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AROUND TOWN

KHS directors set January 14 meeting

Kalona Historical Society Board of directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Visitors Center at the Historical Village, 715 D Avenue. This will be the first meeting for the new board of directors with Lori Mostek as president.

Family night for prospective Hillcrest Academy students

Hillcrest Academy will host a prospective family night on Jan. 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Eighth graders, transfer students and families can tour the school, meet the teachers and talk with the administrative team about financial aid and class schedules.

To register, visit hillcrestacademy.org/5-Sevens.

Halftime basketball at Hillcrest games

On Friday, Jan. 22 and Tuesday, Feb. 2, 5th-8th graders are invited to play basketball during halftime of the Hillcrest Academy boys basketball games. Light refreshments will be served in the cafeteria between the games for participants and their families. To register, visit hillcrestacademy.org/5-Sevens.

Reynolds extends emergency declaration

On Thursday, Jan. 7, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds extended the state's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration. The declaration extended most in-place health mitigation efforts through Saturday, Feb. 6, including wearing masks in indoor spaces.

Legislative briefing to be held via Zoom Jan. 16

The Washington Chamber of Commerce will hold its regularly scheduled legislative briefing via Zoom on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Legislators included are: Jared Klein, Joe Mitchell, Kevin Kinney and Jeff Reichmann. Chamber executive director Michelle Redlinger will moderate the Q and A portion. Zoom connection information is available at washingtoniowa.gov.

ISAC hosts children's essay contest

The Iowa State Association of Counties is hosting an illustrated essay contest for children age 12 and younger to express why counties matter. Submissions should include name, birthdate, address, grade/school, favorite hobbies, an illustration (must fit on 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper) and an essay of up to 500 words and should be sent to rhennet@iowacounties.org. Three winners will win a prize package and be included in the April issue of The Iowa County Magazine.

Washington library hosts Stephen King discussion

The Washington Public Library Reading Room Book Club will host a Stephen King discussion via Zoom on Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to read the Stephen King book of their choice. To register, contact tammy.valentine@washington.lib.us or 653-2726.



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Tax revenue from the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort has accounted for roughly 23% of the city's budget, but the tax proceeds for fiscal year 2021 are expected to come in nearly \$200,000 lower than the year before, according to a budget estimate from the city.

Reduced tax revenue from casino to impact Riverside

BY KALEN MCCAIN
The News

RIVERSIDE

As COVID-19 takes its toll on day-to-day life, it continues to put a strain on local government budgets. In Riverside, the challenges are especially clear, after a summer of travel restrictions, sheltering in place and social distancing

hampered the town's leading source of tax revenue: The Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

Riverside's tax proceeds for fiscal year 2021 are expected to come in nearly \$200,000 lower than the year before, according to a budget estimate from the city. Riverside City Administrator Christine Yancey said that between hotel taxes, gaming taxes and host city

arrangements, the casino accounted for roughly 23% of the city's budget, bringing in around \$1.2 million per year in tax revenue, though that number fluctuates based on yearly earnings.

The hotel/motel fourth quarter tax revenue in Riverside's jurisdiction, for example, fell from over \$41,000 in 2019 to under \$7,000 in 2020,

according to data from the Iowa Department of Revenue. Data on fiscal year 2021 is not yet available, but with the pandemic still in full swing, city staff said the revenue outlook remains grim.

"For the hotel/motel tax, some of that goes into tourism,

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Mid-Prairie School Board President Jeremy Gugel, center, listens to activities director Tyler Hotz, front, explain ticket restrictions.

Mid-Prairie loosens athletic ticket restrictions

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News

WELLMAN

At their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 11, the Mid-Prairie Board of Education loosened athletic spectator regulations to allow each athlete, manager and coach to have four tickets to allocate to friends and family, plus siblings allowed to attend events. The move comes on Jan. 7 issued a proclamation to lift the previous spectator restrictions, which allowed each participant two tickets, plus

siblings, per event.

While the governor's proclamation lifts the tickets-per-athlete restrictions, it still requires masks and social distancing between groups of spectators. The school board ultimately decided to continue the system of allocating tickets to each participant in order to keep attendance low enough that social distancing would be possible.

"It just doesn't make sense, to still enforce social distancing,"

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Kalona Optimist Club hosts local blood drive



MOLLY ROBERTS/THE NEWS

Charge nurse Hannah Mercer, center, supervises the Optimist blood drive on Monday, Jan. 11 at the Kalona Mennonite Church.

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
KALONA

The Kalona Optimist Club hosted a blood drive on Monday, Jan. 11 in the fellowship hall at the Kalona Mennonite Church. While many elective and non-emergent surgeries were postponed during the first several months of the pandemic, their resumption has created a renewed need for blood. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center facili-

tated the blood drive.

Currently the blood center is advertising a need for type O red blood cells, AB plasma, and convalescent plasma, which can be collected from those who have recovered from COVID-19 in order to help those currently battling the disease.

"The need for blood fluctuates day to day based on the needs of the hospitals that we

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Left to right, councilmembers Andy Rogers, Tom Sexton and Edgar McGuire at the budget work session on Monday, Jan. 11.

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and that's where the home improvement is coming out of," Riverside City Clerk Becky Laroche said in an interview. "Except for those few grants that we give out, the rest of the funds all go out into street improvements or capital projects."

LaRoche said the budget shortfalls should mainly affect infrastructure projects, which the city has pursued heavily in recent years.

"We won't be able to do as many street projects, which we've had very aggressive street projects the last four or five years," she said. "The funding is still there; we're just not going to be able to do as many street projects as we have in the past before COVID."

Council members at a budget work session on Monday night, Jan. 11 echoed similar concerns, with the exception of infrastructure spending on repairs to the watermain on Third Street, which they considered a top priority.

The effects of the revenue hull on Riverside's community center plans, which the council also discussed at the work

session, remain unclear. While future funds are up in the air, much of the cash is already on hand. City Administrator Christine Yancey said \$100,000 had been set aside per year for the center, with enough saved up to cover the first \$1 million of the projected \$3.4 million project.

Mayor Allen Schneider said the council should consider all its funding options before deciding whether to pursue the center.

"The city's got money set aside for this, but there are grant opportunities that I think we need to look into that are going to dictate what the budget is for the project," he said at the Monday night work session. "I think whether or not we're willing or interested in a bond referendum for this or some type of funding outside of what we can fit in the budget is something that we need to consider too."

The next budget work session will come after next week's regular city council meeting, Monday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

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ing and to allow unlimited spectators," board member Gabrielle Frederick said. "It can't happen in an indoor facility."

Board member Jeremy Pickard made an initial motion to lift all ticket restrictions and, as outlined in the governor's proclamation, require masks and social distancing.

"I'm inclined to let people decide on their own what they're comfortable doing," Pickard said. "We post that masks are required, please social distance where you can and we do it in accordance to what the governor is saying. If people are uncomfortable or don't feel like they want to be there, they have the option to watch the game virtually."

Pickard's motion, however, stalled on the floor, with Pickard, Jeremy Gugel and Jodi Meador voting in favor and Denise Chittick, Frederick and Marianne Schlachach voting against (Mary Allred was ab-

sent). Chittick then made a motion to lift all ticket restrictions for Mid-Prairie spectators but limit away spectators to two tickets per participant, but this motion also failed on the floor with four votes against.

Finally, Schlachach made the motion to increase each participant's number of tickets to four, plus siblings, and to require masks and encourage social distancing as outlined in the governor's proclamation. This motion passed, with Gugel and Pickard voting against.

"It's been working," Schlachach said of the ticket restrictions. "The athletes are still playing."

There is one more home wrestling event, on Thursday, Jan. 21, and about four weeks left in the regular basketball schedule, with the boy's team playing seven more home games and the girl's team playing five. The board acknowl-

edged that the games against West Liberty, on Jan. 15, and Washington, on Feb. 1, might be especially busy. Away teams will also be limited for four tickets per athlete, plus siblings.

In other business, the board approved the administration's recommendation to continue 90-minute early-outs every Wednesday. The early outs allow teachers extra time to prepare lessons for absent students. Superintendent Mark Schneider said over 80% of teachers were in favor of continuing the weekly early outs.

The schedule of early outs, in addition to two built-in snow days, give the district a cushion of 7.3 hours of instruction time. Should any late starts or early outs due to inclement weather exceed this cushion, the district will have to make up that time by altering the early out schedule toward the end of the year.

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provide to. One day, we might have one blood type higher than the other, so we don't have a great need for it that day, but then the next day could drastically change overnight," said charge nurse Hannah Mercer.

"There's always a need. We tell people they should come in regardless of the situation that's going on in the world because blood is always needed."

Because they deal with blood and bodily fluids, the blood center staff is used to strict cleaning and sanitization measures, which have only been ramped up since the onset of the pandemic.

"We didn't change a lot of our cleaning processes just because we are dealing with blood, so we clean regardless of any situation," Mercer said.

"We do clean everything after any person has used it, even staff. We try to keep everything pretty clean. We sanitize constantly — your hands definitely pay for it."

Every donor must wear a mask for the duration of their visit, except when eating a snack after donation to stabilize blood sugar and fluid levels. The blood center staff also tries to socially distance as much as possible according to the space they are given to set up their equipment.

Mercer said the blood center staff have been making sure to communicate to donors and potential donors that donating blood right now is safe.

"When people have expressed that they're nervous, we remind them that all presenting donors should be healthy, so there shouldn't be anybody here that is sick with anything, just because of our criteria of accepting blood,"

Mercer said. "Everybody has to wear a mask, from walking in the door and through the donation. We sanitize everything after every use... We're willing to be lenient on things, like where you want to sit to have your snack. We can move a complete table over if you want to sit by yourself, we're very accommodating in that aspect."

Alice Beachy came in to give a donation of red blood cells on Jan. 11. She said she usually donates blood about four times a year and the only real difference she noticed this time around was the masks. Otherwise, it was business as usual.

"I like to help people," Beachy said. "This is one easy way that I can help people... I like that the blood drives come to our community. It makes it very easy to stop by and donate blood."

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Highland tables facility use discussion

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRO
The News
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A discussion on reopening facilities to the public proved a major issue during the Highland School Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 11.

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation on Jan. 7 that lifted some restrictions on athletic and recreational gatherings, including lifting attendance limits for high school athletics.

The governor's proclamation states that all sporting and recreational gatherings must comply with social distancing — six feet of physical distance between each group of spectators — and require masks.

"Outside groups are still wanting to come into our facilities at the elementary and the high school," superintendent Ken Crawford said. "I know when the governor opened up things last Thursday, pretty much everybody was ready to get going...but like we've done

with our sports, we're still doing household rules only."

Crawford said his district administration was concerned about flooding the elementary building with people. Additionally, they worried about rescheduling even more events at the secondary school building if more people were allowed in and became sick.

"Some districts are letting anybody and everybody into their games, and I think we'd see a spike from that here," school board president Nate Robinson said.

Crawford speculated that if conditions improve by the board's next work session in two weeks' time, the discussion about reopening facilities to the public could be brought up again. He suggested to leave them closed until then.

Coronavirus restrictions and protection also played a part in the meeting's guest discussion. Elementary instructional coach Janelle Sulhoff addressed the progress of the elementary intervention pro-

gram. This program monitors students' proficiency in various educational areas.

The pandemic has led to students sticking solely to their grade levels in the program. Sulhoff presented graphs to the board members showcasing student progress among their grade levels.

Another large segment of discussion focused on a proposed election for voters to allow a Physical Plant and Equipment Property (PPEL) tax. Every ten years, Crawford said, the voters have to approve the continuation of the PPEL tax.

"They're not voting to raise their taxes, they're voting to continue the dollar that's inside their taxes that it is now."

The current system allots the school more than \$400,000. "This is not chump change, this is very, very big money that we need to keep our facilities going," Crawford said.

Examples of the tax's effect include football field maintenance and snow removal.

PET OF THE WEEK

SUNDANCE



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This week's PAWS & More pet of the week is Sundance, a female domestic short hair and tabby mix kitten. Sundance is described as MVP — a savvy cat who knows the score and is pretty unflappable. She doesn't mind entertaining herself but a human companion on the other end of the couch and a nice scratch behind the ears make her day. For more information on Sundance, contact washingtonpawsandmore1978@gmail.com or call 319-653-6713.

IDPH shares weekly vaccine updates

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News

The Iowa Department of Public Health has started sharing data on statewide COVID-19 vaccine administration on the existing Iowa COVID-19 website, coronavirus.iowa.gov. Updates will be posted weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Reports will initially be static visualizations, including high-level information on vaccine administration totals, as well as county-level information.

"We are working to bring a more robust and dynamic dash-

board of our vaccine progress online in the coming weeks," said Kelly Garcia, interim director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. "Iowans can expect to see additional data points that will clearly illustrate the progress we are making in vaccinating Iowans."

Vaccines are currently being administered to populations in the Phase 1A category: healthcare personnel and residents and staff in long-term care facilities.

"We know Iowans are eager to learn of the progress we are making in the vaccine effort, and we are committed to shar-

ing information as we work through the stage of vaccinating this initial priority population," Garcia said. "Stabilizing our healthcare system is paramount in our fight against COVID-19."

As of the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 11, 96,696 vaccines have been administered in the state. Iowa is currently performing amongst the highest in the nation for administration when comparing the number of vaccines allocated to vaccinees administered.

The CDC is tracking state vaccine information at covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker.

Community Foundation of Washington Co. kicks off awareness campaign

The Community Foundation of Washington County will celebrate 2021 by beginning a monthly program on Friday, Jan. 22 to raise the awareness of Washington County citizens about the organization, its purpose and goals.

On the fourth Friday of every month, local businesses throughout the county will wear special buttons, display information about the Community Foundation, offer free pens and put out collection cans for the organization.

The Community Foundation of Washington County is a non-profit organization and all collections will be used to support and continue the foundation's operations. For the week

of Jan. 18-23, the Washington Fareway grocery store will hold a "round-up" event where shoppers may round up their purchases to benefit the Community Foundation.

"Our mission is to promote philanthropy, help donors fulfill their charitable goals and to support non-profit organizations," said Millie Youngquist, Executive Director of the organization. "We exist as a way for local donors to permanently support the causes they care about."

For more information about the Community Foundation of Washington County, contact Millie at cfwashingtoniowa@gmail.com or visit their website at cfwashingtoniowa.org.

Iowa land values expected to hold steady

Owning farmland has always been a priority for farmers, but interest in this real asset by investors has grown in the past year.

Farmers National Company has released its January land values report indicating that land values are expected to hold steady in Iowa.

"Prices for top quality cropland sold at our auctions are up \$1,000 per acre or more since before harvest," said David Whitaker, area sales manager for Farmers National Company. "Demand for good farmland has definitely increased."

Despite the challenges faced by agriculture and producers in 2020, the farmland market remained stable throughout the year and strengthened in the last quarter. Iowa agriculture especially endured

economic challenges with interruptions to livestock deliveries, the derecho storm, lower ethanol demand and a late season drought across much of the state.

"Government payments, crop insurance, low interest rates and rising grain prices sustained farmers' interest in buying land especially in the fall time frame. Add in the growing number of investors who want to own farmland and you have a strong demand driven land market," Whitaker said.

Public auctions are a common means of selling farmland in Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. COVID-19 restrictions changed how farms were sold during the year depending on the time and the rules.

"We are fortunate at Farm-

ers National to have the most complete toolbox of auction and sales methods of anyone to sell land. This includes all variations of online auctions. Our agents and auctioneers were able to pivot on a dime when needed to bring about a successful sale for our clients no matter how we had to perform the sale," Whitaker said.

Farmers National Company's land sales volume was up 49% during October and November compared to last year despite there remaining a normal-to-lower supply of land for sale in the overall market. Looking ahead, Whitaker said, "Investor interest and farmer demand will continue to drive the land market in 2021 and I expect we will see strong prices as we start the year."

Johnson Co. accepting grant applications

Johnson County is accepting Social Services Emergency Grant applications. The purpose of the funding is to assist organizations in responding to short-term or one-time emergency needs. Funding will support new programming related to services provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, capacity building, sustaining of services, or the purchase of essential equipment/supplies.

The County may award up to \$100,000 in funding to non-profit, charitable orga-

nizations providing services to Johnson County residents. Grants will cover the period beginning on or around Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 and expiring no later than Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

The grant application is located on the Johnson County website, johnsoncountyiowa.gov.

gov. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. For more information contact Lynette Jacoby, Social Services Director, ljacoby@johnsoncountyiowa.gov or at 319-356-6090.

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Iowa schools should remove Native mascots

In NFL stadiums and in the high school bleachers of Colorado, Michigan, Maine, Florida, Washington and every state in between, we have witnessed an evolution in mainstream views on the use of Native American mascots, nicknames and imagery. Our Iowa school districts and communities have an opportunity to be on the forefront of this movement and should likewise evolve beyond the use of Native mascots.

The use of Native symbols and likenesses is inarguably degrading and hurtful to Native people, who are forced to see themselves reduced to mere caricatures and forced to see their cultures co-opted for purposes divorced from Native self-determination.

For nearly 30 years, mental health professionals have noted that the use of Native mascots is measurably detrimental to Native people. For this reason, agencies like the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the American Sociological Association, the Modern Language Association, the National Education Association, the American Psychological Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association have adopted rules intended to eliminate or discourage the use of Native mascots. Continued use of Native mascots in light of this recognized harm simply has no place in the just society that Iowa's schools are designed to foster.

Additionally, the use of Native mascots is contrary to Iowa's reputation for offering students a world-class education. The use of Native team nicknames gives students and fans the impression that Native people are purely historical or even fictional.



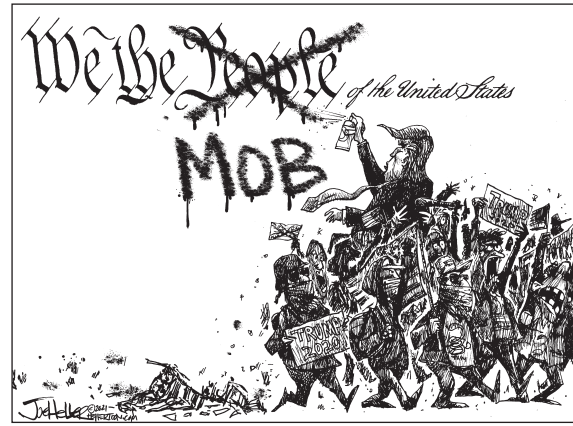
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Although many Iowans might only be familiar with Native people from depictions in western films and elsewhere in popular culture, Iowa's Native population comprises more than 16,000 people. This number has grown substantially over the past two decades and reflects a population that is younger, on average, than Iowa's total population and resides mostly in Iowa's urban areas.

Natives are not consigned to history books or a distant frontier; they are your neighbors and a vital, thriving segment of Iowa's population. There is no reason to undermine schools' efforts to produce informed citizens by encouraging an inaccurate view of Native people in our student bodies and communities through the continued use of Native mascots.

We at the Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs encourage you to consider the harms and risks associated with the use of Native mascots, nicknames and imagery. Permanent removal of these outdated symbols is necessary to ensure Iowa's schools retain their reputation as some of the nation's best and continue our tradition of equitable and thoughtful education.

We urge you to join leaders in education from across the country and adopt a policy banning Native mascots, nicknames and imagery from your schools and school districts.



"America, we cannot stand for this."

In the military, I proudly served alongside some of the brightest and bravest men and women to defend America — her freedoms and her values.

We fought to uphold the right to peaceful protest. Sadly, what I witnessed on Wednesday, Jan. 6 in the U.S. Capitol was a complete betrayal of those sacred ideals. What started as a protest turned into anarchy. Individuals who resorted to this violence must be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

America — we cannot stand for this.

For years, we have been able to disagree and debate tough issues and always strive to be a more perfect union. We have had a peaceful transfer of power from one administration to another throughout the course of our history, and it's paramount we do that once again.

There is no doubt we should ferret out any illegal votes and learn from any irregularities during the 2020 presidential



Joni Ernst
U.S. Senator

election. This is one reason why I am supporting Senator Tim Scott's (SC) effort to establish a bipartisan commission to study the integrity and administration of the election.

When looking at the election for Iowa's second Congressional district, I have been consistently clear that Mariannette Miller-Meeks won. Though the margin was close, Iowans spoke and elected Congresswoman Miller-Meeks, and a bipartisan panel in Iowa clarified the results. I view the presidential election results the same way. As a senator, my job is not to overturn the will of voters and choose winners of elections — just like it's not the House of Representatives' to handpick who serves as Iowa's

second district congresswoman.

We've heard time and again from Democrats who would like nothing more than to abolish the Electoral College and federalize our election system. What would that do? Silence Iowans' voices and votes. I won't allow that to happen.

Many Iowans supported President Trump in the most recent election and are disappointed by the results. However, objecting to the Electoral College vote count will not change the outcome. And, beyond that, the reprehensible violence we've seen in the U.S. Capitol will not change the outcome.

Iowans should rest assured that I will continue fighting for our shared values and priorities, and that I will hold the new administration accountable. I truly believe America is the greatest nation on the planet, and she must continue to be a beacon of freedom and hope for everyone around the globe.

GOP officials should deny claims of rigged election

There is a very real danger that the insurrection and violence at United States Capitol escalates in the coming days and weeks.

That danger is increased each time a leader repeats or implies the lie that the presidential election was rigged or defrauded. As George W. Bush put it, these Trump extremists at the Capitol are people whose "passions have been inflamed by falsehoods and false hopes."

I regularly defend Iowa's senior Republican politicians from claims that they should be locked up, that they are criminals, and from other unfair personal attacks. I do so because falsehoods and false hopes can only be snuffed by people from the same political



Rob Sand
State Auditor

"half" of our sadly divided society.

This is the most urgent moment for Republican elected officials to do the same.

When President Trump claims the election was rigged, they must snuff the passion he intends to inflame by stating unequivocally and clearly that Joe Biden is the legitimate winner of the election and that he should be rightly inaugurated on Jan. 20.

COVID relief bill, celebrating MLK day

If you followed the debate of the most recent COVID relief bill, you hear the debate. Do we need it? Or do we simply get checks out to everyone because it is easier, and we are not set up to decide who ought to get a check?

Honestly, in the 21st Century, that is an extremely lame debate. We need a significant upgrade of the 50-state unemployment insurance (UI) systems. There are states who have good systems, and states that are awful. It is time for Congress to pass some federal laws that create a floor for UI. This should include who is eligible, the minimum time for which they are eligible, the minimum amount for which they are eligible, rules designed to increase the ease of applying and reporting, data collection and maintenance, minimum standards for technology and much more. This is an area that needs regulation, and I hope the feds pass it.

Similarly, let's upgrade the capabilities of the IRS. It seems unreal to me that the US government cannot simply access a database, then send a check to every person earning under a certain threshold. They should be able to household it, too! How is it we lack this technology?

I know part of the problem is that the GOP has starved



Rod Sullivan
Sullivan's Salvoes

the IRS of funding. A couple of weeks ago, the IRS famously said that they audit more poor people than rich people because it "costs more to audit wealthy people." I have an idea. Stop the audits on about ten thousand poor people and do about 100 billionaires. Meanwhile, let's get some more resources to this vital piece of government. The IRS must be adequately funded.

*MLK Monday, Jan. 18 marks the federal holiday celebrating the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I am so pleased that our country has chosen to honor this great man, and I hope you enjoy the holiday in his name. As usual, the Board of Supervisors did a proclamation in his honor.

We would like to think America has come a long way since the 60s. After the 2016 and 2020 elections, I'm not certain I feel that way any longer. Race was a huge issue in the 2016 election, and the team the racists supported won. In 2020, overt racists felt emboldened to do and say almost anything.

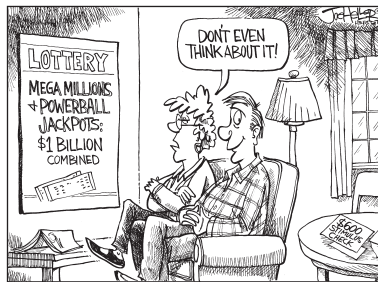
Look at America today. Black Lives Matter is a re-

sponse to the epidemic of black men being killed by police. The US Supreme Court killed much of the Voting Rights Act, and they are likely to kill Affirmative Action. Black women die in childbirth at ridiculous rates. Black men are more likely to go to prison than college. The list goes on and on. Our society still has a deep racial divide.

We also need to recognize that King was a radical. America grudgingly accepted racial reforms because they were less dangerous to the status quo than the other issues King championed. King took seriously the Biblical teachings that the love of money is a sin, and that rich men will not be welcomed into Heaven. (Yes, King was a Democratic Socialist!) He proposed seismic changes to the political and social structures that exist in America. In addition, King was adamantly anti-war. To the status quo, he was the most dangerous man in the world.

Take some time this week to read some of the great books that are out there on Dr. King. More importantly, take some time to read the things he wrote himself.

And if you are so inclined, there are several worthwhile local celebrations. The University of Iowa has several events. You can see the complete schedule at: <https://mlk.uiowa.edu>.



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OBITUARIES

James Hubert "Jim" Ashton

1925 - 2021



James Hubert "Jim" Ashton, 95, of Peoria, passed away Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria, Ill., following a short final illness.

Jim was born on April 12, 1925, in Whiting, Iowa, the son of William P. Ashton and Martha (Barry) Ashton. He married Virginia Fountain on May 28, 1950, in her hometown of Missouri Valley, Iowa. She preceded him in death on April 17, 2010. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lavon McCullough; an infant daughter, Jennifer Ashton; and an infant great-grandson, Isaac Gottlieb.

He is survived by one son: Jim (Jean) Ashton of Peoria; two daughters: Peggy (Tim) Buck of Champaign and Beth (Michael) Vrba of Portland, Maine; ten grandchildren: Chris Ashton and Tim Ashton, both of St. Paul, Minn., Stephanie Ashton of Peoria, Amanda (Derek) Gottlieb of Madison, Ala., Rachel (Alex) Bakunas of Oak Park, Katie (Chris) Peltz of Fisher, Sarah (Juan) Perez of Joliet, James Buck of Champaign, and Jackie Vrba and Ross Vrba, both of Portland, Maine; six great-grandchildren: Addy and Nora Gottlieb, and Eli, Theo, Zach and Evie Peltz; and several nieces and nephews.

Before he started school, Jim's family relocated to Lone Tree, Iowa, where he spent his youth. Following high school, Jim enrolled at the University of Iowa. After his freshman year, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force, spending time toward the end of World War II on Morotai Island in the Pacific Theater. Following his military service, Jim returned to the University of Iowa, where he met the love of his life, Virginia, a nursing student, on a blind date arranged by one of his roommates. Jim later claimed that, following that first date, his schoolwork suffered, but his personal life improved immensely. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering.

Jim entered the College Graduate Training Program

at Caterpillar in 1949. He spent his entire working career at Caterpillar, where he had several interesting assignments and made many life-long friends. Most of his career at Caterpillar was spent working in the Peoria area, but he had two assignments away from Peoria. He and his family lived three years each in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Toronto, Ontario, before returning to Peoria in 1965. Later, his work provided Jim several opportunities for international travel.

After retirement, Jim and Virginia traveled extensively throughout the United States, including a trip to Hawaii and a motorhome trip with friends to Alaska, where they experienced the extended daylight of the Summer Solstice. They also had trips to Europe and the British Isles. While they were still able to travel, Jim and Virginia were "snow birds" and spent the colder months in Green Valley, Ariz.

Jim had wide-ranging interests. He and Virginia were members of several bridge groups. He had a good sense of humor and loved a good prank. Jim and Virginia enjoyed antiques. He enjoyed playing golf. Jim loved children and felt a responsibility to look after those in need.

Jim had a life-long love of music, especially jazz. While a student at the University of Iowa, he and his roommate developed a radio station that operated out of their dormitory room and broadcast through the building's electrical system. He also enjoyed listening to his collection of recorded music.

Jim enjoyed writing and, especially after Virginia passed away, he spent much of his time composing short stories. Most often his stories examined personal relationships and the importance of marriage, and no matter what

happened to his characters as a story developed, since Jim controlled how the story ended, there invariably was a happy ending.

His faith was an important part of Jim's life. Since moving back to Peoria, he has been a member of First Baptist Church in Peoria. He studied the Bible, and, prior to his passing, was attempting to understand the Book of Revelation. There were several instances over the course of his life when Jim believed a guardian angel was watching over and protecting him and his family. He believed his greatest achievement was his marriage and family, and he hoped that he had achieved God's plan for his life.

In 2006, Jim and Virginia moved to Lutheran Hillside Village retirement community in Peoria. Their family would like to thank the many staff and caregivers at Lutheran Hillside Village who assisted and cared for Jim and Virginia over the years. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Jim was a man of intelligence, humor, honor, stamina, and courage. He was a friend to many. He cherished his family and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The world is a better place for his having been in it.

Private family services will be held. Dr. Rob Collins will officiate. To attend via livestream, please visit <https://m.facebook.com/WoolseyWilton/>.

Entombment will be in the Chapel of Peace in Parkview Cemetery in Peoria. Davison-Fulton, Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family plans to have a celebration of Jim's life at a later date. Memorials may be made to his church, to Lutheran Hillside Village, to The Children's Home Association of Illinois, to the Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, or to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.woolsey-wilton.com.

Marlin Dale Miller

1953 - 2021

Marlin Dale Miller was born Feb. 21, 1953, to Rudy D. and Mary (Schrock) Miller in rural Kalona. Marlin passed away peacefully at home, Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, surrounded by his family, following a short illness of liver cancer. He accepted Christ as his savior and remained faithful until his death. On May 26, 1977, he was united in marriage to Edith Magdalena Miller.

Surviving are his wife: Edith; and seven children: Lamar, Nita, and Sharon (Edwin) Miller all of Kalona, Twila Miller of Guthrie, Ky., Gareth (Diane) Miller of Reedsville, Wis., Lonnie (Carolyn) Miller of Kalona, and Rhonda Miller of Guthrie, Ky.; 10 grandchildren: Janice, John Sylvan, Beth, Curtis and Arlis Miller, Deanna, Crystal, and Larion Miller, Travis and Kaitlyn Miller; one brother: Eugene Miller of Kalona; seven aunts; and one uncle.

Proceeding in death are his parents: Rudy and Mary; granddaughters: Angela Faith Miller; and six uncles and four aunts.

Funeral service was held at the Miller residence, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, with burial in the Peter-Miller Cemetery, rural Kalona.

Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for M. Dale Miller and his family.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the many acts of love and support shown to them at this time of sudden loss. Your kindness will be remembered always.

Herbert Lee Yoder

1929 - 2021



Herbert Lee Yoder was born June 8, 1929, in West Liberty, Ohio, the son of D. Leonard and Mollie (Kauffman) Yoder. Herb graduated from Goshen College with his B.A., attended seminary in Elkhart, Ind., and graduate study at Indiana University.

On Dec. 31, 1948, Herb was united in marriage to Dorothy Beason. Dorothy joined Herb in his ministry beginning at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, Syracuse, Ind., where Herb was ordained. Herb and family enjoyed extended ministry service at Michigan Avenue Menonite Church, Pigeon, Mich.; Bellwood Menonite, Milford, Neb.; Manson Menonite, Manson Iowa; and Washington Menonite, Washington, Iowa. On this ministry journey, Herb and Dorothy were blessed with five children. Dorothy passed away Feb. 27, 2004.

Herb's other employment included being a meat cutter, teaching public school, coaching high school sports, Shetler Funeral Home, Pigeon, Mich., and Powell Funeral Home, Wellman. He enjoyed wood working at Schlabaugh & Sons, Kalona, and doing building construction on the side.

Herb also did interim work at seven other congregations in the Central Plains Menonite Conference.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Koehler, Feb. 14, 2006. Herb ended ministry as visitation pastor at Washington United Presbyterian, Washington. They made their home in Washington, DK was an encouragement to Herb in his later ministry years. His total ministry was 70 years.

Herb enjoyed woodwork-

ing, electric trains, warm weather, being outdoors, and spending time with family. He passed away suddenly, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, in Washington County Hospital at the age of 91 years.

Herb is survived by his wife: Dorothy; five children: Cindy (Larry) Lane of Prospect, Ohio, Sara (Ron) Swartzendruber of Kalona, Steven (Becky) Yoder of Monument, Colo., Stuart (Connie) Yoder of Omaha, Neb., and Sonia (Jay) Miller of Kalona; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren: Louis E. Koehler of Iowa City, Mary Jo Koehler of Washington, Karen Seibert of Delhi and Brian Koehler of Washington; seven step-grandchildren; a step great-grandchild; and a sister-in-law: Ellen Yoder of Littleton, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother: Dean B. Yoder; one grandson: Keith Lane; two great-granddaughters: Elizabeth Ann Eberly and Violet James Swartzendruber; and a stepson-in-law: Mike Seibert.

Celebration of life services were private family on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at the Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for services. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com. The service will be live streamed on the Powell Funeral Home Facebook and website pages. A general memorial fund has been established.

BIRTHS

Brielle Jewel Martin
Bonita Pearl Martin

Randall and Dana Martin of Wellman, are the parents of twin girls, Brielle Jewel and Bonita Pearl, born December 29, 2020. Brielle weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and Bonita weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. They were welcomed home by Maciah, Andrew, Delores, Alicia and Kristina. Grandparents are Elvin and Rachel Martin of Wellman and Daryl and Rachel Beachy of Kalona. Great-grandmother is Laurie Beachy of Kalona.

Kevin Merle Miller

Marvin and Elaine Miller of Kalona, are the parents of a son, Kevin Merle, born Dec. 31, 2020. He was welcomed by Karen Louise, Daniel Earl, Oren Eugene, and Leona Grace. Grandparents are Paul T. and Mary Miller of Harper and Samuel and Norma Yoder of Kalona. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Chris Yoder of Kalona and Eldon Nisley of Kalona.

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Jane Victorine

1941 - 2021



Jane Victorine, 79, of Wellman, formerly of Kalona, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. She has been cremated and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Jane Kalahoaloalo (Benito) Victorine was born Nov. 20, 1941, in Kukuhaele, Hawaii, the daughter of Clement and Jane Benito. She graduated from high school and attended Brigham Young University, Hawaii. Jane moved to Iowa in the 70s and worked in production at United Technologies Automotive (UTA) in

view Nursing Home before retiring.

She was an intensely caring and funny person. Friends and strangers were frequently reminded how special and loved they felt when they were in her presence. Her faith in the Lord was strong, and she taught

many generations to know the Lord. She was a member of the Shiloh church and enjoyed cooking Hawaiian foods, singing, sewing, caring for plants, and studying God's Word.

Preceding Jane in death were her parents and five siblings: Clarence Benito, Alice Oliveria, Ralph Benito, Wayne Wipa, and Ray Wipa.

She is survived by four siblings: Rose Arvidson of San Jose, Calif., Ginger Ohumukini of Bakersville, Calif., Mark (Shirley) Ohumukini of Hawaii, Wesley (Marilyn) Kalei of Hawaii; a number of nieces and nephews; and her dog, Moki.

James "Jim" Junior Ehrenfelt

1932 - 2021



James "Jim" Junior Ehrenfelt was born Aug. 18, 1932, in Muscatine, Iowa, the son of James Russell and Lavada (Gingerich) Ehrenfelt. He attended Mid-Prairie High School. On April 6, 1950, Jim was united in marriage to Virginia Lee Miller at the Baptist Church Parsonage in Wellman.

In his earlier years, he worked for Wilson's Meat Packing in Cedar Rapids, Amara Refrigeration, drove a school bus for Mid-Prairie Schools and later was a co-owner and operator of Kalona and Wellman Ready Mix.

Jim was a member of the

Wellman Baptist Church and the VFW in Richmond. He enjoyed gardening, tomatoes, playing cards and having a beer or two with friends. Jim died on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at Halcyon House in Washington at the age of 88 years.

He is survived by his wife: Virginia of Wellman; daughter: Kathy West of Wellman; son: Larry Ehrenfelt of Garden

City, Kan.; six grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a brother: Bill Ehrenfelt of Wellman.

He was preceded by his parents and a brother: Kirk Ehrenfelt.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. Burial will be in the Wellman Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are for the Wellman Fire Department and First Responders. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

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Medical concerns mount for Eicher family

A brand new year is before us. What does it hold for us? It is so good we don't know our future.

Saturday we decided to wash our laundry and also daughter Susan's. We have a heated basement with lines in it so it's nice to dry clothes in these cold winter months.

We weren't started too long when my husband Joe came to tell me we had a call from sister Verena to ask if I could come right away to help with sister Susan. Sons Benjamin and Joseph went with me. Sisters Verena and Susan live just down the road from us.

When we got there, Verena said Susan was having bad stomach pains. This had been bothering her quite some time already, but it was very bad to the point she could hardly walk. I asked her if it was okay if I called the ambulance to take her in to get help. She said it would cost too much but I told her that her life was worth far more than any amount of money.

Susan was rushed to the hospital. Sister Verena and I went up with an Amish driver, following the ambulance. The doctors soon decided that she needed to be transferred to a bigger hospital over an hour away. Verena was able to sit with her until the ambulance came to transfer her. I was so glad one of the nurses let me go in to say a few words to her.

A COVID test was performed, which was negative. They told Verena if the test is negative she can sit with Susan. Sister Verena was told only she can visit Susan each day from noon to 8 p.m. Since it was after 8 p.m. by the time she was transferred, Verena and I came back home.

Daughter Lovina, 16, went home with Verena for the



Lovina's
Amish Kitchen

night. Our daughter Verena was still staying with daughter Susan and children. Makes our house seem empty.

On Sunday sister Emma and Jacob went to the hospital with sister Verena so she could visit with Susan. Jacob and Emma couldn't go in the hospital, so they had a long wait until Verena came out again.

They performed a CT scan and MRI, among other tests. Doctors said she was bleeding in her abdomen and suspected a tumor or a possible small aneurysm, but they said she was losing a lot of blood and had to give her blood.

Around 10:30 p.m. Sunday night, daughters Lovina and Verena were staying with sister Verena (daughter Susan and children stayed with us) when the doctor called to tell Verena to bring the family up as Susan is on life support and losing out fast.

All my siblings and sister-in-law Nancy were contacted and rushed to the hospital. The six siblings were all allowed to go in to Susan. We talked and prayed with her, but she was sedated. It was still comforting to hold her hand and tell her we love her.

The doctors told us to stay in the waiting room during the surgery (to try to stop the bleeding). They didn't think she might survive the surgery. It was comforting for all of the siblings to be together. Daughter Verena and a few of the nephews were also along.

We prayed, visited, and cried together, not knowing

what we would find out. The doctor came out to let us know the surgery was over and she would have one again in a few days to take out the packs they put in her to stop the bleeding.

The doctors all got to go see her for a few minutes and then we were told to go back home. The visiting went back to only sister Verena from noon to 8 p.m. each day. It was 7 a.m. when we arrived back home.

Today (Tuesday) they had surgery again and were able to stop the bleeding. The life support is still on her. Sister Verena goes to sit by her bed each day as is allowed. The daughters Lovina and Verena take turns staying with sister Verena for the night. The other one stays with daughter Susan and children.

Daughters Elizabeth and Lovina and I assisted sister Emma in cleaning today as church services are set to be there Sunday, Lord willing! Thank you for all the prayers during this past month. God bless!

Shoestring Potato Pie

2 unbaked pie shells
potatoes, peeled and shredded
cubed ham or meat of your choice
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup water (or more)

Fill pie shell heaping full with potatoes, ham, and seasonings. Add water and place second crust on top. Cut slits in top crust to let steam escape. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until potatoes are done. Pie can be served with your choice of gravy.

Lovina's Amish Kitchen is written by Lovina Eicher, Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Her newest cookbook, *Amish Family Recipes*, is available wherever books are sold. Readers can write to Eicher at PO Box 1689, South Holland, IL 60473 (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply); or email LovinaAmishKitchen@MennonMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

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lie Klassen; "A Haven for Her Heart" by Susan Anne Mason; "Warning Light" by David Ricciardi; "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart.

New adult non-fiction: "Poems 1902-2012" by Louise Gluck; "The Maverick M.D.: Dr. Nicholas Gonzales and His Fight for a New Cancer Treatment" by Mary Swander.

New young adult: "Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection" by Victoria Aveyard; Nonfiction: "The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person" by Frederick Joseph

New junior fiction: "Friend Me" by Sheila M. Averbuch; "The Last Kids on Earth and the Skeleton Road" by Max Brallier; "Goodbye, Mr. Terupt" by Rob Buyea

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God's grace comes down upon us through baptism

The stunning beauty of God's Grace working through creation, is an amazing thing to behold. Fourteen billion years ago, hydrogen isotopes came into existence with the creation of the universe. These isotopes formed enormous gas and dust clouds which spread throughout space, and eventually cooled and coalesced into stars.

Hundreds of millions of years later, these stars exploded and spread "interstellar dust" across the cosmos. Trapped inside these dust clouds were the elements of hydrogen, as well as oxygen, which had been created in a nuclear fusion just before the star exploded.

After billions of years, planets were formed out of these revolving dust clouds and one of these planets was earth. When earth's temperature began to cool, molten rocks released water vapor which had formed from the hydrogen and oxygen trapped inside them.

When the Earth's surface had cooled below the boiling point of water, rain began to fall—and continued to fall for centuries. As water drained into the great crevices and hollows of the earth's surface, oceans, seas, and rivers emerged from the barren wasteland.

One of these rivers was named the Jordan and 2000 years ago, within its flowing waters, a man was baptized. In the beginning this man was



Derick Cranston
Christian Spirituality

the Word, and "...the Word was with God, and the Word was God." All things came to be through him - including the waters of the Jordan in which he was baptized, and revealed as the Son of God.

These transformative events, which started 14 billion years ago, still continue to have a glorious effect on us today. During the rite of Baptism, an invocation is said over the water reminding us that, "...in the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, a mighty wind swept over the waters."

The prayer goes on to eloquently state that: it was through the waters of the great Jordan that Noah found life; that through the waters of the Red Sea, God led Israel out of slavery to become an image of God's holy people; and in the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John.

From the formation of minuscule elements at the beginning of time, a series of cosmic events, and the baptism of Christ, the Grace of God comes down upon us through baptism. Quite an amazing thing to behold, isn't it.

CORRECTION

Below are the correct list of grandparents for Alan and Kortney Oувerson's wedding announcement printed last week. Grandparents of the couple are Duane and Alana Bontrager of Kalona; Tom and Diane Oувerson of Naples, Fla.; Pat Oувerson of Mt. Vernon, Minn. and Marcia Webber of Oak Forest, Ill., and great-grandmother, Delilah Anderson of Kalona.

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Iowa City
Crosspoint Baptist Church, Pastor Mike Bar: Meeting at the Carlton Hotel 2525 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Supper and Bible Study (offsite).

Kalona
Cornerstone Community Church: 229 South 14th St.; Floyd Yates, 319-430-9574; cornerstonekalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids's classes available
East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Fairview Mennonite Church: 2005 540th St. SW, Pastors: General Hertz, 319-512-6186; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 J Ave. 656-2296; Pastor: Jeremy Gupli; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Midweek Service: 7 p.m.; fgwc.net

Geosol Light Fellowship: 401 E Ave (Hwy 22) Pastor: Dwight Schrock, 319-530-4783; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.; Messages: 10:45 a.m.

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at 9:30 a.m.; 9:30 service live-streamed on Facebook.

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Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 1400 540th St. SW 656-2076, <http://ldmc.org>; Email: ldmc@ldmc.org; Pastor: Don Patterson; Associate Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/2 mile east, 683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Benninger, Elmer Stutzman, Gabriel Beachy, Lamar Ropp; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 683-2564, <http://sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com>; Pastor: Anita Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 9:30 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. 656-2686; Pastors: Floyd Holm and Mary Bender; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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

Kinnex
Kinnex Christian Church: Sunday worship: 9:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Lone Tree
St. Mary's: 216 W. Jayne St. Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeier, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 Sunday School: 4 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree: 110 W Elm St. 629-4900 www.lonetreechurch.org; Pastor: Rev. Jim

Bonewald; 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.; Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.

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

St. Mary's: Short St & Grand Ave.; Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeier, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324 Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.

North English
Champion Hill United Methodist Church: 3132 TT Ave. rural North English. 319-664-3829. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Oxford
Windham Community Church: 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles north of Frierson, Pastor: Randy Harker, 319-430-1912; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. windhamchurch.com

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., 688-2185, thechurchinriverside@hotmail.com; Patrick Leonard, Evangelist; Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

River City Church: Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schoolhouse Rd., www.rivercityja.org; Pastor: Rodney Gehman; Sunday 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 51 St. Mary's St., 648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday 8 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantview Home.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 648-3092; Pastor: Edward Peterson, Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. (Pe-

school - 6th grade).

South English
English River Church of the Brethren: 29252 137th St. (Hwy 22 between South English & Kinnex) 687-3235; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Wellman
Amish Circuit: Pleasant Hill (Joelton) June to Oct.; Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. For information, call Fred Wiegman; 319-936-7778.

Aubury United Methodist Church: 601 8th Ave. 646-2417; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday Worship: 9:15 a.m. Wine in worship, lower parking lot. Radio station 88.7

First Baptist Church of the Good Shepherd (Missouri Synod) 4th & 4th Ave. Pastor: Randy Harker, 319-656-3733; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

New Life Community Church: meets at Parkside Activities Center, office located at 214 8th Ave., 674-9057, Office hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mon-Fri. www.newlifewellman.org; Pastor: Aaron Fleming, 646-2390; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Salem Mennonite Fellowship: 1306 Keokuk Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Gerald Kreider 319-667-2726; Wilford Beachy 319-656-3733; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church: 11th St & Maplewood, 646-2251, 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, 646-0004; Pastor: John David Kenney; 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.; Men's Luncheon: second Thurs. noon of each month at Rager Stutzman's.

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

West Chester
West Chester United Methodist Church: 403 Franklin Street, 688-4665; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday 10:45 a.m. Masks required. No singing.

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 8:15-8:55 a.m. Wednesday Evening Worship & Communion 6 p.m. (all year round) website: luthwash.org Current info on church phone recording: 319-653-3950

Prairie Flower Baptist Church: 1909 Larch Ave. at the corner of 1909 St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Colter; 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, prairieflowerbaptistchurch.org

St. James Parish: 602 West 2nd St., 653-4604, 319-658-0412 call; Father Bernie Wier; Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 9 a.m., Spanish 11:30 a.m. sjameswashington.org

United Methodist Church: 206 W 2nd St. 653-5446; Pastor: Keag Song; Traditional worship 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Nursery available for 8 and 10 a.m. services. Washingtonumc.com

Washington Reformed Presbyterian, Washington: Sabbath School 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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75 YEARS AGO JAN. 10, 1946

Kalona

The Maplecrest Farms Inc. of Wellman, who recently purchased the Kalona Turkey Co-operative, will construct a new building in the west part of Kalona in addition to retaining the present building used to house the Kalona plant.

The new building will be located on a tract of land purchased several years ago, south of the railway tracks along Highway No. 1 and will be used as the processing plant with the expected capacity of three car loads of turkeys each day.

Maplecrest officials stated this week that the Kalona firm was purchased because of the need for expansion. They expect to have a hundred people employed during the peak of the season.

Joe Pieper was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage Wednesday morning as he was leaving his home to go down town. Today his condition remained critical.

Mrs. Katherine Buck who has been a patient in the Mercy Hospital for over a year, was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.L. Fry on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Buck had been confined as a result of a fall at which time she fractured her hip.

Nothing gives a dress that unwanted "homemade" look any more definitely than poor fit. One of the best ways of being sure your dress will fit is to start your dressmaking venture with a good pattern. But a good pattern is only a start, because most women have figure irregularities that require changes in either pattern or basted garment for perfect fit. The easier, more economical way is to alter the pattern.

Lone Tree

The weather has been the fastest changing thing around Lone Tree the past few weeks. There was the cold spell at Thanksgiving time followed by a week of warm weather that wouldn't freeze water. The holiday season saw another snow storm, an ice storm, a spring rain that melted all of the snow and caused the rivers to go on the rampage, and as this article is being written, it can't decide whether to rain, sleet or snow over the small coat of new ice which came Tuesday night. The sun's refusal to shine is the only consistent thing about it all.

Margaret Pruess, daughter of W.J. Pruess of Lone Tree, is the nurse for Margaret Eades, age 7, of Los Angeles. The little Eades girl was hit by a car and the door handle lodged in her brain, but an operation is expected to save her life.

Miss Pruess is a graduate of the Mercy hospital nursing school in Iowa City, finishing her work last summer. She and her sister Lila, also a nurse, went west a few weeks ago to accept jobs there.

A brand new milk truck belonging to Daryl Keith of West Liberty was struck by an engine on a railroad crossing. The two men riding were uninjured but the milk was spilled and the truck badly damaged.

The ending of tire rationing on January 1 does not mean that efforts to conserve tires should end also, motorists and truckers are reminded by OPA headquarters.

Wellman

We announce several interesting changes in the business scene in Wellman. In fact so many changes are taking place in the local business picture that a person who has been away from Wellman will require some time to catch up with all the changes when he returns.

Some changes are: The change in the vice-presidency in the Wellman Savings Bank; Maplecrest purchases the Kalona turkey dressing concern and increases its productive capacity; Fred Slockett is opening an automotive machine shop in Wellman in the near future; Dr. Jay Miller joins his father in the practice of medicine; Elwin Wade is back from service to resume the management of the Wade Feed Co.

In the past months there have also been additions and changes: Victor Rampelberg announces the opening of an electrical appliance store in the Dr. Wirtz building; Roy Crossett becomes the new manager of the local ISU office; George Miller from Iowa City assumes the management of the Jack Spratt Food Store; Mr. John Vlassman opens a John Deere implement agency as well as a complete machinery repair service; Chester

Almgren purchases and modernizes the local drug store; Ralph Bringham returns from the Navy to take charge of the Bentec; Ralph Miller opens a garage upon his discharge from the service; Carl Glider joins Everette Miller as a partner in the garage business. All these changes indicate that Wellman is moving. Wellman is growing. Its business section is expanding.

J.A. Johnson of the Hummer neighborhood had a runaway accident with his team in Kalona, Wednesday. The team became frightened near the elevator, and J.A. did not have hold of the lines at the time. Before he could reach them the team had the start of him and ran east of the Eclipse corner and turned north. At the turn, they collided with the front fender of an auto and jammed the fenders a little. The coupling pole of the wagon was broken but no serious damage done before the team was stopped.

50 YEARS AGO JAN. 14, 1971

Kalona

Kalona and other towns east and west will be without railroad service if the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co. permission to abandon the line from Hills to Montezuma.

Other towns affected include Barnes City, Keswick, Webster, South English, Wellman, Kalona and Riverside. The news release states from Hills to Montezuma, what use will be made of the track from Iowa City to Hills was not mentioned.

Passenger service on the line was discontinued in 1932. Freight service on the 63-mile run in recent years has been twice a week to several times, according to the amount of cars to be moved. Rock Island officials maintain the line is losing money.

Lone Tree

"The water in my house is so rusty looking I wouldn't ever take a bath in it" or "I sure ruined a load of white clothes doing the laundry yesterday."

These are typical statements made by water consumers within the town. Although it seems like it many times, these remarks don't really fall on deaf ears. This problem had been with the Lone Tree system for many, many years.

During the last 6 or 7 years the colored water problem has been discussed at many council meetings. As a stop gap measure, the council is now using what is supposed to be an improved treatment, called

Poly-4. It is to do a better job of holding in suspension the iron in the water. Some of the Councilmen claim a marked improvement in the discolored water area within the last month. If you have noticed less discoloration your councilman would like to hear from you. Our school calendar provides for January 18 to be a records day, a week day for teachers to get students records up to date at the end of the semester, with no student classes that day.

Wellman

Attorney Albion J. Young recently announced plans to construct a law office this summer on his lot at the south end of Main Street. Wehner and Associates of Iowa City will provide architectural services. Mr. Young hopes to have completed plans and specifications in time to let a construction contract to a local contractor in March for completion early this fall. The brick and stone building will be a welcome addition to Wellman's business district.

A special salute to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kallous new owners of the Kalona News and a fond farewell to the publisher for the past 40 years, Clarence Shimon.

Our association with The News this past 20 years has been rewarding and we appreciate the help extended to us when we were fledglings in this business. It is our opinion that Clarence Shimon was an excellent newspaperman—his paper reflected his workmanship.

Mr. Kallous has been in the newspaper game for 14 years—associated with The News since July 1968. We extend a neighborly handshake and look forward to a continued association in one of the finest communities in the state—Mid-Prairie.

Two major improvements were completed in Wellman's business district. The Wellman Lumber Company held a grand opening of their completed new retail and outlet plant on East Third and Buckwalter completed a major remodeling and enlargement of services plant in September.

With the January 7 issue The Wellman Advance embarked on its eighty-first volume. The first publication was issued on September 13, 1889, and loss in volumes is the result of only 51 publications a year and on several occasions just 50 issues were published.

25 YEARS AGO JAN. 11, 1996

Kalona

Fire fighting is a family affair for the Yottys'. With a father,

son and grandson all current members of the Kalona Volunteer Fire Department, the Yottys have achieved a department first.

And they added another when Raymond (Bart) Yotty turned over the Chief's hat to his son, Steve Yotty. Bart's grandson, Jerry Zahradnek was on hand for the change over. The elder Yotty stepped down December 7 after a dozen years as chief. Son Steve took over officially at the January 9 meeting.

Yotty served as assistant chief from 1976 to 1983, taking over as chief from C.C. Shimon whose 40-year tenure is the department record. Actually, three chiefs—Shimon, Yotty and J.R. Swartzendruber (20 years as chief)—account for 72 years of department leadership.

Besides his son and grandson, Yotty has another family member in the department, brother Marvin Yotty joined in July, 1962. Marvin Yotty served as assistant chief during his brother's tenure as chief.

Asked if he had any specific plans, Steve Yotty said he would maintain department standards "and when necessary, ask Dad for advice." The elder Yotty said he will remain with the department "for a while."

The city council passed unanimously a resolution requiring the placement of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Highway 22 and 6th Street. The resolution allows the city engineer to proceed with grant applications to fund the light.

Councilman Jerry Kauffman raised concern whether the signals could be tripped by horse and buggy traffic. Doug Morgan said one tripping system would detect any object with metal in it including metal in a horse harness, wheels, etc. He also said a laser signal could be used which would be tripped by any traffic through the intersection.

Sheriff Yale Jarvis suggested that the city carefully check the tripping device as once the DOT puts something in place, it is almost impossible to change. City Clerk Karen Christner announced that the city's new computers are installed, but it will be several weeks before they are online.

Fire officials determined that a kerosene heater used to thaw water pipes caused the fire that destroyed the mobile home owned by Don and Cindy Mapel on Highway 22 in Riverside.

The blaze, reported at 6:20 p.m., Saturday, destroyed the mobile home and all its contents. The couple and their three children were not home when the fire started.

It took 30 firefighters from Riverside and Lone Tree two hours to extinguish the fire. Riverside Fire Chief Ron Eckrich estimated the loss at \$15,000. The family was left only with the clothes its members were wearing.

According to Eckrich, the family was to move into a newer mobile home they had purchased the same day of the fire. The possessions were not insured, said officials.

Lone Tree

Splinters from the Bench by Ron Rife-Got to the Highland Wrestling Tournament Saturday. Had to leave before the finals, but saw some good wrestling while I was there. I saw in the paper that the Huskies finished third behind the big powers, Columbus and West Liberty. Congratulations to the lone champion, Aaron Robertson, at 103, and to all the other guys who made the finals but couldn't quite get that final victory. To the rest of the team, just keep plugging away and working hard. You guys contribute much to the team also, whether or not you get first place medals. Don't get discouraged. Just keep at it.

News from the Lone Tree Health Care Center—Our thanks to Keith Forbes for supplying the oysters for our traditional New Year's Eve oyster stew. As always, it was a big hit.

Bright and early Tuesday morning, January 2, we were visited by two representatives of the State of Iowa—state surveyors! I was really glad that I'd worked the weekend before and had my things pretty well organized after our busy holiday season.

The survey went very well. We haven't received the written report yet, but we were told we were once again deficiency free. We have a great group of people working in every department and together, we make a successful team.

Wellman

Jack Dillon was chosen by unanimous vote to fill the board position vacated by Rose Dillard at the regularly scheduled Mid-Prairie school board meeting, Monday, January 8, 1996. Dillon will fill the position until the next scheduled school election, at which time he may run for the remainder of Dillard's unexpired term.

Ivan "Lindy" Redlinger watched the Wellman City council on Tuesday January 3, 1996 from a perspective he has not had in 12 years; sitting in the audience. He relinquished his four year reign as Mayor of Wellman to Wilbur Swartzendruber at the first council meeting of the new year. Prior to his mayoral post, Redlinger served on the city council for eight years.

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Grant Gingerich, a Mid-Prairie East Elementary second grade student in Kerri Bell's classroom, was brave to try guacamole and carrots. Each week students smell, lick, taste and enjoy a new healthy snack and track their foods in their Pick a Better Snack sticker book. Grant is the son of Angie and Chase Gingerich of Riverside.

Pick a Better Snack program helps kids try new fruits & veggies

Healthy fruit and vegetable snacks have invaded Mid-Prairie East Elementary second grade and Stewart Elementary kindergarten and first grade classrooms through the Pick a Better Snack program offered by Washington County Extension.

This program is designed to motivate children to eat more fruits and vegetables in meals and snacks and to be more physically active. Amy Green, 4H/youth coordinator, visits classrooms virtually through Zoom lessons to talk about healthy snacks, making healthy choices and they always get to sample a particular fruit or vegetable of the day.

Each week the students are reminded to be brave and try new things — including healthy fruits and vegetables.

This past week students learned that vegetables are plants and when eating a vegetable, a person is eating either the root, stem or leaf of a plant. Fruits always grow from a blossom and contain seeds. This week they enjoyed both a fruit and vegetable: carrots dipped in guacamole. They had a lot of questions about the avocado, its parts and how that turns into guacamole.

The Pick a Better Snack program is supported by Washington County Extension, Mid-Prairie Boosters, and Riverbend Foundation grant. Contact the Washington County Extension Office, 319-653-4811 with questions about the Pick a Better Snack program or to donate or volunteer.



MARY ZIELINSKI/THE NEWS

The Washington County Board of Supervisors, left to right: Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Vice Chair Bob Yoder, Chairman Richard Young and Jack Seward, Jr. Miller has resigned effective Jan. 22.

Washington Supervisors get reports, allocation requests totaling \$166,971

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent

WASHINGTON

The Washington County Board of Supervisors received five annual reports and requests for allocations totaling \$166,971 from county, social, environmental and economic development groups. The largest single one, \$120,000, is from the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) to maintain its Washington County operations that include the local housing at Old Main, local emergency social services housed at Orchard Hill Head Start and energy assistance services in the county.

HACAP has operated in the county for more than 45 years providing services to the elderly, handicapped, children and low-income families.

Other requests made to the board were:

- the annual \$10,000 for the English River Watershed Management Authority (ERWMA) that addresses numerous water and environmental issues

along a 645-mile watershed area. ERMWA is based in Kalona;

- Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) seeking \$30,000 to be "an equal partner with the City of Washington" to aid with attracting businesses, retaining skilled workers and building a wider tax base for the county;

- Main Street Washington, seeking \$6,971, a 2% increase from last year to continue aiding business starts, relocations and expansions of existing business, adding new jobs and handling more than \$15 million in private funds for building rehabilitation and acquisition; and

- received a brief annual update from Washington County Outreach, which provides probation supervision services to county-ordered individuals as well as substance abuse assessment and evaluations, and mental health and disability services.

All funding requests will be reviewed by the board as part of the county's annual budget planning.

In other business, the board:

- approved a salary increase for Alicia C. Pacha, treasurer's office, motor vehicle clerk, from \$17.47 to \$18.47 per hour, effective January 14;
- approved county reserve deputy and county deputy ap-

pointments for four year terms from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024 for Doug Conrad, Jordan Farrier, Timothy Smit, William Fiordelise, Nolan Burke, Shaun Ellington, Jason Schlabaugh, Justin Adams, Jayse Horning, Nathan Schmucker, Edric Weber, Kirk Bailey, Aaron Gould, Robyn Hoppman, Chad Ellis, Karla Davis, Lucas Smedgar and Tyler Kleese;

- approved appointments for Civil Process Servers for the same four year terms; specifically, Toni Hunter, Dennis Boecker, Gina Greiner, Pam Miller, Colton Schneider, Innocencia Diaz, Michael Yoder, Japonica Albright, Ellie Todd, Ted Leeper, Jason Tinnies, Chelsea Castro, Michael Ahlf, and Kyle Hartsock;

- approved three motions for modifications to the employee manual relating to holiday pay and overtime, but also set a work session on the issue for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 and will have the issue on the Jan. 19 regular meeting agenda; and

- received the weekly COVID update showing there were 800 Washington County residents vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine. Washington County has a positivity rate of 18% and Johnson County, 12.1%.

Highland middle schoolers earn Poetic Achievement Honor School award

The following Highland Middle School students have had their poems selected for publication in the Fall 2020 Midwest Creative Communication anthology, "A Celebration of Poets."

6th graders: Mallory Fesler, Hamilton Krotz, Alexa Hahn, Garrett Beeson, Landon Roling, Reece Bonebrake, Addison Plank, Sophia Lana, Anika Henningsen and Hunter Seibel.

7th graders: Austin Rodriguez, Dyani Fields, Siena Stanerson, Kealy Roberts, Jack Krotz, Adisyn Prottzman, Bryce Hazelett, Lucas Major,

Antonio Pulido, Hannah Fulk, Bryce Weldon, MacKenzie Davis, Erika Thomann and Owen Clendinning.

Highland Middle School is also recognized as a Fall 2020 Poetic Achievement Honor School. This recognition comes from the fact that over 50% of the entries were accepted for publication. This is the third time the school has received this recognition.

Students wrote their poems in their language arts classes under the guidance of teacher Denise Roth.



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The News SPORTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

ONE, TWO, THREE



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie junior Cael Garvey waits for the count after putting Wilton's Johnathan Lilly on his back during the championship match at 195-pounds in the Gary Curtis Invitational on Saturday. Garvey won the match by fall in 2:17.

Three Golden Hawks reach top of the podium at Highland

BY JEFF YODER
The News

RIVERSIDE

This week, Vinnie Bowlin returned to the mat for the first time in over a month and won each of his four matches with a first-period pin.

Three of those wins came during the Gary Curtis Invitational at Highland, where Cael Garvey and Josh Wallington each finished on top of the podium as well.

Wilton's Kaden Shirk got the first takedown in a finals match with Bowlin at 160 pounds, but Bowlin came back with a reversal and pin to stay unbeaten at 8-0.

"I got out of position there, one thing led to another, I kept my head in it and then it was a breeze," Bowlin said. Thursday's match at Northeast was Bowlin's first action since December 3.

"I've gone through way too many injuries and it's emotional, almost," Bowlin said. "Just trying to get back and get back to your goals."

"After you come off an injury, you're a little concerned about how you want to wrestle and stuff and going out there with three first-period falls... it's



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Vinnie Bowlin works to turn his opponent during a semifinal match.

a confidence booster. But you've just got to keep pushing, it's all about the goal in the end."

Bowlin was seeded fourth, entering Saturday's tournament with just five matches under his belt.

"I told them, don't sleep on this kid," Mid-Prairie coach Justin Garvey said about the seeding process. "You know, he's tough. And he came out proved it today. He wrestled great all the way through that

tournament."

Bowlin had a quick takedown of the top seed Boden Koehler (10-3) of South Tama and picked up a win by fall in 1:29 in the semifinal round.

Cael Garvey became Mid-Prairie's second champ of the day with a second-period pin in the final at 195. Garvey got two takedowns in the first period and finished the match in 2:17.

"I feel like I wrestled a lot better than I have the past couple weeks here," he said. "I've been kind of in a slump. So it's kind of nice being able to come here and win and not have to worry about anything for a while."

With three pins, he improved to 17-3 for the season. Justin Garvey said that Cael is starting to hit his stride, "I think after coming off quarantine, he was a little bit flat and he lost a couple matches, but we're starting to see Cael from last year a little bit."

"He's opening up and not worried about giving up a point here or there, he's just going out and scoring."

Josh Wallington improved to 23-1 with a 16-5 major decision over West Branch's Logan

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Thompson finishes second in tournament, reaches 100

BY JEFF YODER
The News

RIVERSIDE

On Saturday, the flow of blood from Bryce Thompson's nose repeatedly interrupted the flow of the first-place match at 113 pounds in the Gary Curtis Invitational.

After a scoreless first period, 2A No. 5 Lane Scorpil was able to score two takedowns in between stoppages during a 7-1 decision over Thompson.

The Huskie senior, ranked sixth in 1A, won his quarter-final match by tech fall and advanced to the final with a second-period pin.



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Bryce Thompson looks to take a shot during Saturday's final.

Sophomore Easton Schlaubaugh also finished runner-up after dropping a 15-4 major decision to 1A No. 5 Brody Brisker of Wilton. Schlaubaugh, who is ranked No. 10 at 106, won his first match with a 78-second pin and advanced to the final with a 5-3 decision over Ty Scorpil of Columbus/WMU.

"Bryce and Easton, I just have high expectations for them," Highland coach Derick Ball said.

"We got beat up in both of those matches; they put us out of position and were on the gas pedal. At some point in time in a match when a guy's scoring and scoring, you've got to do something to change the change the direction of the match, and we just didn't do that."

While the offseason has presented a challenge for many

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Late runs propel Hillcrest in back-to-back thrillers

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The News

KALONA

On Friday, the 4-4 Ravens were down by nine points with five minutes left.

On Saturday, they trailed by 10 at the same point. By Sunday, they were 6-4.

You could call it a comeback. Hillcrest defeated Winfield-Mt. Union 38-36 and Danville 51-49, extending its winning streak to four games.

"I think it says there's a lot of resilience, determination and togetherness with this group,"

Hillcrest coach Dwight Gingrich said after the weekend.

John Hughes, who was on the floor in that fourth quarter against Danville, told Gingrich that he loved the encouragement from the bench through that stretch.

"The support for one another is very present and cool to see," Gingrich said.

The Ravens faced a 49-39 deficit on Saturday when Noah Miller hit a 3-pointer against the zone with 4:37 left.

Hughes hit the game-tying free throws with 90 seconds left, and with 15 seconds on the clock Aaron Hershberger put

the Ravens ahead after an offensive rebound.

Miller, who had not hit a 3-pointer since the first game of the season, made both of shots from outside. He had six points of his nine points during Hillcrest's game-ending 12-0 run.

"This was an incredible effort for our guys to work together to come back against a very good team," Gingrich said.

"We had too many turnovers through the first three quarters, and I credit Danville for some of that, with their length and aggressiveness. We responded much better late and that really helped us."

Hughes was 7-9 and led the Ravens with 16 points. Eli Ours had 10 points and eight assists.

Grant Bender used a pump fake and one dribble to create space for a long 2-point shot, which pulled Hillcrest within four. He finished with seven points and three assists.

Hershberger's only points came on his game-winning shot. He also grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

Brent Moore's power rankings favored Danville by over 23 points heading into the contest.



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Aaron Hershberger takes a shot.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

JOSH WALLINGTON

MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR

Josh won by tech fall during Mid-Prairie's 59-18 win over Bellevue on Thursday, and won all three of his matches at the Gary Curtis Invitational on Saturday to claim his third straight tournament championship.

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Easton Schlaubaugh works from the top position during his semifinal round victory.

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teams, the Huskies have had a particularly difficult start to the season. The start of practice was delayed until December 3, and more recently the team lost a competition date heading into winter break and was unable to practice over the break due to positive COVID cases in the program.

"The big thing is, that we're not where we want to be, and we haven't had time to get there, but we're not going to make excuses," Ball said. "We're going to keep getting better and we're just going to keep looking ahead and continue to try again."

The Huskies got a third-place finish from Carlos Valenzuela, who reached the semifinal round with a pin.

"Carlos Valenzuela is a second-year wrestler who always gives me 110 percent," Ball said. "And unfortunately the kid injury defaulted and he didn't get to wrestle for third, but him getting third was good. We were doing some good things, but we have a ton of work to do."

Thompson, Schlaubaugh and Valenzuela had all six of Highland's wins on Saturday.

"We're behind the eight ball a little bit, but we're not making excuses, and we got out wrestled tonight," Ball said. "And, you know, we're going to come back Monday and work on getting better."

Thompson reaches 100

On Thursday, Thompson picked up the 100th win of his career in Alburnett. Thompson had a 28-second pin in a 63-18 loss to Alburnett, and won a 7-4 decision over Dawson Bergan in a 27-24 defeat of Edgewood-Colesburg.

Thompson said that he was



Makenzie McFarland controls her opponent during Friday's action.

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happy to reach the milestone, but was also disappointed that he didn't have the opportunity to go for 150 with the shortened season and the matches missed with his transfer last year.

"He's been consistent," Ball said. "And he's contributed a lot of good things. Last year, he sat out half the season just so he can come here and, and he's flipped the switch. His training and his practice room habits have gotten better. And we're going to just keep training hard."

Huskies host girls tournament

Mackenzie McFarland led the Huskies with a second place finish at Highland's first girls wrestling tournament on Friday.

Ball said that having McFarland and Angelina Roling join Maddie Peiffer on the Huskie wrestling team has given a boost to the program.

"They're extremely dependable," he said. "They do everything I asked them to do and they never say a word about it. And they really work hard. And

actually, to be honest, the girls raise the level of our room."

McFarland went 2-1 on the day with a pair of pins in 44 and 30 seconds. She's becoming a leader in the wrestling room in her first season.

"She goes to the front and sprints," Ball said. "For her to be in a room full of guys in a sport that's predominantly male traditionally, it says a lot about her character."

Peiffer won a match by ultimate tiebreaker to finish third in her weight class and Roling finished fourth.

"Angelina is only 100 pounds, but she's always smiling and trying to get better," Ball said. "Maddie has been kind of the trendsetter. You know, she started the whole Highland girls wrestling in the high school, and last year went the whole season as the only girl, and that says a lot about her character."

"(The tournament) was fun and we had some good wrestling and we're going to continue to do it year in and year out."

West Branch wins battle of big men



Aidan Rath scores in the post during the third quarter of Friday's game.

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WEST BRANCH

After coming out of the winter break with a pair of wins, the Mid-Prairie boys snapped a five-game winning streak with a disappointing weekend.

The Golden Hawks were unable to hold an 11-point lead at No. 10 West Branch and then lost 50-48 on a putback that was ruled to have beaten the buzzer at Anamosa.

On Friday, the battle for supremacy in the RVC South took place in the post.

As shots from outside missed the mark, the 6-foot-5 centers led the offensive attack down the stretch. Mid-Prairie's Aidan Rath scored 12 in the third quarter, but Jeff Bowie's 11 points in the fourth helped West Branch escape with a 44-41 win.

Mid-Prairie led 35-24 after Rath scored the first points of the fourth quarter, but the Bears closed the game on an 18-4 run to remain unbeaten. Mid-Prairie suffered its first RVC loss and dropped to 5-2 overall.

"We felt like we were heading in the right direction and had some things figured out

both on offense and defense," Mid-Prairie coach Daren Lambert said. "We knew it was going to be a game like this. Unfortunately, there are just a couple plays here and there that we wish we could have back, and then that score would just be just a little bit different."

"A lot of things we're learning tonight, a lot of upset guys in that locker room. But, with this team, their basketball IQ is great. They hold themselves accountable. We made a big jump after that first loss and I expect us to do the same."

After holding West Branch to just 24 points over three quarters, an 11-point advantage felt like a sizable lead. But the Bears came up with 20 points over the final 7:16.

"We amped up the pressure a little bit with some three-quarter-court press and then got more aggressive with our zone," West Branch coach Jason Kern said.

"We were timid there for about the first three, three and a half quarters. And finally, we were aggressive."

The 3-point shots were not

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Lone Tree junior Tyler Bell looks to pass the ball from the post during Tuesday's game at Hillcrest.

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Bender leads Hillcrest in battle with Lone Tree

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THE NEWS

KALONA

The Hillcrest offense was clicking when the Ravens returned to conference action on Tuesday.

John Hughes, Eli Ours, and Grant Bender each had at least eight points while the Ravens built a 33-13 halftime lead and went on to a 65-31 win over Lone Tree.

"It was good to see things click at both ends for longer stretches," Hillcrest coach Dwight Gingerich said. "The passing was very good at times, and it starts with the strong floor play of Eli Ours, who also did a nice job of pushing the break."

Ours finished with 15 points and eight assists for Hillcrest.

A 3-point play by Adam Knock and a bucket from Tyler Bell had the Lions up 5-4 early



Grant Bender finishes a fast break for Hillcrest.

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in the game, but the Ravens answered with an 18-2 run.

Hughes scored 10 of his 16 points in the first half and led Hillcrest with seven rebounds.

Bender had six points in the second quarter and finished with a game-high and career-high 18 points. He also led the Ravens with four steals. After scoring 31 points in six games before the winter break, Bender scored 32 in the next two contests.

"Grant's game is growing," Gingerich said. "He's got a natural feel for the game, and as he's gotten stronger and been through the reps, he's getting more comfortable. I like his aggressiveness and his willingness to play hard at both ends."

Aiden Krabill scored six points, Noah Miller had four, while Aaron Hershberger finished with three points and five rebounds.

Bell and Knock led the Lions with 10 points each.

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NORTH ENGLISH

After a tough first half, Highland's acting coaches were encouraged by the Huskies' effort down the stretch in a 57-50 loss at English Valleys on Thursday.

After trailing by as many as 20 points, Highland used a full court press to cut the lead to 53-49 with an 18-3 run in the fourth quarter.

"We're a great team when we start communicating, and that's what we started doing better tonight," said assistant coach Michael Eden, filling in for coach Jody Fink who missed the game with an illness.

Assistant coach Cheyenne Adamson echoed the sentiment, "I heard the leaders start speaking up towards the end of the game. And I want them to, but we need them to do that in the beginning. I think they had a great turnaround, and I was very impressed."

English Valleys took a 50-31 lead with a 3-point shot, which would be the Bears' only field goal of the fourth quarter.

Dani Laughlin scored seven straight points to pull the Huskies within eight. She scored three in the fourth quarter on fast break layups and finished with a team-high 15 points.

The Huskies had a chance to make it a one possession game after Laughlin drew an offensive foul down just four points in the final minutes. Highland's next shot went off the rim and English Valleys was able to close out the game at the free throw line.

Highland started the game in a 3-2 zone defense, but found success with some different defensive strategies down the stretch.

"We were having troubles covering the high post so I thought with the 2-3 we could



Sarah Burton scores in the paint.

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cover it a little better," Adamson said. "I think they felt more comfortable running it, and I think English Valleys was not expecting it. So I think it kind of messed up their game as well, and then when we started pressing you saw even more that they didn't know what to do."

Abbi Stranksy was a consistent scorer for the Huskies with seven points in each half. Her offensive rebound and ensuing 3-point shot gave Highland a 9-7 lead in the first quarter, but the Bears hit three shots from outside during a 13-0 run to end the quarter.

Freshman Sarah Burton scored the first six Huskie points and finished with 12. Laughlin led the Huskies with 19 points and five steals in a 54-33 loss at Pekin on Dec. 5.

Stranksy was 2-3 from the 3-points line. She had six points, six rebounds and two assists. Jenna Sands had four points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Kayla Cerny led the Huskies with seven rebounds.

Nonnenmann brings Golden Hawks back at Anamosa

BY JEFF YODER
THE NEWS
ANAMOSA

Mid-Prairie bounced back from its first back-to-back losses of the season with a 55-37 win at Anamosa on Saturday.

The Golden Hawks were tied 24-24 with the Blue Raiders early in the third quarter before Maddie Nonnenmann scored 14 straight points.

"We knew that Anamosa was doing a good job of trying to keep the ball out of the lane and make us shoot outside shots, so we you know we learned to be intentional about making good passes and getting inside" Coach Danny Hershberger said.

"We were able to get it inside to Maddie. We made a lot of good passes and Maddie was able to finish around the basket for us in the third quarter."

Nonnenmann was able to establish herself in good position under the basket and the last four points of her 14-0 run came on inbounds plays. Her shot off the glass with 48 seconds left in the third quarter put Mid-Prairie ahead 38-24.

Nonnenmann finished with 23 points on 9-14 shooting. Myah Lugar was 3-4 from the 3-point line for 13 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Amara Jones had eight assists and Phelan Hostetler had seven rebounds. Esther Hughes scored six points.

The Golden Hawks (6-6) trailed Anamosa (1-9) 17-8 after the first quarter, but allowed just 10 points over the next two quarters.

"We didn't start out the way we wanted to," Hershberger said. "Our energy wasn't very good, but we picked up our intensity on defense and we did a better job of moving our feet and getting in the passing lanes and that was the biggest difference for us, just our effort



Maddie Nonnenmann gets to the basket for a layup during Mid-Prairie's loss at West Branch.

level on defense."

MP can't slow West Branch

The Golden Hawks struggled to get anything going offensively in the first half of a 66-29 loss to 2A No. 3 West Branch on Friday.

The Bears held Mid-Prairie to 3-22 shooting in the first half and led 38-8 at the halftime break. Sasha Koenig scored 21 points for West Branch and was one of three Bears to make at least two 3-pointers, while the Golden Hawks were just

2-14 as a team from outside.

"They really cranked up their defensive pressure there," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said. "Their physicalness bothered us a little bit to start the game. We didn't handle it well and they were able to start getting kind of some run out layups."

"They're a really good team. They're athletic, they're quick and they made us pay for being a little bit timid, and, and not being as aggressive as we

needed to be there at the start."

Phelan Hostetler was 3-6 to lead Mid-Prairie with eight points. Maddie Nonnenmann and Myah Lugar each had five.

"I think Phelan did a great job in the second half," Hershberger said. "I think we have to find ways to get the ball inside earlier in the games, that's something we've been working on something that we'll continue to work on."

"I felt like tonight we made a mistake or two and then we

kind of got down on ourselves and we have to bounce back from mistakes. You know, mistakes are going to happen in the basketball game. And we've got to move on. We have to learn from it."

Beavers hold off Hawks

Mid-Prairie nearly came back from a double-digit deficit, but missed a pair of game-tying shots in the final minute of a 47-45 loss to Wilton on Tuesday, January 5.

Hostetler scored 15 points and blocked two shots. Lugar was 3-11 from the 3-point line for 12 points, five rebounds and five assists.

After allowing 32 points in the first half, Mid-Prairie gave up just 15 the rest of the way.

"In the fourth quarter, we turned up our pressure a little bit," Hershberger said. "We were able to get back in the game with some turnovers and some layups."

"I was really happy with how we played the last four minutes of the game to be able to get back in the game."

The Golden Hawks led by six early, but the Beavers closed the first quarter with a 20-6 run.

"Wilton did a great job of turning up the pressure and get some turnovers. You know, that's kind of what they do, they thrive on turning the ball over and getting offensive rebounds."

"In the in the second half, every time we made a run to get it back down to four or six points, they were able to come back and hit a couple shots or get a couple turnovers and get the lead back up to 10 or so."

Both teams finished the game shooting around 37 percent, but Wilton held a big advantage at the free throw line where the Beavers cashed in on 12 of 19 attempts. Mid-Prairie was 4-8 for the night.

Fourth-quarter effort not enough for Highland in loss at English Valleys

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THE NEWS
RIVERSIDE

An 18-3 fourth-quarter run wasn't enough to bring Highland all the way back in a 69-59 loss at English Valleys on Thursday.

Colby Stokes scored six of his 15 points during a 12-0 spurt in the fourth quarter, but Huskies couldn't get the Bears lead under six in the closing minutes.

"When we run an offense, we look pretty fluid," Highland coach Bill Zywiec said.

"When we become one-on-one, it's pretty tough to beat teams."

"We have to be coachable, we have to run our offenses. And when we did that, good things happened for us."

Connor Grinstead scored six of his 15 points in the first quarter and the Huskies trailed just 19-18 early in the second quarter. A Grinstead 3-pointer would be the only Highland points for the next several minutes as the Bears made four from behind the arc during a 20-3 run.

"We have spurts where we play really well and we have spurts when we don't play well," Zywiec said. "If you get down a little bit and then all sudden that little bit turns into a lot. Now you're fighting uphill, and that takes a lot of energy. But it's encouraging to know we did some good things."

Chase Schultz and Kaige Vonashme each scored four points during the Huskies' fourth-quarter run. Schultz finished with 14 points and two assists. Grinstead had the best shooting night at 7-14 and he also led the Huskies with seven rebounds.

The Bears' 6-foot-3 junior Kaden Hall had 24 points, 13 rebounds and blocked five shots.

English Valleys had 15 assists on 25 field goals, while Highland had just five assists on 22.

"They play hard, but at times I kind of refer to it as open gym ball," Zywiec said.

"I think I burned through every timeout I had tonight,



Connor Grinstead attacks the basket during the first quarter of Highland's 69-59 loss at English Valleys on Thursday.

and we started communicating a little bit better. We actually ran some offense and we hit some shots. In the first half we didn't get a lot of shots, in the fourth quarter, stuff started falling for us."

"If we play with that energy that we did in the last four minutes for the entire game. That's what we have to build to do, and we're still learning how to do that."

Highland falls to Mediapolis

Tristan Stokes led the Huskies with nine points in a 60-33 loss to Mediapolis on Monday. Grinstead added seven as the Huskies dropped to 1-5 for the season. The Bulldogs have won three in a row after an 0-7 start.

Huskies pick up first win

The Huskies came back from the winter break with a 67-34 win at Columbus on Monday, January 4. Highland jumped out to a 15-5 lead after eight minutes and held the Wildcats to seven points or less in three of the quarters.

Tristan Stokes was 10-13 and led the Huskies with 25 points, eight rebounds and eight steals. Colby Stokes was

6-9 with 13 points and six assists.

"The kids played extremely well," Zywiec said. "These guys are very unselfish with the basketball. We moved the ball extremely well and shots were falling for us."

Schultz scored 14 points and Trevor McFarland added seven as Highland won its first game of the season.

Pekin continues stellar play

The Huskies struggled in a road game against one of the top teams in the conference on January 5. Pekin's defensive length forced 23 turnovers and the Panthers held Highland to 13-41 shooting in a 65-30 win.

"They're well coached, they're very physical, and they're very disciplined," Zywiec said.

"They're very structured on their offense and they attack the basket. They're a blue-collar team, you know they don't do anything, real fancy. They just play hard and you have to respect that."

Tristan Stokes led Highland with 10 points and Schultz had eight points in the loss. Pekin improved to 7-1 with the win.

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Wright in the final at 220. It was his third consecutive tournament championship.

"He wrestled good all day, but he's a little reserved," Garvey said. "You see when he gets to his shots, nobody can stop those things. So let's get to them earlier and more often."

The most exciting finish of the day belonged to heavyweight Gannon Callahan in the third place match. Callahan gave up a takedown in each of the first two periods and trailed South Tama's Rudy Papakee 4-2 heading into the third. Papakee chose bottom and after a 90-second stalemate, Callahan turned him and got the pin with 12 seconds left.

"I think it's just perseverance, he started turning that corner," Garvey said. "He lost a tight semifinal match to a guy that was one match away from being a place winner at state in 3A last year. And then it was just staying the task at hand, you know, keep scoring points, keep wrestling. And once Gannon got him turned

that kid wasn't getting up."

At 182 pounds, Ben Meader reached the final with a tech fall and a pin. He faced 2A No. 8 Brayden Smith in the final and was quickly put on his back. Meader scored a reversal, but Smith came back with a reversal and pin.

"The losses he's taken here recently have all been to state qualifiers and state place winners," Garvey pointed out. "He wrestled great."

Mose Yoder pinned his quarterfinal opponent and finished fourth at 113. Terry Bordenave went 2-2 with a pair of pins at 220. Evan Philips, Kaden Meader and Dominic McCain each won a match as well.

"Overall we had a good day," Garvey said. "There are a couple matches early on in the day I wish we could have got back, I felt like we had some good matchups in the first rounds that some of our younger guys, but overall, I was real pleased. From 160 up, we wrestled really well all day."



Ben Meader throws his opponent to the mat during a semifinal match at Highland's Gary Curtis Invitational on Saturday.

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The 3-point shots were not falling for either team on Friday. West Branch shot 2-15 and Mid-Prairie was 2-14 with both makes coming from Will Cavanagh.

It was Rath, the Golden Hawks' baseball star, and Bowe, a future Hawkeye football player who took over the game in the second half.

Rath finished 8-9 from the floor to lead Mid-Prairie with 16 points and nine rebounds. Bowe was 8-13 for 19 points and eight rebounds for the Bears.

Carter Harmensen led Mid-Prairie with four assists from the high post and scored 13 points as well.

"Different guys have stepped up on different nights," Lambert said. And that's the thing that's made us fairly successful throughout the first games here. We're not limited to just one style of play.

"Earlier in the week, we had to be super physical and patient. On Tuesday, we tried to turn things up and then did it back here and there. And then tonight, it was grind it out half-court basketball.

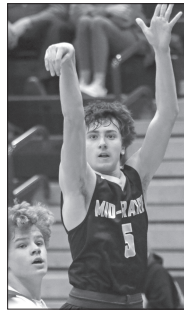
Overall, I'm just pleased with how the guys responded at different times tonight when adversity hit."

Ethan Kos has five rebounds and six points, including a putback to beat the third-quarter buzzer.

The Golden Hawks held West Branch to 18-47 shooting.

"(Mid-Prairie) has three or four guys that can go get some buckets, and they do a good job of attacking the rim, being patient and getting good looks," Kern said. "And they're very disciplined defensively."

Kern, a 2007 graduate of Mid-Prairie, is 4-1 against the Golden Hawks with three of those wins coming by three points or less.



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Will Cavanagh's 3-pointer ended a field goal drought of nearly 8 minutes to start Friday's game.

The Bears will travel to Wellman for the rematch on February 5, in the Golden Hawks' penultimate regular season game.

Hawks fall at the buzzer
On Saturday, Anamosa elected to hold the ball for the final 2:20 of the game to get the last shot in a 48-48 contest. With the clock winding down, Sam Wilt missed a running shot but Graham Humpal was there for the putback.

The live stream showed the ball still in Humpal's hand as time expired, but the close call went in favor of the Raiders and Anamosa avoided overtime with a 50-48 win.

Anamosa took a 48-41 lead with 5:09 left on a 3-point play and a technical foul, but did not score again until the buzzer sounded.

Harmensen hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to four with 4:25

left, and 15 seconds later Cavanagh scored to pull the Golden Hawks within two. Harmensen tied the game at the free throw line with 2:57 left, but Mid-Prairie would not get another offensive possession. Kos was 7-9 for 15 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Harmensen scores 33 in win
Mid-Prairie made nine 3-pointers and dominated the offensive glass in a 61-44 win over Wilton on Jan. 5.

Harmensen scored 33 points, his third 30-point performance of the season. Harmensen also had seven of the Golden Hawks' 16 offensive rebounds.

Mid-Prairie had just seven turnovers and took 20 more shot attempts than Wilton, shooting more free throws as well.

Jack Pennington had eight points and six assists, while Rath had seven points and blocked five shots.

After outscoring the Bears 22-10 in the first quarter, Mid-Prairie was outscored 13-8 in the second.

"They hit some shots," Lambert said. "Defensively, I think we got just a little lax. But for the most part, I was pleased with the way we handled their runs."

"They're a team that wants to get us, they kind of always play us tough. They played a lot of teams tough."

Harmensen went 4-7 from the 3-point line and led the Golden Hawks with nine rebounds. Kos had eight rebounds, Cavanagh had six points and seven rebounds. Alex Bean had five points, four assists and three steals.

"We had a lot of guys do a lot of different things, rebounding extremely well," Lambert said. "We just did all the little things that you need to do to get a conference win."

Panthers take both games at Lone Tree

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THE NEWS

LONE TREE

Maddie Jacque scored 21 points, but it wasn't enough for the Lady Lions to keep up with a red-hot shooting Pekin squad on Friday night.

The Lady Panthers were 8-13 from the 3-point line and shot 55 percent overall, while Lone Tree was held to a season-low point total in a 68-27 loss.

Jacque was 7-16 from the floor and 5-7 at the free throw

line. She also led Lone Tree with seven rebounds and six steals. Chloe Mills grabbed five rebounds, while Josie Mullinix had four rebounds and three steals.

Pekin improved to 5-5, while the Lady Lions dropped below .500 for the first time this season at 2-3.

Lone Tree plays three home games in five days beginning with Highland on Tuesday, January 12.

The Lone Tree boys (0-5) also fell 71-20 to Pekin, who improved to 9-1 with the win.

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The Bears have lost three of four since a 5-0 start. Hillcrest has won all four games in 2021 after starting the season 2-4.

Ravens come back at WMU

Hillcrest took advantage of missed free throws to come back against Winfield-Mt. Union on Friday. The Ravens were down by eight points with four minutes left. Eli Ours scored eight points during a 12-2 run to close the game.

Hughes went 4-4 at the free throw line during that stretch and pulled the Ravens within a point with 30 seconds remaining.

Ours drove left, and from just outside the lane, threw a running shot off the glass to give Hillcrest a one-point lead with 22 seconds left.

"Eli showed a ton of grit late and so did John, hitting big free throws and grabbing

some big rebounds. Our guys did a great job staying together down the stretch and I'm so happy it worked out for them after a rough stretch."

"Winfield has been playing very well and was a game ahead of us in conference play, so this is a really good road win in conference play."

The Wolves were unable to get a single point from three 1-and-1 opportunities at the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Ours was 4-6 at the foul line and led Hillcrest with 19 points and four assists. Hughes scored eight points while Bender had seven points and three steals. Hershberger led the Ravens on the glass with eight rebounds.

WMU was led by a pair of outstanding freshmen, Cam Buffington scored 22 points and 6-foot-6 Abram Edwards had nine points and four blocked shots.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FORMAL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Chairperson Sullivan called the

Johnson County Board of Supervisors to

order in the Johnson County Administration

Building Boardroom at 5:00 a.m. as

an electronic meeting due to concerns

for the health and safety of Board mem-

bers, staff, and the public presented by

the novel coronavirus pandemic, CO-

VID-19, in accordance with Section 21.8

of the Code of Iowa, as amended. **Pres-****ent:** Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden,

Royceann Porter, Janelle Rettig, Rod

Sullivan.

"Denotes telephonic participation.

All actions were taken unanimously.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green-

Douglass, to approve the claims on the

December 31, 2020, Auditor's Claim

Register, as approved by a majority of

the Supervisors.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

January 4

Arrested Jaedyn Layne Winters, 19, of Wellman on a Washington County warrant for failure to appear for miltimus on original charge of OWI 1st offense. No bond, must serve time (1 day, 15 hours, 18 min.) or provide certificate of completion of 48 hour class. Warrant cleared from the system.

Caller in the 200 block of 14th Street, Kalona, reports fraud over the last two years. Subject owes him money for loads he never hauled but was paid for. Report to be filed.

Caller in the 600 block of Seventh Avenue, Wellman, requests to speak to a deputy in reference to a violation of a no-contact order. Officer spoke to all parties involved. No violation.

Deputy reports being out with a vehicle stop in the 100 block of Ninth Street, Kalona. Cited on court Steven Fay Watkinson, 37, of Kalona for driving while barred X0.

Caller in the 700 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports their neighbor verbally assaulted them and threatened to kill them. Officers responded. This is an on going issue. Both parties were advised to have no further contact with each other.

Caller reports a vehicle all over the road on Highway 218. Unable to locate.

Caller in the 300 block of West First Street, Riverside, reports the smell of marijuana in the area. Officer spoke with the caller. Extra patrol in the area.

January 5

Caller in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports an interview, male subject is refusing to leave the property. Officers responded. Arrested Richard D Moreno, 54, of Worcester, MA for public intoxication.

Officers reports being out with a vehicle with no plates 1300 block of Highway 1, Kalona. Arrested Rachel Ann Sinn, 36, of Kalona. Wanted by Henry County for failure to appear pretrial conference on original charge of trespass 1st. Bond \$300 cash only. Transferred to Henry County line.

Caller 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports she was scammed out of her information. Subject claimed

to be from IHCC of Moline, Ill., doing a background check on her for a job. Spoke with the caller. Tried to call the number, but subject hung up on him. Caller was advised to watch her credit score.

Caller in the 700 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports harassment by neighbor. Documentation subjects were advised to stay away from one another.

Officer received information of Christmas trees dumped in roadway on Highway 218 north of Highway 22. DOT was in the area and had picked them up.

Officer out on an Sex Offender Registry check in the City of Riverside. Unable to locate.

Officer out on an Sex Offender Registry check in the 1300 block of Tulip Avenue, Riverside. Unable to locate.

Subject in Riverside reports identity theft. Officer attempted to contact the reporting party.

Caller is requesting welfare check in the 1000 block of Walnut Avenue, Riverside. Riverside QRS responded and disregarded other responding units. Subject is OK.

Caller reporting Federation Bank, Wellman, teller motion alarm. Officer spoke with the keyholder. Everything is fine.

Caller in the 400 block of East River Street, Riverside, reports localizing some property. Officer spoke with the property owner. They advised they believed their vehicle had been gone through but nothing of significant value is missing. Documentation.

Caller in the 100 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports fraudulent use of their bank account. Officer spoke with the caller. Documentation. The bank was able to stop the transaction.

January 7

Caller reports a subject on a bicycle on Vine Avenue is riding south by Highland High School. He has a light, but you can't see him in the fog. Request a deputy. Officer checked the area and was unable to locate the subject.

Officer stopped a vehicle with no plates at East Hickory and First Street, Riverside. Cited Mary Lavone Linnell of Lone Tree for driving under suspension

and no insurance.

Caller reports a two-vehicle accident in front of the Riverside Casino. Two pickups almost hit head on. One is sitting in the eastbound lane. No injuries. Officer responded and advised no injuries. Riverside Fire/Rescue responded to assist with road debris. Operator Tyler Gail Dunlap of Swisher and Michael Eugene Stanley of Adel. Dunlap was cited with improper use of lane. State report to be filed. Operators taken to casino to wait for rides. Earls Towing towed both vehicles.

Caller reports a mini van parked in the parking lot of Pleasantview Home. Owner leaves her dog inside the vehicle everyday while at work. Officer responded. Dog wears a sweater and is taken care of. Unfounded.

Caller in the 1000 block of Walnut Avenue, Riverside, reports that the C and D buildings were broken into and requested a deputy review the camera footage. Caller would like a phone call first to set up time. Documentation for now.

City of Wellman front door alarm. Officer was responding but disregarded. A city employee advised there was no problem.

Vehicle stop at Rose and Second Street, Riverside. Cited Ricki Lee Sinn, 60, of Kalona, with driving under suspension X2, no proof of insurance and operation without valid registration, no proof of insurance and no valid registration.

Caller reports a vehicle all over the road on Highway 218. Riverside QRS stopped the vehicle. The driver was not intoxicated and was sent on their way.

January 8

Washington County Dispatch reports a subject misusing 911 in the 1300 block of Tulip Avenue, Riverside. Officers responded and advised the subject to only call if there was an emergency or they will be issued a citation.

Deputy reports being out with a vehicle at the casino that has its hood up and doesn't have plates. Vehicle is unoccupied.

Caller in the 600 block of Seventh Avenue, Wellman, reports a dent in his vehicle where it appears another vehicle hit it during the night. Damage to the front left wheel area No paint transfer. Officer was advised for documentation

purposes. Caller will take pictures for insurance purposes.

Caller in the 3000 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports suspicious activity in the store and involving a vehicle in the parking lot.

Caller reports an assault going on at the casino on the fifth floor of the hotel. Officer and Riverside QRS responded. Female subject transported to hospital. Arrested Tavarus Akheem Smith, 31. Warrant from Black Hawk County for forgery, theft and theft 5th. Extradition arrangements being made with Black Hawk County.

Vehicle stop at Hickory Street and Fourth Street, Riverside. Arrested Conny Ann Stuckler, 38, of Riverside for driving while revoked and given citation for no insurance. Charges pending per DCI labs for possession of meth.

Caller in the 400 block of E Avenue, Kalona, request a welfare check on his daughter and son, her current boyfriend doesn't allow her to have a phone or social media and the caller is worried about her. Officer made contact with the female party who is fine and doesn't want contact with the caller.

January 9

Caller requests a deputy for a subject who is trespassing in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside. Cited into court Gregory Paul Dye, 43, of Cedar Rapids for trespass.

Deputies report being out with an intoxicated driver in the 1300 block of Iowa River Road, Riverside. Arrested Ashlie Marie Keasling, of Riverside, for driving under the influence 1st. Vehicle was towed.

Caller in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports a subject in the business that is lost. The subject found their family and officer was disregarding before arrival.

Caller in the 500 block of E Avenue, Kalona, reports she was in an accident. No medical needed. Damage only. Officer responded and information was exchanged between drivers. State report to be filed. No citations. Operators Kimberly Jay Tew of Kalona and Dakotah Allen Stump of Kalona.

Caller in the 1200 block of Gum Avenue, Wellman, reports being attacked by a dog while walking past a residence. Unsure if it was a bite or scratch to her

hip. Dog owner was not at the residence at the time of the call. A citation was issued to Melissa Ann Brunk for dog at large. Dog was good on all shots and will be quarantined.

Caller in the 1100 block of Larch Avenue, Kalona, reports her friend smashed in the door and she was hit in the forehead with it. No medical attention needed. Arrested Tamaiga Tuna Lutele, 23, of Washington, for domestic assault simple, criminal mischief and burglary.

Caller reports a subject is driving while intoxicated in the 2400 block of Highway 22, Kalona. Officer responded and stopped the vehicle. Arrested Leslie Constance Holmes, 68, of Wellman for OWI 1st offense.

Officers reports being out on a traffic stop with a vehicle from a previous traffic complaint. Officer issued several citations to the driver and passenger.

January 10

Caller reports a subject sitting in the alley behind the residence in the 700 block of Fourth Street, Kalona, that is playing loud music in their car. Officer responded and was unable to locate the subject.

Caller in the 100 block of First Street, Riverside, requests an officer. The subjects above them are yelling at one another. Officer responded. It was a verbal argument only. Parties separated.

Caller in the 300 block of C Avenue, Kalona, reports two subjects yelling and screaming at each other at the neighbor's house. Officers responded. Verbal argument only.

Caller reports a minivan in the ditch in the 1000 block of Ginkgo Avenue, Wellman. No injuries. Driver is out of the vehicle. State accident report to be filed.

Officers reports being out with a vehicle in the 1800 block of 130th Street, Wellman. Plates are stolen from Cedar Rapids. Arrested Kaleek Jamar-Arie Lewis, 18, of Cedar Rapids, for driving while license revoked X1. possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia. Officer reports a drug/paraphernalia violation in the 1800 block of 130th Street, Wellman. Charges pending per DCI lab results for possession of controlled substance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE

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Daniel E. Bontrager, grantor; Isaac Beachy, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Kreekside SD Lot 47; \$45,000

Gayle M. Pope, grantor; Robert W. Pope, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Comm at SW Corn 18-75-7 Running Thence E Along S Line of Section 6 Chains & 40 Links to a Stake; 60:60 E Line Strip Between Above Parcel on the West & Beginning 247.51 FT W of SE Corn of WFR2 SW 18-57-7 Thence W on S Line of Section 235.62 FT to a Post claim deed; Aud Parc A, Cont. 5.664 Acres in SW 31-74-5-6; \$326,000

Nancy B. Wallen, grantor; Nancy B. Wallen, Beth L. Cochran, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Aud Parc A, Cont. 5.664 Acres in SW 31-74-5-6; \$326,000

Doris Davidson, grantor; Richard James, Magnusson, grantee; warranty deed; Washington & Hill Smousens NE Add Lot 7 Block 3; \$137,000

Stephen M. Mann, Anne E. Mann, grantor; Keith D. Mast, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc F, 14.00 Acres, Part of SW 2 & 480 RR Row All in SD W2 SW 17-7-8; \$130,000

Nov. 23-27, 2020

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grantor; JFH Welding & Fabrication LLC, grantee; warranty deed; S 74 FT Wellman OP Lot 1-2 Block 3; \$34,000

Wes Miller, Nathan Gingerich, grantor; Lee Miller, Judy Miller, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc A, 4.24 Acres A Kalona 77-7-08 NW SW & Easement S 25.00 FT of Aud Parc E in Kalona 77-7-08 NW SW

Joe L. Kaufman Inc, grantor; Mitchell T. Elliott, Mitchell T. Elliott, grantee; contract of sale; 1/2 interest in SD NE 16-75-6; Part NE SE 16-75-6

Marlene A. Leichy, grantor; Marlene A. Leichy, Rebecca Thiel, Marlene A. Leichy Trustee, grantee; warranty deed; SE SE 36-74-7; W2 SE 36-74-7; Part E2 SW 36-74-7; E2 SW 36-74-7; W2 SW 36-74-7; S 44 4/9 Rods of E2 SW NE 36-74-7

Tyler J. Rausch, T.J. Rausch, grantor; Natalie Cox, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc O, Part Washington Highland Park Add Lot 19 Block 2; \$100,000

M & N in Washington Highland Park Add Lot 2; \$87,000

Dale A. Bennett, grantor; Jennifer Freeman, Jennifer J. Freeman Bennett, Jennifer J. Bennett Freeman, grantee; quit claim deed; Wellman Deer Meadow

Estates II SD Lot 21; Part Wellman Deer Meadow Estates II SD Lot 20

Dan A. Krenzbow, Jeremy Krenzbow, grantor; Nicholas A. Young, grantee; warranty deed; Washington South Wing Add Lot 2-3 Block 26; \$149,000

Elmer Ray Miller Trustee, Nora Kemp Trustee, EMF Trust, grantor; Mark M. Miller Trust, Mark M. Miller Trustee, grantee; warranty deed; N 14 Acres of SW NE 02-77-8; \$21,000

Donald Schneider Crawford, Ronald G. Crawford, Judith L. Quinn, grantor; Eric Tjelmeland, Rebekah Tjelmeland, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E, part Lot 1 SD of NW 33-76-6 & Part E2 SW 33-76-6 & Part E 330 FT of W2 SW 33-76-6; \$173,000

J. Thomas Wheelan, John T. Wheelan, Constance S. Wheelan, grantor; Eric D. Hartzler, Teresa A. Hartzler, grantee; warranty deed; 2/10th interest in W2 NW 22-7-8; \$133,500

Equity of Brighton LLP, grantor; 2020 Central Iowa Portfolio LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Brighton Stickneys Add Lot 7-12 Block 3; \$70,000

Dale A. Bennett, grantor; Jennifer Freeman, Jennifer J. Freeman Bennett, Jennifer J. Bennett Freeman, grantee; quit claim deed; Wellman Deer Meadow

in lot 5 of Aud SD of Kalona 77-7-18 NW NW; \$227,500

Richard J. Lear, Rita J. Lear, grantor; Andrew D. Abbott, Dixie J. Abbott, grantee; warranty deed; part S2 NW 10-77-6; Part NE SW 10-77-6; \$300,000

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