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AROUND TOWN

Historical Society Board meets Feb. 10

The Kalona Historical Society Board of Directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Historical Village Visitors Center.

Kalona Rotary set Feb. 15 meeting at Historical Village

The Kalona Rotary Club will have their Tuesday, February 15, meeting at the Kalona Historical Village. Nancy Roth, director of the Historical Village, will give an update of the projects at the Village including the plans for the Streetscape Project, in the Wahl Museum, being developed by Edwards Designs. Pete Buffer is in charge of the program Feb. 15.

Mules: Hardworking & Stubborn lecture at Village Feb. 17

The Kalona Historical Village will be hosting a lecture on February 17th at 6 p.m. on mules. Bob and Janet Gerard "Bob Tales" of Marengo Iowa will be talking about "Mules: Hardworking & Stubborn." Bob will share his experiences about his teams of mules, clinics he has given, and much more.

The Gerard's were also inducted into the Iowa Draft Horse Hall of Fame in 2019. Limited seating. For more information contact the Village at 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com.

Optimist to host Valentines meal Feb. 17

The Kalona Optimists meal will be held at the Miller Homestead Cooking dining hall at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Reservations can be made with Sheryl Miller or Mary Williams.

Hillcrest to host chili supper Feb. 19

The annual Chili Supper is hosted by the Hillcrest Academy senior class and has been a tradition since 1960. On Saturday, February 19 the meal will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Hillcrest seniors are selling tickets now. Cost per meal is Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$9, Children age 4-12 \$5, age 3 and under free. Buy tickets online and more info at hillcrestseniors.org/chilisupper.

The Chipper Experience to come to Washington

The Washington Area Performing Arts and Events Center and the Washington Concert Association will present "The Chipper Experience: Where Comedy and Magic Collide" on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for college students and free for students. Tickets are available online at WashingtonAuditorium.org or at the door.

Book Sale at Kalona Library March 12

The Friends of the Kalona Public Library will sponsor a book sale at the Kalona Public Library on Saturday, March 12, 2022. An early bird sale for Friends members will be held from 9-9:30 a.m. (Friends memberships can be purchased at this time for \$5 for individual, \$10 for family and \$25 for businesses). The sale will open to the general public at 9:30 and run until 3 p.m.

"He becomes a better leader every class"

Lone Tree Taekwondo teaches youth about leadership



MOLLY ROBERTS/THE NEWS

Asher Forbes, far right, has taken on a leadership role in the Lone Tree Taekwondo program.

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
LONE TREE

At the end of Asher Forbes's Taekwondo class in the Lone Tree Wellness Center on Saturday, Feb. 5, instructor Curtis Long explained to the students that Forbes has transitioned into a leadership role in the program, that Forbes will be helping teach and instruct during class.

Forbes is only nine years old.

"Within our organization, we have two levels of leadership roles," Long said. "One is more designed for adults, and one that's designed more for our younger students. It's designed to help them be more confident in leading and teaching other students. As instructors we get to decide who to invite into this program, it's not anybody, but we have to invite them. It's students that have shown that they're working hard and that they're willing to keep working hard."

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MOLLY ROBERTS/THE NEWS

Caitlin Ford opened Deeply Rooted Beauty and Boutique in 2019, then moved to her current location in June 2021.

Deeply Rooted aims to help boost self confidence

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
LONE TREE

Deeply Rooted Beauty and Boutique in Lone Tree, located at 117 N. Devoe, is a place men and women can go to get a confidence boost. The salon offers a wide array of services, from haircuts and color to lash extensions to waxing services to manicures. The stylists at Deeply Rooted want to make their customers feel good about themselves – to walk out feeling just a little better than they did walking in.

"When I was in cosmetology school, I would see people come in one way and then leave a completely different

person, with some change," said owner Caitlin Ford. "It could be that they just had the tiniest little bit of hair cut off, but it just made them feel so much better about themselves. Knowing that I could have an impact in somebody's life, even in the most minuscule way, has always inspired me to stay in this profession."

At the front of the store space, there is a boutique stocked with "classic, timeless and unique pieces that can fit the everyday person," as well as self-care items like neck wraps, eye pillows, shower and bath items and candles. Prod-

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Village aims to raise \$300,000 for Streetscape Exhibit

BY MOLLY ROBERTS AND JANET FERRY
The News
KALONA

The Kalona Historical Society Board is kicking off a \$300,000 campaign to raise funds for a new exhibit in the Wahl Museum at the Kalona Historical Village. The Streetscape Exhibit will be a representation of the early downtown buildings of Kalona and will show the history of the families that started Kalona in association with the railroad moving through the town.

"It's the whole history," said Kalona Historical Society president Lori Mostek. "If you've been in the Wahl Museum, you've seen the Native American portion, which shows the early, early history. Then, the railroad came to the

Kalona area and that helped establish the town. The railroad was an integral part of how the downtown developed."

After five years of dedicated research, planning and design work, the Kalona Historical Society Board has made the commitment to hire Miller Builders of Kalona to construct the framework of the exhibit and Edwards Creative from the Quad Cities to fabricate the Streetscape exhibit. These same entities helped create the Native American, pioneer and railroad exhibits currently in the Wahl Museum.

The exhibit will feature museum objects, photographs and archival materials that will show the impact the railroad and small family businesses had on the town's growth and



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The railroad played an integral part in developing the town of Kalona, according to Historical Society president Lori Mostek.

development.

One object that will be included in the exhibit is a leather pouch owned by George Eglin, the President of Kalona Savings Bank in 1913. The pouch includes a special slot

designated for railroad tickets.

"It is a valuable thing to learn about the past. That's something we don't get so

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VITA tax program available to Johnson Co. workers

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Trained student volunteer tax preparers help ensure that eligible taxpayers receive the EITC and any other qualifying tax credits. All volunteers are certified by the IRS in prepar-

ing returns and have had at least one tax course as part of their coursework or law training.

Electronic filing is provided so that taxpayers can receive their tax refunds quickly. Taxpayers who work with VITA volunteers to help file their taxes do not pay to have their returns prepared and do not pay to get their refunds.

Eligible households must have a 2021 annual income below \$57,000. Those interested should call 319-335-0857 or email vita@uiowa.edu. Translation services are available. More information is available at biz.uiowa.edu/vita.

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 Grandparents are Dan and Sheila Ouversen of Kalona, Chris and Kristy Webber of Monice, Illinois. Great-Grandparents are Duane and Alana Bontrager of Kalona, Jim and Marcia Webber of Oak Forest, Illinois, Pat Ouversen of Mt. Vernon, Tom and Diane Ouversen of Naples, Florida. Great-Great-Grandmother, Delilah Anderson of Kalona.

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Asher Forbes practices Taekwondo during a class on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Lone Tree Wellness Center.

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to keep working hard."

Long said Forbes caught his eye early on as a potential student for the leadership program, but Long waited until Forbes reached a higher belt level to invite him into the program. Forbes is currently a green belt.

"His mom has told me more than once that this is his thing. He'd been asked to play with a basketball team, and he still plays with them every once in a while, but only if it doesn't interfere with Taekwondo," Long said. "This is what he wants to do and likes to do and he's very dedicated to it."

On Tuesday evenings, Long invites the students in the leadership program (there is currently one other adult student) over to his house, where they hold a leadership class. They run through teaching scenarios and then talk about how it went, where they can improve and what they did well.

"Self confidence in your own ability to do something and confidence in being able to help somebody else do it are very different," Long said. "The leadership role takes that

confidence to the next step, where you're confident enough that you can help somebody else learn it. It doesn't matter how good you are at [a skill], you don't truly think about it until you have to break it back down again."

Forbes initially just helped out with other classes because he was usually at the Wellness Center early — he could be an extra person if there were an odd number of students. But after joining the leadership program, Forbes has improved his teaching and leadership skills with every class.

"Since he's started in the leadership role and he's helping out with other classes, he's talking more in class. Before, it would be just watching and maybe telling one of the other instructors if he saw something or maybe just a small pointer to a student here or there, but every class he's getting better about speaking up. Each class he gets a little bit better. He becomes a better leader every class."

Taekwondo incorporates life skills, such as respect, honesty, integrity, courtesy

and confidence, into the martial arts practice. Students in Long's classes all have a life skill that they're working on — and if they don't meet goals related to that life skill, they can't undergo testing for their new belt.

"I tell them you can be as good as you want to on that floor, but if you're not meeting the life skills goals, you don't test. That's doubly important for leadership," Long said.

Long said the confidence that comes from Taekwondo and from being in the leadership program bleeds over into other parts of life. Students who are leaders in the gym become leaders in team sports, at school and at home.

"It feels nice to be in [the leadership program], but you also have to build up to it. You have to stand up to your name, being in leadership," Forbes said. "But life skills are teaching me things that I need to in Taekwondo, but also in other parts of life. Taekwondo is teaching me about making goals and now that I'm in Taekwondo, I'm actually meeting those goals."

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ucts like shampoos, styling products and lotions are also available for purchase.

"Our whole premise of having the salon and the boutique was really just to make people feel welcomed when they came in and feel that they could have an entire experience, as far as making themselves feel better about themselves, making

themselves feel beautiful and boosting that confidence," Ford said. "Especially nowadays I feel like the everyday woman doesn't necessarily take a lot of time for themselves, so when they're in here we want them to be able to let go of all of that and treat themselves and have that self-care time that's necessary."

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Before opening Deeply Rooted in 2019, Ford worked for a few different salons that were commission-based and chair rental systems. She said she took bits and pieces from each of those salons to create her own business. When she started in 2019, Ford worked on her own, but then was able to hire another person after about a year of being open. In June 2021, Deeply Rooted moved to its current, larger location, which allowed Ford to bring on another staff person.

"I always knew that someday I wanted to be the person that was helping the other individuals grow," Ford said.

Ford said that, in addition to Lone Tree residents, customers come to her from Iowa City, Hills, Riverside and other surrounding towns. One of the perks to her job, Ford said, is being able to form relationships with her clients.

"Our guests are more like our family and our friends who come in here," Ford said. "I'm their confidant. In no other profession can you go up and just start touching somebody's head and get away with it. There's a form of intimacy that you create with somebody when they're sitting in your chair. It's a huge trust process, too. Not only are you working on their hair, but you're physically in their personal bubble, so I think it opens people up in a different way than you would with any other person."

Ford said making her clients feel better about themselves is the most important, and most rewarding part of her job.

"I have this following of people and I think they gravitate towards me just caring about them, wanting them to feel better, wanting them to see the best of themselves and I think that is really important in this kind of profession, and especially now in the last couple of years because I think people's confidence has really gone down. It's something I hope I can help with, even in the smallest way."

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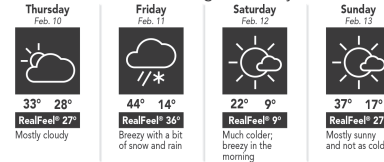
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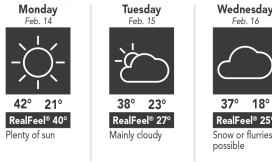


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OPTIMIST RECOGNITION DAY IN KALONA



RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

Kalona Mayor Mark Robe presents a framed copy of the proclamation he signed declaring the first Thursday of every February as Optimists recognition day in Kalona to Kalona Optimist president Carl Poe at the club Feb.3 meeting.

Kalona council tables parking ordinance

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News

KALONA

After hearing input from multiple citizens at the Monday, Feb. 7 meeting of the Kalona City Council, the council decided to table the first reading of the ordinance that would amend the parking ordinances by adding "No Parking" signs in several locations.

The council had previously discussed several options for placement of the no parking signs, including in the Harvest Hill subdivision, on 5th Street, 9th Street and F Avenue.

City Administrator Ryan Schlaubaugh said the city received one comment from a citizen regarding the no parking signs destined for the East side of streets in Harvest Hill, regarding fire hydrants placed on the side of the street where parking would be allowed. But Schlaubaugh said he conferred with the city attorney and Kalona Fire Chief, who had no concerns with what is currently being proposed.

The city did not receive any comments about the proposed signs for 5th Street, between C and D Avenue, where parking will not be allowed between 11

p.m. and 7 a.m. The city also did not receive any comments about the no parking areas proposed for 9th Street from E Avenue (Highway 22) to F Avenue, where parking will not be allowed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday during the school calendar.

However, the last proposed spot for no parking signs, on F Avenue from 6th Street to 10th Street, where parking would not be allowed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday during the school year, drew several comments and complaints from citizens.

The F Avenue no parking signs were proposed because parents using F Avenue to drop off and pick up their children from school were causing traffic on the street that made it hard for busses to navigate the road.

Pam Hochstetler, who has lived on F Avenue for over 40 years, said she has been in frequent conversation with the school about allowing the busses to utilize F Avenue.

"A lot of my concern is that F Avenue is a residential street and the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, the busses don't go 25, other school vehicles don't go 25 and most drivers don't

go 25," she said. "I think if we have F Avenue as no parking and there aren't actually cars to slow the traffic down, it's going to be a throughfare."

Hochstetler also said she has concerns about guests or service vehicles not being able to park on the street during school hours.

Comments received from Randy Hoyt also communicated concern for the no parking areas proposed on F Avenue. Hoyt suggested three alternatives: that the busses can use Highway 22 instead of F Avenue, that enforcement hours could be more limited (for instance, 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.), or that the no parking areas could go west from 9th street for a short distance, not all the way to 6th.

The council listened to all concerns and decided to table the ordinance until the city can have more conversations with the school district and other affected parties.

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much of local history. When you're in school, you get the textbook about history all over the United States, but we don't know our local history so much," Mostek said. "We're hoping that schools from Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Washington, all over, will bring their kids there to see the history of how a small town can be developed, starting way back with the Native Americans and then showing how a train came through that helped develop downtown."

Mostek said the whole project will be educational and will

meet the Iowa standards for education of local history.

When it comes to raising the \$300,000 dollars, Mostek said the board is hoping for donations from anyone who sees the value in learning quality information about the history and development of Kalona.

"We definitely want to focus on people in Kalona and would like the local businesses that sprung up from these early people to help," Mostek said. "We'd like anybody to contribute—anybody who really believes in the rich history of Kalona and wants to support it."

Statewide event Feb. 16 laments Iowa's recent discriminatory legislation

During the past year, the Iowa Legislature proposed and even codified into law bills that attempt to normalize discrimination, reduce voting access and hurt many citizens of this state. Legislators are proposing more of the same during this year's session of the General Assembly.

To call out these efforts and stand up for the rights of all Iowa citizens, particularly the most vulnerable, One Human Family of the QCA, along with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Iowa, the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa & Action Fund, League of Women Voters of Iowa and Progress Iowa, is sponsoring a free statewide "Iowa is Better Than This" event, a lament of discriminatory legislation, at 5

p.m. on Feb. 16.

The hybrid event will include live and online participation from those at different sites around the state who will highlight how the discriminatory actions of the Iowa Legislature, many of which were signed into law by the governor, will negatively impact state residents.

Issues of concern addressed during the event will include, but not be limited to: LGBTQ+ issues, voting rights, gun accessibility, housing discrimination, educational curriculum, the right to peaceful protest and treatment of immigrants.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mid-Prairie bond not focused on education

Schools, traditionally, had been institutions that placed education as priority number one. It was the very reason for them to be in existence. Somewhere along the way arts, athletics, and special interests overtook education as priority number one in schools across the United States. Here in the Mid-Prairie school district things are no different.

One look at the current Bond Referendum confirms this with a large amount of money being spent on ancillary amenities and push-up upgrades that have nothing to do with education.

Not only do many of these proposals not enhance or expand education, they are narrow in scope in terms of how many students benefit from them. In other words, the bulk of the money benefits a limited amount of students.

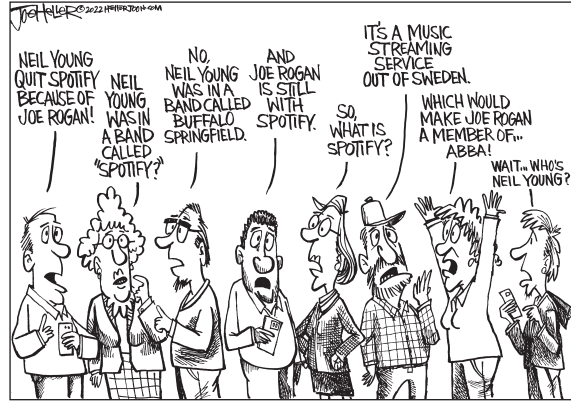
A hand-selected group of the areas wealthy and popular decided what should be done? That seems logical! Let's assemble a group of people with personal agendas and little knowledge of education to dictate to the rest of us what priorities in education should be, and then end up with a propos-

al that barely touches on education. If I need a house sold, I call a realtor, but does a realtor know education? It is clear to me this group was hell bent on getting their personal wish list paid for by the public.

I do understand vibrant communities rely on a good school system. I am not naive. If this district would just take its blinders off and welcome outsiders they may learn a thing or two, but that unfortunately is rare around here. So, you stick to the same old power players calling all the shots amongst an immensely divided district. Not really the spirit of inclusion. Look at how much is allocated to school safety, \$0.00. Why? Likely because an outsider brought light to the issue, and you wouldn't want an outsider exposing your shortcomings.

One final thought for you folks to ponder. Do you think a school district has any business being a business? That is what they are pitching with this Bond. Imagine that, a school advertising for business against private sector businesses and competing with area businesses. That makes no sense to me whatsoever.

Matt Meisheid
Kalona



M-P bond referendum: Why will there be two questions on the ballot?

In this week's column, I am going to focus on the reason why there will be two questions on the bond issue ballot on March 1.

Our current total property tax rate in the district is \$13.23 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Of that \$13.23, \$2.70 is designated for paying off the debt created by the successful passage of the 2014 bond referendum when the voters gave permission to the school board to sell \$10.6 million worth of bonds to pay for building construction. This \$2.70 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation is a portion of the \$13.23 and is referred to as the "Debt Service Levy."

Current Iowa law allows every Iowa School District to have a debt service levy of \$2.70. Iowa law allows a school district to go above the \$2.70 limit when special permission is given by the voters. The second limit is \$4.05 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. But even though the voters may give the additional permission to set the new limit at \$4.05, the new levy is whatever is needed to make the annual debt payments.

What does this mean for the March 1 Mid-Prairie referendum? The first question on the ballot will ask voters permission to sell \$26.3 million of general obligation bonds to fund the \$37.6 million worth of proposed new construction. (The difference will be paid for with sales tax and private donations.) To do this, the current debt service levy will need to increase 60 cents — from \$2.70 to \$3.30.

To increase Mid-Prairie's debt service levy to \$3.30, the school board needs permission to go above the \$2.70 limit to a



Mark Schneider
Mid-Prairie
Superintendent

new limit of \$4.05. The second question on the ballot will ask Mid-Prairie voters' permission to go to this new limit of \$4.05. But the school board only needs 60 cents of the additional amount to go to \$3.30, not the full amount to \$4.05.

I know it's confusing so maybe I can illustrate using this example. Let's assume I have a credit card that has a \$2,000 limit. I make purchases and pay the full balance every month but obviously, I can never purchase anything that goes over the \$2,000 limit. Let's suppose that one month I want to buy something that costs \$2,500. To do that I need permission from the credit card company to raise my limit and let's assume the credit card company sets the new limit to \$3,000. I can now purchase the \$2,500 item, but I do not have to use the full \$3,000.

Some individuals may be worried that even though the school board only needs \$3.30, they could use the difference between \$3.30 and \$4.05 for new and different construction. The school board can't do this on its own. The school board needs approval from voters for every construction project funded by general obligation bonds. They can't add to the list without voter approval.

The school board can only pursue the construction projects contained on the first ballot question. To use additional funds for other construction

projects from the debt service levy, the school board would have to come back to the district voters for another bond referendum. The voters are in complete control of what the debt service levy can be used for. In my credit card example, if I went above \$2,500 to buy something else in the next month at the \$3,000 limit without my wife's permission, it would not end well for me.

If the first question asking permission to sell \$26.3 million in bonds passes by 60%, but the second question asking permission to raise the debt limit to \$4.05 does not get the 60% needed, the school board will not get to proceed with the construction projects as proposed and will reassess the situation.

There are 82 Iowa school districts out of 328 where voters have approved a debt limit above \$2.70. Schools in our area and conference that have a higher limit than \$2.70 are Anamosa, Clear Creek-Amana, College Community, English Valley, Mt. Vernon, Solon, WACO, West Branch and Wilton.

I have been asked about the deadline for requesting absentee ballots. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is February 14. The easiest way to request an absentee ballot is to access the Iowa Secretary of State website at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html>. You may also contact your respective County Auditor (Washington County: 319-653-7717, Johnson County: 319-356-6004, or Iowa County Auditor: 319-642-3923) or me (319-636-9801, mschneider@mphawks.org) and we can guide you through the process.

Biofuel, workforce shortage bills in the Iowa House

We took our first vote of the 2022 Legislative Session this week in the Iowa House. It was a vote I was very proud to cast because it'll help support our renewable fuels industry here in Iowa.



Pat Grassley
Speaker of the Iowa
House of Representatives

Good for Farmers, Good for Consumers. Good for Biofuels.

Governor Reynolds has been working with Iowa Legislators for over a year on a plan to increase access to higher ethanol blends at the pump. It's been a long process and a lot of hard work from our Ways and Means Chairman Representative Lee Hein has gone into the bill to address the concerns fuel retailers had last session.

The bill increases Iowans' access to E-15 by ensuring all gas stations that are compatible, offer E-15 as an option to consumers. If a station's equipment is not compatible, and upgrading their infrastructure would come at a great cost to the business, they can apply for a waiver from this requirement. This is the biggest change that was made from last year's bill to ensure it does not put small fuel retailers out of business. This bill also increases and expands the timeline of fuel retailer tax credits that offer higher-ethanol blends. E-15 fuel is cheaper, cleaner, and made right here in Iowa. This bill is a win for Iowa agriculture and a win for Iowa consumers and I was glad to see it pass the Iowa House with strong bipartisan support.

Addressing the Workforce Shortage - Starting with Schools

We are facing a workforce shortage in our state and nowhere is that truer than in our schools. Our caucus continues

to hear from school districts on the struggles they're facing when it comes to staffing teachers, substitutes, and support staff.

There's no one solution to this issue. We need to tackle it from multiple angles and Iowa House Republicans have a few ideas. In addition to increasing funding for our public schools by increasing the State Supplemental Aid — which will likely be a big topic in the Legislature next week — House Republicans have introduced legislation to...

- Create new, alternative licensures for teachers, making it easier for Iowans who have spent some time working in another field to become teachers (HSB 632 and HF 2085).
- Eliminate exams teachers have to take between graduation and certification (HF 2081).
- Expand the Iowa Scholar Program to expand eligibility for teachers who apply for the grants (HF 2083).
- Allow student teachers to also serve as substitute teachers (HF 2158).

These bills will make it easier for Iowans to become teachers and substitute teachers while maintaining the level of quality that Iowa students deserve.

Pat Grassley Represents Iowa House District 50 and serves as Speaker of the Iowa House.

Return to work, victim protection bills

My Return to Work Incentive legislation (SF 2161) is in response to conversations I've had with local employers. I believe this carrot approach to getting people back to work will be more successful than legislation unfairly targeting unemployed workers who lost their jobs to no fault of their own.

This bill provides a \$100 a week benefit to encourage those on unemployment to get a job. The \$100 incentive benefit is for up to 24 weeks (six months) for full-time work (at least 32 hours per week).

The claimant will have to prove every week that they are employed. Federal American



Kevin Kinney
State Senator

Rescue Plan dollars will fund the program, which will end December 1 of this year.

Helping victims get justice in court

You might think everything is partisan down at the Statehouse. It isn't. Lots of the law enforcement bills I work on get support from everyone in the Senate.

Take, for example, Senate

Study Bill 3018. The goal of this proposed law is to better protect victims of sexual assault who seek justice in Iowa courts.

So far, both Democrats and Republicans agree that a victim's past, things that have nothing to do with the current charges against their abuser, cannot be used during the legal process to intimidate and harass them.

Unfortunately, I've seen this happen. Some attorneys used this tactic to discourage victims taking legal action against their abusers.

If SSB 3018 becomes law, that will no longer be allowed in Iowa.

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OBITUARIES

Brent Michael Boerm
1982 - 2022

Brent Michael Boerm, 39, of Wellman, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, near Wellman. Brent was born Oct. 16, 1982, in Marshalltown, to Leonard and Betty (Bratland) Boerm. He graduated from Green Mountain Garvin High School. On Oct. 31, 2020, he married the love of his life, Jenni at Marr Park near Washington. He was a heavy equipment operator for Peterson Contractors Inc. and enjoyed farming, starting a purebred Hereford operation with his wife and kids, watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and spending time just

sitting outside watching the sun go down. Survivors include his wife; Jenni; children: Lyndon, Caynan, Owyn, Hudson and Rylan all of Wellman; Marisa, Aaden and Camdyn of LeGrand; parents: Leonard and Betty Boerm of Garwin; in-laws: Jimmy and Jackie Miller of Wellman; sister: Jillisa (Tom) Sawhill of

Swan; brother: Matthew (Jen) Boerm of Toledo; sister-in-law: Jess (Jeremy) Allen of Iowa City; and brother-in-law: Jeremy (Jordan) Miller of Wellman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life service was held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. Burial was at Wellman Cemetery.

Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona is caring for Brent and his family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Thomas Wayne TeBockhorst
1941 - 2022

Thomas Wayne TeBockhorst, a 1959 Kalona High Graduate, passed away Feb. 1, 2022, at the Danville, Illinois VA Center after battling Alzheimer's for five years.

Thomas Wayne TeBockhorst was born August 11, 1941, the son of Norbert and Olive TeBockhorst. He resided in Quincy, Illinois, before his hospitalization, with Ms. Shirley Weyand and cousin Don Ray-

mond. In Chicago in 1963, Tom was a Light Heavyweight Golden Gloves Champion. In 1964, he served in Vietnam.

He is survived by brothers: Terry of St. Paul, Minnesota,

Tim of Naples, Florida, Teddy of North English, Iowa; son: Troy D'Amico of Chicago, Illinois; daughter: Lisa Hatzky of Roanoke, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded by his parents; and son: Adam TeBockhorst.

Burial will be at a later date at Elm Grove Woodland Cemetery in Washington, Iowa.

Johnette "Jo" Rachel Criss
1939 - 2022

Johnette "Jo" Rachel Criss, 82, of Washington, Iowa, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington, following a lengthy battle with leukemia.

A celebration of life was held Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington with Pastor Dave Conrads officiating. Memorials have been established for Genesis Church in Coralville, Iowa, and the Christian Appalachian Project. Online condolences may be sent to Jo's family through the website at www.jonesfh.com.

Jo was born April 15, 1939, in Wellman, the daughter of John and Maxine (Baugh) Durst. She attended country school at Pleasant Valley School in rural Washington County and graduated from Keota High School. She was united in marriage to Gary Peiffer in Keota, Iowa. They had six children and later divorced. Jo married Lloyd Criss and they later divorced.

Jo was happiest when working with the public. Following high school, she worked in the restaurant business and she and Gary owned and operated Peiffer's Supper Club in Keota. She later worked at the National Bank of Washington and the University of Iowa Business Office. She retired from the University of Iowa at age 74, after 26 years of service. Following her retirement, she worked at Fareway Food Store in Coralville, Iowa.

Jo's passion was country music, which included traveling to Nashville and all of Bill Anderson's concerts. She loved

spending time with her family and was especially proud of her grandkids and great-grandkids.

Jo is survived by son: Russ

(Theresa) Peiffer of Blue Ridge, Georgia; four daughters: Janet Deehring of Cedar Rapids, Deb Roush of Washington, Shelli Hahn of Shawano, Wisconsin, and Pam Peiffer (fiancé, Larry Redlinger) of Kalona; twelve grandchildren: Alyssa (fiancé, Mathew Lee) and Joshua Peiffer, Tyler (Katelynn) and Spencer Deehring, Teryn (Michael) Stigers and Kylie Stoltenberg, Kayla Benge and Kaitlin Roush, Levi (Holly) and Baillie (fiancé, Justen Wegter) Hahn, Zachary and Alexis Kiefer, seven great-grandchildren: Nolan and Brynleigh Stigers, Declan Acker, Amelia Miller, and Collin, Caden, and Chloe Hahn; brothers: John (Syd) Durst Jr. of Wellman and Duane (Peggy) Durst of Wellman; sister-in-law: Bonnie Durst of Wellman; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents: Maxine and Ward Hinman and John Sr. and Bertha Durst; daughter: Cindy Peiffer; son-in-law: Charles Hahn; sister: Nancy Fisher; two brothers: Michael and Richard Durst; sister-in-law: Carol Durst; niece: Sandy Hahn; and nephew: Brian Durst.

Carolyn Grace Yoder
1927 - 2022

Carolyn Grace Yoder was born June 13, 1927, in rural Johnson County, Iowa, the daughter of Emerson and Clara (Guengerich) Rodgers. Carolyn graduated from Hesston College High School and was once married to Elwood Yoder. To this union they were blessed with five children. Carolyn worked as a nursing assistant, homemaker, and farmer. Quilting, serving the Lord, reading the Bible, baking, and spending time with her family were some of her favorite activities. Carolyn passed away Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at her residence in rural Wellman where she was born and raised.

Carolyn is survived by three sons: Roger (Dixie) Yoder of Bakersfield, California, Benjamin (Deborah) Yoder of Ankeny, and Martin Yoder of Wellman; two daughters: Clara Frantz of Wellman and Eileen (Patrick) Weidemann of Willmar, Minnesota. She was blessed with 25 grandchildren. Roger's children include: Adam (Sarah) Yoder, Luke Yoder, and Hannah Yoder Reinhardt. Benjamin's children include: Sarah (Jeff) Owens, Anna (Noah) Chang, Esther Bender, Samuel (Ashley) Yoder, Lydia (Samuel) Keithley, Joseph (Tara) Yoder, Mary (Nick)

Sennert, Martha (Gabe) Noll, Rachel (Paul) Nelson, Tabitha (Michael) Bassett, Abraham Yoder, and

Isaiah (Emily) Yoder. Clara's children include: Gabriel, Carolyn, Naomi, Rebecca, Katie, Abigail, and Sadie Frantz. Eileen's children include: Aaron (Morgan) Weidemann and Bryan Weidemann. There are 33 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; a grandson: Joshua Yoder; and a brother: Carl Rogers.

A celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at West Union Mennonite Church in rural Parnell. Burial will be in West Union Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. A general memorial has been established.

The service will be lived streamed on the Powell Funeral Home website and Facebook page. Message and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Taking time to visit sisters

The world outside looks very scenic with everything coated with snow. It is still snowing, and we have around six inches already. It sounds like we are getting quite a bit more. School is closed for a few days, and some factories are sending their workers home before lunchtime. My husband Joe and sons Benjamin and Joseph left this morning for work and haven't come back home yet. Hopefully, everyone will stay safe.

This past weekend we did our pork butchering. Friday night our family came home for the night. The men dressed four hogs. Everyone stayed for the night, and then we started cutting up the meat on Saturday morning.

Pork tenderloin, pork chops, ham, ribs, bacon, etc. were all cut out. Then the meat was cut off the bones and the bones were put in the big black kettle to cook off the meat. Sausage was ground and packaged. Some sausage was canned in jars. (We like to can some for quick and ready meat for casseroles, etc.)

We put the ham, pork chops, and bacon in the freezer as Joe likes it partially frozen to run through the slicer. Joe saved the pig brains also, and he and some of the children like those. I say "Yuck," but I always end up frying them, even though I have never tasted it.

Twenty-one gallons of pork hoss were made in the big black kettle. The lard was rendered, and we put it in jars to seal so it stays fresher for longer. Dustin

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

is soaking the bacon in a brine to season it.

It was more of a challenge to keep the meat sorted in four different places as Elizabeth and Tim, Loretta and Dustin, Susan, and us each got a hog. Needless to say, it was a full day's work.

Daughters Verena and Lovina made a good lunch for everyone with the menu being fresh pork tenderloin fried, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, corn, cheese, chocolate chip bars, and ice cream.

My friend Ruth stopped in and pitched in to help with the meat. She took some pictures to share to help better explain the process of butchering. Sister Verena came here Friday night and has been staying with us since.

Yesterday we had a nice surprise when my cousins Barbara and Susan showed up at my door. They asked if sister Verena and I wanted to go with them to visit sister Emma. I was getting ready to wash laundry, but I decided the laundry could wait until I got back. It's not often I get a chance to visit with them.

We went with their driver to Emma's house and soon several hours passed. We had a

nice time catching up on each other's families.

We grew up living beside each other. Our mothers were sisters, and both our parents have passed away. Susan has several children with muscular dystrophy also, so we can relate with each other.

After they dropped Verena and me off here at home again, son Kevin and I washed the laundry.

This week, I'll share the recipe for sausage bean burritos. Stay healthy and God's blessings to all!

Sausage Bean Burritos

1 pound sausage
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 can black or chili beans, drained
1 1/2 cups cooked rice
1 1/2 cup salsa, divided
10 flour tortillas (7 inch)
1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
Cook sausage, green pepper, and onion; drain. Stir in beans, rice, and 1 cup salsa; mix well. Spread 1/2 cup sausage mixture down the center of each tortilla. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon cheese. Roll up and put in a greased 13x9 inch pan. Top with remaining salsa. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the rest of the cheese. Bake 10 minutes longer.

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.

ALPHA CLUB

The Alpha Club met on Jan. 10 at the Kalona United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Tonia Poole, director of Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. Ms. Poole shared highlights of what the chamber has been doing to promote Kalona and the many area businesses.

Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved as written. Donations were made to the Washington County Hospice building fund and the Kalona Food Pantry.

Roll call was answered with members naming their favorite board game. Those in attendance were Claudia Bishop, Jan Ferry, Cindy Gingerich, June Hunter, Kay Kaalberg, Linda Kemp, Mary Lue Ogilvie, Jan Peterseim, Deanna Poe and Marilyn Yoder.

The February meeting of the of the Club will be at KUMC with the Idris Club as guests. Julie Gordinier of Feed the Kids Program will be guest speaker.

Friday, Feb. 11
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Breaded Shrimp= *16 • Combo (any 2)= *3 extra
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11th Grade

Tyce Alt, Oliver Altenhofen, Ella Buser, Rachael Colton, Madelyn Eden, Andrew Gauley, Jadin Grieser, Zoe Hain, Andrew Hotz, Nakynzie Jacobs, Colton Jondle, Mitchell Koadam, Riley Krueger, Ryan Schenkel, Avery Shalla, Emma Slaughter, Braden Viers, Lindsay Werbach, Taj Williams, Ethan Willoz, Wyatt Yoder

10th Grade

Mia Bauwens, Lila Bell, Taylor Bell, Ethan Bockelman, Jordan Brown, Alexa Campbell, Katie Franker, Dominic Graap, Madeline Kleckner, Avery Lisk, Kelly Marshek, Bailey McGrew, Lilly Mills, William Rockafellow, Weston Waldschmidt

9th Grade

Haley Bockelman, Sami Branson, Alexandria Dautremont, Madison Floyd, Lukas Fuhrmeister, Balice Gottschalk, Maddox Jondle, Kayleigh Rundlett, Cateyann Sexton, Rylee Shield, Christian Solis, Hayden Yoder, Vivian Zaruba

8th Grade

Emmett Burke, Ava Christofferson, Addison Eagle, Isabelle Eagle, Sophia Evans, Alayna Forbes, Alyson Ford, Haiden Gauley, Dalanie Graap, Ava-Lin Grieser, Alyssa Hartman,

Finley Jaque, Vaughn Judge, Jazmine Nino, Shyan Rockafellow, Carter Schott, Grayson Spilman, Delaney Volk, Cade Willoz,

7th Grade

Owen Eden, Olivia Magruder, Addison McCullough, Brock Nebergall, Morgan Schultz, Carlee Sexton, Rylie Viers, Macie Wageman, Chase Williams, Abigail Zaruba

6th Grade

Wyatt Ackerman, Austin Adams, Addyson Eiben, Jordynn Grissom, Tate Nelson, Daniel Nino, Easton Roman, Mason Shalla, Hudson Solka, Ace Swaink, Elliot Swaink

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12th Grade

Timothy Bell, Tyler Bell, Abigail Fuller, Avery Grover, Hunter Hain, William Kleckner, Danielle Pettitt

11th Grade

Joseph Boxwell, Jackson Busser, Jenna Dotson, Darlan Ketchum, Reece Wesselink

10th Grade

Harry Brennenman, Hogan Eden

9th Grade

Caydence Cotton, Shane Kennedy, Avery Morarie, Jackson Patterson, Bella Pourroy, Ryland Shalla, Alyssa Wesselink

8th Grade

Madeline Bell, Carter Clark, Adrian Ehlinger, Dominic Garcia, Kiara Gerdes, Reece Holbrook, Wyatt McMartin

7th Grade

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6th Grade

Jenna Burkett, Harper Kusboushek, Jackson Lyon, Jayden Maish, Matthew Navarro-Fisher, Tiberius Zeitamel



Graber, Kauffman to lead community hymn sing at West Union Mennonite

West Union Mennonite Church will host a Community Hymn Sing Saturday, February 19, 7 p.m., led by Katie Graber and Bradley Kauffman.

Graber served as intercultural worship editor and Kauffman as project director and general editor for Voices Together, a collection of print, digital and audio resources published by Menno Media.

Originally from Washington, Iowa, Graber is an ethnomusicologist who studies race

and ethnicity in a variety of contexts including Mennonite music, American music, and European opera. She has taught classes on Western music history and world music. Graber accompanies Suzuki recitals and school choirs and leads singing at her church in Columbus, Ohio. She currently teaches at The Ohio State University School of Music. Before directing the Voices Together project,

Kauffman enjoyed 18 years

of programming and conducting vocal and instrumental ensembles in Mennonite institutions, including at Hillcrest (then Iowa Mennonite School) and Hesston (KS) College. He now resides in Goshen, Indiana with his spouse, Renee Kanagy, and children Luca and Rowan. He has served as choir teacher at Bethany Christian Schools since January 2021.

The Community Hymn Sing will use the Voices Together pew hymnal. All are welcome.

SENIOR DINING MENU

Feb. 10-17

Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday – Tuna noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad, fruit

Friday – Vegetable beef soup, cold meat sandwich, cookies, vanilla ice cream

Saturday – Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cookies, ice cream

Sunday – Ham and beans, corn bread, tossed salad, pumpkin bars

Wednesday – Open hot roast beef sandwich

wich, hot vegetable, baked apples

Thursday – Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, garlic bread, Jell-O cake

Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-2711. Cost for meal is \$7.

Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday – Reuben casserole, mixed veggies, fruit cocktail, dessert

Friday – Turkey and dressing sandwich, carrots, apricots, ice cream

Sunday – Baked fish, coleslaw, mandarin

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New adult non-fiction: “The Ride of Her Life” by Elizabeth Letts; “The Sleep Fix” by Diane Macedo; “Free: A Child and a Country at the End of History” by Lea Ypi.

New junior fiction: “Sunlight on the Snow Leopard” by Mary Pope Osborne; “Katt Loves Dogs” by James Patterson; “Northwind” by Gary Paulsen; “Sidekicks” by Dan Santat.

New junior non-fiction: “Disney Princess Cookbook” by Cindy A. Littlefield; “I Want to be a Gymnast” by Kate Simkins; “Hey, Water!” by Antoinette Portis.

New easy reader books: “Digger the Dinosaur” by Rebecca Kai Dotlich; “Uni Brings Spring” by Candice F. Ransom; “Uni and the Perfect Present” by Candice F. Ransom.

New easy books: “Pig the Stinker” by Aaron Blabey; “Andrew Henry’s Meadow” by Doris Burn; “Night Job” by Karen Hesse; “Chez Bob” by Bob Shea; “Penguins Don’t Wear Sweaters!” by Marika Tamura.

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

HILLS

St. Joseph Catholic Church: Hills, Pastor: Father Hil Deth, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StMaryandJoseph.com. Mass schedule: Sunday 10 a.m.

IOWA CITY

Crosspoint Baptist Church: Pastor Mike Best. Meeting at the Carver Hotel 2525 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City. Sunday worship 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Supper and Bible Study (offsite).

KALONA

Conversion Community Church: 229 South 14th St.; Floyd Yutzy, 319-430-9574; conversionkalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids' classes available

East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 10:45 a.m.

Engel River Chapel: 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; newengelfieldchapel.org.

Fairview Mennonite Church: 2095 540th St. SW; Pastors: Gerald Hertzog, 319-512-4366; Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 8 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 E Ave. 656-2296; Pastor: Jeremy Gagli; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m.; fgcwi.net

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

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Coe Road, SW, 1 mile west of Hwy 1; Ministry: Nelson Beachy, 683-2377; James Swartzendruber, 683-2372; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Kalona Mennonite Church: 6th Street & J Ave., 656-

2736, kalonamennonitechurch.com; Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship following, Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

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

Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 1408 540th St. SW 656-2076; <http://ldecrumc.org>; Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship following, Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bostranger, Ludwig Yoder, Lavon Bortinger; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: Rural Johnson County at corner of Jones Ave. & 520th St. 683-2564; sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor Anita Johnson; COVID-19 protocol: On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a combined worship of 9 a.m., the remaining Sunday's will have casual worship at 8:30 a.m. and traditional at 10:30 a.m.

Summerside Conservative Mennonite Church: 501 14th St. 656-2688; Pastors: Floyd Helmuht and Mary Bender; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; 8 p.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

KINROSS

Kinross Christian Church: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LONE TREE

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. James St.; Pastor: Father Hil Deth, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StMaryandJoseph.com. Sunday Mass: 4 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree: 110 W Elm St. 629-4900; www.unitedpresbyterianchurch.com; Pastor: Rev. Jim Bonewald; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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

Nichols United Methodist Church: 315 Main; 723-4085; Pastors: Mary & Don Timmerman; Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Family Worship Service with Children's Message

St. Mary's Catholic Church: Short St. & Grand Ave.; Pastor: Father Hil Deth, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StMaryandJoseph.com. Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

NORTH ENGLISH

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

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Windham Community Church: 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles north of Frytown. Pastor: Randy Harter, 319-430-1912; Sunday, 10:30 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., 698-2185, thechurchinriverside@hotmail.com; Pastor: Leonard, Evangelist: Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 a.m.

River City Church: Meet at Highland Cemetery School, 220 Schoonbeelen St.; www.rivercitych.org; Pastor: Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 10 a.m.

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

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Riverside considers obtaining free ALS/EMS monitor worth \$40,000

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

The City of Riverside may be on the verge of obtaining an ALS and EMS monitor worth more than \$40,000 at no cost. A FEMA grant would fully fund the monitor, which is used in lifesaving situations and would be used by the Riverside Fire Department. The monitor, a Phillips RDT Tempus, would cost \$43,228.80.

At its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, the City Council tabled the approval of obtaining the monitor pending conversations with Fire Department officials and also the Washington County Ambulance Service.

"It's something people will be able to use," said Council Person Edgar McGuire.

But City Council members questioned whether the all-volunteer Riverside Fire Department has staffers who are qualified to use the monitoring equipment, which is utilized by first responders before ambulance EMTs arrive.

The City Council is considering whether to hire a paramedic for the city, but city administrator Christine Yancey said she has been told that the fire department was planning to train staffers in paramedic situations anyway. Fire department officials were not at Monday's meeting.

Council Person Lois Schneider said she has questions, and others, needed to be answered before moving ahead with the purchase. Other council members agreed.

"I don't feel comfortable with," He said, she said," Schneider said.

McGuire made a motion to approve the purchase, but then withdrew it in favor of considering it at the next council meeting Feb. 22 after city council questions are answered.

Also coming up at the Feb. 22 meeting will be a couple of public hearings. One of them will be in conjunction with an agenda item on proposed plans, specifications, contract form and estimated costs for the upcoming Third Street project. Work is expected to begin in the spring.

The council will also host

Nomination papers available for June 7 Primary

Nomination papers are now available at the Washington County Auditor's Office for various county positions which will be on the ballot for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election.

Two seats on the Washington County Board of Supervisors, as well as the offices of County Attorney, County Recorder and County Treasurer will be on the ballot. The two open seats on the Board of Supervisors consist of Districts #3 and #5, and the current officeholders are Marcus Fedler and Richard Young, Supervisors; John Gish, Attorney; Jo Greiner, Recorder; and Jeff Garrett, Treasurer.

Only voters living in the supervisor candidate's respective district are allowed to sign their nomination papers. Those district lines are now in the process of changing, pend-

ing approval from the State of Iowa. The proposed changes may be viewed on the County website at co.washington.ia.us under Election Information/Redistricting. The offices of County Attorney, County Recorder and County Treasurer however, are elected at large. All terms are four years.

Nomination papers and accompanying information, as well as a county map outlining the supervisor districts, are available at the County Auditor's Office at the Courthouse in Washington or may be downloaded by using the links. Nomination papers and an accompanying affidavit of candidacy may be filed with the Washington County Auditor beginning March 7, 2022. The deadline is 5 p.m. on March 30. Additional information may be obtained by calling the County Auditor's Office (319) 653-7717.

A public hearing on the maximum tax levy for Fiscal Year 2023, per state code.

The council unanimously approved a site agreement with Sharon Telephone Company, a Hills firm that will be installing a fiber network to deliver high-speed broadband service to businesses and residents in Riverside. The company wanted a site agreement so that it can create an electronics hut on River Street as a part of the project.

The agreement is for five years, beginning Feb. 7 for an annual rent of \$3,600.

The council also approved entering an agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., an Iowa-based engineering firm, for consulting and design work associated with replacing some of the piping in the city's water system. The agreement has a maximum cost of \$55,000.

Council Person Kevin Kiene voted against the agreement. The City Council also:

- Approved a Railroad Park construction contract to Al American Concrete of West Liberty in the amount of \$25,641.

- Approved a sewer-television proposal from Visu-Sewer of Mason City in conjunction with the Third Street project. The work will cover 2,600 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipes at a cost of \$1.77 per linear foot.

- Approved a 12-month agreement with Jeff Edberg of Lepie-Kroeger Realtors of Iowa City to sell a city-owned lot on Commercial Drive in Riverside. The lot, located east of Highway 218, has previously been listed for \$268,330.

- Approved the appointments of Doug Havel, Phil Richmond and Kris Westfall to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

- Approved the appointments of Council Persons Edgar McGuire and Kevin Mills as liaisons to the Riverside Volunteer Fire Department, and Mayor Allen Schneider to the Washington County Emergency 911 Board.

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be February 22 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting was moved from Monday to Tuesday of that week due to the Presidents Day holiday Feb. 21.

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Johnson Co. discusses raises for elected officials, COVID vaccine and test policy

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

IOWA CITY

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead for a 2.25% pay increase for all five supervisors, beginning July 1, 2022, in the new fiscal year.

But that was nearly 15% less of a raise than was recommended by the Johnson County Compensation Board.

Jon Green, a former Lone Tree mayor and the newest member of the board, tweeted that he could not support an 18% pay raise for county supervisors and other elected officials when most county employees are looking at a 2.25% cost-of-living increase.

The supervisors discussed the proposed pay increases during its work session Feb. 2.

"I just think it seems the wrong message to give more than the other folks are getting," said long-time supervisor Rod Sullivan, agreeing with Green. "I don't think that elected officials, with all due respect to all of us, have done anything particularly special, any more so than any other county employee. I just think it all should be the same."

But not all of it will be the same.

Four of the five supervisors agreed on increases of 2.25% for supervisors and 4.42% for other elected officials, including Sheriff Brad Kunkel, whose annual salary is approaching \$200,000. Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass proposed a 4.42% increase for all elected officials in order to avoid creating a gap in the increases.

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The pay increases will be worked into the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, which is yet to be finalized and approved.

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Light turnout at off-year Caucus for Kalona, Richmond Republicans

BY RON SLECHTA

The News

KALONA

There was a relatively light turnout for the Kalona and Richmond Precinct caucus held at Mid-Prairie East Elementary school cafeteria on Monday evening, Feb. 7.

Merle Miller and Scott Williams were elected caucus chair and secretary respectively. Those attending also were given the opportunity to sign petitions for the Republicans running for the various Iowa Legislatures, Governor, State offices and 1st District Congressional district and U. S. Senate seat for the June 7 Republican Primary.

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Crowther, Laura Bush and county supervisor Bob Yoder volunteered to represent the Kalona Precinct in the county convention which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 12, at the YMCA building in Washington.

Presley Hora was selected as a Junior Delegate to represent Kalona precinct. David Hodgeman served as the Richmond Precinct caucus chair.

District convention will be March 26 at a site yet to be selected and the State convention will be June 11.

Heather Hora, House District 22 Republican candidate in the primary, said she would provide a conservative fiscal voice in the House. She also said education would be one of

her main interests if elected.

Joe Driscoll, Williamsburg, spoke on behalf of his wife new Senate District 46 which now includes Washington and Iowa counties and rural area of Johnson county. If Senator Kevin Kinney decides not to run and if the Democrats do not nominate a candidate to run for Senate District 46, Dawn Driscoll would serve the remaining two years left on her senate seat she now holds.

Miller read letters of support for Jim Carlin who is running in the Republican candidate for U. S. Senate against Charles Grassley and Kevin Kuehl who is running against Rep. Mariannette Miller Meeks in the new 1st District.

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Mid-Prairie earns Division 1 ratings at state large group speech competition



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Front row, left to right: Harlie Gehling, Avery Slaubaugh, Liv Caskey, Alex Burnham, Sam Stacey, Isadora Goode, River Gehling and Logan McClellan. Middle row: Ethan Bontrager, Avery Frede, Terra Richardson, Isabel Forbes, Grace Puttmann, Jacob Carrillo, Diego Ayala. Back row: Gideon Sim, Jack Greiner, Sam Harris, Chris Burnham, Kenadi Fay and Haydon Bailey.

Eight Mid-Prairie Large Group Speech Groups competed Saturday, February 5 at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School for the Iowa High School Speech Association's State Large Group Speech Contest. All eight groups earned Division 1 ratings.

IHSSA All-State nominations will be announced Monday, February 7. Only around the top 5% of student participants competing at IHSSA State Speech Contests earn All-State nominations.

Earning Division 1 Ratings at State Large Group Speech Contest:

One Act Play: "And The Giants Fell" - Jacob Carrillo, Liv Caskey, Isabel Forbes, Avery Frede, Harlie Gehling, Isadora Goode, Sam Harris and Sam Stacey.

Readers Theatre: "Small World" - Ethan Bontrager,

Chris Burnham, Avery Frede, Harlie Gehling, River Gehling and Gideon Sim.

Ensemble Acting: "Doctors Orders" - Kenadi Fay, River Gehling and Avery Slaubaugh.

Ensemble Acting: "Hold For Three" - Ethan Bontrager, Alex Burnham and Logan McClellan.

Musical Theatre: "Something Rotten" - Logan McClellan, Terra Richardson and Avery Slaubaugh.

Musical Theatre: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" - Haydon Bailey, Liv Caskey, Kenadi Fay and Jack Greiner.

Group Improvisation: "The Bridget Rockefeller Fan Club" - Grace Puttmann and Terra Richardson.

Group Improvisation: "The Triracials" - Diego Ayala, Alex Burnham and Gideon Sim.

Steindler and Mercy Iowa City Announce Orthopedic Care Partnership

Steindler Orthopedic Clinic and Mercy Iowa City announced a strategic partnership to better serve patients needing high-quality orthopedic care in Johnson County and Eastern Iowa. The collaboration recognizes the 70-year relationship between Steindler and Mercy Iowa City and their united reputation for orthopedic excellence. This alliance follows a national trend of orthopedic groups and hospitals creating formal relationships to strengthen access and quality.

The partnership includes enhanced care coordination and shared management responsibility of the orthopedic service line at Mercy Iowa City, plans to collaborate on a medical park in North Liberty, and improved access to high-quality orthopedic care in Eastern Iowa.

"We are pleased to announce this agreement after many successful years of working closely to provide orthopedic care in the region," said Mike Trachta, Acting President and CEO Mercy Iowa City. "We are looking forward to continu-

ing to strengthen our partnership with the talented team at Steindler for even greater patient outcomes."

Once fully implemented, the medical park will provide patients with advanced options for orthopedic care in the region. Leveraging clinical, administrative, and patient-centered management between the two organizations will deliver enhanced care quality through innovative tools, technologies, and techniques in modern facilities.

"The vision is to create a premier destination for orthopedic care," said Steindler President and Chief Executive Officer Patrick Magallanes. "Steindler had a vision for the future of orthopedic care and independent physician practice in our community and committed to the concept by purchasing land in North Liberty. We anticipated Mercy Iowa City would be our partner in the vision from the beginning. Today, we are pleased to announce that we are working together on a vision for our future."



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M-P FFA attends Legislative Symposium

Twelve Mid-Prairie FFA members converged on the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism. They joined more than 600 high school students wearing blue corduroy from 100 schools who visited the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on February 1.

The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills learned in the agriculture classroom and learned the importance of citizenship. This was all part of the 37th Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members gathered at the Downtown Embassy Suites

and heard from Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, about the importance of agriculture in Iowa and abroad. Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson, then delivered a message about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the agriculture industry. Elizabeth Burns Thompson from Navigator CO2 then spoke about the importance of advocating for the agriculture industry.

The morning program culminated with FFA members hearing a brief message from Governor Kim Reynolds, who then presented and signed the FFA Week Proclamation. The proclamation officially declares February 19-26, the week of President George Washington's Birthday, FFA Week in

Iowa.

In the afternoon, Mid-Prairie FFA members visited the Iowa State Capitol Building and were able to spend time speaking with Iowa State Senator Kevin Kinney about how to contact their legislators and learning more about the legislative process.

Mid-Prairie FFA members who attended were Bridget Fisher, Anna Nafziger, Payton Peck, Carmen Sieren, Zane Fisher, Carly Nickell, Blake Peck, Annie Morrison, Britany Kinsinger, Peighton Ford, Alexa Huber and Rebekah Meader. Chaperoning the trip were Mid-Prairie FFA Advisor Elsa Schmidt and Student Teacher Bridget Buol.

Washington mayor announces bid for Iowa House District 92 seat

Washington Mayor Jaron Rosien has announced his intent to run for newly formed House District 92. This comes on the heels of the retirement announcement from Representative Jarad Klein.

Rosien was born and raised on a farm outside Washington, Iowa and is a small business owner and local elected official. Rosien has owned and operated "JP's 207" since May of 2012 and has been serving on the Washington City Council since 2014. He has been serving as Mayor since January 1, of 2018, and was recently re-elected without opposition and received 97% of the vote.

During his tenure in local office Rosien has worked with other elected officials and partner organizations to bring many successful projects to fruition. Some examples include the Wellness Park, the NLW Housing Development, the Municipal Building Proj-

ect, and Disc Golf and Madison Park Expansions. Other important work includes major infrastructure projects like the Water Treatment Plant, the New Water Tower, and numerous street, sidewalk, sewer, and water improvements. Throughout this time Rosien and other officials have worked hard to maintain a flat tax levy.

In his capacity as Mayor, Rosien serves as Chair of the SEMCO tri-county landfill board, as well as on the state Iowa Arts Council and many other local commissions such as Emergency Management, Washington County Minibus, and the Washington Chamber of Commerce. Rosien also volunteers as an EMS first responder, a division of the Washington Fire Department.

When asked about the surrounding communities he would represent Rosien stated: "When any town in our county

or our surrounding counties "win" we all "win". I believe many of our obstacles are shared and similarly we can share in common solutions to our problems."

"Fiscal responsibility is a priority, and personally, professionally, and politically. There is a lot of important work that has to be done, and an objective and reasonable approach to spending is a focus I will maintain," Rosien said.

Rosien's history of service runs three generations and as far back as his high school when he served as page at the State Capitol.

"My grandfather was a park board member for decades, my uncle a city clerk, and I started as city councilor. I wish to continue this legacy of service and welcome the challenges ahead," he said.

Washington Republican Heather Hora to run for House District 92

Heather Hora (R-Washington) announced her campaign for Iowa House in House District 92 on Thursday, Feb. 3.

"In my role as a mother and a farmer, I know what makes rural Iowa special," said Hora. "I understand the importance of revitalizing rural Iowa and running for the Iowa House to continue making our communities attractive, safe places to live and raise families. It is imperative that our children receive the best education in

America, are prepared for exciting career opportunities in our own state and enjoy a tax climate where they want to stay and raise their families."

As sixth generation farmers, Heather and her husband Ron are proud to call this area home. It is where they raise their three children and teach them the importance of giving back, a strong work ethic and the value of a great education. "I believe in the importance of serving my community and be-

ing a voice for my neighbors," said Hora. Hora has been honored to proudly serve in various volunteer roles at local schools, in her community and for our state.

Iowa House District 92 encompasses all of Washington County and parts of rural Johnson County, including Washington, Kalona, Riverside, Wellman, Ainsworth, Lone Tree, Hills, Crawfordville and Brighton.

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Kathy Spinner

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT KATHY SPENNER KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Kathy does a lot of things for the Kalona Community that go unnoticed! At the Kalona Historical Village Kathy helps keep everything clean and kept up, is here for every event before, during, and after, and here before daylight and after dark getting projects done and keeping the Village up to what we want our visitors to be excited to see. If you

see Kathy she needs a big pat on the back for all that she does. Kathy also helps with the community garden, Kalona Days, Christmas in Kalona, and much more.

Kathy has dedicated her life to taking care of children with her own daycare for the last 25+ years and has been a great influence in many kids and adults lives.

Wellman Heritage Society receives \$50,000 donation

Wellman Heritage Society is the very grateful recipient of a \$50,000 gift to be used for repairs and upkeep of the one-room Smith Creek country school, now located at Wellman Heritage Park on 7th Avenue.

The gift came from Julie Foster Van Camp of Los Alamos, New Mexico. Her grandmother, Hila Jones Foster,

once taught at Smith Creek and her father, Dr. Morgan Foster, and his brothers, Burrell, Dr. Wayne, Ellery and Dr. Warren Foster, also received their elementary education.

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Golden Hawks host Winter Golf Clinic

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The Mid Prairie girls and boys golf team hosted their annual Winter Golf Clinic inside the high school indoor facility on Saturday, February 5th.

Twelve High Schools and 70 kids from as far away as Southeast Valley in Gowrie, Clark/Osceola, Davis County and Postville, along with many local high schools were in attendance.

PGA professionals Jim Dickerson from Finkbine Golf Course, Jeff Schmid from Brown Deer Golf Club, Austin Kopp owner of Golfetics Performance Studio and UNI Men's and Women's golf coach John Bernel shared their instruction expertise with the kids for over four hours. Aspects from set up and fundamentals, putting, chipping and full swing were the main focus.

"The amount of knowledge these professionals have is un-

believable," said Mid-Prairie girls golf coach Tracy McArthur. "Their personal accolades and accomplishments on and off the golf course is amazing."

Jim Dickerson coached at Cornell College and is the director of instruction for the GIVE foundation (Golf for Injured Veterans Everywhere). He is also the recipient of the PGA of America's Patriot Award in 2014.

Jeff Schmid was the 2020 Iowa PGA Senior Player of the year. Schmid and Bernel have both played in numerous PGA tour and Senior Tour events in their careers. Austin Kopp has built the Golfetics Performance Studio into a successful instruction, club fitting and golf fitness business in a short period of time.

"The fact that these gentlemen are willing to give up a day to come help our kids be better

players and us coaches better at what we do is so appreciated," McArthur said.

"It's nice to have a day before season starts that the kids can get some hands on instruction both individually and in a group setting. It gets them thinking about season coming up and gets them excited."



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Space is limited - please register soon. Lunch will be served. There is no cost to attend.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 16 to Charles Miller: 319-683-3925

Washington to host family show free to children

Award-winning comedian and magician Chipper Lowell has been described as an "artistic cyclone of talent and comedy". Coming to the Washington Area Performing Arts and Events Center at the Washington High School's Hanson Auditorium, 1111 South Ave. B, on Saturday Feb. 19 at 2:30 PM, The Chipper Experience is a one man family show where comedy and magic collide.

As a boy, Chipper was literally born and raised on traveling circuses and large-scale arena shows with his show business parents. His father was a professional clown with the Ringling Bros. and his mother performed as an aerialist working high above the crowds. By age 17, he was creating his own shows and non-juring magic routines along the way. His improv training came from the critically acclaimed Groundlings Theater in Los Angeles. This led to working the comedy club circuit for seven years.

For over 20 years Chipper has been bringing his infectiously amusing mayhem to audiences around the world at performing arts centers, cruise ships, casino showrooms, and corporate events. Chipper provides original magic, attempts pointless juggling stunts, and pulls a seemingly endless barrage of unusual gadgets from his prop trunk, during an evening full of high energy laughs and amazement.

Chipper Lowell, a two-time "Comedy Magician of the Year" has appeared on The Tonight Show, Disney Channel, CBS News, and Masters of Illusion. Magic Magazine has rated this entertainer "Among the Top Funniest Comedy Magicians Performing Today!"

Because the availability of this event did not allow a

showing during the school day, sponsors (WAPAEC and Washington Concert Association) have announced a special offer! Students and children are admitted free of charge with paying adults or season ticket holders. Adults are not limited to the number of children they are willing to chaperone! They may bring the whole family and friends as long as they are with them and willing to be responsible for them! Interested theater goers may contact wapaec@gmail.com with questions.

Adult individual tickets are \$18. This is part of the Washington Performing Arts Series Season.

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Washington supervisors approve Kewash Trail land sale, hear ARPA comments

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent
WASHINGTON

Following a public hearing about selling of 2,830 feet of an easement bordering the Kewash Nature Trail, the Washington County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the \$28,830 sale to the developer of a duplex on 5th Street to meet minimum lot requirements. However, prior the vote, supervisor Marcus Fedler, calling the situation "ridiculous" and noted that the county was forced into a position resulting from mistakes on the part of the developer and the City of Washington.

Although he developer agreed to what Fedler said was "a ridiculously high price" Fedler decided that no one involved acknowledged the mistake that led to the Washington County Conservation Board (who owns the 14 mile Kewash Nature Trail) to consider the sale.

Supervisor Stan Stoops, who serves on the WCCB board, explained that the price clearly was to discourage set-

ting any precedent and likely will not happen again with WCCB property.

Zach Rozmus, the WCCB executive director, explained that there were three meetings with the Board of Adjustment about the easement, "that this was not an 'easy decision' and that the WCCB and the city have had a long, good working relationship, including the trail creation. Rozmus also told the board that all the easement land is still a railroad right of way, that were the railroad to return, however unlikely it seems now, it would go back to it. The trail, which runs from Washington to Keota, follows the railroad right of way, including areas with and most without rails.

While there was public comment in the easement hearing, prior to the start the meeting, more than a dozen residents who arrived and, once the meeting officially opened, indicated they expected to discuss the possible use of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Chairman Richard Young explained that it was not part

of Tuesday's agenda, that it was the subject of a work session that would follow at about 10 a.m., after the regular session. He added that no official action can be taken in a work session, that the issue would be "put on a future agenda" for action. He also outlined for the group, which had a Spanish translator to relate Young's statements to them, that they could request to be on the agenda regarding the ARPA, and also suggested that any letters or position statements could be given to the board well in advance. Even more, he outlined the time frame to allow public posting of an agenda and time for people to plan to attend the official meeting.

By the end of the Tuesday meeting and just prior to the start of the work session, the group, which had left before the public hearing began, returned for the work session. The county has received approximately \$4.4 million in ARPA funds and has a "wish list" provided by county departments and other organizations, as well as residents, regarding possible use of the COVID-19 relief money.



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Miller recognized during bittersweet Senior Night

KALONA

When Noah Miller heard his name called and he walked to the center of Dwight Gingerich Court in Hillcrest Union last Thursday night, the moment was unforgettable.

Most Senior Nights are special. But this one was even more special.

While his senior teammates proudly wore their game jerseys and shorts, Noah was in a coat and tie. It has been that way since the 17th of December, when Miller went down with a knee injury in a game against Pekin. He didn't painfully learn



Paul Bowker
Columnist

until over the Christmas break that the injury was a torn anterior-cruciate ligament.

Season over. "He's our floor leader, he's our team leader, he's our captain, he's aware of everything we're doing," said Dwight Gingerich, the Ravens' longtime boys basketball coach. "He's

been through the program, he's like a coach on the floor holding things together."

And just like that, it was over.

"It's been rough," Miller said.

But it wasn't over. Not at all. Every game, Noah is there in his coat and tie, sitting by the coaches, talking to the players and taking down stats.

"I like to look at the good in things. I have a great support system around me. My coaches, my teammates, they've always been there for me," Miller said. "I love being there for them. That's what I tried to do when

I was on the court and I'm still trying to do what I can off court. It's tough, but I do what I can."

He doesn't miss a practice.

And when Noah talks, Dwight listens.

"I'll sometimes ask him what he would do, like what do you think?" Gingerich said. "So it's been kind of fun to get his take on some decisions. Who knows? Maybe he'll be coaching someday."

The thing is, he already is. At Hillcrest, they call it a player-assistant coach.

"It's kind of interesting," Miller said. "I get to see things from a different perspective."

He [Gingerich] runs coaching things by me that'll help me out if I decide to coach in the future."

As the season has gone on without him on the court and junior guards Luke Schrock and Jace Rempel have helped fill his absence, Miller has had a front-row seat to a year that has included a seven-game win streak and the team's first 14-win season since 2018.

"They're doing a great job," Miller said. "Obviously they would still love to have me out

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JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie seniors Ethan Kos (41), Carter Harmsen (24), Will Cavanagh (5), and Jack Pennington (14) lead the Golden Hawks off the court after a 51-46 win at West Branch.

Conference Champions!

The 19-0 Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks clinch program's first conference title since 2009

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WILTON

The Mid-Prairie basketball team began the season with some big goals.

On Tuesday, the Golden Hawks achieved the first — by clinching the program's first conference title since the River Valley Conference was formed in 2013.

"It means a lot," said Mid-Prairie senior Will Cavanagh. "This was one of the goals we set on the second day of prac-

tice. Being able to accomplish that just means so much to this team, it's something that we've been working so hard for."

The Golden Hawks seized the conference championship with a dominant performance, an 84-53 road win over Wilton (15-5), the second-place team in the RVC South.

"It feels amazing," senior Ethan Kos said. "It's definitely something that I'm glad we were able to accomplish this year and finish what we started."

Carter Harmsen was ready from the opening tip on Tues-

day. A hand in his face had no effect on the Golden Hawk senior's 3-point accuracy, as he scored his first 12 from outside the arc. His fourth triple of the first half gave Mid-Prairie a 29-22 lead.

"We shot really good tonight," Harmsen said, "just moving it to the open man and making our shots."

Harmsen finished with 24 points, four assists, and four steals. Mid-Prairie shot over 55 percent from the floor on the way to a season-high point total. "It was one of those nights

where everything was working," Mid-Prairie coach Daren Lambert said. "But I think it's attributed to you guys making great decisions. It didn't seem like we were forcing bad shots. We were hitting shots in rhythm, and catching passes in rhythm. And then when the opportunities to drive came, because we were hitting some outside shots, we did a great job of driving and dumping off or finishing at the rim."

Jack Pennington scored from all over the court. With an 11-8 lead, he answered a

Caden Kirkman 3-pointer in kind on the other end. Then he drove to the left baseline and finished to increase the lead to 16-8. On Mid-Prairie's next possession he showed off his floater, a high-arching runner that dropped through the net.

He finished with 21 points, five rebounds and seven assists.

Coach Daren Lambert said that they knew Pennington was capable of the big offensive night.

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Schlabaugh and Valenzuela move on to district tournament

BY JEFF YODER
The News

NORTH ENGLISH

Easton Schlabaugh entered Saturday's sectional tournament with just 15 matches and 12 wins under his belt this season, looking for eight more.

He'll get at least two more matches at the district tournament in Wapello on Saturday, February 12 after claiming the 113-pound sectional title at English Valley's with a second-period pin of Louisa-Muscatine sophomore Skyler Beck.

Highland coach Nick Cole said that his returning state placewinner looks close to 100

percent after not wrestling matches for seven weeks prior to January 20.

"Physically, we're still knocking some rust off, but he looked pretty dominant today, kind of what we expected," Cole said.

"We've just got to keep working with him mentally and getting him back and sharpening that edge. He's a returning fifth-place state finisher that he's got to carry himself like that."

Carlos Valenzuela bounced back from a disappointing finals match to win a wrestling match with WACO senior Larz Smith by a 5-2 decision. Valenzuela took a 2-0 with a late take-

down in the first, but gave up the tying points in the third. An escape and a takedown in the final minute secured the win.

"I definitely think he wrestled smarter," Cole said. "That is a tough opponent that I knew would be a close match. I was happy with the way he rebounded, that's not easy to do when your back is against the wall."

Earlier in the final, Valenzuela had put himself in good position with a 6-0 lead a minute in, but Lisbon freshman




JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Highland's Easton Schlabaugh needed just 13 seconds to secure his place in the sectional final with a pin of Wapello's Codder Malcom.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK




KASEY CHOWN

LONE TREE SENIOR

Chown scored 36 points and grabbed 26 rebounds over a three-day span as the Lady Lions earned back-to-back wins over conference opponents on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Left, Mid-Prairie's Gannon Callahan works for a pin of his opponent during Saturday's sectional. Right, Kaden Meader is looking to score two points during a semifinal match.

Garvey, Callahan, and Meader advance from sectional

BY MOLLY ROBERTS

The News

VAN HORNE

With Mid-Prairie's Cael Garvey pinned his way to the sectional title at 195 pounds, he celebrated, flexing his arms and yelling. Then an announcement: "That was Cael Garvey's 100th career pin." Many in the crowd got to their feet and joined the celebration.

"I had honestly forgotten about it," Cael said. "I knew that I was close, but I wasn't thinking about it during [the match]. Then I heard the announcement, and it was really cool to stand up and know that I had gotten that 100th pin."

Cael's landmark pin came in a very fitting way for a wrestler who likes to throw, said head coach and Cael's father, Justin Garvey. It took only 52 seconds, but at first Jack Geels of Williamsburg didn't want to engage until Cael was able to pull Geels in tight and throw him to the mat, quickly recording the pin.

"It's a pretty proud moment to see him get 100 career pins," Justin said. "I think only about 200 other kids in the state have

done it, so [Cael] definitely makes his mark. 140 wins with 100 pins is a pretty dominant career."

With Cael's win at sectionals, he moves on to the district meet next week, where he will compete for a bid in the state tournament. Two other Mid-Prairie wrestlers, Kaden Meader at 170 pounds and Gannon Callahan at heavyweight, will also compete at districts, hoping to earn a ticket to state.

Meader's journey to Des Moines was almost cut short when he lost his semi-final match at sectionals, dropping an 8-2 decision to Koley Kelly of Benton Community. But Meader won his first wrestling match over Gerardo Orozco of Columbus Junction, pinning Orozco from a cradle in the second period. Because Kelly ended up winning the whole bracket, Meader had a chance to wrestle Ryder Bunch of Mount Vernon for the second-place finish and a trip to districts.

Meader scored an early takedown in his final match and ended the first period with 4-2 lead. Meader chose to start the second period neutral and took Bunch down three more



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Mid-Prairie senior Cael Garvey collects his 100th pin on Saturday.

times to end the period with an 11-4 lead. In the third period, Meader scored another takedown while limiting Bunch to one escape, extending his lead to 13-5 before turning Bunch and getting the pin in 5:43.

"In between those matches, Kaden stayed focused, then came out and wrestled one of the better matches he's wrestled since Christmas break," Justin said. "He was really solid on his feet. When he got

out of position riding, he let [Bunch] up to his feet and then went back to takedowns. He had a real dominant match."

Callahan also pinned both his opponents to win his weight bracket at 285 pounds. In his semi-final match, Callahan racked up five points after taking down Trystin Lashley and getting three near fall points in the first period. Callahan rode Lashley for the majority of the second period before

getting the fall with one second remaining.

In his finals match, Callahan didn't get out to as quick a start, ending the first period tied 0-0. But an early takedown in the second period, followed by a dominant ride, Callahan turned Columbus Junction's Russel Coit twice before recording the fall in 2:55 to win the bracket.

Callahan's win comes on the heels of a disappointing loss in the semifinals of the conference championships last week.

"He stayed the course," Justin said. "The message to him all week long has been score points and wrestle his match. He did that. He did a good job of controlling every situation. He just went back to what got us here."

Looking forward to the district championships, Justin said his team will have five days of practice to condition and polish technique.

"For my philosophy and the way I coach, it's not worrying about who we're wrestling or what they do, but just polishing what we do and wrestling our match," he said.



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Left, Carlos Valenzuela takes a shot during the 132-pound final on Saturday. Right, Remington Fields works for a pin during the first period of his quarterfinal match at 120.

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Tiernan Boots came back to take an 8-7 lead with a takedown early in the third period. Valenzuela got an escape, but a penalty point for misconduct put him in a position where he needed another takedown, which he was unable to do.

"Looking back, we maybe gave the match away a little bit with a locked hands call, which was not a big deal, but then we had an unsportsmanlike, where we've just got to be smarter and control emotion in those situations. There's two points that you don't give away and at worst you go to overtime."

Valenzuela (32-11) will meet North Mahaska Junior Paul De Jong (30-6), who bumped up to 132 after wrestling all season at 126, where he is ranked 12th by IAWrestle. Boots (31-12) will face Sigourney-Keota Junior DJ Hammes (33-13) on the other side of the bracket.

Schlaubaugh faces S-K junior Austin Gorsh (26-14) at 113, while Beck (22-18) meets sectional champ Gabe Burden (33-16) in the other semifinal. Schlaubaugh defeated Burden in the third-place match of the SEISC tournament last week.

"I told the kids, crazy things happened this weekend and crazy things will happen next weekend," Cole said. "You win matches that maybe on paper



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Highland senior Spencer Grout adds back points after a takedown in his quarterfinal match.

you weren't supposed to and you lose matches that you feel really good about, going Des then. It's definitely emotional when you have guys staying home, and then you're obviously happy about the guys moving on too."

Remington Fields was one match away from advancing to

the district meet after winning a quarterfinal and a third-place match. Remington (12-29) fell to Wapello's Zach Harbison (34-13) in the wrestlingback at 120.

Jack Peiffer (20-13) also won his quarterfinal and third-place match, but did not get a wrestlingback opportunity after giving up a quick pin to Wapello's

Garret Dickey (23-16) in the semifinal.

"We got into a position in a cradle situation where we didn't need to force things and just wrestle basic," Cole said. "I knew if we could take the kid into deep water, he would get tired. But we got in a bad position, and you've got to deal

with the results."

Ethan Paisley had a 4-0 lead in his fifth-place match, but gave up a takedown and pin with just a few seconds left. Ayden Havel won his quarterfinal match 5-4 in extra time, but Highland's three freshmen were 1-6 for the day.

"We were freshmen the first day of practice, but by the end of the season, you're not really a freshman anymore," Cole said. "You've got to go out and fight. I don't mean it in a bad way, but if you put on a Highland singlet, the expectation is to go out and score points and fight. And those are things we've got to continue to work on."

Senior Spencer Grout (14-23) pinned his quarterfinal opponent Gavin Mills (15-17) of L-M and finished fourth.

"Spencer progressively got better throughout the season, especially these last two or three weeks," Cole said. "He really competed hard and his work ethic in the room was never a question."

"I can't be more thankful for what he brought to our program in a short amount of time. I've got his back for life. It's always emotional when you have a senior end their season, but I think Spencer can definitely hold his head high and be proud of what he did."

Huskies down Holy Trinity in milestone win

BY JEFF YODER
The News

LETTS

The Highland basketball team wrapped up the regular season with a 46-44 win over Holy Trinity in a Southeast Iowa Super Conference Shoot-out contest played at Louisa-Muscattine on Friday.

The Huskies are now a game over .500 after their 11th win of the season, which was also the 300th career win for head coach Jody Fink.

Senior Emma Soukup was 4-of-6 from the free throw line in her final regular season game, finishing with six points. Senior Mackenzie Hora scored four points in the milestone win for her coach.

"I thought it was actually really cool," Hora said. "Because my sisters have both played for him, and I'm the last one. I think it's a cool thing for me to be able to finish one of my last games with him as his 300th win."

Hora said that Fink cares about his teams' attitudes as much as he does about their play on the court.

"He talks about character all the time," she said. "He looks over the stereotypes about what makes a good player. If I can make a thousand baskets, he doesn't care about that as much as he cares about how we are people."

On Friday, the Huskies held Holy Trinity to four points in the second quarter to take a 21-14 lead into halftime. Highland extended the lead to 10 points with a quarter left before Holy Trinity started to hit some



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shots.

Abbi Stransky had 17 points, 11 rebounds and five steals as Highland hung on for the two point win. Dani Laughlin scored 10 points, adding three steals and four assists. Sarah Burton scored eight points and blocked three shots.

"Defensively our girls have battled," Fink said. "We kept our heads high and stayed positive all night. The shots weren't falling for us, but you can't make it if you don't continue to shoot the ball."

"It was a tough back-to-back for us on Thursday and Friday nights but I am so proud of the girls and thank them so much for getting number 300 and being a part of the ride."

"This is a great group of girls and I feel privileged to have them on the team. I love them to death and wouldn't

change a thing."

The Huskies (11-10) host Lisbon (7-14) in the first round of regional play on Thursday, February 10. Lisbon enters the postseason having lost five of its last seven games. The Huskies have won five out of their last six contests.

Pekin 31, Highland 26

Highland held Pekin leading scorer Kerrigan Pope to just five points in a conference road game on Thursday, but the Huskies could not generate enough offense themselves in a 31-26 loss.

The Huskies scored the first eight points of the second half to cut the Pekin lead to one point after trailing 14-5 at half. Sarah Burton scored four points during the run. Katelyn Waters, who did a great job denying Pope the ball all night,

sparked the run with the first points of the half and scored again to pull the Huskies within a point at 16-15.

The Panthers stretched the lead to nine again before Highland made another push in the final three minutes. Burton, who had a game-high 11 points, scored after an offensive rebound to cut the lead to three.

But with Pope on the bench with five fouls, Pekin senior Taylor Gambell stepped up and made back-to-back baskets to hold off the Huskies. She scored the team's last six points and led the Panthers with eight.

"We were holding the ball," Highland coach Jody Fink said about the first-half offense. "We made it stagnant and that pace favored them. The girls defensively did a great job, but we've got to be able to buy some baskets and make our own luck, and we just didn't do that in the first half."

In the second half, we turned it around and came back, but we just weren't able to get over the top."

Abbi Stransky had Highland's only field goal in the first half and finished with seven points.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak for the Huskies.

Highland 48, Hillcrest 24

Highland's defensive pressure was too much for Hillcrest in a 48-24 win over the Ravens on Tuesday.

With five steals, Dani Laughlin was one of three Huskies with at least four takeaways. Abbi Stransky had four

steals, blocked five shots and led the Huskies with 18 points.

Sarah Burton also had four steals and had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Huskies allowed just eight points in the first half and led by 16 at the halftime break.

Esther Hughes had a team-high 13 points for the Ravens.

GAME STATS

Highland 8 13 14 11 - 46
Holy Trinity 10 4 11 19 - 44

HIGHLAND SCORING: Abbi Stransky 17, Dani Laughlin 10, Sarah Burton 8, Emma Soukup 6, Mackenzie Hora 4, Jessica Kraus 1. REBOUNDING: Stransky 11, Kraus 7, Katelyn Waters 6.

HOLY TRINITY SCORING: Mary Kate Bendlage 17, Natalie Randolph 14, Teagan Snaad 5, Kassi Randolph 4, Brooke Mueller 2, Raquel Schneider 2.

Highland 3 2 10 11 - 26
Pekin 7 7 5 12 - 31

HIGHLAND SCORING: Sarah Burton 11, Abbi Stransky 7, Katelyn Waters 4, Mackenzie Hora 2, Jessica Kraus 2. REBOUNDING: Burton 10.

PEKIN SCORING: Taylor Gambell 8, Emma Phillips 6, Mackenzie Dahlstrom 5, Sarah Eubanks 5, Kerrigan Pope 5, Claire Roth 2.

Hillcrest 5 3 14 2 - 24
Highland 12 12 13 11 - 48

HIGHLAND SCORING: Abbi Stransky 18, Sarah Burton 14, Mackenzie Hora 5, Jessica Kraus 4, Dani Laughlin 3, Emma Soukup 2, Anna Herrig 2. REBOUNDING: Burton 11, Katelyn Waters 6.

HILLCREST SCORING: Esther Hughes 13, Malli Yoder 6, Norah Yoder 2, Leah Bontrager 2, Delany Shaw 1. REBOUNDING: Hughes 9, Vlada Conea 6, Lydia Beachy 5.

Batcheller finds a home at Briar Cliff University

BY JEFF YODER
The News

RIVERSIDE

When Grace Batcheller is on the softball field, everything feels right.

"I can just get away from reality in the sport," she said. "If I'm stressed about school or some other thing going on in my life, and I go and play softball... It's a complete game changer of my mental state. I can be at my best when I'm playing softball."

The Highland senior also found that level of comfort on her visits to Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

"It really just felt like home," Batcheller said. "The (campus) is beautiful. It's right on top of the hill, and you can see the entire city at the bottom."

It's a big city, which is kind of what I wanted, but a small school was more fitting for me since I come from one. So it felt like the right choice."

Batcheller officially signed with the Charger softball program on Friday afternoon at Highland High School.

A first-team all-conference selection at pitcher, Batcheller had a record of 16-5, the second-most wins in the conference. She struck out 105 in 114 innings and her two saves led the SEISC North.

Highland softball coach Carrie Wieland said that Batcheller's commitment to softball is going to make her succeed at the next level.

"I think it's her dedication and the love of the sport," Wieland said. "She's been a good teammate and a good leader. I'm super proud of how she has worked hard to achieve the success that she's achieved."

Batcheller was also a solid offensive option for the Huskies last year, driving in 21 runs. Her on-base percentage of .422 was second-best on the team.

Batcheller plans to study nursing at Briar Cliff in the fall.

"They're one of the top schools in Iowa for nursing," she said.

With her college decision out of the way, Batcheller is looking forward to a final season with the Highland softball team.

"This one is going to be the best season for sure. I get to

spend it with everyone that I love," she said.

The Huskies improved from 9-7 in a shortened 2020 season to 22-7 last year. At 11-4 in conference the Huskies finished tied for second in the loss column with Winfield-Mt Union and Wapello.

Batcheller and junior Jessica Kraus, a first-team all-conference utility selection, form one of the best 1-2 pitching combinations in Class 1A.

"For her and Jess both, the expectations are super high," Wieland said. "They feed off of each other pretty well and I think that they help each other out in so many games."

Highland came up one win short of a state tournament appearance last year, falling 6-6 to Lisbon in a regional final.

"Last season, we could have won," Batcheller said. "And we all know that. This year, we're going to fight harder to achieve that goal. And if we all work as a team, which we always do, I think we could. So I'm really excited for the season and I can't wait to celebrate a dub with my team."



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Highland softball coach Carrie Wieland and assistant Samantha Cox congratulate Huskie senior Grace Batcheller, who signed with Briar Cliff University on Friday.

Grinstead signs with Upper Iowa football program

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

Connor Grinstead first visited Fayette, a small city in northeastern Iowa, more than three years ago.

At the time, Highland High School football players were participating in a summer camp at Upper Iowa University. Grinstead was an incoming freshman.

"I just fell in love with the place," said Grinstead, who was the Huskies quarterback last fall and helped lead Highland to a Class A playoff spot.

"It's not your traditional big campus, but I kind of like the aspect of a small school."

So it was clearly a dream day one afternoon last week when Grinstead, joined by his parents Susan and Chris in the Highland Community School District's board room, signed a letter-of-intent to play football and attend school at Upper Iowa.

"It's the place where I wanted to go," Grinstead said, "and when I finally got the call from Coach [Ben] Curran to tell me that they've got a spot for me, it felt really good. That was the place I was shooting for to go."



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Highland High School's Connor Grinstead is joined by his parents, Susan and Chris, and Huskie football coaches Scott Morel and Joe Donovan after signing a letter-of-intent with Upper Iowa University on Feb. 2.

Grinstead was surrounded by his family, friends and coaches at the signing. In addition to his mom and dad, his high school football coaches, Scott Morel and Joe Donovan,

and his basketball coach, Bill Zywiec, were there. And also members of the Huskies football team.

At Upper Iowa, which is located about two hours north of

Riverside, Grinstead will be a student in a city not much bigger than Riverside. Proudly wearing an Upper Iowa Peacocks shirt on signing day, Grinstead was happy to be

landing in a college community that has a small-town feel and the state's only Division II football program.

"I think I can provide a lot at Upper Iowa," he said. "I feel like my skill sets fit well with their type of defense. I'm just excited to get up there and get to work."

Oh, yes. Defense. While Grinstead ran for 908 yards and 11 touchdowns, and passed for 638 yards and 10 touchdowns this past season, the Peacocks coaching staff projects Grinstead as a safety on the defensive side of the ball. He led Highland with 64.5 tackles last fall and had an interception.

"Fantastic. Upper Iowa is very lucky to get him," Morel said. "He's going to work really hard for them. He's a tremendous leader for us. It's just a really good get for them."

Grinstead was one of 39 signees announced by Upper Iowa on Feb. 2. He is one of six incoming defensive backs.

Grinstead ran for three touchdowns and passed for one score in his final home game in October, a 49-14 victory over Pekin that allowed the Huskies to grab a playoff spot in Class A.

McFarland's career night lifts Huskies in Shootout

BY JEFF YODER
The News

FORT MADISON

The Highland boys snapped a three-game losing streak with a monster game from senior Trevor McFarland on Saturday in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference Shootout.

McFarland finished with a career-best 20 points and 16 rebounds in the Huskies' 57-45 win over Van Buren County.

He shot 50 percent from the floor and was 7-of-8 from the foul line as Highland finished with a season-high point total.

"At the halfway point of this year, we talked about being more aggressive with the basketball," Highland coach Bill Zywiec said.

That aggressiveness is also helping McFarland as a distributor. He had five assists to go with his 13 points for the Huskies in a loss to Hillcrest on Tuesday.

"I told him, when he's aggressive with the ball and penetrates, it's not always about him getting a shot, but it opens things up for his teammates," Zywiec said.

McFarland had just eight total assists through a dozen games this year, but has averaged 3.4 per game over his last eight contests.

"His leadership — he's calm on the court and doesn't get rattled too often," Zywiec said. "As our point guard, he's like the general out there, he's got to make sure everyone's set and everyone's playing hard."

The Huskies were playing hard from the opening tip in

Fort Madison, taking an 18-13 lead after one quarter.

The Warriors cut the lead to three at the half and trailed by just five with a quarter left, but the Huskies pulled away with a 16-9 fourth quarter.

Kaige Vonnahme was 3-for-6 from the 3-point line for 11 points.

Chase Schultz, who scored 10 points in the fourth quarter of Thursday's loss at Pekin, finished with 12 points and eight rebounds on Saturday.

Schultz is leading the Huskies in the scoring and rebounding for the second straight season. His shooting numbers have improved this year, especially from the 3-point line where he is 19-of-58, a 12 percent improvement.

"I think his confidence has grown," Zywiec said. "Getting a year of varsity basketball last year and getting used to the speed of the game and the tempo and how physical it is carries over to the next year."

"He kind of knew that he would have a target on his back this year, and we're asking a lot of him. We ask him to play inside at times, we're asking him to play outside, and he's taken that upon himself to take that challenge and go with it."

Pekin 54, Highland 41

The Huskies scored 20 points in the fourth quarter at Pekin on Thursday, but couldn't come back from a 47-21 third-quarter deficit in a 54-41 loss.

Chase Schultz led Highland with seven rebounds and 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting. Trevor McFarland had seven points



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Highland senior Trevor McFarland brings the ball up the court at Pekin.

and six rebounds. Connor Grinstead added four points while Tyler Thompson had four points and three steals.

Brenton Bonebrake had a steal that resulted in a basket for Logan McFarland during a 13-0 Highland run in the fourth quarter. Bonebrake stole the ball again on the ensuing possession and finished the play himself. He had four points and three steals on Thursday after scoring 11 points at Hillcrest on Tuesday.

"Brenton has one speed and it's 100 miles an hour," Highland coach Bill Zywiec said. "It doesn't matter what we're doing, it's 100 miles an hour —

that's how he's going to play. He leaves everything on the court, he sacrifices his body at times. If you ask him to do something, he's going to go to do it, and he's been like that ever since he was a little kid."

Keota 79, Highland 61

The Huskies had six players with at least seven points on Monday, but still couldn't keep up with Keota in a 79-61 non-conference loss.

The Eagles scored 25 points from the free throw line on 34 attempts as Highland ended up with three players having at least four fouls. Chase Schultz led the Huskies with 16 points.

Brenton Bonebrake and Devin Lovetinsky each scored 10. Tyler Thompson and Trevor McFarland each had eight points and three steals.

The Huskies (4-16) open the postseason at Winfield-Mt. Union (18-2) on Monday, February 14, where the Wolves defeated Highland 56-29 on January 17.

WMU has the best defense in the state, allowing just 34 points per game.

GAME STATS

Highland 18 10 13 16 - 57
Van Buren 13 12 11 9 - 45

HIGHLAND SCORING: Trevor McFarland 20, Chase Schultz 12, Kaige Vonnahme 11, Brenton Bonebrake 5, Devin Lovetinsky 5, Tyler Thompson 2, Jaden Schmid 2. REBOUNDING: McFarland 16, Schultz 8, Logan McFarland 6, Bonebrake 5.

Highland 10 8 3 20 - 41
Pekin 19 15 13 7 - 54

HIGHLAND SCORING: Chase Schultz 15, Trevor McFarland 7, Connor Grinstead 4, Brenton Bonebrake 4, Tyler Thompson 4, Kaige Vonnahme 3, Logan McFarland 2, Jaden Schmid 2. PEKIN SCORING: Chandler Stull 15, Ben Ehret 12, Colton Comstock 11, Luke Long 9, Jaeodon Wolver 4, Jackson Horras 3.

Highland 10 13 18 20 - 61
Keota 15 24 22 18 - 79

HIGHLAND SCORING: Chase Schultz 16, Devin Lovetinsky 10, Brenton Bonebrake 10, Tyler Thompson 8, Trevor McFarland 8, Connor Grinstead 7, Kaige Vonnahme 2. KEOTA SCORING: Sawyer Stout 21, Evan Vittetoe 17, Aidan Anderson 13, Cole Kindred 11, Connor Strand 6, Caleb Waterhouse 5, Dalton Dodd 2, Aidan McGuire 2, AJ Sheets 2.

Golden Hawks look to play best basketball in postseason

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WELLMAN

With back-to-back losses, the regular season didn't end the way that Mid-Prairie wanted it to, but the Golden Hawks are still excited about the opportunities ahead in the postseason.

Mid-Prairie will host quarterfinal and semifinal matchups in 3A Region 4. The Golden Hawks split a pair of games in the regular season with the region's top seed, West Liberty. Mid-Prairie received the second seed in the region.

"That's the hard work that our team has put in over the course of the year, to earn that two seed and an opportunity to play at home," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said.

"The one seed is a really good team but a team that we've beaten. So anytime that you're the two seed in your bracket and you have a one seed that you've competed well against, it's obviously exciting for us."

Mid-Prairie (13-6) swept the season series with its quarterfinal opponent, Tipton (2-18).

Maddie Nonnenmann scored 23 points in the last matchup, but the Golden Hawks had just four points in the fourth quarter of the 48-43 win.

Kyra Shaull scored half of her 20 points from the free throw line for Tipton in the loss.

"They have a really good freshman post player that's been playing more and more for them as the season has gone



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Mid-Prairie senior Cana Rediger passes the ball towards the wing. Rediger was 3-of-7 from the 3-point line at West Branch.

on. And so we have to find a way to defend her a little bit better than we did last time out," Hershberger said.

"We're familiar with them, they're familiar with us, it's just comes down to that to being able to execute what we want to do."

Mid-Prairie is looking to shake off a couple tough losses over the past week. The Golden Hawks scored just 18 total points the second halves of their last two regular season games.

"We have some time this week to kind of regroup and

get back to some fundamental things that we haven't had a lot of time to work on," Hershberger said. "It's a great opportunity to kind of refresh, restart, and then get back to doing some of the basic fundamental mental things we need to do to be successful."

West Branch 43, Mid-Prairie 28

The Golden Hawks hit five 3-pointers in the second quarter at West Branch on Friday, but struggled offensively in the second half of a 43-28 loss.

Mid-Prairie scored just sev-

en points in the second half and did not have a field goal for the first 15 minutes of play after halftime.

"I felt like we were getting some pretty good looks, we were open in the middle and high post and we were getting good looks on threes," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said after the game. "They just weren't going in. It's one of those things where you see a couple where you feel like you got off a good shot and it didn't go in — when it happens again and again, it starts to wear on you a little bit."

Maddie Nonnenmann led the Golden Hawks with 11. She scored in the first quarter to cut the West Branch lead to 4-2, which would be the only 2-point field goal of the game for Mid-Prairie. Nonnenmann, Amara Jones and Cana Rediger each made a pair of 3-pointers in the first half as the Golden Hawks cut a 23-12 lead down to 25-21 at the half. Rediger had the Golden Hawks' only field goal of the second half and finished with nine.

Wilton 67, Mid-Prairie 36

Mid-Prairie was unable to stop the Beaver offense during the second quarter of a 67-36 loss to Wilton on Tuesday.

Wilton scored 27 points in the second quarter and then held Mid-Prairie to just 11 points after halftime.

"We weren't doing a great job of rebounding the ball, we gave up a few offensive rebounds and they were getting

some easy layups off of that," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said. "I thought their pressure bothered us a little bit. We had a little bit of trouble getting the ball through their press. They were able to get some deflections, get out in front and get some layups off of that as well."

Charlotte Brown, who had two points in Mid-Prairie's 43-38 win, scored 22 in the rematch. Kelsey Drake led the Beavers with 31.

Nora Pennington had nine points and three steals for the Golden Hawks. Amara Jones had six points and also stole the ball three times. Maddie Nonnenmann led Mid-Prairie with 14 points.

GAME STATS

Mid-Prairie 6 15 3 4 - 28
West Branch 10 15 12 6 - 43

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Maddie Nonnenmann 11, Cana Rediger 9, Amara Jones 6, Landry Pacha 1, Nora Pennington 1. REBOUNDING: Pacha 6, Rediger 5. WEST BRANCH: Delanyie Luneckas 12, Kylie Pickett 12, Madelyn Stout 9, Sadie Smith 6, Avery Schultes 2, Olivia Naber 2.

Mid-Prairie 12 13 4 7 - 36
Wilton 16 27 14 10 - 67

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Maddie Nonnenmann 14, Nora Pennington 9, Amara Jones 6, Cana Rediger 3, Kylie Reinier 2, Halli Hershberger 2. REBOUNDING: Landry Pacha 5, Jones 5. WILTON SCORING: Kelsey Drake 31, Charlotte Brown 22, Ella Caffery 9, Mallory Lange 3, Hayley Madlock 2.

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"He's really never had to be in a position to go out and do that," Lambert said. "So it was just great to see him have that success tonight. You can see him playing with confidence and the aggressiveness just keeps continuing."

The Beavers scored five in a row to cut the Mid-Prairie lead to single digits at 41-32 early in the second half. Mid-Prairie allowed just one field goal during a 21-5 run that increased the lead to 62-37.

"We knew that our press was going to really wear them down," Harmsen said. "We just knew we had to keep pushing it on and staying up, and that's what got us that 31-point win."

Mid-Prairie closed the first half on a 7-0 run, capped by Alex Bean's buzzer-beating 3-pointer. Bean finished with seven points and three steals. Kos had 10 points and six rebounds.

Cavanagh had six assists and scored all nine of his points

from the 3-point line. Mid-Prairie shot 13-of-24 from outside, led by Camron Pickard and Pennington, who were each 2-for-2.

A conference championship is just the first box checked for the Golden Hawks, who have bigger goals ahead.

"I think we've had it in our mind, since third or fourth grade, that we could be something special," Pennington said. This whole group of guys is special, not just the senior class, and it's just been a special year.

"We knew we played well last year, but we let a couple games slip away and we weren't going to let that happen this year. I think we've done everything we wanted to do and a little bit more so far this year."

Mid-Prairie 51, West Branch 46

Things didn't come as easy for the Mid-Prairie offense on Monday, but the end result was the same. The Golden Hawks earned a 19th straight victory

with the 51-46 win over West Branch.

The Bears cut a 12-point lead to just 39-34 in the fourth quarter, but Ethan Kos came up with a pair of huge baskets, including a putback to increase the lead to 47-39.

Kos had both of Mid-Prairie's field goals in the fourth quarter and Carter Harmsen was 5-of-6 from the free throw line down the stretch.

"We just had to keep at it," said senior Justice Jones. The shots weren't falling to begin with, so we had to pick it up on the defensive end."

It was the 12th time that Mid-Prairie held an opponent to 50 or fewer points this year. The Golden Hawks have the fourth-best defense in 2A this year, allowing under 43 points per game.

Brady Knoop hit three shots from outside the arc during the fourth quarter to keep West Branch close, but the Golden Hawks always had an answer.

"We've been (in close games) with other teams," Jones said. "We've been there before with West Branch too. It's always a fight when we play them and it's always a great game."

Holden Araman had a game-high 24 for West Branch.

Harmsen led Mid-Prairie with 19 points and eight rebounds. Kos finished with 14 points, which included six in the fourth quarter.

Jack Pennington had nine points and three assists. Alex Bean hit a big triple after West Branch had cut the lead to 27-22, and Will Cavanagh's 3-pointer put Mid-Prairie up by 10 with a quarter to play.

"Once again, guys aren't being selfish," Mid-Prairie coach Daren Lambert said. "Some nights their job is to get the ball to the guys who are on, and the ones who are open. And so overall I was pleased with how well we played as a team. We wanted to be even further ahead with our lead and (win-

ning margin), but you just find a way to win. I was just pleased with the mentality that we showed tonight throughout the entire four quarters."

GAME STATS

Mid-Prairie 21 15 18 30 - 84
Wilton 15 9 13 16 - 53

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Carter Harmsen 24, Jack Pennington, Ethan Kos 10, Will Cavanagh 9, Alex Bean 7, Camron Pickard 6, Collin Miller 5, Karson Groat 2. REBOUNDING: Kos 6, Pennington 5. WILTON SCORING: Caden Kirkman 17, Landyn Putman 15, Jackson Hill 12, Mason Omsby 7, Clayton Gayer 2.

Mid-Prairie 19 8 12 12 - 51
West Branch 9 11 9 17 - 46

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Carter Harmsen 19, Ethan Kos 14, Jack Pennington 9, Will Cavanagh 4, Alex Bean 3, Camron Pickard 2. REBOUNDING: Harmsen 8, Kos 6. WEST BRANCH SCORING: Holden Araman 24, Brady Knoop 16, Andy Henson 2, Drake Berry 2, Reese Trepanier 2.

Ravens pick up wins over Lone Tree, Highland

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

KALONA

When Hillcrest Academy's Grant Bender beat the buzzer with a shot for two points, he pumped his arms and ran off the court into a Ravens celebration.

Bender's basket gave Hillcrest a nine-point halftime lead in a game against Lone Tree it would win by 18, 58-40, on Senior Night Feb. 3 at Hillcrest Union.

And it was just one Bender highlight in a career night for the junior forward. He scored 30 points on a night that featured two 30-point performances; Esther Hughes, a senior, had scored 30 in the girls game against Lone Tree.

Bender scored 18 points in the first half, including three consecutive baskets during a stretch in the second quarter that increased a one-point Ravens lead to seven.

"Grant brought a ton of energy tonight," Hillcrest head coach Dwight Gingerich said. "They had a tough time stopping him."

As much of a force Bender was on offense, his defense also helped the Ravens turn defensive stops into offensive opportunities.

"He's getting better defensively every week," Gingerich said. "He's staying down, not going up to block every shot. He's waiting, letting the other guy go up first now. He's more patient and disciplined in that way, and it's really helped our team. He's rebounding tough."

Bender had 6 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 blocked shots.

Junior guard Jace Rempel added 12 points and 5 rebounds. Aiden Krabill, a senior, had 6 rebounds and junior guard Luke Schrock had 2 steals.

Cade Shield led Lone Tree with 10 points and Cade Patterson scored 8 points.

After overcoming an early 8-point deficit, Lone Tree went ahead 11-0 on a 3-point play



Left, Hillcrest's Grant Bender goes toward the hoop against Lone Tree's Tyler Bell and Cade Patterson. Bender scored a career-high 30 points in the Ravens' win. Right, Lone Tree's Mitchell Koedam is surrounded by Ravens Josiah Beachy, Jace Rempel and Grant Bender.



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by Mitchell Koedam. But a 3-point play by Bender started Hillcrest on a 7-0 run to end the opening quarter.

With Hillcrest up by one point, 18-17, Bender grabbed an offensive rebound after a free throw miss by Schrock and scored the put-back. He then scored the next two baskets for a 24-17 Hillcrest lead and scored the first basket of the second half for a double-digit Hillcrest lead.

Hillcrest 69, Highland 49

Hillcrest freshman Seth Ours scored a career-high 21 points, leading a high-powered Ravens offense in a victory at Highland on Feb. 1.

Ours made all five 3-point shots he attempted and also converted 4-of-4 free throws. He

had 6 assists.

The Ravens held Highland to 5 points in the first quarter and blew open a 39-18 lead at halftime.

Junior forward Grant Bender added 16 points and 7 rebounds.

Trevor McFarland led Highland with 13 points and Brenton Bonebrake added 11. Connor Grinstead had a team-high 7 rebounds.

Hillcrest made 54.5% of its shots and outrebounded the Huskies, 24-20.

The win was the fourth straight for Hillcrest in its series against Highland.

WACO 60, Hillcrest 22

WACO rolled to a 16-3 lead in the opening quarter and cruised to a 38-point victory in

the SEISC Shootout last Saturday in Wayland.

Junior forward Grant Bender led Hillcrest (14-5) with 10 points and 5 rebounds.

The Warriors (16-4) powered ahead 24-8 by halftime and held the Ravens to just three points in the third quarter.

Aiden Krabill added 7 points and 5 rebounds for the Ravens.

GAME STATS

Lone Tree 11 10 9 10 -- 40
Hillcrest 17 13 16 12 -- 58

LONE TREE SCORING: Cade Shield 10, Cade Patterson 8, Mitchell Koedam 7, Adam Knock 5, Tyler Bell 3, Taj Williams 3, Ethan Willoz 2, Drew Gaulley 2.

HILLCREST SCORING: Grant Bender 30, Jace Rempel 12, Seth Ours 4, Josiah Beachy 4, Luke Schrock 3, Oscar Flores-

Calix 3, Mason Bender 2.

Hillcrest 11 28 22 8 -- 69
Highland 5 13 13 18 -- 49

HILLCREST SCORING: Seth Ours 21, Grant Bender 16, Jace Rempel 9, Luke Schrock 8, Bryce Bailey 6, Aiden Krabill 5, Josiah Beachy 4, REBOUNDING: Bender 7, Schrock 3.

HIGHLAND SCORING: Trevor McFarland 13, Brenton Bonebrake 11, Kaige Vonnahme 7, Chase Schultz 7, Connor Grinstead 4, Tyler Thompson 3, Logan McFarland 2, Nicolas Oriano 2, REBOUNDING: Grinstead 7, Schultz 6.

Hillcrest 3 5 3 11 -- 22
WACO 16 8 19 17 -- 60

HILLCREST SCORING: Grant Bender 10, Aiden Krabill 7, Seth Ours 3, Luke Schrock 2, REBOUNDING: Bender 5, Krabill 5, Ours 3, Schrock 3, Mason Bender 3.



Left, Hillcrest's Esther Hughes leads a fast break for the Ravens against Lone Tree. Right, Hillcrest Academy's senior girls are honored on Senior Night last Thursday.



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Hughes scores 30 points for Ravens on Senior Night

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

KALONA

Esther Hughes made her last two games at Hillcrest Union nights to remember.

She scored 54 total points on consecutive nights last week for the Ravens, almost leading the Hillcrest girls basketball team to victory over Lone Tree on Senior Night and New London one night later in the SEISC Shootout.

Hughes scored a game-high 30 points in a 50-44 loss to Lone

Tree last Thursday.

After the Ravens fell 13 points back, Hughes went to work in the final quarter. A steal by Hughes and a basket pulled the Ravens to within 11, 43-32. A series of late-game plays eventually led to a Hughes basket in the final minute and a 49-44 game.

A free throw by Lone Tree senior Kasey Chown (20 points) clinched the win for the Lions.

Hughes, who began the night being honored in the school's Senior Night ceremony along with senior team-

mates Norah Yoder, Vlada Conea and Leah Bontrager, had a game-high 8 rebounds and a game-high 4 steals.

"Esther gives everything she can every time," Hillcrest coach Mitch Drey said. "We rallied around her tonight. She did a lot of things, but everyone saw how hard she was working and it encouraged everyone else to work just as hard. It was great to see."

Hughes ranks fifth in the SEISC North in scoring.

She scored another 24 points on Friday against New

London in the SEISC Shootout, including 21 points in the first three quarters.

"Everyone feeds off of her," Drey said. "It's so cool to see, it's so great to see as a coach."

Hillcrest got to within two points in the final quarter, but the Tigers held off the Ravens for their first win of the season to break a 27-game losing streak dating back to January 2021.

A free throw by Hughes with 43 seconds left trimmed the deficit to 47-43, and that stood up as the final score.

Hillcrest freshman Malia

Yoder added 12 points in the Ravens' final home game of the year and Hughes' last appearance at Hillcrest Union.

The Ravens (1-18) play at Winfield-Mt. Union in a first-round regional tournament game Thursday.

GAME STATS

HILLCREST SCORING: Esther Hughes 24, Malia Yoder 12, Vlada Conea 6, Leah Bontrager 1.

NEW LONDON SCORING: Natalie Burden 16, Ashlyn McSorley 10, Sophie Malott 9, Camryn Lair 5, Emma Nye 5, Mytee Miller 2.

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there, I'd still love to be out there. But everyone's producing, they've come together, they're doing a great job."

And when Oscar Flores-Calix, a senior playing on the JV squad, hit a 3-pointer for his first varsity points in the final seconds of last week's win against Lone Tree in a scene resembling "Rudy," Miller jumped from his seat to celebrate with every other Raven.

"That was amazing for everyone to see. Probably the

highlight of the season right there," Miller said.

It was a perfect finish to a perfect night. A senior in a coat and a tie being called to the center of the court named in honor of the basketball coach he has had for four years. Senior night.

"He's one of us," Gingerich said. "It's been fun to have him on the bench with us. I would hate it if he couldn't be a part of this because he's been a part of us his whole time here."

Later that night, Noah smiled about that.

"It was amazing," he said. "These are the guys that I've been around, some of them four years ... I love them all. They're great guys. I love being around them."

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Lions defeat English Valleys 50-46 in Lone Tree

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The News

LONE TREE

Stop time had arrived for the Lone Tree Lions.

After Kaden Hall of English Valleys stole the ball and sprinted down the court for a layup and his 29th and 30th points of the night with 1:07 left, the Lions slammed the door.

English Valleys never scored again.

Free throws by Adam Knock, Drew Gaulley and Cade Patterson in the final minute of Monday night's nonconference game secured a 50-46 Lone Tree victory. A three-game losing streak was over and the Lions proudly danced off the court.

"It felt great," said Patterson, who led the Lions with 11 points. "We knew Hall, he'd be good tonight. We knew we had to stop him, but we came up when it mattered the most and that's all we can really say."

"Really good," Lone Tree senior Cade Shiehl said. "Hopefully we can win our next two, go into the playoffs looking good."

Lone Tree (6-15) hosts Columbus in a Class 1A substate game Friday night.

"Let's go get Columbus on Friday," Patterson said.

The Lions trailed English Valleys (11-10) after each of the first three quarters, but rallied for the win on a strong final quarter. Lone Tree pulled ahead by five points, then held off English Valleys in the final two minutes with defensive stops and free throws.

Hall, who averages 22 points per game, scored 30.

Adam Knock, Shiehl and Tyler Bell each scored 9 points for Lone Tree.



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Seniors Cade Patterson and Tyler Bell celebrate following Monday night's 50-46 win over English Valleys.

Holy Trinity 43, Lone Tree 29

Cade Shiehl led the Lions with 7 points, but Lone Tree fell to Holy Trinity in the SEISC Shootout last Saturday in Fort Madison.

Lone Tree was held to 6 points in each of the first three quarters as the Lions matched a season low in points scored.

Holy Trinity sophomore Conner Gehling had a double-double, scoring a game-high 17 points and grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds.

Lone Tree fell behind 13-6 in the opening quarter and

couldn't recover from that deficit. A pair of baskets by Shiehl in the fourth quarter brought the Lions to within 11 points twice, but each time the Crusaders (6-14) responded with a score.

Cade Patterson added 6 points for the Lions.

Columbus 75, Lone Tree 56

The Lions ran into an offense powerhouse Feb. 1 on Green Out Night, which was a benefit for the Iowa Donor Network.

Grant Watson scored 19

points, leading Columbus to a 75-56 victory and breaking a nine-game losing streak. The Wildcats hadn't won since defeating Lone Tree in December.

Cade Patterson led Lone

Tree with 15 points.

All five Columbus starters reached double figures in scoring as the Wildcats (4-14) hit a season high in scoring. Tim Hills and Marco Martinez each scored 15 points, and Jeff Hobbins and Daniel Martinez each scored 10.

Columbus had 7- and 12-point runs in the opening

quarter to take command with a 21-8 lead. Watson scored 11 points in that quarter.

Lone Tree's Cade Shiehl scored the game's opening basket and Adam Knock hit a couple of free throws for a 4-0 Lions lead. But the Wildcats scored the next seven points and Lone Tree never led after that.

Knock added 12 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists for the Lions. Mitchell Koedam had a team-high 7 rebounds.

GAME STATS

English Valleys 9 10 15 12 -- 46
Lone Tree 7 11 15 17 -- 50

ENGLISH VALLEYS SCORING: Kaden Hall 30, Governor Lightfoot 5, Reese Bender 4, Taylor Landers 3, Beau Flander 2, Myles Grove 2.

LONE TREE SCORING: Cade Patterson 11, Adam Knock 9, Cade Shiehl 9, Tyler Bell 9, Drew Gaulley 8, Mitchell Koedam 4.

Columbus 21 9 22 23 -- 75
Lone Tree 8 16 20 12 -- 56

COLUMBUS SCORING: Grant Watson 19, Tim Hills 15, Marco Martinez 15, Jeff Hobbins 10, Daniel Martinez 10, Mason Hills-Carrier 3, Christian Colby 3.

LONE TREE SCORING: Cade Patterson 15, Adam Knock 12, Cade Shiehl 10, Tyler Bell 6, Tyce Alt 5, Mitchell Koedam 2, Drew Gaulley 2, Braden Wiers 2, Taj Williams 2.

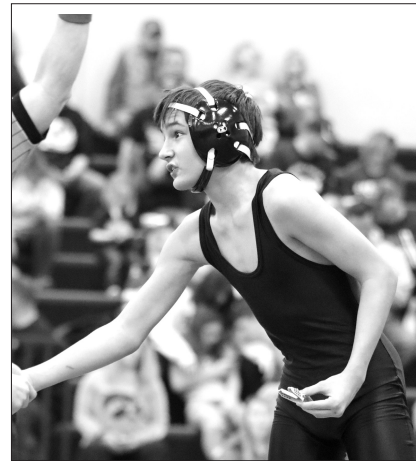
REBOUNDING: Koedam 7, Patterson 6, Knock 6, Bell 5.

Lone Tree 6 6 6 11 -- 29

Holy Trinity 13 9 9 12 -- 43

LONE TREE SCORING: Cade Shiehl 7, Cade Patterson 6, Tyler Bell 4, Mitchell Koedam 4, Adam Knock 4, Drew Gaulley 2, Tyce Alt 2.

HOLY TRINITY SCORING: Conner Gehling 17, Luke Hellige 9, Sobczak Adam 6, Mike DiPrima 4, Nick Fultenkamp 4, Maddox Rung 2, Jack Maslinski 1.



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Left, Lone Tree freshman Clemens Swaink pins WACO's Deacon Bird in his final match of the season. Right, Swaink shakes Bird's hand after winning the fifth-place match.

Swaink earns his first wins for revived Lion program

BY JEFF YODER

The News

NORTH ENGLISH

Two Lone Tree freshmen wrapped up their first season of varsity wrestling on Saturday in the sectional tournament at English Valleys.

While Brody Magruder and Clemens Swaink didn't advance to the district round, coach Brent Nelson was happy with the way they competed in their postseason matches.

"It was neat to see them have constant improvement in the stuff we work over the weekend," he said. "All week long, we practice certain stuff. And we go out and see it every time on the mat. They're actually growing as a competitor, a wrestler, and as a student athlete."

After dropping a quarterfinal match Swaink built an 11-2 lead and earned his first varsity win with a pin of Louisa-Muscatine's Hunter Dieckman in the second period of a consolation match. Swaink made it back-to-back wins by fall with a first-period pin of fellow freshman Deacon Bird of WACO to take fifth place in the 120-pound bracket.

Magruder had a tougher bracket against juniors and seniors at 160 pounds and



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Lone Tree freshman Brody Magruder is ready to wrestle during Saturday's sectional tournament.

dropped both matches to finish sixth, but he took his shots and wrestled aggressively against the upperclassmen.

"It's a very proud feeling to go out there and see them go all out, and work on bettering themselves," Nelson said. "Win or lose, it's everything they've

got." At the beginning of the season, Lone Tree was set to continue the sharing agreement with Columbus/WMU that began the previous year.

But Lone Tree's only participant from a season ago had graduated, and no one else was

making the trip to Columbus Junction to compete.

Nelson said that there were some kids interested in going out for wrestling, but they wanted to wrestle for Lone Tree.

"It's tough to kind of forge your own identity when you're

constantly kind of in limbo," Nelson said. "I talked to the superintendent and we both saw eye to eye on our vision for Lone Tree — to start hammering out our own identity."

Nelson is a former Iowa State defensive lineman, who wrestled at Cedar Rapids Kennedy before graduating in 2000. Nelson now lives in the Lone Tree area and has three children who are involved in community programs and sports.

"It's one of those things where you want to be able to contribute with your resources — your time or your money or things like that," he said. "I've always been around athletics, and it was tough to stand back without wanting to help."

While there were just two varsity competitors this year, Nelson says the future of the program is bright.

Some of the junior high wrestlers are already helping out the varsity program, volunteering as practice partners for Nelson's freshmen.

"I'm really excited," he said. "We've got a lot of great character kids — a lot of hard workers. The quality is second to none, as far as the kids that we have coming up through the ranks in the kids club, the junior high and high school."

Lady Lions earn Senior Night win over Columbus

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

LONE TREE

Lone Tree senior forward Kasey Chown controlled the boards on Senior Night. No question.

On a night that the Lions seniors were honored, Chown grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds in the Lions' 53-35 victory over Columbus on Feb. 1. But she had plenty of help in a week that featured two Lone Tree wins for the first time this season. Two nights after Chown and her senior teammates combined for 23 points and 27 rebounds against Columbus, they combined for 34 points and 16 rebounds in a 50-44 victory at Hillcrest.

Lone Tree coach Ryan Shelman said he was happy to see the team's seniors play a prominent role in the Lions' win. Chown scored a game-high 16 points and was a force on the boards, grabbing 14 defensive rebounds as Columbus made just 24% of its shots.

Chloe Mills, a senior guard, scored 4 points and had a team-high 3 steals. Kinley Hayes, a senior center, grabbed 5 rebounds and scored 3 points.

Other Lone Tree seniors are Madelyn McCullough and Dani Pettitt.

Lone Tree was ahead 35-26 after three quarters, but put the Wildcats away by outscoring them 19-11 in the final quarter.

Frannie Sosa, a freshman, led Columbus with 10 points.

Lone Tree sophomore Avery Lisk scored a career-high 16 points. Riley Krueger, a junior, scored 9 points, and had 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals.

Lone Tree 50, Hillcrest 44

Kasey Chown scored a



Lone Tree senior forward Kasey Chown takes a shot against Hillcrest as freshman Rylee Shield is ready to rebound.

team-high 20 points, including the final free throw in the late seconds of the Lions' 50-44 victory last Thursday at Hillcrest.

But two other Lions, Chloe Mills and Riley Krueger, each scored 10 points in Lone Tree's second win in three nights.

For Mills, it was a career high. They helped offset a 30-point performance by Hillcrest Academy senior Esther Hughes.

"We obviously targeted her on our press a little bit more

tonight in the second half and that was an adjustment we made at halftime," Lions coach Ryan Shelman said. "I thought it paid dividends, especially in the third quarter when we went on our run which ultimately is what helped us."

After leading by 10 points, 26-16, at halftime, the Lions opened up a 16-point lead late in the third quarter.

A final senior showdown between Chown and Hughes

emerged as they combined for 50 points and 15 rebounds. Hughes was pivotal for Hillcrest as the Ravens cut Lone Tree's lead to five points in the final minute.

"They both just have a good understanding of what the team needs from them, and they both do it," Hillcrest coach Mitch Drey said of Chown and Hughes. "They're both great players."

Krueger hit a key shot for the Lions down the stretch, and had 3 assists and 3 steals. Avery Lisk, a sophomore, also had 3 steals.

"Avery Lisk does a great job of running the point for us," Shelman said. "We go through these little stretches where we would be in trouble if we didn't have her on the floor."

And then there were the defensive plays that didn't show up in the stats.

"We had some girls put their body on the line for the team, taking some huge charges down the stretch," Shelman said. "Kasey took one, Chloe took one, Riley Krueger took one. I thought Kasey, Chloe and Kinley Hayes did a nice job of stepping in and getting boards for us."

Mills added 7 rebounds for Lone Tree and Rylee Shield, a freshman, had 6.

WACO 45, Lone Tree 33

Sophomore guard Avery Lisk scored 13 points, but Lone Tree dropped a SEISC Shoot-out game to WACO last Friday in a game played in Lone Tree.

WACO junior Grace Coble scored a game-high 21 points as the Warriors won their ninth game of the season.

WACO collapsed its defense on Lone Tree senior forward Kasey Chown and limited her

to 7 points. Chown was still dominant on the boards, grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds, including 8 offensive boards.

The Warriors led 24-13 at halftime and opened up a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter on consecutive baskets by Emma Wagler and Elijah Kissell.

Riley Krueger added 8 points and 2 assists for Lone Tree. Lisk had a game-high 3 steals.

Lone Tree (7-15) plays at English Valleys in a Class 1A first-round regional game Thursday.

GAME STATS

Lone Tree 11 15 12 12 -- 50
Hillcrest 8 8 10 18 -- 44

LONE TREE SCORING: Kasey Chown 20, Riley Krueger 10, Chloe Mills 10, Kinley Hayes 4, Vivian Zaruba 3, Avery Lisk 2, Cate Sexton 1. REBOUNDING: Chown 7, Mills 7, Shield 6.

HILLCREST SCORING: Esther Hughes 30, Mattie Yoder 10, Lydia Beachy 2, Leah Bontrager 1, Delaney Shaw 1. REBOUNDING: Hughes 8, Yoder 6, Shaw 5.

Columbus 8 10 8 9 -- 35
Lone Tree 15 11 9 18 -- 53

COLUMBUS SCORING: Frannie Sosa 10, Sera Vela 8, Libby White 7, Lily Coll 5, Aracely Garza 4, Ariana Vergara 1.

LONE TREE SCORING: Kasey Chown 16, Avery Lisk 16, Riley Krueger 9, Chloe Mills 4, Cate Sexton 3, Kinley Hayes 3, Rylee Shield 2. LONE TREE REBOUNDING LEADERS: Chown 19, Shield 8, Krueger 5, Hayes 5.

WACO 9 15 7 14 -- 45
Lone Tree 4 9 10 18 -- 33

WACO SCORING: Grace Coble 21, Elijah Kissell 13, Emma Wagler 8, Katie Leichty 3. LONE TREE SCORING: Avery Lisk 13, Riley Krueger 8, Kasey Chown 7, Vivian Zaruba 5. REBOUNDING: Chown 11, Rylee Shield 7, Lisk 5.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2022

Chairperson Porter called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Jon Green*, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan*

*Denotes electronic participation.

All actions were taken unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

These members of the public spoke in opposition to the lottery distribution method for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) direct assistance funds and/or spoke about other parameters and logistics of the ARPA direct assistance fund program: Thomas Novak*, Sherri Erkel*, Kim Novak*, Sean McRoberts*, Joan Schnabel*, Maurine Vlasius*, Alissa Meggitt*, Pat Bowen*, and Rose Pensaud*.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Heiden, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for January 27, 2022, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

A-1 Precision Sharpening 597.00
 Abbe Center For Comm 1190.00
 AbbeHeath Inc 10859.50
 Ace Electric Inc 560.00
 Ace Reporting 423.50
 Advance Builders Corp 909.98
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Motion by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of January 10, 2022, as submitted to the Board on January 26, 2022 at 4:20 p.m.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Heiden, to authorize the chairperson sign the Road Agreement Relating to Spartan Hauler Application P2C-20-27962 for Dillons Furrow Road Northeast, Solicited with Nick Hermans, as included in the agenda packet of this meeting.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Heiden, to approve the Land Use Agreement for COVID-19 Testing Services at 821 South Clinton Street with North Health, Inc. in Wilmington, Delaware, effective January 24, 2022 through May 27, 2022.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Modification Number 47 to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I - East Central Iowa LWDA Master Agreement, transferring funds from the FY22 Dislocated Worker Program to the FY22 Adult Program.

Adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

/s/Royceann Porter, Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor

On the 3rd day of February, 2022

Recorded by Kyle Phillips, Auditor of the Office of Administrative Services

Finalized by Nancy Tomickov, Deputy Auditor

These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on February 3, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX Levy
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

County Name: JOHNSON COUNTY County Number: 52

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget at the following:

Meeting Date: 2/23/2022 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Boardroom, Johnson County Administration Building, 913 S. Duquesne St., Iowa City, IA

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Contact Person: Dana Aschenbrenner, Finance Director Contact Phone Number: (319) 688-8095

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CITY OF KALONA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KALONA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2022 **Meeting Time:** 07:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Kalona Community Center - City Hall Council Chambers
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
cityofkalona.org

City Telephone Number
(319) 656-2310

| | Current Year Certified Property Tax 2021 - 2022 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Annual % CHG |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
| Regular Taxable Valuation | 116,486,194 | 115,254,400 | 115,254,400 | |
| Tax Levies: | | | | |
| Regular General | 943,538 | 943,538 | 933,561 | |
| Contract for Use of Bridge | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit | | | 0 | |
| Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr. | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center | | | 0 | |
| Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project | | | 0 | |
| Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs | | | 0 | |
| Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission | | | 0 | |
| Emergency | | | 0 | |
| Police & Fire Retirement | | | 0 | |
| FICA & IPERS | | | 74,339 | |
| Other Employee Benefits | 76,464 | 76,464 | 72,153 | |
| Total Tax Levy | 1,020,002 | 1,020,002 | 1,080,053 | 5.88 |
| Tax Rate | 8.75642 | 8.85000 | 9.37103 | |

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

Eligible employees on insurance, and more insurance coverage than the previous year. This Tax Levy Rate DOESN'T include the amount that will be levied with Debt Service amounts.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

City website at the above address and link will on City Facebook page.

*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF RIVERSIDE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/22/2022 **Meeting Time:** 06:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Riverside City Hall 60 N Greene Street
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number

www.riversideiowa.gov

(319) 648-3501

| | Current Year Certified Property Tax 2021 - 2022 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Annual % CHG |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
| Regular Taxable Valuation | 111,159,228 | 114,027,641 | 114,027,641 | |
| Tax Levies: | | | | |
| Regular General | 900,390 | 900,390 | 923,624 | |
| Contract for Use of Bridge | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit | | | 0 | |
| Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr. | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center | | | 0 | |
| Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project | | | 0 | |
| Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs | | | 0 | |
| Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission | | | 0 | |
| Emergency | | | 0 | |
| Police & Fire Retirement | | | 0 | |
| FICA & IPERS | | | 0 | |
| Other Employee Benefits | | | 0 | |
| Total Tax Levy | 900,390 | 900,390 | 923,624 | 2.58 |
| Tax Rate | 8.10000 | 7.89624 | 8.10000 | |

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

Increase of 2.58% due to increase of insurance costs, additional employees, and cost of 3rd Street Capital Improvements Street Project.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

www.riversideiowa.gov

*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

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CITY OF WELLMAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF WELLMAN - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2022 **Meeting Time:** 05:30 PM **Meeting Location:** Wellman Municipal Building (City Hall)
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.cityofwellman.com

City Telephone Number
(319) 646-2154

| | Current Year Certified Property Tax 2021 - 2022 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2022 - 2023 | Annual % CHG |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
| Regular Taxable Valuation | 43,557,063 | 46,244,853 | 46,244,853 | |
| Tax Levies: | | | | |
| Regular General | 352,812 | 352,812 | 374,584 | |
| Contract for Use of Bridge | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit | | | 0 | |
| Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr. | | | 0 | |
| Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center | | | 0 | |
| Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project | | | 0 | |
| Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs | 53,675 | 53,675 | 59,425 | |
| Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission | | | 0 | |
| Emergency | | | 0 | |
| Police & Fire Retirement | | | 0 | |
| FICA & IPERS | 22,055 | 22,055 | 22,456 | |
| Other Employee Benefits | 43,818 | 43,818 | 35,401 | |
| Total Tax Levy | 472,360 | 472,360 | 491,866 | 4.12 |
| Tax Rate | 10.84462 | 10.21433 | 10.63611 | |

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

Taxable valuation increased - Cost of Liability Insurance has increased

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

www.cityofwellman.com and City Facebook page

*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

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CITY OF WELLMAN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEP-
TION TO
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment of the City of Wellman, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 28, at 7:00 pm at the Wellman Municipal Building Council Chambers regarding the application for a Special Exception filed by Jumpman Leasing, LLC (Jared Miller) regarding mobile home to be placed at location 908 5th St, Wellman, Iowa.

Interested persons are welcome to present written or verbal comments at the public hearing regarding the proposed Special Exception as stated above. Written comments will also be accepted by the City Clerk at the Wellman Municipal Building prior to the public hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF Fern E. Yoder, Deceased CASE NO.
ESP007789

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Fern E. Yoder, Deceased, who died on or about January 15, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Fern E. Yoder, deceased, bearing date of September 10, 1987, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kevin Dean Yoder was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 25, 2022.

Kevin Dean Yoder,
Executor of Estate
P.O. Box 506, Wellman, IA 52356

Michael J. Brennenman, ICIS:
AT0001095
Attorney for Executor
Honohan, Epley, Braddock &
Brennenman, LLP
330 E. Court St.
Iowa City, IA 52240

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
STATE OF IOWA
IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTYIN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALBION J. YOUNG Probate No. ESPRO
07788 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Albion J. Young, Deceased, who died on or about January 19, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of January, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Albion J. Young, bearing date of the 12th day of September, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Hills Bank and Trust Company was appointed as Executor of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said County within the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the Decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named district Court as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2022.

Hills Bank and Trust Company
(Executor of Estate)
590 West Forevergreen Road
North Liberty, Iowa 52317

Gary J. Schmitt, Attorney for Executor
ICIS PIN: AT0007008
Phelan Tucker Law LLP
321 East Market Street
P.O. Box 2150
Iowa City, Iowa 52244-2150

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40 YEARS AGO FEB. 11, 1982

Kalona

Depending on what a special committee recommends to the Mid-Prairie Board of Education at its May meeting, the district may have a different grade system in the next school year.

The committee, to consist of twelve members drawn from professional and administrative staff, the board and parents, will be organized by Superintendent Les Dollinger to review the original Task Force recommendation of changing the grades from K-6, 7-9, and 10-12 to K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The board already approved this move in 1980, but never set a time deadline.

If the Mid-Prairie school board approves the proposed \$3.6 million budget for the 1982-83 school year, taxpayers will be paying less for education than last year.

The Board also learned Monday that the former West Chester Elementary School building technically still belongs to the district. According to Board President Tom Jirsa, the transfer from the district to the City of West Chester cannot be completed until the abstract is brought up to date and the board's up to date and the board's attorney gives an opinion on it. Apparently, said Jirsa, the abstract has been completed, but not yet given to the board's attorney. In the meantime, the board has been receiving gas and electric bills for the building. However, West Chester officials have said they will pay all such bills. What is right? What is truth? Is it right that some people have so much and others so little. The forces prompting greed, carelessness and selfishness are progressing.

The idea prevailing among many people is the laws are not fair and equal for all people. The farmers have a feeling of being manipulated by government, big money, or board of trade. Labor says management is not fair. Employers say the laborers demands are not right, the poor claim interest rates charged by the rich hovers on usury and is not right.

Even some people are defying the Almighty in saying the inclement weather experienced across most of the land is not the best.

There are people that question whether it is right that children should have to die in the tragic fire that claimed four lives from this community recently.

Yet, it is right and a truth that people have a desire and feeling to help those in need when tragedies occur as this community has experienced. It is right that humans are designed to have freedom of minds, a freedom of choice and a desire to do what is right. An expression of this is when many, many times people rally in helping their fellow persons. Clearly the possibilities of courage and experience in the regions of truth are right. All in all if seemingly many things are not right, those that are right and truth far outweigh those we deem not.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Herschberger were recently presented the Iowa Pork Producer's Association's "Hog Wild" Award. For the past ten years the Herschbergers, owners of the Kalona Locker, have been cooperating in promoting pork products and particularly ground pork.

In their early pork promoting, they ground the "whole hog" and assisted pork producers in hand-patting pork burgers to use at promotions. After experimenting they developed fresh ground pork patties to which seasonings can be added. At the urging of the Washington County Pork Producers, they purchased a patty-making machine to produce a thicker product for grillings.

The big thaw has arrived at last which is accompanied by rain and plenty of fog and the snow banks have settled a great deal. Also gravel can be seen on the streets and alleys.

The main reason that I think we are to have an early spring is because the cowboys in the Valley all tell me that it looks like there will be a large increase in cats as they are expecting a large volume of kittens to arrive all along the Valley in the near future which is a little early for kittens to arrive unless we have a very, very early spring.

Lyle Hochstetler is chairman of a five-man committee

formed to organize the rebuilding of a home for the Firman Herschberger family who lost their house and four eldest children in a fire January 25.

Herschberger, his wife, So-villa and three year-old son, Darwin escaped from the blaze that claimed the lives of Juani-ta 10, twins Virgil and Verton, 9 and Keith 6.

Since the fire, community response has been considerable with well over \$10,000 raised in donations. One of the most recent efforts took place Monday during the horse auction at the Kalona Sales Barn.

At that time, Walter Proske, a 55-year-old bachelor from Blue Grass, brought four ponies to the sale for the express purpose of selling them and donating all proceeds to the Herschberger Fund.

The worst fire in the area's history, the tragedy has struck deep chords in the community. The services, at the rural church, were attended by hundreds and more than a thousand persons paid respects to the family the day before.

Lone Tree

Lone Tree City Council, during a special meeting Monday night, approved allocating \$4,000 to the fire department fund to enable the purchase of a four-wheel-drive pickup.

I would like to congratulate the junior high boys basketball team on turning in a second straight season undefeated, especially the eighth grade boys who have been instrumental in both seasons. The high school athletic department should gain a real boost when these boys enter the program.

Lone Tree boys varsity basketball team got on the road to a three-game winning streak defeating Pekin, Louisa-Muscatine and Iowa Menomonee School but came to an abrupt halt after losing a close heart-breaker to Columbus Community.

Lone Tree began its three-game winning streak by defeating Pekin, 72-41. Steve Forbes scored 34 points, to set a school record for most points in one game. The previous high was held by Pete Scott with 32.

Lone Tree grabbed a second straight victory by defeating L-M, 66-44. Lone Tree pulled out an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter to defeat Iowa Menomonee School, 62-54, marking the Lions third straight win.

Lone Tree's winning streak was crushed when Columbus Community defeated the Lions, 59-55.

Wellman

A steel tangerine colored book depository has been placed at the entrance of the Wellman Municipal building to accommodate library pa-

trons during morning hours and weekends when the library is closed.

This book return was made possible through county tax funds designated for library use by the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Fines for overdue books may be paid at the time another book is checked out.

I doubt there will be an Iowa who will mourn the passing of this winter. Last year we wished for snow. This year it came in abundance but with it came such extremely cold temperatures few could enjoy it.

The eight weeks of "house-bound" weather lifted this weekend and 50-degree plus temperatures here sent everyone, who could, out-of-doors. With sidewalks free of ice and snow the avid walkers, bikers and joggers took advantage of the weather and shook off "cabin fever."

The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawk made its first appearance recently. The brilliant gold and black mascot is currently without a name; however, M.P. students expect soon to enter names in a contest. "It" cost \$461.00 and was funded by Letter Men, Pep Club, Student Council and Athletic Boosters. Winter brings its share of problems and discomforts—one of these is mumps, a contagious childhood disease caused by a virus.

Mumps occur most frequently between January and May, notes Dr. Betty Edmond, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist in the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

In its early stages, mumps can seem like a cold—a couple of days of runny nose and fever. Your first clue that it's mumps, and not a cold, may be pain in one ear or swelling of one side of your jaw. Or perhaps you begin to experience difficulty in swallowing.

There now is a mumps vaccine that is almost completely effective in giving immunity from the disease, Edmond says. Since the vaccine's introduction, mumps, and other illnesses influenced by mumps, such as viral meningitis, have decreased dramatically.

The Wellman Council meeting voted to appoint Kenneth C. Kempf to fill a vacancy on the city council. Kempf will fill the unexpired term of Russell Kempf who was appointed as Mayor.

30 YEARS AGO FEB. 13, 1992

Kalona

Since it took 75 years for them to celebrate an anniversary, small wonder that sever-

al hundred showed up for it. So did the television cameras.

Last weekend's 75th Anniversary for the Kalona Volunteer Fire Department brought residents and others to tour the station, sample refreshments and see why it is one of the top-ranked units in the state.

Besides Channel 2 and 7, representatives from the Iowa Fire Department Association visited. One thing noted by many is that after the department was organized in 1917, Kalona stopped burning down.

Have you ever wondered why we have skin? You probably just take it for granted, in the same way that you accept that you need ears, eyes, nose and mouth.

And if you have ever thought about skin at all, you probably thought it was there just to hold the rest of you together.

Well, in fact your skin has other uses. For a start, it enables us to sense touch, pain, cold and heat, which means we are able to take action to protect ourselves before any further damage is done.

Skin also helps us to regulate our body temperatures by allowing us to sweat.

The skin on a normal human body varies in thickness in various places. The skin of our eyelids is less than one millimeter thick, while on the soles of our feet it can be up to three times as thick.

Skin is practically water proof, which is why the insides of our body—which are mostly liquid—are able to live and survive and function in dry air.

Skin remains taut and supple for most of our lives, but begins to sag in old age when our muscles start to slacken.

Lone Tree

The Lone Tree Girls Basketball Team won their 20th game of the season last week posting victories over Van Buren and Mediapolis.

Leading the scoring for the girls in the Van Buren game was Melissa Krueger with 18 points. Dawn Rayner scored 14, Wynette Thomas tallied 10, Elizabeth Rocca scored 8, Sonda Prybil 4, and Jessica Schnoebelen 2.

On February 10, 1992 the

new Enhance 911 Emergency System became operational for all of Johnson County residents. For any emergencies: Fire, Medical, 1st Responders or Johnson County Ambulance or Police simply dial 911.

In dialing 911 the calls will be answered by a dispatcher who will direct the information to a specific or joint effort for any emergency. The Enhance 911 program will lock the telephone call into the computer for address confirmation even if the caller is unable to speak or identify the address. A 45 cent monthly surcharge, initiated in January 1990, on resident telephone bills aided in the funding of this program.

More of Iowa's crop acres are planted to corn than any other crop and the state's annual harvest of corn is worth more than any other commodity in the state. Iowa is the leading corn production state and supplies about 20 percent of the corn traded in the world.

Wellman

Heidi Whetstone, daughter of Ed and Sally Whetstone, Wellman, has been named to the Good Citizen award of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on Sunday, Feb. 9.

A senior at Mid-Prairie High School, Whetstone was selected by her school as possessing to a high degree the traits of leadership, patriotism, service and dependability.

The Mid-Prairie School Board delayed a decision on a proposed trip to Minneapolis by the Mid-Prairie High School chorus. March 28-29. Board members have requested more information on the cost to the district for transportation.

The resignation and early retirement request of Paul Swank, high school vocational agriculture teacher, was accepted. He has taught 28 years at Mid-Prairie.

The Wellman Volunteer Ambulance Service held election of officers at their January meeting. Officers elected were as follows: President, Charles Johnson; Vice President, Bill Martin; Secretary, Maxine Hervey; Treasurer, Claudia Bishop; Training Officers, Ken Bishop and Chuck Peck.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

February 2
Caller in the 2300 block of 170th Street, Kalona, requests a welfare check on their three children. They have joint custody and moms phone is going straight to voicemail. Officers responded and spoke with both subjects. The children were fine.

Caller in the 1200 block of Ninth Avenue, Wellman, reports a vehicle has been parked on her rental property for several days.

Casino security requests a deputy respond regarding two guests who were asked to leave after getting belligerent with staff over the way a game was running and won't comply. They are in the parking lot. Officers responded. Subjects were leaving upon his arrival. No further issues.

Caller reports a two-vehicle accident at Vine Avenue and Highway 22, Riverside. He stated he t-boned another vehicle. Second subject took over call and advised the road is clear, there is no trap and at least two injuries, all conscious and alert. Officers, Riverside Fire and QRS responded. Officers: Ryan Carlson of Lone Tree and male juvenile of Riverside. No transport. Male juvenile cited for failure to yield upon entering highway. Both vehicles towed.

Caller reports that officer horse and buggy are missing from the Kalona Sale Barn. Officer responded and assisted the subjects with the search but they were unable to locate.

Caller reports there is a subject at the casino that has previously been trespass. Subject is on the gaming floor. Officer responded and arrested Michelle Kimberly Hudson, 22, of West Liberty for trespass 1st offense.

Caller in the 200 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports a car that was in the last hour intermittently. Officer responded and spoke to a resident who reset the key. No issue.

February 2
Report a black SUV pulled out in front of them almost causing an accident. Vehicle is now east on Highway 22, Wellman at a high rate of speed and all over the road. It also passed two vehicles on a curve. Officer responded. Located the vehicle and could not observe any

probable cause for a vehicle stop.

Officer with DHS at a residence in Kalona.

Caller in the 2100 block of 130th Street, Kalona, reports a loud explosion nearby that is bothering their animals. Officer responded. Unable to locate the subjects. This did not appear to be anything illegal.

Caller in the 400 block of B Avenue, reports subjects possibly trespassing on his property. Officer responded. Unfounded.

Caller in Wellman reports an alarm going off in the bank. Officer responded and checked the building. No problem.

February 3
Report of a fire in the median on Highway 218 near 130th Street. Riverside Fire responded. Fire extinguished.

Deputy received a report of a vehicle that was struck by birdshot while traveling near Highland Highway Hunting. Officer spoke with all parties. The hunters and their guide never shot in the direction of the road. Unfounded.

Caller reports large rocks in the road at 175th Street and Highway 218. Officer responded and advised that the debris had been removed. State DOT has been contacted.

Caller reports a subject gambling that is underage. Officer responded. There was no intent to commit a crime. Documentation.

February 4
Caller requests a welfare check on her brother in Kalona who did not make it to dialysis and he is not answering his phone. Officer responded. Unable to locate anyone at the residence and no vehicles were there. Caller was notified. Documentation.

Caller in Riverside reports a subject possibly burning in their yard near 51st and Highway 22. Unsure what they are burning. Riverside Fire Chief responded. A written warning was issued to Eric Gerot under the City of Riverside for open burning restricted.

February 5
Caller reports a theft that occurred at the funeral home in Wellman with all family members belongings. Officer spoke with the caller. The subject did their items from the funeral home

but also burglarized their residence. The incident is under investigation. Report to be filed.

Caller in Riverside reports an intoxicated male walked off the property and they are concerned it is too cold. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

Caller reports a truck in the ditch east of Palm and West of Quince. The lights are on and the engine is running. It is upright and on the north side of the road facing west. The person inside doesn't appear injured and is conscious. Officer responded and located the vehicle. Arrested Eric Jon Henry, 30, of Kalona, for OWI 2nd offense.

February 6
Caller reports someone stole the dealer plate off her vehicle while parked at the casino overnight. Request documentation.

Report of a trooper involved in a pursuit and the vehicle went into the ditch at 135th and Riverside Road. Riverside Fire and QRS responded. One patient transported to hospital.

Caller reports large rocks in the road at 175th Street and Highway 218. Officer responded and advised that the debris had been removed. State DOT has been contacted.

Officer at the casino with intoxicated subject. Subject got a ride.

February 7
Caller reports a burglary from a work trailer in the 500 block of Galileo Drive, Riverside. Subject to be filed.

Caller in the 2800 block of 135th Street, Riverside, reports there was a subject trespassing on his property. Request to speak with a deputy. Report to be filed.

Caller received an alarm at the residence in the 3100 block of 143rd Lane, Riverside. Officers responded. Spoke with the homeowner over the phone. This was a false alarm.

Deputy reports illegally parked vehicles in Kalona City limits. Extra patrol.

Deputy reports locating a wallet in Kalona. Officer left a note at the owner's door.

Caller reports a small fire in the 800 block of 11th Street, Kalona. Unsure of what is on fire. Kalona Fire, Kalona QRS responded. Small grass and shed fire. Extinguished.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE

Jan. 24 - 28, 2022
John R Conway, Mary C Conway, grantor; John R Conway, Mary C Conway, grantee; warranty deed; SE SE 33-77-9; E2 W2 SE 33-77-9
Ronette Darlene Wagner, Ronette Wagner, grantor; Adam Lee Wagner, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Highland Park Add Lot 1 Block 42
Cody J Marek, grantor; Tammy L Marek, grantee; quit claim deed; N 62 1/4 FT of West Chester OP Lot 1 Block 1
Kaye C Stewart Trustee, Anthony R Stewart, Trust; grantor; Kaye C Stewart, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; E 75 FT of W 104 FT of Washington Western Add Lot 1 Block 6
Kaye C Stewart Trustee, Anthony R Stewart, Trust; grantor; Kaye C Stewart, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington Smouses E Side Add Lot 5; N 77 FT of Washington Smouses E Side Add Lot 4; N 77 FT of W 14 FT Washington Smouses E Side Add Lot 3
Cindy Sue Merrill, grantor; Timothy R Lankford, grantee; warranty deed; Brighton Southwest Brighton Lot 7 Block A; \$100,500
Douglas D Smith, Susan E Smith, grantor; Joshua L Mosman, Christopher L Mosman, Doris A Mosman, grantee; warranty deed; S 1/4 of NW NW 34-74-7; \$306,500
Jeffrey L Mansfield, Debra R Mansfield, grantor; Jordan Brokaw, Holly

Brokaw, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Green Acres SD Lot 4; \$235,000
Douglas A Chalupa CoTrustee, Annette M Chalupa CoTrustee, Chalupa Trust, grantor; Derek Harris, grantee; contract; Crawfordville Alexanders 1st Add Lot 6
Elizabeth Jane Kaczinski, grantor; Kenneth McCusker, Deanna McCusker, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Rolling Hills SD Lot 10; \$265,000
Lyle I Hesselstine, Lyle Hesselstine, Carol A Hesselstine, Carol Hesselstine, grantor; Lyle I Hesselstine CoTrustee, Carol A Hesselstine CoTrustee, Hesselstine Family Trust, grantee; warranty deed; W2 SE SE 10-74-7; SE SE 10-74-7; Lot 3, 33.75 Acres in Aud SD of SW 11-74-7; E2 NE 15-74-7
Dale A Wacker, Connie K Wacker, grantor; Mervin H Yoder, Ada E Yoder, grantee; warranty deed; Commencing at Point of Intersection of Hwy 8 & N Line of SW NW 07-75-7; \$200,000
Kimberly K Petter, grantor; Joshua B Pickering, Stacy L Pickering, grantee; warranty deed; Brighton Stickneys Add Lot 6-8 Block 5; Brighton Stickneys Add Lot 9 Block 5; \$15,000

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