran@pvhome.org.

Kalona Optimists to meet Thursday

The Kalona Optimist Club is meeting Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Kalona United Methodist Church with dinner at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

The club's annual Tenderloin Dinner is scheduled for Feb. 27, serving from 4:30-7 p.m.

Lone Tree FFA plans Feb. 27 ag dinner

The Lone Tree FFA Chapter will be holding a National FFA Week Agriculture Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 p.m. in the Lone Tree School cafeteria.

This dinner is open to all community members and farmers and will be in celebration of National FFA Week.

The chapter appreciates all of the hard work of our farmers and will be providing food with a freewill donation.

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Democratic party unity is important

The New Hampshire primary is now in the books. The Democratic race for president is beginning to take shape.

I still strongly support Elizabeth Warren. And I certainly see a realistic path to the presidency. But right now, I want to talk a bit about party unity.

Politico recently ran an interesting article that I believe all Iowans should read. Rachel Bitecofer is a political science professor at Christopher Newport University and has been extremely successful in predicting elections; much better than the talking heads you see on TV.

This is important, because we found an amazing number of Iowans making the argument that they were trying to pick the most "electable" candidate.

Bitecofer's researcher demonstrates that this approach may be all wrong.

Quoting from the article: "Bitecofer's theory, when you boil it down, is that modern



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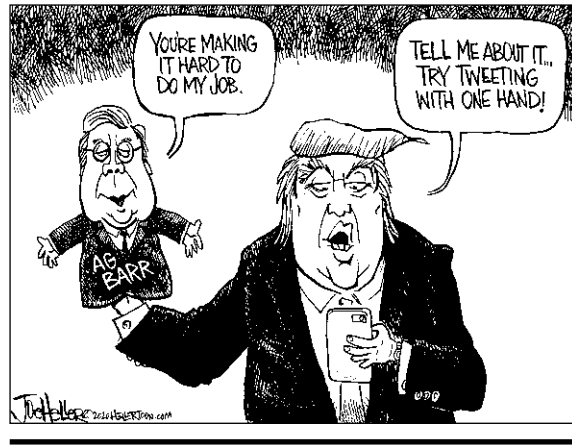
American elections are rarely shaped by voters changing their minds, but rather by shifts in who decides to vote in the first place."

This is not the "conventional wisdom," but that is good, as it has typically been wrong.

I honestly believe Democrats need to worry more about attracting the votes of young people and otherwise marginalized voters and less about the so-called "Obama-Trump" voters.

Because of this, I think Biden and Bloomberg would be disastrous choices.

Again, whoever comes out on top, I hope you will commit to working for her or his campaign. It is more important than ever.



State school funding bill back in Iowa Senate

House and Senate lawmakers have yet to resolve their differences on school funding for the upcoming school year.

During debate on Tuesday, House Democrats offered a plan this week to invest \$133 million in public schools next year, but majority party lawmakers want to provide less.

School leaders across the state have said low state funding over the last decade isn't keeping up with rising costs and hampers their ability to train the next generation of Iowa workers.

The proposals offered by majority party lawmakers does not keep pace with rising costs at schools and will lead to more school closings, higher class sizes and fewer opportunities for students.

Iowans have always had great pride in our public schools.

However, the state's new investment in public schools has been the lowest in Iowa history over the last decade leading to the closure of 126 schools in Iowa.



Amy Nielsen
State Representative

The low funding means public schools have been forced to increase class sizes and raise property taxes to make up for the shortfall in state funding.

House majority party lawmakers prefer a 2.5% increase in basic funding for schools while Senate majority party lawmakers want just 2.1%.

The bill SF 2142, is now back in the Iowa Senate as lawmakers try to resolve their differences.

By state law, the Legislature is required to enact school funding within 30 days to give school districts the time and ability to meet their required schedules for their budget decisions.

The leaders of the current House and Senate will not be able to deliver school funding on-time this year as per the law.

A second chance for strong school funding

Schools have been in a tough position for years, grappling with inadequate funding to meet student needs. There still is a chance we can do better for them this year though.

On Monday, I voted to increase school funding by a modest 3% for 2020-21. Unfortunately, the proposal was defeated in favor of a spending level that will shortchange our schools by about a third.

When the House took up the bill on Tuesday, however, they agreed that the Senate funding level was not enough.

Because the two chambers approved different amounts, the Senate will need to vote on SF 2142 again.

That means we have another chance to push for the strong investment our students and schools deserve.

I believe we should give our



Kevin Kinney
State Senator

schools an extra boost to take care of critical needs that have been piling up after many lean years.

A modest and affordable 3% increase in basic school funding would help keep the lights and heat on, make technology improvements, replace outdated textbooks and maintain manageable class sizes.

With a large projected state surplus, it's not a matter of resources. This is a matter of priorities.

Please encourage all state legislators to consider a stronger investment in our future.

Voters wanted land trust funded

BY KATE GIANNINI

It's been 10 years since Iowans overwhelmingly voted "yes" for the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (IWILL). This fund would create a permanent and reliable \$180 million program to pay for natural resources protection and increased recreational opportunities.

Iowa legislators have thus far declined to embrace the voters' wishes.

Iowa faces enormous water resource challenges. Damages from devastating floods on our border and interior rivers exceeded \$2 billion dollars in 2019, straining emotions and financially burdening businesses and families.

Abnormally wet conditions in both the spring and fall delayed farmer planting and harvesting. Over the past 30 years Iowans have experienced more than 1,000 flood-related presidential disaster declarations for our cities and counties and endured \$18 billion in direct property and crop losses.

Climate change will bring more extreme weather and frequent intense rainfall events to wreak havoc on our natural, agricultural and economic systems.

At the same time, there is a water quality crisis sweeping our state and our government seems to have no sense of urgency to address it.

A recent University of Iowa study showed that the amount of nitrate transported by Iowa streams has doubled since 2003. Hundreds of our streams and lakes are impaired for recreation, aquatic life and municipal drinking water.

This continued degradation is happening within the backdrop of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, which aims



Kate Giannini and her two sons.

to reduce agricultural pollution. The 45% reduction goal seems like a pipe dream; maybe that's why the strategy has no timelines or consequences for failure.

This year the legislature is finally discussing IWILL with some seriousness, and our governor proudly announced her support for the trust fund. But state leaders propose to deviate from the voters' intent and alter IWILL's funding formula.

The new plan is touted as tax neutral and diverts some current natural resource programs into the trust fund, closing out their previous legislative appropriation. Iowa voters did not vote for this.

Per the Iowa Code 461.31, the "trust fund monies shall supplement and not replace monies appropriated by the assembly to support the con-

stitutional purposes provided in section 461.31," meaning we cannot stop allocating current funds to existing programs and shift them to the trust fund.

As a mother, a fifth-generation Iowan, and a co-owner of a successful 20-year conservation business, I think my children and all future Iowa generations deserve better when it comes to safe drinking water, recreation, and protecting and enhancing our natural resources.

I urge Iowa legislators and Gov. Reynolds to respect the voters' intent and pass IWILL while preserving the original funding formula.

Kate Giannini serves as an elected Washington County Soil Commissioner since 2013, a business owner, wife, and mom of two boys.

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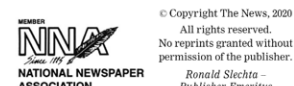
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OBITUARIES

Susan E. English
1948 - 2020

Susan E. English, 71, of Washington, Iowa, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospital following a short illness.

Celebration of life services were held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at the United Methodist Church with Pastor Kwang Song officiating. Interment took place at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington. Memorials have been established for Hawkeye Cans for Cancer or the Washington Steele Aquatic Center. Online condolences may be sent for Susan's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com.

Susan was born Dec. 14, 1948, in Washington, Iowa, the daughter of Wayne and Marie E. (Darbyshire) Knupp. She attended Prairie Flower School through sixth grade and then attended school in Washington. She graduated from Washington High School in 1967. Susan attended Iowa State University for one year and graduated from Drake University in 1970. She was united in marriage to Douglas A. English on April 4, 1972, in Washington, Iowa.

Susan and Doug lived in Des Moines, for a short time after their marriage prior to moving to Washington. She was a homemaker and worked at Sittler Electric and Yoder Tax Service. She trained to be a dialysis nurse to help care for



her husband. Susan taught exercise class at the Washington Community Y and the Washington Mennonite Church for several years. She was a member of the Neighborhood Snowball Social Club, Y Women, AAUW, the Monday Night Social Club, taught Bible School for many years and was a former member of PEO. Susan was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and was a faithful season ticket holder and loyal donor since 1975. She enjoyed wintering in St. George, Utah, the past several years.

Susan is survived by her son: Mark (Sara) English of Washington, Iowa; daughter: Amy (Tyler) Marsh of Elkhorn, Neb.; four grandchildren: Addison and Parker English and Brynn and Aubrey Marsh; one sister: Sara (Larry) Bartlett of Washington; one sister-in-law: Barb English of Harlan, Iowa; as well as her extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Doug in 2002; and brother: David Knupp in 1947.

Mary Yeggy
1931 - 2020

Mary Yeggy, 88, of Riverside, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Riverside. Fr. Bill Roush will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Mary's grandchildren. Following committal services at the cemetery, a time of food and fellowship will be held at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Snyder and Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Riverside with a 4 p.m. rosary. Memorials may be directed to the Riverside First Responders in memory of Mary. Sympathy notes may be left for the Yeggy family at www.sandhfuneralservice.com.

Mary Rummelhart was born on May 25, 1931, in Riverside, the daughter of Roy and LaVerna (Gringer) Rummelhart. Mary was a 1950 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Riverside.

On May 7, 1951, Mary was united in marriage to Richard Yeggy at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Riverside. Mary and her husband owned and oper-

ated Yeggy's Hardware in Riverside.

She retired from the University of Iowa after 25 years of service. Mary was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church. She loved to spend time with her friends and family, but most of all she dearly loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary will be deeply missed by her children: James (Rita) Yeggy of Lincoln, Neb.; Patricia Spulak of Bosque Farm, N.M.; Suzanne (Jeff) Chapman of Williamsburg; Debra (Tom) Podaril of Columbus Junction; and Eric Yeggy of Batavia, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and siblings: Duane Rummelhart of Iowa City, Muriel (John) Metz of Hills, Leroy (Connie) Rummelhart of Corville, Helen (Ben) Studnicka of St. Augustine, Fla. and Paul (Patricia) Rummelhart of Hills.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Richard; one grandson: Jonathan Podaril; and one brother: Kenneth Rummelhart.

Dorothy D. Schumann
1938 - 2020



Dorothy Darlene Schumann was born Jan. 22, 1938, in Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of Edward and Niva (Miller) Burkholder. She graduated from Wellman High School in 1956. On June 1, 1956, Dorothy was united in marriage to Paul Schumann at the Wellman Mennonite Church. Dorothy owned and operated Stitches in Sew Cottage in Kalona for many years. She was an active member of the Wellman Mennonite Church, where she taught Sunday school and Bible school and was involved with church sewing. She also volunteered on the quilt committee for the MCC Sale and she made many quilts for the sale. Dorothy was a member of the Country Quilters. Dorothy passed away on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at Parkview Manor in Wellman

at the age of 82 years. Dorothy is survived by her husband; Paul; six children: David (Grace) Schumann of Well-

man, Debra (Darrell) Kudobe of Mount Pleasant, Wesley (Brenda) Schumann of Dickinson, N.D., Delwin (Pamela) Schumann of Anamosa, Beverly (Stephen) Stude of Brewster, Minn., and Candolina (Curtis) Helmuth of Kalona; 17 grandchildren: Kristin (Ben) Peiffer, Tonia (Shawn) Poole, Kyle Kudobe, Rachel (Barron) Davis, Emily (Zach) Sunderland, Joshua (Ashley) Schumann, Jacob (Jacquie) Schumann, Nathaniel (Cydney) Stude, Nicholas (Briana) Stude, Matthew

Don Alan Walker
1934 - 2020



Don Alan Walker, 85, of Iowa City, passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at the Simpson Memorial Home. A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral & Cremation Services of Lone Tree, formerly the Sorden-Lewis Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Don's name. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.sandhfuneralservice.com.

Don Alan Walker was born April 4, 1934, in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Leo and Edith (Hinkley) Walker. Don was a 1952 graduate of Lone Tree

High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, stationed in Germany.

On June 5, 1955, Don was united in marriage to Marlene Johnson in Lone Tree. Don drove truck for more than 40 years, hauling gas for Jet Transport and Handy-Mart. He was a 50-year plus member of the Lone Tree Masonic Lodge and Lone Tree American Legion Post No. 457. He enjoyed camping, going out for supper with his wife, Mar-

lene and spending time with his grandsons. Don will be deeply missed by his son: Gary A. (Teresa) Walker of West Branch; two grandchildren: Curtis Walker and Cody Walker, both of West Branch; brother-in-law: James C. Johnson of Lone Tree; nephew: James K. (Fran) Johnson of Lone Tree; niece: Jamie S. (Tim) Lorack of Lone Tree; and lifelong friend of Don and Marlene's: Janette Vincent of Coesville.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Marlene in 2018; infant son: Michael Alan Walker; and sister-in-law: Carol Johnson.

SENIOR DINING MENUS

Feb. 24-28

Wellman - Goodwin
Monday - Chili soup, cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, cookies.
Tuesday - Salmon loaf, creamed potatoes and peas, brownies.
Wednesday - Church chicken casserole, romaine salad, Bishop's pie.
Thursday - Sausage and rice casserole, tomato spoon salad, fruit crisp.
Friday - Tuna melt, seasoned fries, cottage cheese, peaches.
Cost for a meal is \$6 per person. Make reservations by 9 a.m. Call 319-646-2711.

Lone Tree
Monday - Spaghetti bake, winter mix veggies, pears, garlic bread.
Tuesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, rosy applesauce.
Wednesday - Tuna and noodle casserole, peas, fruit cocktail, dessert.
Thursday - Pot roast, half a baked potato, mixed veggies, peaches.
Friday - Baked fish, corn and bean casserole, tropical fruit, ice cream.
For reservations, call 319-629-5144 by 10 a.m.

IDRIS CLUB

Idris Club met Feb. 11, at Maker's Market at Schlabach and Sons hosting Alpha Club. Karen Fisher was hostess. Each member did a painting taught by Jane and Kara Schlabach.
After painting pictures the Idris Club served a brunch of different appetizers. Then both clubs recited the Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance and adjourned to each individual club's meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The next meeting will be March 10 at Best of Iowa store. Meet at 10 a.m. for brunch with Marlene Toder as co-hostess.
Those in attendance were Martha Beckman, Esther Gingrich, Ruth Hershberger, Anna Hochstetler, Jeanne Jones, Karen Plank, Denise Ropp, Vicky Ropp, Janet Showalter, and Margi Teets.

I want to thank my friends and family for the cards, flowers, visits and prayers. I received while I was in the hospital and at Pioneer Place Care Center. I enjoyed each of them. I am recuperating at home and doing well.
~ Marge Wieland

The family of Lydia Mae Bontrager expresses their gratitude to the community for their support and kindness during mother's illness and passing. Also a special thank you to Washington County Hospice.
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A freshly painted room and a pot of chili create warmth in the cold days of winter

The ground has about three more inches of snow this morning. Son Benjamin, 20, and a friend of his went ice fishing last night. After they came home, we had just finished eating supper, so I set the food out for them to eat. We had chili soup and hamburgers on the menu.

When I make a big pot of chili soup I always think of my father. He used to tease my mother when she made a big pot of chili, pointing to the kettle saying "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc. I mean it!" That there was enough soup for several days, but it never lasted that long.

I never add chili powder to my chili soup but substitute with the spicy V8 juice we make. I always use sausage for the meat, and everyone loves when I add Rotel tomatoes to it. Benjamin's friend liked the V8 juice. We think it is a good drink when you have a scratchy throat from allergies during the winter. It seems like more of our family is liking it. It has just enough spice without being too hot.

All that labor we put into making it with all the vegetables from our garden in the summer sure does make it worthwhile to have a cold glass during the winter months.

We only have a few packages of sausage left in our freezer.



Our plans are to butcher three pigs on Saturday. One will be for Mose and daughter Susan. They will dress the pigs on Friday night and let them chill overnight, then we will cut up the meat on Saturday, render the lard, and make pork hoss. It's a big job, but it will be nice to have sausage, pork chops, ham, and bacon in the freezer again.

Daughter Verena is moved back into her freshly painted aqua bedroom now. It looks refreshing and blends in with the dolphin items she collects.

Daughter Elizabeth had Verena's name in our family gift exchange this year and gave her some new curtains that match with her new paint. In the swap bring at sister Emma and Jacob's house my niece Emma's gift was an aqua comforter set and Verena ended up with that gift. She was excited to add these new things to her bedroom.

While Lovina and I were painting, Verena ended up having to go to the dentist. She has a wisdom tooth com-

ing through and one side of her face was swollen from it. The tooth is coming through okay so far and the dentist told her if it keeps coming through okay, she doesn't need to get it pulled.

She kept ice packs on it and used Orajel to numb it. She also gargles with warm saltwater. She is feeling better every day but it still hurts to chew on that side. I never had my wisdom teeth come in but heard it can be painful.

My page is full, and I need to get busy. I hope everyone stays healthy through this flu season. Thank you to all my readers for your encouragement. God's blessings to all of you!

Chili Soup

2 pounds sausage (may substitute ground beef or venison)
1 fresh garlic clove, minced (or 1 teaspoon garlic powder)
1 medium onion, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, undrained
3-4 cups tomato juice
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/4 cup brown sugar
Salt and pepper, to taste

Brown sausage, garlic, onion, and bell pepper. Drain, then combine in a saucepan along with remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 30-60 minutes for best flavor.

Christian Experience Weekends planned at St. Mary's Riverside

The Iowa City Catholic Deacony will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, for women on Feb. 28-March 1, and for men March 6-8 at St. Mary's, Riverside.

A Christian Experience Weekend offers a chance to retreat from everyday life and take a look at who you are and where you are going.

Throughout the weekend you will be given the time and the tools to rediscover yourself, your faith and your God.

The weekend includes time alone and time with others on the same journey.

The weekend begins 7 p.m. Friday and ends at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. It is open to all men and women over the age of 18.

The cost of the weekend is \$50, payable to Christian Experience Weekend. Scholarships are available for those who request assistance.

For more information, call Carol TeBockhorst at 319-330-3452 or Bob Wagner at 319-430-4468.

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"We did go back through and look at communities with a population between 2,000 and 3,000 just to see where we ranked," he said. "It went anywhere from \$8.10 all the way to \$22.71 per \$1,000 of valuation."

The city also expects to see an additional \$85,000 in local option sales tax revenue.

"It's a pretty good barometer for us that we're seeing continued growth in the business community with respect to sales tax," Schlaubaugh said.

The city will also receive a nearly \$12,000 increase in road use funds from the state.

"We saw the state allocate more funds per resident," Schlaubaugh said. "We'll be just shy of \$12,000 in additional road use funds that can go toward improving our roads."

On the expense side, debt service dropped by nearly \$52,000.

Schlaubaugh explained that the reduction is due to the recent refinancing of the community center bonds and the timing of that refinancing.

Both PAWS & More animal shelter and Wellman Senior Dining got allocations of \$4,500 in the new budget.

The budget also allows for the hiring of an additional general laborer for the city.

"We're proposing adding a year 1 general laborer at the \$16.50 per hour range," Schlaubaugh said.

The city would advertise the position in May, make the hire in June, and the new worker would start in July with the new fiscal year.

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located. "That was an existing floral shop that we bought in 1999," Allen said. "We added onto it and added a cake bakery. We did flowers and wedding cakes."

They eventually teamed up with Paula Miller, who owns The Tuscan Moon Grill on Fifth with her husband, Warren.

"Originally, we were the start of the Tuscan Moon's courtyard," Allen said. "We put a hole in the side of our building and got together with Paula, before she even knew Warren."

"The Tuscan Moon was a gift shop that carried wine. She wanted to have a wine bar, and

we had food." It was a good partnership, but it eventually got too big to handle for the Allens.

"We were there for about six years," Allen said. "It was busy, it was good, but it was way too much."

They closed up shop, and Allen went on to become the manager of a flower shop in Pleasant Valley in Iowa City for about a decade.

After that shop closed, Allen was essentially retired.

"I was kind of retired, and my kids said 'You need to be back in the flower business. All these customers are asking about you and looking for you,'" he said.

However, he waited until

Niffenegger decided she was retiring from her business before opening his new shop.

"It was nuts. I didn't even know where I was going to land until about 'Halloween,'" Allen said. "This was a complete shell. There were two false walls and a ton of old store fixtures. You couldn't even walk through."

His goal was to open his shop in time for Christmas in Kalona, which he did, opening on Dec. 6.

Since opening, business has been good.

"It's been incredible. I can't believe it," he said. "I'm not getting rich by any means, but it's been great. The community has been wildly supportive."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Menus are subject to change. Menus are elementary listings. High school and middle school may have alternate choices.

Feb. 24-28

Mid-Prairie

Monday - Nacho grande, salsa, sour cream, steamed broccoli, red pepper strips, Mexican rice, apricots.

Tuesday - Chicken tetrazzini, garlic cheese-bread, garden salad, steamed corn, strawberries.

Wednesday - Fish sandwich, baked potato, cucumber slices, rye applesauce, oatmeal chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday - Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, pudding cup, fruit.

Friday - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato

soup, baby carrots, fresh cauliflower, apple slices.

Hillcrest Academy

Monday - Biscuits and gravy, peas, apple sauce, bread.

Tuesday - Barbecue beef sandwich, cole-slaw, potato rounds, pudding, bread.

Wednesday - Cook's choice.

Thursday - Taco Thursday.

Friday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, steamed corn, bread, bananas.

Lone Tree

Monday - Com dog, seasoned garbanzo beans, green beans, crisp carrots, apple slices, Cheetos.

Tuesday - Walking taco, cheesy broccoli, pears, Goldfish Grahams.

Wednesday - Personal cheese pizza com, fresh broccoli, orange slices, ranger cookies.

Thursday - Park tenderloin, potato wedges, grape tomatoes, warm cinnamon apples.

Friday - Cheesy potatoes and ham, dinner roll, steamed peas, Big Bill Grahams, juice box.

Highland

Monday - Omelet with cheese, French toast sticks, hash brown cubes, assorted fruit juices.

Tuesday - Breaded pork loin patty, bun, baked beans, cinnamon apple slices.

Wednesday - Bosco sticks, marinara sauce, steamed broccoli, dried pears.

Thursday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, peaches.

Friday - Spaghetti, meat sauce, celery sticks, garlic breadstick, apple slices, cottage cheese.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Programs/events
Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
Toddler Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Earn-out craft activity for ages kindergarten through fifth grade.

New adult fiction: "House on Fire" by Joseph Finder; "Closed Casket: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery" by Sophie Hannah; "Dancing With Fireflies" by Denise Hunter; "Hindsight" by Iris Johansen; and "Promised Land" by Robert Whitlow.

New adult nonfiction: "Shortest Way Home: One Mayor's Challenge and a Model for America's Future" by Pete Buttigieg; "Successful Aging"

by Daniel J. Levitin; and "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse" by Charlie Macksey.

New large print: "Mockingbird Songs: My Friendship with Harper Lee" by Wayne Flynt; "Lost in Lumby" by Gail Fraser; "Celine" by Peter Heller; and "The Mulberry Bush" by Charles McCarry.

New junior fiction: Graphic novel "Back to the Bones" by Jeffrey Brown; "Blair" by Jennifer Castle; "Sunday Sundaes" by Coco Simon; graphic novel "Unicorn vs. Goblins" by Dana Simpson; and graphic novel "Wings of Fire: The Hidden Kingdom" by Tui T. Sutherland.

New junior nonfiction: "Germany: All Around the

World" by Jessica Dean; "Fortnite: Scavenging" by Josh Gregory; and "Greece: All Around the World" by Kristine Spanier.

New easy reader books: "The Great Cake Race" adapted by Kristen L. Depken; "These Are My Pets" by Mercer Mayer.

New easy books: "Quiet" by Tomie dePaola; "Little Sock" by Kia Heise and Christopher D. Park; "Penguin Flies Home" by Lita Judge; and "Food Fight Fiesta: A Tale About La Tomatina" by Tracey Kyle.

New toy lending: Activity cause and effect blocks; toy balancing moon blocks; toy egg carton matching set; toy magnetic fishing pole.

WELLMAN-SCOFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Activities
Fridays at 10:30 a.m. - Toddler time with Megan.

Feb. 29 - Trivia Night. Call for details.

New adult fiction: "A Single Light" by Tosca Moon Lee; "All the Days Past, All the Days to Come" by Mildred Taylor; and "Treason" by Stuart Woods.

New young adult: "The Conference of the Birds" by Roshan Rigg.

New junior fiction: "The Cloud Kingdom" by Katrina Charman; "The Shadowlands" by Katrina Charman; and "Wings of Fire," the third graphic novel, by Tui Sutherland.

New easy reading: "Wild

Animal Sounds" by Ruth A. Musgrave; "A Fox Found a Box" by Adm Gadsdon; "Fix That Clock" by Kurt Cyrus; and "Neck & Neck" by Elise Parsley.

Log in to the library's website at www.wellmanlibrary.org for the latest news and activities.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Alsworth
Ainsworth Community Church: Ainsworth, Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Kids Club Wed 6:30 p.m.

Hills
St. Joseph Catholic Church: Hills, Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeyer, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. Mass/cheese: Sunday 10 a.m.

Iowa City
Crosspoint Baptist Church: Pastor Mike Barn. Meeting at the Carlton Hotel 2525 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Supper and Bible Study (off-site).

Kalona
Cornerstone Community Church: 229 South 14th St.; Floyd Vutry, 319-430-9574; cornerstonekalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids' classes available (<http://www.cornerstone.worship.com>). Pastor: Aida Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

East Union Memorial Church: 5615 Sable Ave. SW, 656-2590; Jon Beachy, Pastor; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Fairview Conservative Mennonite Church: 2005 540th St. SW; Pastors: Conrad Helmer, 319-512-4388; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. www.fairview.org

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 1st Ave. 656-2298; Pastor: Jeremy Gage; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid Week Service: 7 p.m. www.fgvc.net

Gospel Light Fellowship: 505 6th St. Pastor: Dwight Schrock, 319-530-4785; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Message: 10:45 a.m.

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Caspore Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy 1; Ministry: Nelson Beachy, 683-2371; James Swartzenduber, 683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Kalona Mennonite Church: 6th Street & Ave., 656-2736; www.kalonaonlinechurch.com; Pastors: Scott Swartzenduber; Associate Pastor: Josh Lehman; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Kalona United Methodist Church: 4th St. & C Ave. 656-2642; www.kalonaumc.org; Pastor: Gordon Gault; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship following: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 1408 540th St. SW, 656-2076; <http://www.lowerdeer.org>; Email: info@lccm.net; Pastor: Don Hoffert; Associate Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bottrager, Elynn Schulman, Gabriel Beachy, Lamar Ropp; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave. & 520th St. 683-2564; <http://sharoncenterumc.worship.com>; Pastor: Aida Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Traditional Service: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunrise Conservative Mennonite Church: 501 14th St. 656-4008; Pastors: Ryan Helmholtz and Mary Broder; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Shiloh: 209 1st St., 656-3156; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.; Small group meetings in homes throughout the week.

Kinross
Kinross Christian Church: Sunday worship: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Lone Tree
St. Mary's: 216 W. Jayne St.; Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeyer, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree: 110 W Elm St. 629-4000 www.lonetreeunitedchurch.com; Pastor: Rev.

Jim Bonewell; Sunday: Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15

Nichols
Nichols Christian Church: 607 Grant Ave. 723-4346; Sunday Services: Worship: 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Nichols United Methodist Church: 315 Main; 723-4585; Pastors: Mary & Don Timmerman; Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Family Worship Service with Children's Message.

St. Mary's: Short St. & Grand Ave.; Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeyer, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

North English
Champion Hills United Methodist Church: 3122 TT Ave., rural North English. 319-664-3829. Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Oxford
Windham Community Church: 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 7 miles north of Frown; Pastor: Randy Harker, 319-430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. www.wcchurch.org

Richmond
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church: 648-2331, cluster-parishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday 8 a.m.

Riverside
The Church in Riverside: 41 E 1st St. 658-2188, thechurchinriverside.org; Pastor: Patrick Kosanoff, Evangelist; Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

River City Church: Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schroeder St., www.rivercity.org; Pastor: Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 51 St. Mary's St., 648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantview Home.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 648-2602; Pastor: Edward Peterson; Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45-11:15 a.m. (Pre-school - 6th grade).

South English
English River Church of the Brethren: 2932 137th St. SW, 22 miles between South English & Kinross) 687-5235; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Wellman
Amish Circle: Champion Hill. Oct. to April: Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. For information, call Fred Wagner, 319-936-7778.

Adary United Methodist Church: 601 8th Ave. 646-2417; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School: Adult 8:15 a.m., Children, 10:15.

First Baptist Church: 600 4th St., 646-2254; Pastor: Rev. Mark Larson; Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m. Communion is held the first Sunday of each month.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Missouri Synod): 50 St. & 4th Ave. 646-2702; Pastor Rev. Zachary Kos; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

New Life Community Church: meets at Parkside Activities Center, office located at 214 8th Ave. 674-9067; Office Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon-Fri. www.newlifewellman.org; Pastor: Aaron Fleming, 646-2300; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Salem Mennonite Fellowship: 1306 Keukuk Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Gerald Kreider 319-467-2726; Willow Beachy 319-656-3733; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church: 11th St & Maplewood, 648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 1/2 miles west of Cheese Factory, 656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Wellman Mennonite Church: 1215 8th Ave. 646-2532; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

West Union Mennonite Church: 3253 305th St. Parnell, 646-6040; Pastor: David Hesslein; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Mennonite Women: First Wed. of every month 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; West Lunches: second Thurs. noon of each month at Ragsy Stoutman's.

Zion Christian Fellowship: 1308 Madison Ave. Pastor Erin Martin; Worship: 9:30 a.m.

West Chester
West Chester United Methodist Church: 403 Franklin Street, 698-4665; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Washington
Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA): 1226 E Washington St. 653-3950; Pastor: Maureen Howard; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m. Faith Formation classes for all ages are held from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Wednesday Evening Worship & Communion 6 p.m. (all year round) website: lutheran.org Current info on church phone records: 319-653-9350.

Prairie Flower Baptist Church: 1949 Larch Ave. at the corner of 190th St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Cotter; Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Prairie Time: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday: Various activities posted on our web site. www.prairieflowerchurch.org

St. James Parish: 602 West 2nd St., 653-4040, 319-458-0412 ext. 1; Father Benita Weis; 5:30 p.m.; Sun 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m. stjameswashington.org

United Methodist Church: 206 W 2nd St. 653-5446; Pastor: Kang Song; Traditional worship 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Nursery available for 8 and 10 a.m. see www.washingtonumc.org

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100 YEARS AGO FEB. 19, 1920

Kalona

Albert Spenner spent from Saturday until Monday in Iowa City with his brother, Frank, who attends school there and also with other relatives.

Lloyd Strickler has been visiting his friend, Clifford Fry, the past week.

Sam D. Miller reports that his sale last Monday was very satisfactory in every way. The place sold for \$4,025 which was about the price the owner held it at and the other personal property sold at very satisfactory prices also. Mr. Miller wished us to add that he is highly pleased with the work of his auctioneer, Mr. Vanatta.

Wellman

C. H. Yoder has moved to his mother's farm in Parnell.

Mrs. Whetstone returned to her home in Iowa City last Saturday after spending the day here with friends.

Walter Ihrig has moved to his new home purchased from John Eckhardt. John has moved to the George Herr farm, which he purchased last fall.

Ray Stiner will continue working for Nick Snider the coming season. Ray is a good man and Nick knows it.

We hear that Dr. Miller has purchased the Winegarden home. It will make the doctor's family an ideal home.

Mrs. A. F. Longwell was in Kalona between trains Monday evening.

Wm. Stricker has purchased a half interest in the pool hall of his father, Henry Stricker, and has already taken possession, having quit work in the Wehrle Auto Company garage last Saturday evening. Billy, as we all know him best, is an honest, energetic young man, and we predict will run a good, clean place of business.

Miss Marie Snavely left last week for her home at Ladora, after spending a few weeks here with her brothers, F. D. and R. E., and families.

75 YEARS AGO FEB. 22, 1945

Kalona

No paper.

Wellman

Twelve lettermen from Wellman High were presented with their certificates of award Thursday night at the annual football-basketball banquet, sponsored by the Community Club in their honor, held at the Gobble Inn. Names of those boys receiving awards are: seniors, Wayne Turnipseed, Gene Long, Don Norman; juniors, Junior Wagamon, Bill Topping, Bob Rowe, Marvin Hudson, Emery Whetstone; sophomores, Bill Litwiler, Stanley Goodwin, Harold Kempf, and freshmen, Leon Miller. All letters were awarded for football.

Bill Godber, Bill Kraft, Roy Taylor and Howard Durian attended the Iowa Wisconsin basketball game in Iowa City.

Mrs. F. L. Hicks entertained the dinner bridge club in her home. Six members and one guest were present. Mrs. Arthur Wright was a guest, and the members who attended were Mrs. Jessie Gardner, Vernie McIntosh, Jennie Oldaker, Allie Green, Emma Webster, Elizabeth Wehrle and the hostess.

Bob Godlove, recently awarded the commission of second lieutenant, spent a three-day pass in Paris last month. In a letter to his sister, Martha, he stated that he had been injured but the wound was very slight.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, 35 friends and neighbors gathered for a farewell surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yoder and family who will soon move from the neighborhood. Due to the muddy roads, the most popular means of arrival was a team and wagon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Oren Yoder, Arlin and Eldon; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder, Doris and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Bill White and Edith, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Schrock, Dale, Delbert, Marlene and Edwin Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Yoder and Lowell Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Slabaugh, Arlene and Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stutzman, Art and Wilma, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Yoder, Lois and Lynn, Doris Reber and Mary Maple. The Yoders were presented a lovely chenille bedspread as a parting gift.

Latest word from Pfc. Carol Stitler stated that he was

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Row 3: Bertha Miller, Eldora Miller, Clarence Miller, Tobie Hershberger, Duane Gingerich, Delmar Gingerich, Dennis Shetler, Simon Miller, Jr. Hershberger.
Row 4: Laurine Miller, Alta Shetler, Gladys Bender, John Hershberger.
Row 5: Barbara Miller, Mary Beachy, Ada Miller, Edward F. Miller, Eugene Hershberger, Joe Beachy, John Shetler, Leo Miller.
Row 6: Elmer Miller, Amelia Miller, Marjorie Gingerich, Alva Gingerich, Paul Gingerich, Daniel Bender, Chester Miller, David Yoder.
Row 7: Teacher Paul T. Guengerich, Mary Elisabeth Miller, Paul Yoder, Jonas Beachy, Rudy Miller, Paul Shetler.

driving an Army mail bus and was staying in town somewhere in France with a young couple. He has been teaching the people to play games as we do here.

Sgt. Arthur Whetstone is home on furlough after many months in the Southwest Pacific.

Billy Walker was guest of honor at a birthday party Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stitler at Washington. Billy was 4 years old Monday.

Lone Tree

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swales, who have spent the past several weeks at their Lone Tree home, went to Bloomfield today to look after their farm there and get things in shape for the spring work. Mrs. L. E. Brinkmeyer accompanied them to spend a couple of days visiting in the Otis Christofferson home.

Rollie Joe Masters, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Masters, who moved to Davenport a few days ago, is reported to be very seriously ill with spinal meningitis. He has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Faires have moved from a farm southeast of Riverside to Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherburne who bought the farm the Faireses were on are moving to it.

The advanced home economics girls gave a musical tea last Friday afternoon. Each girl invited a guest and the following were present: Mrs. E. C. Green, Mrs. E. Wylie, Mrs. M. Griebel, Mrs. C. Cantrell, Mrs. M. Wade, Mrs. F. Hoskins, Mrs. L. Adams, Mrs. R. Baker, Mrs. R. Grecian, Mrs. H. Buell, Mrs. Mae Musser, Mrs. W. Jelle, Mrs. G. Cook, Mrs. W. Stonebarger, Mrs. K. Wilcox, Mrs. H. Kral, Mrs. I. Graham, Miriam Wiese sang two selections, Margaret Griebel played a trumpet solo, Mary Lou Prizler played two marimba selections, and a group of seven girls sang two selections.

50 YEARS AGO FEB. 19, 1970

Kalona

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Fry accompanied by his brother, Earl Fry, visited Friday afternoon with another brother, Fred Fry, who is now residing at the Lantern Park Care Center in Coralville. Mrs. Nellie Fink, who formerly resided in

Washington, moved to Kalona and lives in the Skola property recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Nisly, who moved to Muscatine.

Mrs. Vernon Hartzler and Mrs. Ferd Skola were guests Monday evening, when Marie Jackson entertained the ABC Club in her home. At the close of the rock games, the prize for high score, traveling and consolation score were awarded to Mrs. Reese Trusler, Mrs. Hartzler and Mrs. Eugene Way. Others sharing the valentine party were Louise Kallaus, Mrs. Willis W. Gingerich and Mrs. Joe Allen.

Mrs. Myron Jones and Mrs. David Teets planned a surprise dinner party at the Kalonial Townhouse as a courtesy to Judy Enfield who has operated the Kalona Beauty Center here for the past 10 years. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Teets also included other beauty operators of the community and a number of customers of Miss Enfield.

Those sharing the courtesy were Mrs. Sam Rodgers, Mrs. Gordon Miller, Mrs. Ralph Cooper Jr., Mrs. Claude Escher, Mrs. Willard Boller, Mrs. Roy Swartzendruber, Mrs. Lloyd Flecker, Mrs. Larry Hoover, JoAnn McDonald, Mrs. Everett Cox, Mrs. Marvin Elmen, Mrs. Amos Mellinger, Mrs. Raymond Yotty, Mrs. Don Miller, Shirley Christner, Mrs. Earl Fry, Mrs. Paul McAndrew, Mrs. A. A. Jackson, Mrs. L. J. Strickler, Mrs. Fay W. Boone, Mrs. Velma Spicher, Mrs. John Durst, Mrs. Donald Ruth, Jane Holey, Mrs. Ivan Yoder, Mrs. Ronald Bender and Mrs. Eugene Way.

Wellman

The Golden Hawks won the EIHC title Friday night by defeating the Solon Spartans 98-74. They stand 12-1 in conference play. Dick Dickel was the high scorer with 23, Steve Mast 21, Don Showalter 20, Jerry Kron 11 and Dick Ehrenfelt 9.

A progressive dinner party was sponsored by the ALC Study Club with members and husbands as guests. Hosts for the evening were Dr. and Mrs. John L. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Wirtz and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Berger. In addition to the hosts, members attending were Mrs. Harley Rugg, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goschke, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whetstone, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whetstone, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Swartzendruber and Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Swain.

Miss Laurel Schlaubaugh, Chicago, spent the weekend

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Schlaubaugh, and visited her grandfather, Sam Schlaubaugh, at Pleasantview Home.

Miss Suzanne Yoder spent the weekend with her sister, Roberta, at Hesston College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin, Mrs. Delmar Miller and Alma Troyer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Martin and Cheryl.

Lone Tree

A second public meeting concerning the proposed bowling alley will be held at the American Legion building on Feb. 27. According to Donald Kout, the bowling equipment has been purchased. A warehouse owned by Mossman's will be used for storage until suitable facilities can be constructed.

Riverside

Bill Watkinson, a senior at Highland, was recently named to the Southeast Iowa Boys All-Conference team. Bill has been a standout for the Huskies this year.

Ellen Kron, standout senior guard, was named to the first All-Conference team. Teammates Elizabeth Kron, guard, and Diane Waldschmidt, forward, received honorable mention.

125 YEARS AGO FEB. 23, 1975

Kalona

There was a record turnout for the Kalona Optimist Club pancake supper on Feb. 16. Optimists served 430 people, running out of sausage in the process.

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Mid-Prairie High School FFA members are (front row from left) Colby Rourke (secretary), Brody Miller (sentinel), Kamen Martin (reporter), Aubrey Fay (president), Abby Frantz (vice president), Ben Meader (treasurer), Hailey Slaubaugh (reporter), Bridget Fisher (historian) and Sadie Frantz (student advisor); (second row) Stone Peck, Collin Miller, Colton Hobbs, Kendra Schaefer, Georgia Nisly, Tobi Knepp, Gabi Knepp, Jeorgia Knepp and Myah Lugar; (third row) Camden Miller, Gannon Callahan, Brenten Boyse, Noah King, Kaden Meader, Mose Yoder, Zoe Fisher, Grace Conway and Phelan Hostetter; (fourth row) Zane Fisher, Payton Peck, Taylor Gingerich, Alexa Huber, Annie Morrison, Britany Kinsinger, Kaitlin Martin and Carmen Sieren; (fifth row) Levi Bontrager, Braydon Younge, Kelyn Yoder, Ella Brunk, Ruby King, Krissy Gerst, Kaylee Shirkey, Marissa Cline, Jacay Sisson and Chandler Hershberger; (back row) Sydney Skelton, Anna Nafziger, Brittney Pfeiffer and Riley Yoder. Not Pictured: Emma Baker, Winnie Bowlin, Cole Davis, Sidney Davis, Mariyah Dusenbery, Olivia Duwa, Peyton Freeman, Carter Harmsen, Logan Harmsen, Clarke Latham, Colin McClellan, Adajia McDowell, Elizabeth Meader, Rebekah Meader, Brodey Neal, Collin Nickell, Maddie Nonnenmann, Nathan Quinby, Jaselyn Robertson, Emma Slaubaugh, Paytin Swartzentruber, Max Troyer and Caleb Vercande.

MID-PRAIRIE FFA HIGHLIGHTS

In February 2019, Sub-District Career Development events were held at Williamsburg with three members participating.

Members went to the middle school throughout the year to present information to the ag life science classes.

An all-school assembly was held at the high school during FFA week. A faculty breakfast was held showcasing FFA activities throughout the year.

In March 2019, Mid-Prairie FFA members attended the District CDE's, with the secretary's book and reporter's scrapbook competing.

The secretary's book and reporter's scrapbook advanced to state.

The Food for America program was presented to third graders at all Mid-Prairie elementary schools.

In April, the 20 members of the FFA chapter traveled to Des Moines for the State FFA Convention.

The secretary's book received a silver and the reporter's scrapbook received a gold.

Three members of the chapter received their Iowa FFA degrees.

The Greenhand quiz team received a silver, and the ag sales team received a silver.

The biotechnology team received a silver along with the poultry judging team.

The annual FFA Banquet was held honoring FFA members with about 95 people attending.

In May, members picked up trash along Highway 22 as a part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Buckle Up or Eat Glass seat-

MID-PRAIRIE FFA AT LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM



Mid-Prairie FFA Chapter (from left) Aubrey Fay, Carmen Sieren and Bridget Fisher attended the 35th Annual FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines on Jan. 28.

belt check was held at the high school. Members assisted in working with flags at the Kalona and Wellman cemeteries.

In June, two members attended the Washington Leadership Conference.

The chapter hosted the Goldenhawk Showdown Junior Swine Show.

In July, many members

showed livestock at the Washington and Johnson county fairs. Members participated in livestock judging contests at both county fairs.

The chapter hosted a cook-out and movie night for all FFA members.

The chapter had a float in the Wellman Fourth of July parade.

August found the Mid-Prairie chapter recruiting new members at the Freshman Orientation Night.

Twenty-three members of the Mid-Prairie chapter showed or assisted at the state fair.

The chapter won the supreme FFA horticulture chapter at the Iowa State Fair.

Three members served as Iowa State Fair grandstand ushers.

The school year began with the annual Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the school year.

The chapter once again collected trash along our Adopt-a-Highway roadway.

Members also cleaned up trash after all home football games.

Members organized a pull tab drive and made tie blankets for the Ronald McDonald House.

Members attended the FarmHer Grow Iowa Conference.

October was spent participating in the Linn Mar freshman/sophomore livestock judging contest.

Six members of the Mid-Prairie chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Members presented lessons to a variety of elementary-aged students about agricultural topics.

Seventeen Mid-Prairie FFA members attended the District Greenhand Fire-Up Camp held at Clear Creek Amana High School.

Members went to the middle school throughout the year to present information to the ag life science classes.

December brought the fruit and cheese sales to an end and the Christmas Party.

FFA members sponsored Christmas events for seniors.

In January three members attended the Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium.

Six members attended the Iowa FFA Amplify, Ignite and Transform conferences.

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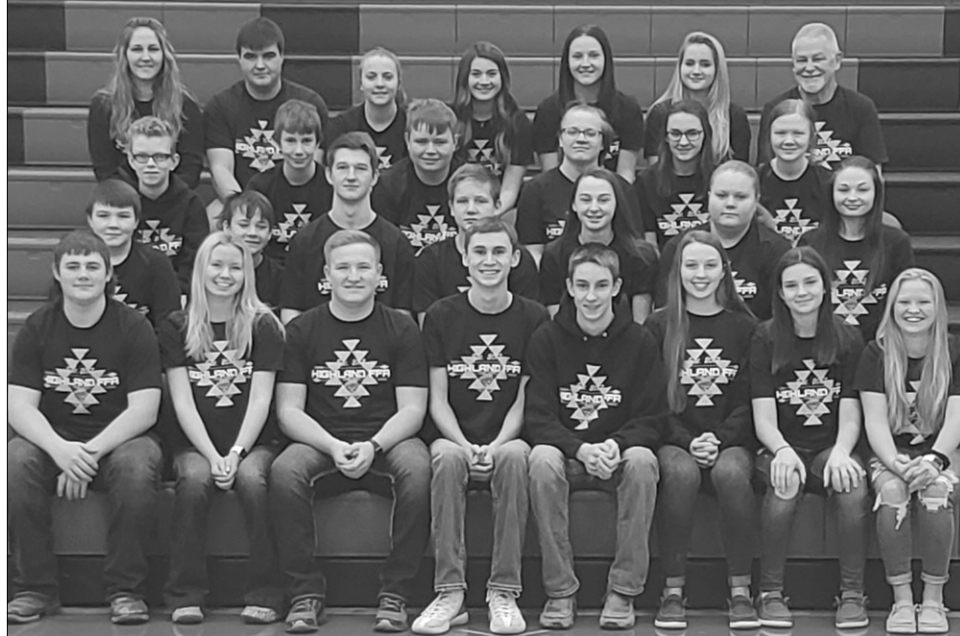
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Highland High School FFA members are (front row from left) Brock Schaedler, Taylor Sublette, Jamison Kasperek, Bryce Waters, Thomas Rittenmeyer, Jenna Sands, Maddie Peiffer and Mackinze Hora; (second row) Brayden Johnston, Jack Peiffer, Isaac Black, Peyton Yeggy, Katelyn Waters, Dakota Longbine and Mylei Smith; (third row) Cody Strait, Aaron Schaedler, Caiden Sweeting, Lillie Pierce, Jenna Waters and Avery Johnston; (back row) advisor Gina Trower, Matt Colbert, Kerra Longbine, Grace Prybil, Payton Brun, Addy Kleopfer and advisor Duane Van Winkle. Not pictured: Brandon Holm, Ashton Sexton, Ellie Anderson, Madison Thomann, Tristan Stokes, Bryce Thompson, Carsen Melinger, Jalynn Brown, DJ Jones, Tyler Hoppman, Brooke Rarick and Grant Prybil.

Highland FFA officers join Legislative Symposium

BY TAYLOR SUBLETTE
AND BROCK SCHAEDLER
Highland FFA co-reporters

DES MOINES

On Jan. 28, Highland FFA officers Jamison Kasperek, Taylor Sublette, Ellie Anderson, Jenna Sands, Brock Schaedler, Bryce Waters and advisor Gina Trower traveled to Des Moines for the 35th Annual Legislative Symposium.

FFA members from all over the state came together at the Iowa State Capitol to learn about volunteering, agriculture in the government and

seeking opportunities.

The Highland FFA students visited with State Sen. Kevin Kinney and spoke with him about up and coming legislative actions pertaining to agriculture in Iowa.

Students also shared their experiences with Kinney and learned that he, also, comes from an agricultural background.

Not only did the Highland FFA meet with Kinney, but they also learned about citizenship and leadership while talking with some of the senior

pages who were working in the Senate chambers.

As a fun adventure, before Highland FFA headed home from the symposium, they had the opportunity to climb to the top of the dome in the State Capitol building.

The Highland officers climbed the 298 steps from the second floor of the Capitol building to the top of the dome in order to overlook all of Des Moines.

It was an exhausting trip up, but well worth it once they got to the top.



Highland High School FFA officers (from left) Jenna Sands, Bryce Waters, Jamison Kasperek, Brock Schaedler, Taylor Sublette and Ellie Anderson pose in front of the State Capitol in Des Moines while they attended the Jan. 28 Legislative Symposium.

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LONE TREE FFA



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Lone Tree High School FFA members are (front row from left) Tyler McCullough, Oliver Altenhofen, Josh Mills, Josie Mullinnix, Will Hotz, Hunter Hain, Alberto Cortes, Alex Viner, Abby Buckman, Allison Marshak, Haley Sweeting, Holley Johnson, Natalie Patterson, Arlie Lorack, Brynne Ronan, Lindsay Werbach, Ella Buser and Avery Shalla; (second row) Tim Mills, Riley Donovan, Zane Arnold, Keegan Edwards, Braden Viers, Matthew Fellows, Ronan Moffitt, Cade Shield, Adam Knock, Emma Slaughter, Lauren Bell, Anessa Knock, Gavin Pourroy, Cale Yoder, Caleb Yoder, Wyatt Yoder, Tessa Galloway, Katelyn Maldonado, Madelyn Eden, Julieyn Eden and Abby Westfall; (third row) Bailey Pierson, Colton Jondle, Darian Ketchum, Cooper Madoerin, Jack Buser, Shane Zaruba, Dani Pettitt, Ashley Yedlik, Madison Bell, Riley Krueger, Alivia Hemsted, Caden Jondle, Madi Sobollik, Kyle Zaruba, Maddie Altenhofen, Ryan Werbach and Lexi Garrett; (back row) Bryce Abbott, Zack Madoerin, Mitchell Koedam, Tyler Bell, Derick Sandburg, Nick Floyd, Cory Krueger, Cale Christofferson, Kasey Chown, Cade Patterson, Gabe Bellinger, Javid Smith, Gage Rife and Tyler Rundlett.

FFA members attend Legislative Symposium, FFA Day at Capitol

DES MOINES

Making a difference, students visit with legislators, skills learned in the classroom applied in a world where citizenship is essential.

FFA members from across Iowa came to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.

Nearly 560 high school students wearing blue corduroy flooded the Iowa State Capitol building in Des Moines on Jan. 28.

This included six Lone Tree FFA members: Holley Johnson, Haley Sweeting, Alex Viner, Allison Marshak, Abby Buckman and Alberto Cortes.

These six Lone Tree FFA members had the opportunity to visit with Johnson County legislators and discuss the importance of agricultural education.

The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills



State Sen. Kevin Kinney (third from left) visits with Lone Tree High School FFA members Alex Viner, Haley Sweeting, Abby Buckman, Allison Marshak, Holley Johnson and Alberto Cortes at the Jan. 28 Legislative Symposium and FFA Day in Des Moines.

learned in the agriculture classroom and learned the importance of citizenship.

This was all part of the 35th

Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA

members heard from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Craig Hill about the importance young agricultural-

ists can play in the agriculture industry.

Then, Julie Kenney, Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, addressed the students about the importance of agriculture in Iowa and abroad.

Kelsey Tyrrell of the World Food Prize addressed students about the future of Iowa agriculture and the importance of being involved with statewide issues.

Gov. Kim Reynolds presented and signed the FFA Week Proclamation, declaring Feb. 22-29, the week of President George Washington's birthday, FFA Week in Iowa.

The proclamation signing took place in State Capitol Tuesday afternoon with the Iowa FFA state officer team.

HILLCREST FFA



SUBMITTED

Hillcrest Academy FFA members are (from left) Abner Staley, Owen Swartzendruber, Kennedy Roth, London Schrock, Julia Boller, Drew Blauvelt, Luke Schrock, Noah Miller, Josiah Beachy, Leah Bontrager, Esther Hughes and advisor Mike Severino-Patterson. Not pictured: Jimmy Yusuf.

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Five Mid-Prairie spellers earned trophies at the Jan. 28 district spelling bee. They were (from left) Fiona McClellen, Taylor Pence, Max Kipp, Logan McClellen and Jason Heitman.

Mid-Prairie spellers earn trophies in district and regional spelling bees

Five Mid-Prairie students competed at the Knights of Columbus district spelling bee held at Clear Creek-Amana on Jan. 28, and for the first time in Spelling Club history, every speller finished in the top two, allowing them all to advance to the regional bee, held in Cedar Rapids Feb. 16.

"Wow! That means we all get to go," said Jason Heitman after the completion of the final bee that night.

Fiona McClellen won the fourth-grade division. Max Kipp won the fifth-grade bee; Taylor Pence took second. Logan McClellen won the seventh-grade bee; Jason Heitman took second.

Three weeks later at the regional bee in Cedar Rapids, four of the spellers finished in the top two, qualifying for the state competition. This tied the record of four Mid-Prairie students going to the state bee.

The Mid-Prairie spellers finished in the same place as they did at districts with the exception of Jason Heitman who took fourth place.

The four spellers will compete at the state (and final) competition in Ames on March 8.

The Spelling Club is coached by Trent Yoder and Pat Anderson.

Ambulance director hiring scheduled

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent

Depending on how wage and benefit package negotiations proceed, the county may hire its first ever ambulance services director following a 10 a.m., Feb. 19 closed session.

Chairman Jack Seward said at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting that the Feb. 19 special session will mainly be a closed one with the second candidate for the position and likely could be followed by a hiring in open session.

Last week, the board rescinded its offer to its first-choice candidate after a background check of the individual disclosed information that bothered board members.

The offer was then made to the second candidate on the fi-

nal four list.

"We could have a director right after the special meeting," Seward told The News Tuesday.

The new director could, while finishing a two-week's notice to a current employer, begin duties part-time with Washington County.

The director would start full-time in early March.

If something changes with the second candidate, the board will go on to the third.

The current privately contracted ambulance services end at midnight June 30 when the business closes permanently.

The board expects it will have its newly formed emergency ambulance services department in operation by July 1.

Kalona council OKs library director hire

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

KALONA
The Kalona Public Library will have a new director in April.

At Monday's meeting, the City Council approved the recommendation from the Library Board to hire Trevor Sherring to replace Anne Skaden who is retiring after more than 25 years as director.

Sherring currently works as a part-time clerk at the library and is working on finishing up his master's degree.

"He's been working for the library as a clerk and shows outstanding leadership potential for our library," Library Board President Frank Slabaugh said.

Slabaugh said that a lot of work went into the interview process.

"We went through several months looking at job descriptions and getting the ad posted," he said. "When it came down to the interview process, we met with the full board, we had Jenelle (Bender) representing the City Council, we had members

from our Friends Club and fellow employees that came together.

"We brainstormed what our priorities for what our next director are. One of the top priorities that came out of that was a collaborator and a teamwork approach."

After interviewing three candidates, the subcommittee made a recommendation to the full board for follow-up interviews with two in-house candidates.

"We were very privileged that we had two outstanding candidates from our own library," Slabaugh said.

Along with Sherring's hire, the Library Board recommended that Youth Services Librarian Olivia Kahler's position be re-evaluated.

"We want to see if we can pull some shared leadership potential and rewrite the job descriptions," Slabaugh said. "They are working on that as we speak, possibly changing the title from youth services librarian to a more overarching title. A salary increase is also something we'll be looking for."

Livestock confinement moratorium appears dead in Legislature for now

BY PERRY BEEMAN
Iowa Capital Dispatch

DES MOINES
For all their sign-waving and news conference comments, environmentalists admit this week they have virtually no chance of getting a hearing on their proposed moratorium on large livestock confinements in Iowa.

When the activist speeches ended, an Iowa Capital Dispatch reporter asked how many of the 85 Republicans in the 150-member Iowa Legislature had endorsed the proposed moratorium on construction of new confinements or expansions of existing ones.

The answer: One. Rep. Jeff

ShIPLEY of Fairfield.

Lawmakers have consistently declined to give county supervisors control of where the confinements are built in their counties. This has caused stress for local politicians who field most of the complaints about odor and the allegations that emissions from the manure stored in deep pits under the hogs, and spread on fields as fertilizer, are making people sick.

Farm groups have strongly opposed a moratorium or any significant change to Iowa's major livestock regulations.

The House bill was sent to the Agriculture Committee, headed by Rep. Ross Paustian, R-Walcoit, a farmer who has

been active in the Scott County Pork Producers Association.

The legislation hasn't moved, and Republican caucus staffers don't expect it to. Paustian didn't respond to an email late Thursday afternoon.

Eldon McAfee, lawyer for the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA), said, "IPPA is obviously and absolutely opposed to any moratorium on building or expanding confinement operations. We have extensive regulations in place since 1985 that properly regulate the siting and construction. Those regulations have been followed and a moratorium would be devastating to agriculture and beyond that to Iowa's economy."

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Simple tips on how to begin building a credit history

Credit scores play a significant role in the lives of millions of adults across the globe. A strong credit history can help people secure more borrower-friendly terms on home and auto loans, potentially saving them thousands of dollars.

Credit scores are not typically on the minds of young adults who are years away from purchasing their first homes. However, young adulthood is a great time to begin building a strong credit history.

By laying a strong foundation now, young adults can reap significant rewards when they try to finance major purchases, such as cars and homes, down the road.

• **Open a credit account.** It's important to begin building credit histories once you're eligible, as young people with no credit histories may find it hard to get loans or even apartments of their own. Cosigners can help, but loans secured with cosigners won't do much to improve young people's credit scores. Borrowers want loan applicants who have shown they can pay their own bills, and length of credit history is one of many variables that are used to determine borrowers' credit scores.

A long history that documents a young person's track record of paying bills on time is to his or her advantage. Many credit card companies issue credit to applicants as young as 18, so young people should not hesitate to begin exploring their options. The online finan-

cial resource NerdWallet notes that young people with no credit history may need to apply for secured credit cards.

Unlike more traditional cards, secured cards are backed by upfront cash deposits. However, secured cardholders must still make payments on time and will still incur interest charges if they don't. These cards can be a great way for young people to begin showing lenders their creditworthiness.

• **Apply for an installment loan.** Installment loans are another great way for young people to build their credit histories. According to the credit reporting agency Experian, auto loans are among the easiest types of loans to obtain. Young borrowers may need cosigners, though some lenders may not require that. Young people who want to buy new

vehicles can avoid leaning on their parents to facilitate their purchases and instead take out an auto loan that requires monthly payments. A track record of making installment loan payments on time and in full is a great way for young people to prove their creditworthiness and improve their credit scores.

• **Ask your landlord to help.** Young people who rent and pay their rent on time might finally be able to benefit from that. In the past, the only way rent payments were included on credit reports was if tenants were delinquent with their rent payments and subject to lawsuits or were reported to collection agencies. However, Experian recently started to include positive rental payment information in their credit reports. Young

people with histories of making rent payments on time can ask their landlords to report their positive payment histories to the credit bureaus.

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LIME CREEK LIMELIGHTS

The Lime Creek Limelights 4-H Club met on Feb. 10. Club members played ice breakers to help the new members learn everyone's names. The attendance question was "What is your favorite sports team?" Congratulations were given to everyone who

did their presentation for the first time on Sunday. Club members also made dog toys for Paws & More in Washington. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., March 9 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Wellman.

4-H draft horse driving clinic set for April 18

With assistance from the Horse & Pony 4-H Club parents, leaders and the Southeast Iowa Draft Horse & Mule Association the second annual 4-H horse driving clinic will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds. This event will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Pancakes and More Breakfast on the fairgrounds April 18. Youth may register to attend the clinic from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Youth will be paired with their own hitched draft horse team and an experienced teamster to help train youth. The clinic will include harnessing demonstrations, hitch-

ing demonstrations, driving clinic and end with a driving class competition. This opportunity is open to Washington County 4-H youth enrolled for the 2019-20 4-H year or Horse & Pony Club alumni. Youth do not have to be a Horse & Pony member to participate and learn. Pre-registration required online by April 1 at tinyurl.com/4Hhorsesdriving2020. It is free to participate. Youth must wear jeans, boots or close-toed shoes and a riding helmet. For more information, contact the Washington County Extension office.

Lone Tree students raise funds for Leukemia, Lymphoma Society

BY JIM JOHNSON
The News

LONE TREE

Two Lone Tree High School students are raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission of curing blood cancers. Natalie Patterson and Brynne Ronan are competing against other students nationwide for the society's student of the year honor. Patterson spoke at the Lone Tree school board meeting Feb. 12, telling about their project with a goal of \$10,000. The project has a number of fundraising prongs: • Collecting tax-deductible donations until April 5. • Holding a silent auction on March 13. • Soliciting corporate sponsorships that start at \$500. • Selling advertising in the Grand Finale Gala program book. Patterson said in addition to raising money for curing blood cancers the fundraiser is "a great leadership opportunity." Anyone interested in participating in the fundraiser may contact Patterson at NPatterson1020@gmail.com or Ronan at BrynneH6@gmail.com.



Natalie Patterson tells the school board about the fundraising project she and Brynne Ronan have undertaken.

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

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Offers will be accepted until 5 p.m. March 14, 2020. Any offers post-marked after March 14, 2020 will not be accepted. All offers will be read and discussed by the owners after March 19, 2020. Upon an accepted offer owners will require a 10% down payment as earnest money. Persons submitting offers will be contacted following the owners meeting.
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Nominations for county offices begin March 2

Nomination papers are now available at the Washington County auditor's office for various county positions which will be on the ballot for the June 2 primary election and the Nov. 3 general election. Three seats on the Washington County Board of Supervisors, as well as the offices of county auditor and county sheriff will be on the ballot. The three open seats on the Board of Supervisors consist of Districts 1, 2 and 4, and the current officeholders are Jack Seward Jr., Bob Yoder and Stan Stoops. The current auditor is Dan Widmer, and Jared Schneider

is currently sheriff. Only voters living in the supervisor candidate's respective district are allowed to sign the nomination papers. The offices of county auditor and sheriff are elected at large. All terms are four years. Nomination papers and accompanying information, as well as a county map outlining the supervisor districts, are available at the county auditor's office at the Courthouse in Washington or may be downloaded by using the links at co.washington.ia.us. Nomination papers and an accompanying affidavit of candidacy may be filed with the

Washington County auditor beginning March 2. The deadline is 5 p.m. on March 25 for primary election candidates and 5 p.m. on March 20 for all non-party political organizations and nominated by petition candidates who will be on the general election ballot. Non-partisan hospital trustee candidates and Soil and Water Conservation Board candidates who will be on the general election ballot must also file by 5 p.m. on March 20. The deadline for Ag Extension Council candidates running on the general election ballot is Aug. 26.

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The News SPORTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Boys basketball teams tip-off playoff action this week

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

Girls basketball kicked off their postseason action last week, now it is the boys turn to go into bracket play as our four local teams tip-off their post-season play this week.

Three teams start their postseason Thursday in the Class 1A-District 7 tournament. After posting an 18-4 regular-season record, Highland will host Southeast Iowa Super Conference-rival Hillcrest Academy at 7 p.m. Thursday in Riverside. Lone Tree will hit the road Thursday for a 6:30 p.m. tip against Calamus-Wheatland at North Cedar, Stanwood.

Highland and Hillcrest battled to two close decisions

this season that both went the Huskies' way. Highland won at Hillcrest, 65-58, in January then defeated the Ravens, 49-44, in Riverside two weeks ago.

It is always tough to defeat a team three times in a season and the Huskies will try to do that Thursday against an 11-9 Ravens squad.

"Our bracket is very strong with only one team under .500," said Hillcrest head coach Dwight Gingerich.

"I feel we've progressed through the season and proud of the kids' effort to get to this point. We lost five of our top seven a year ago, so it's been a year of growth, and we are still young with just two seniors. It was great to clinch a winning season."

Highland is led by a trio of

seniors who average double figures in scoring in Zack Lasek (17.2 points per game), Mason McFarland (14.8), and Cole Adamson (11.2).

"Having to face a solid Hillcrest team for the third time this season is not going to be an easy task for us right out of the gate," said Highland head coach Bill Zywiec. "We have been talking about just playing our game and taking care of the little things on the court that we can control."

Hillcrest is led offensively by junior Eli Ours who leads the squad in points (18.3 average) and assists (7). Senior Kobe Borntrager is the team's leading rebounder (121) and brings a 13.9 points per game average.

Lone Tree will be on the road throughout the duration of their postseason run which begins against Calamus-Wheatland Thursday.

The Lions placed third in the SEISC North Division with a 10-6 record and with a 13-9 overall mark. Calamus-Wheatland placed second in the Tri-Rivers East Division with an 8-4 mark and finished 11-11 overall.

Lone Tree is led by 1000-point scorer Keegan Edwards who is averaging 21 points per game in his senior season. He also leads the squad in rebounds (171) and assists (130).

Calamus-Wheatland is led by juniors Kaden Schneid and Brady Buchmeyer who lead the squad with averages of 14.5

points and 11.5 points, respectively.

Mid-Prairie kicked off their postseason with a Class 2A-District 9 play with a win over Wilton Monday night for the team's fifth straight victory. They have a tough test at top-seeded Camanche Thursday, a team they lost to 70-33 at the end of January. The Golden Hawks though are hot at the right time of the season.

"As a team we have now won five games in a row mostly due to the defense we have been playing which leads us to success on the offensive end," said head coach Daren Lambert. "Players have been stepping up in their roles and playing selfless which has resulted in us playing quality basketball at the right time of the year."



JOE TISCHLER/THE NEWS

Highland's Bryce Thompson won the 106-pound weight class at the Class 1A-District 2 meet in North English. The junior will be making an appearance at the Iowa State Wrestling Championships this week.

Three area wrestlers move on to state

Highland's Thompson and Yeggy, Golden Hawks' Boucher all move on to state

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

One week ago, 13 area wrestlers made their way past the section tournament to get to the cusp of wrestling in the Iowa State Wrestling Championships this week. After battling through Saturday's district tournament, three wrestlers achieved the dream of competing on Iowa's biggest stage.

In the Class 1A-District 2 tournament in North English, Highland's Bryce Thompson at 106 pounds and Cael Yeggy at 182 pounds advanced to Des Moines. While in the Class 2A-District 4 meet in Center Point, Mid-Prairie's Isaac Boucher advanced to state at 195 pounds. Four wrestlers competed in each weight class with the top two in each class advancing to Des Moines.

Thompson came in as the

top seed in his bracket and that held true to form as he had little trouble in claiming the championship. He defeated Paul De Jong of North Mahaska-New Sharon with a 13-9 decision. The junior raced out to an 8-2 lead after two periods with the help of three takedowns and then staved off a late charge from his opponent to secure victory. In the championship, Thompson was in a tight bout against Zane Keim of Iowa Valley-Marengo until he earned a fall win 55 seconds into the second period to secure a bid to state.


Yeggy took the long route to claim a berth to Des Moines. He fell to Chase Wickwire of Belle Plaine in the first match of the day. Needing to win the next two matches, Yeggy fought back to top his opponents to take second in the weight class and earn a bid to state. He de-

feated Brody Hoyt of Iowa Valley-Marengo with a 2:24 fall to remain in the bracket then Gavin Holmes of New London in the second-place bout.

Mid-Prairie's Boucher won his first match with a 15-4 major decision win over Lane Stender of Maquoketa at 195 pounds. He led 8-2 after the first period then used a pair of 3-point nearfalls to clinch the major decision. After forfeiting his match against 34-1 Wyatt Voelker of West Delaware, Boucher dominated Clark Younggreen. He led 10-2 before earning the fall win at 3:01.

Thompson, Yeggy, and Boucher begin their state tournament run Thursday at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. The Class 2A tournament with Boucher will begin with first round and first-round consolation action at 1:30 p.m. The Class 1A tournament begins at 6 p.m. with first round and first-round consolation battles. Action will continue Friday and Saturday.


The News ATHLETE of the WEEK



**ETHAN
TRIMPE**
MID-PRAIRIE
JUNIOR

<p>The Golden Hawks are on a five-game winning streak and Trimpe has a lot to do with it. He is second on the team in scoring with a 10.8 average.</p> <p>He has reached double figures in scoring in three of the five games in the streak which included a 21-point outburst in the team's 67-56 win over Durant Feb. 11.</p> <p>Favorite sports team? Oklahoma City Thunder.</p> <p>Favorite athlete? Kevin Durant.</p>	<p>Favorite movie? "Avengers: End Game."</p> <p>Favorite non-sports hobby? Reading.</p> <p>Favorite school subject? Science.</p> <p>Favorite place I've visited? Disneyland.</p> <p>Do you have any siblings? Two younger siblings.</p> <p>Do you have any pets? One dog.</p>
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Area wrestlers in competition at districts

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Aside from the three wrestlers that qualified for state, 10 other area wrestlers represented Highland, Mid-Prairie, and Lone Tree at the district wrestling meets.

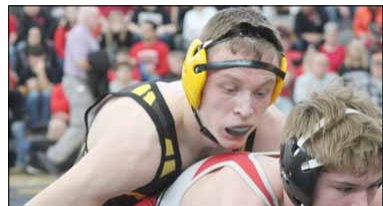
Highland was well represented in North English. Easton Schlaubaugh at 113 pounds, Carlos Valenzuela at

120 pounds, and Eli Slaymaker at 195 pounds each placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

Mid-Prairie had six wrestlers compete in Center Point. Vinnie Bowlin at 152 pounds and Cael Garvey at 160 pounds each won a wrestle back match before falling in their respective third-place bouts. Mason Hartley (145 pounds), Ben Meader (170), and Cory Allen

(182) all placed fourth in their weight classes.

A pair of Lone Tree wrestlers competed in the Class 1A-District 8 meet in Wilton. After losing his first match at 220 pounds, senior Timothy Mills defeated Spencer Kessel of Louisa-Muscataine with a 54-second fall. He fell in his third-place match to Kolby Morris of Alburnett. Will Hotz took fourth place at 170 pounds.



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Mid-Prairie's Mason Hartley in competition at 145 pounds Saturday.



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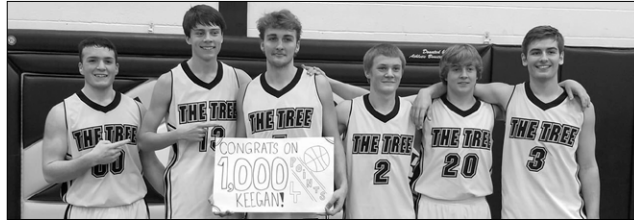
Cory Krueger

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Josh Mills

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The Lone Tree seniors help Keegan Edwards celebrate his 1000th-career point Friday night against Belle Plaine.

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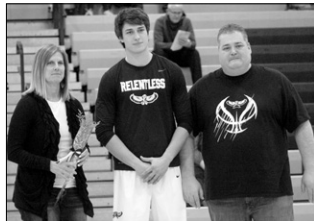
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The Mid-Prairie Dance Team performed at halftime.

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MID-PRAIRIE 1970 BOYS BASKETBALL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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The 1970 Mid-Prairie boys basketball team was honored at halftime of the game versus Durant Feb. 11. The team was the Class 1A state runners-up. Above are members of the team that were present: (top) Dan Dickel, Dan Jirsa, David Speacker, Steve Yotty, (bottom) Allen Schrock, Don Showalter, Jerry Kron, Denny Yoder, Tim Grady (coach). Other team members included: Byron Miller, Dick Ehrenfelt, Norman Schrock, Greg Boyd, Reed Edmundson, Mark McAndrew, Steve Mast, Jerry Huffman, and Randy Porter.

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Madeline Jacque scored a game-high 18 points in Lone Tree's 59-16 win over Hillcrest Feb. 13.



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Hillcrest's Yani Gutierrez looks to pass away from a double team in the Feb. 13 Class 1A-Region 4 first round game at Lone Tree.

Lone Tree girls cruise to playoff win over Ravens

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

LONE TREE
Lone Tree got off to a fast start and kept the pace going throughout in earning a 59-16 win over Hillcrest Academy in a girls basketball Class 1A-Region 4 first round game Feb. 13.

The Lions scored 31- and 30-point victories over the Ravens in the regular season and used a 16-0 first quarter as part of a 43-point win in the postseason.

Madeline Jacque was the Lions' catalyst in building the first-quarter edge as she tallied 13 of the team's 16 points. She drained a pair of 3-pointers within the game's first minute. Holley Johnson added a 3-pointer to make it 9-0 before Jacque rattled off another seven straight which included an old-fashioned 3-point play and an offensive putback in the final minute.

Hillcrest got on the board nearly two minutes into the quarter with an Esther Hughes

steal and lay-in. Hughes would add an old-fashioned 3-point play of her own to pull the Ravens within 15.

Lone Tree would get their offense on track again as their lead grew to 20 at 26-6 for the first time following a Johnson 3-pointer with 1:35 left in the first half. Baskets from Josie Mullinix and Johnson in the final minute grew the lead to 32-8 at halftime.

The Lions started the second half with seven straight to get the lead to 30 for the first time at 39-8 following a Johnson basket. Lone Tree outscored Hillcrest 15-4 in the third to take a sizable 47-12 lead into the final quarter.

Lone Tree was astounding on the defensive end as well as they had 36 steals which included 10 by senior Sara Branson.

Jacque led the Lions with 18 points on 3-for-6 shooting from 3-point range. Johnson added 17 to go along with five assists. Hughes led Hillcrest with nine points.



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Highland's Dani Laughlin goes up for a shot against Winfield-Mount Union's Bradie Buffington in the Feb. 13 Class 1A-Region 4 first-round game in Winfield. Laughlin led Highland with 11 points.

Highland girls suffer tight playoff loss at Winfield

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

WINFIELD
Highland had the ball looking for the go-ahead basket in the final seconds in their Class 1A-Region 4 contest Feb. 13 at Winfield-Mount Union, but the final shot was offline and the Huskies fell 42-41 to end their season.

The Huskies fell twice to Winfield-Mount Union in the regular season, each by double-digit margins, but the playoff game was much tighter.

After a low-scoring first quarter which saw Winfield lead 9-3, Highland fought Winfield to a 13-13 tie in the second quarter and trailed 22-16 at the break.

The Huskies scored Win-

field 14-10 in the third quarter to pull within 2 at 32-30 going into the final eight minutes.

The fourth quarter was tight throughout. Highland led by a point until Winfield knocked down two free throws to take a 1-point lead with 19 seconds left. Highland got a final shot off before the final buzzer, but it did not go.

"The girls left everything they had on the floor and played a very good game," said Highland head coach Jody Fink. "We are going to miss our two seniors, but they leave behind a good group of girls to move forward and fight for the future."

Dani Laughlin led Highland with 11 points. Senior Alyssa Brase added nine.



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Mid-Prairie's Phelan Hostetler goes up for a shot against West Liberty's Averil Goodale in Saturday's Class 3A-Region 6 first-round game in West Liberty. The Comets defeated the Golden Hawks, 66-39.

Golden Hawks ousted from playoffs

WEST LIBERTY

The Mid-Prairie girls basketball team played West Liberty tight during two regular-season meetings, but the third contest was a different story as the Golden Hawks fell to the Comets, 66-39, in a Class 3A-Region 6 first-round game Sat-

urday in West Liberty.

Mid-Prairie lost the two regular-season games by a combined eight points to the 18-4 Comets. Junior Myah Lugar scored double figures in both contests with 13 and 16 points, respectively. Saturday, however, she was held to two points as the Golden Hawks shot 33%

from the floor in the playoff setback.

Maddie Nonnenmann was Mid-Prairie's only player in double figures with 10 points.

Sailor Hall led West Liberty with 20 points.

Mid-Prairie finishes the 2019-20 season with a 7-15 overall record.

High school football district groups for fall 2020 announced

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

Mid-Prairie, Highland, and Lone Tree know what teams will be in their respective districts when the 2020 Iowa high school football season starts in the fall.

Mid-Prairie finished in second place in the Class 2A-District 6 standings with a 4-1

district mark and 6-3 overall record. They will move to District 7 in 2020. Joining the Golden Hawks in the district will be Central Lee (Donnellson), Davis County (Bloomfield), Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont, West Burlington/Notre Dame, and Williamsburg. All teams but West Burlington/Notre Dame make the move over from District 6. Williamsburg

won the district in 2019. Highland will be staying in Class A-District 6 but with all new members. The Huskies finished in fourth place in the district standings in 2019 with a 2-3 mark and 5-4 overall record with Belle Plaine topping the standings. They will be joined in District 6 in 2020 by Columbus Community, Lisbon, North Cedar (Stanwood),

Regina (Iowa City), and Wapello. Columbus, North Cedar, Regina, and Wapello are all making the move from Class 1A. Lone Tree will remain Class 8-District 4 with a couple of new members. The Lions finished tied for second in the district in 2019 with a 5-2 record and 5-4 overall mark. District champion H.L.V. (Victor) will be leaving the district along with

Iowa Valley (Marengo) and will be replaced by Moravia, Tri-County (Thornburg), and Twin Cedars (Bussey) meaning there will be nine schools in the district compared to eight a season ago. Remaining in the district are English Valleys (North English), Montezuma, New London, WACO (Wayland), and Winfield-Mount Union.



Mid-Prairie's Ethan Trimpe (top) and Brad Tornow (bottom) look for scoring avenues in Monday's game against Wilton. The Golden Hawks advanced in the playoffs with a 54-42 win over the Beavers.



Mid-Prairie's Jacob Nonnenmann dribbles into a crowd of Wilton defenders in Monday's Class 2A-District 9 playoff game in Durant.

Strong second half gives Mid-Prairie playoff win

BY JOE TISCHLER
The News

DURANT
The Mid-Prairie's boys basketball handled Wilton twice during the regular season by margins of 19 and nine points.

It took some time for the Golden Hawks to find their groove Monday night, but thanks to a dominant second-half effort, they topped the Beavers for the third time this season with a 54-42 victory in Class 2A-District 9 playoff action in Durant.

The win sets up a district-semifinal showdown with top-seed Camanche Thursday at 8 p.m. in Camanche.

After starting the season 3-13, the Golden Hawks have rattled off five straight wins. It's a perfect time to be hot as postseason play begins.

"(The streak) helps because we can transition that to the game. We know we can do stuff and we can win," said junior Ethan Trimpe. "We'll see if this confidence can help us get through it and maybe get a win (Thursday at Camanche)."

The win streak was in doubt of continuing throughout the first half and into the second. Wilton raced out to an 11-3 lead and lead by seven at 19-12 after one quarter.

Mid-Prairie started the second quarter with six straight to pull within one at 19-18, but Wilton countered with an 11-2 run to push their lead to 10 at 30-20 late in the first half. An Aidan Rath old-fashioned 3-point play and a Christopher Miller basket in the final min-

ute cut Wilton's lead in half at 30-25 by halftime.

Neither could score at the outset of the second half until Lucas Boyse came off the bench to hit a big 3-pointer to open the lid on the rim 3:45 into the second half. Another big 3-pointer from another bench player gave Mid-Prairie their first lead of the game. Brody Miller's shot from distance gave the Golden Hawks a 33-32 edge with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter. Christopher Miller added five straight points, including a 3-pointer and a Jack Baker basket gave Mid-Prairie a 40-32 lead going into the final quarter.

The change in Mid-Prairie's momentum started in the half-time locker room.

"We hadn't been playing like we usually had and so (head coach Daren Lambert) told us to just calm down and just get back to what we usually do," said Trimpe. "That's what we did; we shut them down. They didn't score a lot in the second half. We just kept on doing what we were supposed to do."

Mid-Prairie's run continued into the fourth quarter as they built their lead to 13 at 47-34 before Wilton made their first shot from the field in the second half with 3:30 left in the game.

Mid-Prairie's bench outscored their starters Monday night by a 34-20 margin. Christopher Miller led the way with 12 points and Brody Miller scored 10. Aidan Rath led the starters with seven points.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUND-UP - FINAL WEEK OF REGULAR SEASON

MID-PRAIRIE 67, DURANT 56

The Golden Hawks finished the regular season with their fourth straight victory with a home win over Durant Feb. 11. On senior night, a pair of underclassmen shined as sophomore Carter Harmsen recorded a double-double with 25 points and 10 rebounds and junior Ethan Trimpe notched 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds. After a slow start, Mid-Prairie led by five after one quarter and by nine at halftime, 28-19. Chris Miller was just shy a double-digit scoring effort with nine points.

HIGHLAND 54, LONE TREE 50

In a regular-season local finale for Highland, the Huskies edged Lone Tree, 54-50, Feb. 11. Highland held quarter leads all the way throughout, but the Lions stayed right on their heels. The Huskies led by two after one quarter and by seven at 29-22 at halftime. Highland took an eight-point lead into the quarter. Lone Tree cut into the lead in the final quarter, but could not make the full comeback. Zack Lasek and Mason McFarland led Highland

with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Lasek also grabbed 14 rebounds. Keegan Edwards led Lone Tree with 30 points.

HILLCREST ACADEMY 60, DANVILLE 56

The Ravens overcame a fourth-quarter deficit to claim a non-conference road win Feb. 11. Hillcrest took a 47-46 lead on a John Hughes jumper. After Danville regained the edge, Eli Ours' 3-pointer tied the contest at 52 with three minutes left. The Ravens took the lead for good with Ours free throws down the stretch. Ours led with 26 points on 9-for-12 shooting from the floor. He also added seven steals and five assists. Kobe Borntrager scored 12 points and added six rebounds. Drew Blauvelt reached double figures with 10 points.

HILLCREST ACADEMY 69, HLV 37

The Ravens closed out the regular season with their second-straight non-conference road win Feb. 14 at H.L.V. Hillcrest scored early and often in building a 26-10 first-quarter lead. They added to the lead in the second quarter and held a

46-18 advantage at the break. Ten of the 11 players who saw time scored in the contest. Eli Ours led with 13 points in the balanced attack. Noah Miller scored 12 and London Schrock added 11.

LONE TREE 83, BELLE PLAIN 72

In the regular-season finale and on senior night, The Lions scored an upset victory over the Plainsmen. The five seniors in the starting lineup accounted for all but seven points as they all scored in double figures led by Keegan Edwards' 20 who topped the 1,000-point plateau for his career. Tyler McCullough and Cory Krueger each scored 16. Harmon Miller scored 14 and Cale Yoder added 10. Lone Tree shot 48% from the floor and from 3-point range in scoring the 11-point victory.

THURSDAY PLAYOFF SCHEDULE:

Lone Tree vs. Calamus-Wheatland - at North Cedar, Stanwood - 6:30 p.m.
Hillcrest at Highland 7 p.m.
Mid-Prairie at Camanche 8 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

FINAL River Valley Conference, South	Conf.	Overall
Regina Catholic	15 4	15 6
West Branch	14 4	17 4
Durant	8 11	10 12
Mid-Prairie	7 11	8 13
Tipton	6 11	9 14
Wilton	2 17	4 18
West Liberty	0 17	2 19
River Valley Conference, North		
Camanche	18 1	18 3
Monticello	17 1	18 2
Cascade	12 7	14 8
Northeast	11 8	13 9
North Cedar	10 8	12 9
Belleve	6 13	7 15
Asamosa	2 15	4 16
SEISC, North		
Pekin	15 1	16 4
Highland	14 2	18 4
Lone Tree	10 6	13 9
Hillcrest Academy	9 7	11 9
Wapello	8 8	9 11
Mediapolis	8 9	8 13
Winfield-Mt. Union	5 11	7 15
Columbus	3 13	3 19
Louis-Muscataine	1 15	2 20
SEISC, South		
WACO	16 0	21 0
Burlington (N.D.)	10 4	17 4
New London	11 5	14 7
West Burlington	10 6	12 8
Danville	9 7	10 11
Holy Trinity Catholic	5 11	8 13
Cardinal	12 10	13 11
Central Lee	3 13	4 17
Van Buren County	1 13	6 16

*Through Feb. 17 games

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Wilton	5 14	7 15
River Valley Conference, North		
Cascade	19 0	22 0
Monticello	16 3	17 5
Belleve	11 8	12 9
Northeast	10 9	11 10
Camanche	5 12	6 15
Asamosa	3 14	5 16
North Cedar	0 19	1 21
SEISC, North		
Mediapolis	17 0	20 1
Wapello	12 3	14 5
Pekin	11 4	12 6
Louis-Muscataine	10 6	11 9
Winfield-Mt. Union	9 7	12 10
Lone Tree	7 9	12 10
Highland	4 12	6 17
Columbus	1 15	1 20
Hillcrest Academy	1 16	2 20
SEISC, South		
Van Buren	15 1	19 3
Burlington (N.D.)	14 2	18 4
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Mayor Havel called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Wageman, Dickey, Swinton and Ronan present and Baird absent. Dickey, Swinton motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Swinton motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes, reports, bills). CARRIED 4-0. Water samples were removed from the Community Building and the Care Center, reported safe and filed.

Swinton, Wageman motioned to approve Resolution 2020-C (FY21 max levy). CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Ronan motioned to approve Resolution 2020-D (mileage reimbursement rate). CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Swinton motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2020-1 (adopting code of ordinances of the City of Lone Tree). CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Wageman motioned to approve reading of Ordinance 2020-1 (adopting code of ordinances of the City of Lone Tree). CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Swinton motioned to approve renewal with Wellmark for employee health insurance. CARRIED 4-0. Swinton, Wageman motioned to approve class A beer permit renewal for Dollar General. CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Ronan motioned to set public hearing for FY21 City Budget for March 2nd at 5:30PM at Lone Tree City Hall. CARRIED 4-0. Wageman Swinton motioned to set bid deadline for wastewater plant

for February 27th at 2PM. CARRIED 4-0. Wageman, Dickey motioned to set public hearing date for wastewater plans, specifications, form of contract & cost for March 2nd at 5:30PM at Lone Tree City Hall. CARRIED 4-0. Swinton, Ronan motioned to approve 3-year Freeman, Lincoln, Pleasant Valley City of Lone Tree Fire Agreement. CARRIED 4-0. Dickey, Swinton motioned to approve PSE agreement with Johnson County Sheriff for FY20-21. CARRIED 4-0. Swinton, Ronan motioned to approve employee policy 2020-1 (snow & ice removal). CARRIED 4-0. Swinton, Dickey motioned to move to closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (discuss purchase of particular realty) 5:58PM. CARRIED 4-0. Back to open session at 8:00PM. Work session to go over FY21 budget. Council and Mayor instructed clerk to proceed with budget as presented. Swinton, Dickey motioned to adjourn at 8:21 PM. CARRIED 4-0.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS \$35.00, safe deposit box GENESIS LAMIN LAMINATE \$599.94, cemetery meeting HOLLAND, MICHAEL, BARBER & SUTTIS \$455.00, legal services J&J ELECTRONIC BUSINESS SYSTEMS \$240.91, quarterly copies JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE \$805.00, election expense JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$5,070.00, police contract MARSHALL TRADING CO. \$32.84, rent REG CUT LLC \$2,850.00, roof new removal ALVINE ENERGY \$15,000.00, electrical work SINKING-COBY INC COIFICATION \$2,865.00, codification SHADMOOR PEST CONTROL \$28.00, spray VENTURA & KIM, INC \$25,200.00, engineer engineering expenses US CELLULAR \$61.46, cell phone US FRODO, INC \$133.46, food supplies VENTURA & KIM, INC \$25,200.00, engineering expenses WINSTROM \$133.46, phone POSTMASTER \$183.95, utility postage ALVINE ENERGY \$15,000.00, electrical work DELTA DENTAL \$116.42, employee premium DOLLAR GENERAL \$0.50, 20, food supplies EASTERN LIGHT BROTHERS \$33.46, electrical/light JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$55.97, supplies MORGAN \$100.31, supplies KENTON SHERIFF SUPPLY SERVICE \$354.75, plant main sewer AGNARD \$5,141.75, fuel BARBON MOTOR SUPPLY \$94.34, plus truck parts COBB OIL \$133.33, fuel GREEN MEAT & GROCERY \$911.05, food supplies

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF LONE TREE, IOWA. At 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2020, the City Council of said City will, in said Council Chambers, hold a hearing and said Council proposes to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost, and at the time, date and place specified above, or at such time, date and place as they may be fixed, to act upon proposals and enter into a contract for the construction of the following improvements:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Construct improvements including all labor, materials and equipment necessary for excavation, backfill and sitework; reinforced concrete; masonry walling; reinforced concrete; heating, ventilating, doors, and associated work; painting; aeration equipment; screening and grit removal equipment; ultraviolet disinfection equipment; submersible pumps; electrical work including conduit, cabling, wiring, motor controls, starters, switches, fixtures and controls; piping and appurtenances; and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup. At said hearing, the City Council will consider the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated

total cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the City Clerk, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed improvements, and at said time and place the said Council will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract made by any interested party.

This notice is given by order of the Council of the City of Lone Tree, Iowa. CITY OF LONE TREE, IOWA Joanne Havel, Mayor ATTEST: Stephanie Dautremont, City Clerk Published in The News, Thursday, February 20, 2020 L519

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, IOWA

The City Council of the City of Riverside, Iowa will hold a public hearing for the purpose of selling property located on Galileo Drive - Lot #1 through #6 to APEX Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$212,000. The Public Hearing will be held during the City Council meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 which begins at 6:30 p.m., at City of Riverside City Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to offer comments, orally or in writing, in

support of or in opposition of the sale. Written comments may be submitted to the Riverside City Clerk, P.O. Box 188, Riverside, IA 52327-0188, in advance of the public hearing. Any questions regarding the sale of property may also be directed to City Hall. This notice is published at the direction of the City Council of the City of Riverside, Iowa. Becky LaRoche City Clerk Published in The News, Thursday, February 20, 2020 L519

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Roll call was taken with Rachel Longhine, Mike Golden, Kevin Engst, Megan Allen, the Holden, Megan Allen, Kathy Butler and Nate Robinson present. At 5:30 p.m. - The Board held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments, both for and against, the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract for the Highland Elementary playground renovation project. No one signed in to speak and there were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 5:40 p.m. 5:45 p.m. - The Board held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments, both for and against, the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract for the high school/middle school HVAC and storage improvements project. No one signed in to speak and there were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 5:57 p.m. The regular meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

HIGHLAND CSD

received earlier in the day and stated 6 companies had put in bids and the interest rates were very favorable on the bids. His recommendation was to go with UMB Bank N.A. Kansas City, MO and the bid from Peak Construction with an interest rate of 1.443262%. Golden made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the sale of \$3,700,000 general obligation school bonds, series 2020. Seconded by Engel. Roll Call - All Ayes. Motion carried 7-0. Janelle Sulhoff, Misty Soukup and Janice Thomason spoke about the Plain Talk Literacy Conference they attended in New Orleans. There were over 2000 educators there representing 44 states. They believe they were the only ones from Iowa. They were able to hear many highly recognized speakers and felt they brought back many new great ideas. One of the first things they are putting in place is a new lesson plan template that each teacher will turn in weekly to Mrs O'Leary. O'Leary stated she was appreciative for the opportunity to be able to go with these teachers and is excited to move forward with all the new information they were able to learn about at the conference. Longhine made a motion to approve the bid from J Harding Inc of Iowa City for the Highland Elementary playground renovation project in the amount of \$3,888,000 with alternate #1 in the amount of \$2,600 and unit price #1 of \$72/cubic yard. Seconded by Butler. Roll Call - All Ayes. Motion carried 7-0. Engel made a motion to approve the bid from Peak Construction North Liberty for the high school and middle school HVAC and storage improvements project in the amount of \$1,886,000 with either alternate #1 in the amount of \$80,100 or #1b in the amount of \$85,100 and alternate #2 in the amount of \$57,500 and alternate #3 in the amount of \$71,200 and alternate #4 in the amount of \$50,200. Seconded by Longhine. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion carried 7-0. Mr Crawford went over changes on board policies 403.1 - Employee Physical Examinations, 403.2 - Employee Injury on the Job, 403.3 - Communicable Diseases - Employees, 403.3E1 - Hepatitis B Vaccine Information and Record, 403.3F - Universal Precaution Regulation, 403.4 - Hazardous Waste Disclosure, 403.5 - Substance-Free Workplace, 403.5E1 - Substance-Free Workplace Employee Notice and 403.5F1 - Substance-Free Workplace Regulation. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the

second reading.

Golden made a motion to approve board policies 401.10, 401.11, 401.13R1, 402.1, 402.2, 402.2.1, 402.2R1, 402.3, 402.3E1, 402.3E2, 402.3R1, 402.4 and 402.6. Seconded by Allen. Motion carried 7-0. 401.10 Credit and Procurement Cards 401.11 Employee Orientation 401.13R1 Staff Technology Use/Social Networking Regulation 402.1 Release of Credit Information 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting Form 402.2R1 Child Abuse Reporting Form 402.3 Abuse of Students by School District Employees 402.3E1 Abuse of Students by School District Employees Form 402.3E2 Level 1 Investigator's Report Form 402.3R1 Abuse of Students by School District Employees Regulation 402.4 Gifts to Employees 402.5 Employee Outside Employment Longhine made a motion to approve the below resignation, appointment and modification. Seconded by Holden. Motion carried 7-0 Resignations: Brandy Christner - HS/MS Night Custodian Appointments: Tony Castillo - High School Soccer Coach - 10% Modifications: Luanaa Gerack - General Cook to MS/HS Night Custodian - \$13,000/Year A work session will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room. Longhine made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Allen. Motion carried 7-0 Reports and documents and the full text of the notices, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON SECRETARY, SUE E RICH Published in The News, Thursday, February 20, 2020 L519

CITY OF LONE TREE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 City of Lone Tree Iowa The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at Lone Tree City Hall, on 3/20/20 at 5:30 PM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library. The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property is 2.8400% The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 1.0373% At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. 319-646-2154 Stephanie Dautremont City Clerk

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

February 10 Caller in the 1000 block of 140th Street, Wellman, reports she was assaulted. Arrested Robert Wayne Milford Jr., 37, of Wellman, for assault. February 11 Report of a student from Mid-Prairie who ran the stop sign in Wellman. Requesting a deputy make contact with the driver. Student was spoken to and made aware of the complaint. Request a welfare check in Kalona. Officer responded and was unable to locate anyone at the residence. Caller called in and is fine. Caller in the 1300 block of Tulip Avenue, Riverside, reports needing an officer for her out of control 16-year-old child. Officers responded and transported the juvenile to Four Oaks in Iowa City. Juvenile charged with simple assault. Report to be filed. Traffic stop on Highway 4. Det David Alan Krenn, 63, of Kalona, cited driver while license under suspension X5. February 12 Caller reports the theft of a debit card from a resident in Wellman. Report to be filed. An incident happened involving fuel at Kum & Go. Gallons of gas are going to the drain. Riverside Fire responded and assisted. February 13 Officer reports having new charges on a subject, Robert Wayne Milford, 37, Wellman, burglary 1st degree. Caller in the 2100 block of 560th Street, Kalona, reports a chimney fire at the residence. They believe the fire is out but would like the fire department to respond. Kalona Fire and Kalona QRS responded. Caller reports a two-vehicle accident in the 200 block of Sixth Street, Kalona,

They are unsure of injuries. Officers responded. Operators Rebecca Adeline Mullet of Kalona and Elizabeth Ann Spronk of Washington, State accident report to be filed. Caller reports intoxicated female in the parking lot at the casino. Units were disregarded as the female got a ride from a taxi. February 14 Caller reports hitting a car in the parking lot at Kalona Casey's. Operator Thomas Gieringer of Kalona was parked vehicle. Caller in the 300 block of Fifth Avenue, Wellman, reports her boyfriend's vehicle was broken into last Wednesday and fuel card cash, credit card and driver's license were taken. Report to be filed. Caller in the 1500 block of Washington Iowa Road, Wellman, reports ordering four bags of dog food from eBay and only three bags were delivered two days ago. eBay requested documentation of the theft. No suspects. February 15 Caller in the 1400 block of 133rd Street, Wellman, reports his great-niece stole his credit card and used it without his permission in the Des Moines area. Spoke with the caller. He will speak with his niece and will contact Officer Documentation for now. Vehicle stop at Highway 11 and 110th Street, Kalona. Arrested Anthony Lawrence Graper, 32, of Kalona, for interference with official acts and DWI 3rd pending DWI lab results. Caller in the 100 block of South Sixth Street, Kalona, reports road music to the south of his residence that has been going on for over an hour. Officer located a large garage party and advised them of the complaint they will keep it

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CITY OF WELLMAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 - ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 City of Wellman Iowa The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at Wellman Municipal Bldg, on 3/20/20 at 5:30 PM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library. The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property is 11.8978% The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 0.0000% At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. 319-646-2154 Beth VanWinkle City Clerk

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Application and job description can be found at:
<http://co.washington.ia.us> or the
Washington County Engineer's Office
210 W. Main St., Suite 2, Washington, IA
Applications accepted through Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, 4 p.m. EOE

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Part-time clerk, Kalona Public Library. 7-12 hours/week. We are searching for an applicant with good computer and customer service skills as well as the ability to lift books and push heavy carts. Applicants must have skills in organization and alphabetization. Job consists of 2 evenings per week and the occasional Saturday. Minimum age to apply is 16. Applications and more information available at the Library, 319-656-3501

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Dickey Transport is hiring a Safety Director. Responsibilities: include complying with DOT regulations. Recruitment, investigating incidents, and managing driver files. Class-A CDL required! Apply at www.DickeyTransport.com or 800-247-1081.

City of Bloomfield is hiring a Finance Manager to oversee the finances of the city. Duties include budgeting, daily reconciliations, filing of all state and federal reports and presenting the financial condition of the City to the Council. BA degree in accounting or comparable experience. Interested individuals should submit a completed application, letter of interest and resume to City Clerk, 111 W Franklin St., Bloomfield, IA 52537. Applications available at www.cityofbloomfield.org or at City Hall. Job description available upon request. Applications close February 18, 2020 at 4 p.m. EOE

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ACCEPTING BIDS

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