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LOCAL WRESTLERS QUALIFY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT



MOLLY ROBERTS/THE NEWS

Two wrestlers from Highland, including Carlos Valenzuela pictured above, have qualified for the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines this weekend. For full stories, turn to page 3B.

AROUND TOWN

Wellman Garden Club to meet Feb. 17

Wellman Garden Club resumes meeting after a winter break on Thursday February 17, meeting at the Senior Center with lunch at noon followed by the meeting around 1 p.m. The program is a Virtual Mystery Tour of Wellman. Guests and new members are welcome. Please call in your own reservations for lunch that day by 9 a.m.

Kalona Chamber Board to meet Feb. 18

The Kalona Chamber of Commerce board will meet at 8 a.m. Friday, February 18, at the Chamber building meeting room.

Kalona MOPS fundraiser Feb. 20

Kalona MOPS will host a fundraiser meal on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Kalona Menonite Church (902 6th Street). The meal, which can be dine-in or carry out, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes pork loin, cheesy potatoes, strawberry lettuce salad, green beans, dinner roll, "better than anything" cake and fluff. The meal will be offered for a free-will donation.

M-P board slates referendum info meetings for Feb. 21 & 23

The Mid-Prairie School Board will hold a Referendum Public Meetings on:

- Monday, February 21st at the Mid-Prairie High School Student Center/Cafeteria.
- Wednesday, February 23 at the Mid-Prairie Middle School Student Center/Cafeteria.

Both meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

Highland FFA to host community breakfast Feb. 24

The Highland FFA is giving back to the community this month by hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. on February 24, 2022. There will be pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage and drinks. Dine-in at the Highland High School cafeteria or call in for curbside pick-up/carryout.

Field and Friends party set for Feb. 26

The Washington County Cattlemen and Washington-Keokuk Counties Corn & Soybean Growers will hold their 2nd Annual Field & Friends "Work Hard, Play Hard," celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington on Saturday, Feb. 26, social hour at 5:30 p.m. A Prime Rib meal will be served by Jerry & Marge's Catering at 6 p.m. Pies will be from Janet Stutsman, Wellman, and Cathy Greiner, Keota.

Entertainment will be provided by Felix and Fringers Duetting Pianists. For additional information, contact Kerri Bell, 319-653-1834 or email kbelle@mphawks.org or Stephanie Sexton at 319-430-6599 or ssexton82@gmail.com.

KHS, Mennonite Museum to host

Soup Supper March 18

Kalona Historical Society and Iowa Mennonite Museum will host a drive through fundraiser Soup Supper on March 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on a donation basis at the KHS Visitors Center at 715 D Avenue.

Soups will be chili, cheesy potato and cheesy broccoli plus crackers, roll and dessert.

Smith Creek country school receives generous gift for upkeep, repairs

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
WELLMAN

The Wellman Heritage Society recently received at \$80,000 gift to be used for repairs and upkeep of the one-room Smith Creek country school, which is located at the Wellman Heritage Park on 7th Avenue. The gift comes from Julie Foster Van Camp of Los Alamos, New Mexico, whose father, Dr. Morgan Foster, and uncles attended the school. Van Camp's grandmother, Hila Jones Foster, also taught at Smith Creek.

The Wellman Heritage Society was formed in 1985 thanks to the Smith Creek country school, as the organization's first major project was moving the school to Heritage Park in 1986. The school had previously been located in Lime Creek township, about five miles

southwest of Wellman.

Sue Foster Kempf was a founding member of the Wellman Heritage Society and said the Smith Creek Country School has been an important project for her, as she was once educated at the school, as was her father.

"Preserving history is always important," Kempf said. "If you don't know where you've been, it's hard to see where you're going... It's important to give young people an opportunity to learn about their past and the history of their community."

Kempf said that, before the school was moved, it had been used for hay storage and was in "bad shape," but a fundraising campaign in the 1980s raised \$10,000, which helped fund the

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The Smith Creek country school was built in 1911 and served students until 1957, when the district merged with Mid-Prairie.

Mid-Prairie prepares for bond referendum

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
WELLMAN

"We've got two weeks and one day to go," Mid-Prairie superintendent Mark Schneider said about the district's upcoming bond referendum, which will be on the ballot on March 1.

The referendum is several years in the making — the facilities committee started meeting to discuss possible construction projects in April 2018. The committee consisted of over 50 members including parents, business owners, district teachers and administrators who came up with a list

of recommended projects that they presented to the school board. The board then spent many weeks discussing the facilities needs of the district before reaching consensus on \$37.6 million in projects, including a 600-seat auditorium, additional classrooms at the middle school and East El-

ementary and a new wrestling and weight room, among other projects. Many of the proposed projects, after shuffling rooms around, will create more classroom spaces in the district's buildings.

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Home School Assistance Program gives mid-year report to school board

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News
WELLMAN

The Mid-Prairie school board heard a presentation from Rachel Kerns, director, and Molly Steinbrech, assistant director of the Mid-Prairie Home School Assistance Program on Monday, Feb. 14.

The MP-HSAP currently serves 481 students from 215 families (470 on count day), including 142 from the Mid-Prairie district, 220 open-enrolled students and 108 from 28E Agreements with Clear Creek Amana, English Valleys, Lone Tree, Keota and Williamsburg. When the program started in 1997, the program served only 24 students and has grown steadily ever since.

The 470 students generate over \$1,258,500 of funding authority for the district. Of that amount, over \$867,000 is income paid directly to Mid-Prairie from other districts for home school students that open enroll into Mid-Prairie.

"We really focus on parent-directed learning," Kerns said. "This means that parents are in charge of what their students are studying. Every month we

send out a newsletter to our families that highlights the activities that we do. Parents get to choose whether or not they participate."

The Home School Education Center hosts 31 middle and high school classes each week and 119 students attend classes there on Mondays. There are also 10 elementary classes each week with between 50 and 60 students attending on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"We want to keep our building full. We realize that it's an investment that the community is placing in the Home School Education Center, for us to be there," Kerns said.

"We hope to make schooling a little more well-rounded as they get to work with other kids in a similar age dynamic and enriching topics that go above and beyond what they're doing in their homes," Steinbrech said.

The Home School Assistance Program offers an alternative to education in a traditional classroom, allowing parents to choose what is best for their family.

"Most of our families, if not all of our families, are home schooling because they believe

in home schooling. They want to home school because it's the right choice for their family," Kerns said. "If you look at our open enrollment number, there's only 142 students from the Mid-Prairie district that could potentially go back to the public school. Of those 142 students, I don't think we're supporting anyone at the home school education center who feels like they would be in the public school if we weren't there."

Schneider said he was recently approached by another school district that wants to create a 28E agreement so that Mid-Prairie can provide their home school services but the student can remain a resident of their district and participate in activities there.

"I was a home school kid essentially through eighth grade and my parents had none of this," said board president Jeremy Pickard. "I really appreciate the work you do and it's really important. Other districts are still coming to you to figure out how to have a model like [yours] to support their students."

Wellman makes skating rink improvements

BY JOHN BUTTERS
Correspondent
WELLMAN

A successful, post-Covid reopening of the Wellman skating rink has encouraged city council members to reinvest some of the rink's proceeds back into the business.

On Monday, Feb. 7, council members approved the purchase of a \$2,500 roller skate wheel-washing machine. Council members said that the skates owned by the rink needed cleaning and that an effort by a local group had cleaned less than a quarter of the inventory in a recent work session.

The new machine will clean the wheels within seconds, council people said, and will

help preserve the new flooring at the rink. It could also be used to clean private party skates of small rocks and other debris to protect the floor from unknown substances.

Council members also approved a plan to allow the rink to sell skates to patrons. The rink will become a dealer in partnership with the South-eastern Skate Supply Company.

Additionally, attendance at the rink on weekends and for its special adult night skates has been so large that the council is in discussion on improving the parking lot.

In other business, city council members approved the use of the kitchen at the Wellman Recreation Center by Adap-

tive Sports for a fundraising, 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be conducted in March. Dixie Conrad, whose son plays for the nationally ranked Grizzlies, made the request on behalf of the group.

Council members also:

- Heard a presentation from Mary Audia, Executive Director of the Washington Economic Development Group providing an update on current projects.
- Increased the discretionary spending authority of the mayor and city manager.
- Approved a 28E agreement with Washington County for surveying and preparatory work on bridge replacement within the city.
- Set a February 21 public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for 2022-23.

BOND REFERENDUM PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Feb. 21 • 7 p.m.

High School student center/cafeteria

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7 p.m.

Middle School student center/cafeteria

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To fund the numerous projects, the district hopes to sell \$26.3 million in general obligation bonds, but first the bond referendum must pass in March.

The ballot will have two questions: the first will ask the voters permission to sell the bonds and the second will ask the voters permission to raise the debt service levy to a new limit of \$4.05 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Schneider said many community members he's spoken and met with have been confused about why there will be two questions on the ballot.

The current debt service levy will need to increase by 60 cents, from \$2.70 to \$3.30, but the ballot will ask Mid-Prairie voters' permission to raise the debt service levy to \$4.05.

"I know it's confusing so maybe I can illustrate using this example," Schneider wrote to The News. "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."

Schneider said he is working to educate the public about what the debt service levy and bond referendum means and has met with several community organizations and groups to discuss the upcoming bond issue, such as the Kalona and Wellman Rotary.

The district will also host two public meetings to give the community a chance to learn about and discuss the referendum with Schneider and representatives from the district. The first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the high school and the second will be Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

"I hear some very positive things, people saying, 'Oh, no problem, it'll pass no problem' and I hear other people say, 'No way,'" Schneider said when asked by the board what he was hearing from the community. "I guess it just depends on people's perspective."

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move and restoration of the schoolhouse to its original condition.

The Smith Creek country school was built in 1911 and was used as a one-room schoolhouse until 1957, when the district merged with Mid-Prairie Community School District.

Kempf said the first major undertaking that will use a portion of the \$50,000 will be repairing the schoolhouse's roof or putting in a new roof all together.

"I am so thrilled that we've received this gift," Kempf said. "It will help us keep this history alive for future generations, so they can learn and see how life used to be in this community."

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MID-PRAIRIE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Etta Bell
5th grade
Daughter of Adam & Layne Bell

Etta doesn't hesitate to take risks by volunteering in class discussions, is great at working with her peers, and is an excellent problem solver.



Jude Ours
6th grade
Son of Jeremy & Sheila Ours

Jude does a great job participating in class. He is hardworking and helpful in the classroom. Jude is also a very kind and respectful peer. He goes out of his way to show compassion to others.



Samantha Wunderlich
7th grade
Daughter of Ben & Jennie Wunderlich

Samantha always has a positive attitude towards students and staff, she goes above and beyond in her learning and helping peers and staff. She also does a wonderful job modeling our PRIDE expectations.



Paiton Chittick
8th grade
Daughter of Dennis & Denise Chittick

Paiton is a hard worker, kind to others, and doesn't hesitate to help or work with those around her.



Ashley Bartels 6th Grade Math
Mrs. Bartels was nominated by staff and students because she goes above and beyond to show kindness to all of her students. She puts in so much extra effort and thought into her lessons. She also goes out of her way to show students how much she cares and ensures her classroom is a safe space for everyone.



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Forecasts for North Washington County

Thursday Feb. 17	Friday Feb. 18	Saturday Feb. 19	Sunday Feb. 20
20° -3°	39° 11°	32° 28°	40° 32°
RealFeel® 1°	RealFeel® 24°	RealFeel® 33°	RealFeel® 32°
Winds subsiding, a bit of a.m. snow	Not as cold, breezy in the p.m.	Mostly sunny	Breezy in the morning; partly sunny

SUN/MOON

Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday 6:59 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	Thursday 6:52 p.m.	7:53 a.m.
Friday 6:58 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	Friday 8:00 p.m.	8:17 a.m.
Saturday 6:57 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	Saturday 9:08 p.m.	8:41 a.m.
Sunday 6:55 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	Sunday 10:17 p.m.	9:04 a.m.
Monday 6:54 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	Monday 11:29 p.m.	9:29 a.m.
Tuesday 6:52 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	Tuesday none	9:57 a.m.
Wednesday 6:51 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	Wednesday 12:42 a.m.	10:31 a.m.

Full
Feb 16Last
Feb 23New
Mar 2First
Mar 10

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Monday Feb. 21	Tuesday Feb. 22	Wednesday Feb. 23
46° 29°	38° 19°	33° 15°
RealFeel® 44°	RealFeel® 30°	RealFeel® 22°
Some brightening	Clouds with a couple of showers	Cloudy with snow showers possible

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
1	3	3	3	2	1	1
1	3	3	3	2	1	1
6	10	9	7	5	6	8
Rating: 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very high, 11+ Extreme						
Outdoor activities forecast						
0	2	2	4	5	1	1
Healthy Heart forecast						
3	7	8	10	10	7	6
Rating: 0-2 Poor, 3-4 Fair, 5-6 Good, 7-8 Very Good, 9-10 Excellent						

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
5	8	0	1	3	4	9
Arthritis forecast						
3	2	0	0	0	1	3
Flu forecast						
5	2	1	2	1	0	0
Migraine forecast						
5	5	3	3	4	3	4
Sinus forecast						
Rating: 0-2 Immune, 3-4 Neutral, 5-6 At Risk, 7-8 At High Risk, 9-10 At Extreme Risk						



Johnson Co. Supervisors argue over hours worked, pay cuts

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

Discussions on supervisor salaries and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds turned into a verbal rumble at the Johnson County Board of Supervisors work session last week.

Most of the heat was aimed at Jon Green, former Lone Tree mayor, who is the newest member of the board and whose recent suggestions have included quicker payouts to those eligible for general assistance money through ARPA funds and changing the accounting procedure for supervisor paychecks.

Royceann Porter, board chair, accused Green of not showing up for work.

"Jon, four of us come to work every day," Porter said during the work session held February 9. "We work. Some times we don't even see you in the office. So, for you to ask us to take a pay cut? We come in here and do what we're supposed to do."

"I'm just saying, come to work, Jon."

Green told The News he is in his Johnson County office two to four days a week. He also works remotely and is frequently attending other meetings as a liaison, often with other supervisors.

"I'm confident I'm accessible to not only county employees and other elected officials, but also the public," he told The News.

The board has had a rocky start to 2022. The full board has not met in person since the start of the new year, primarily due to Covid-19 and protective measures against it. Both Green and longtime supervisor Rod Sullivan tested positive for Covid after contacts with other people, and since then have not returned to the board room. Both have fully recovered, but now both Green and Sullivan are participating in board sessions via Zoom linkups in order to preserve physical distancing among the other three board members.

Green said past chair Pat Heiden has discussed rotating out of the board room so that Green or Sullivan could attend in person. Sullivan has joined the Zoom broadcast from his office in Iowa City while Green has done the same via Zoom from his Lone Tree home.

"I've done so [joined Zoom in his office] a few times, but if I know I'm going to be on Zoom, I don't think there's any difference between my Zooming in from down the hall, from the house or from Mars," he told The News. "In terms of non-meeting work, yes, I work from home, from the office and also take meetings elsewhere as circumstances warrant. I try and be sensitive to those I'm meeting with; some folks are more comfortable being face-to-face, others want to continue meeting remotely for the time being."

At its formal session last week, the board unanimously

extended the mask mandate in county buildings to May 15. This includes board meetings.

"We've spent the past two years learning how to meet remotely and I was a full-time remote worker for years prior to that, in IT," Green told The News. "Time in any physical location is a poor metric for the work being put in. I have every confidence my work is well reflected in the results I achieve and so will let that speak for itself."

Board members discussed organizing a retreat meeting but couldn't come to agreement.

"Whatever it is, if it's not something to build trust, relationships and trust, I don't want to be involved because that's what's missing for me," Porter said. "There's some distrust. For me."

Green came under fire from Porter and vice chair Lisa Green-Douglass for suggesting that a 2.25% pay increase beginning July 1 be applied on an annual basis instead of a bi-weekly basis.

Chris Edwards, a county

deputy auditor, said Fiscal Year 2023 will have 27 biweekly pay periods instead of the usual 26, something he said occurs once every 11 or 12 years. The two-week pay periods at the beginning of the fiscal year and the end of it go into other fiscal years. The county pays every other Friday.

Under the standard pay system, supervisors will receive a biweekly payment of \$3,428.05, beginning with the first day of the new fiscal year, Friday, July 1. If the supervisors' salaries were an annual amount, divided by 27 biweekly paychecks, the amount would be \$3,301.09, which would be about \$51 smaller than their current paychecks.

"Why would we take a pay cut?" Green-Douglass asked. "I'm working."

"It's not a pay cut," Green said.

"Is this part of the image that you want to put out there?" Green-Douglass said. "That you're sacrificial and doing this for the goodness of your heart? We're working and workers should be compensated for their work."

Four of the five supervisors agreed to keep the pay figured on a biweekly basis.

While the supervisors agreed to a 2.25% pay increase, other elected officials received a 4.42% increase. Sheriff Brad Kunkel's biweekly paycheck will be the biggest: \$6,342.79.

At its formal session February 10, the board approved several rezoning and plat applications, including a rezoning and final plat of Roberts Ranch northwest of Frytown, creating a 1-lot subdivision near the intersection of 48th Street SW and Derby Avenue SW. The Marcia Gingerich property is 1.79 acres in size.

The final plat for Bekker Acres, located west of Lone Tree in River Junction, was also approved. Seven small lots measuring 60 feet wide are being combined into one buildable lot. The property, owned by Kim and Eric Bekker, is on the west side of Otter Creek Road SE and just north of River Junction Road SE. The city of Riverside waived a review of the request.

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Legal notices in newspapers have strong readership

At a Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting recently Dana Aschenbrenner, Johnson County Finance Administrator, questioned the value of the legal notice publishing in newspapers.

Aschenbrenner commented, "Who reads local newspapers anymore?" and argued for the posting of public legal notices (official meetings, ordinances and other public notices) online instead of in newspapers.

Aschenbrenner cannot be further from the truth.

According to the Iowa Newspaper Association 2020 study:

- 83% of Iowans read their local newspaper.
- 84% of Iowans find local newspapers trustworthy when publishing public notices.
- compared to only 67% who find government-sponsored websites trustworthy.
- 65% of Iowans believe state and local government should be required to publish public notices in newspapers.

Are public notices important? An important premise upon which the principle of democracy is based is that information about government activities must be accessible in order for people to make informed decisions.

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This information is based on a 2020, Coda Research, CNA Consumer Media Usage Study, according to the Iowa Newspaper Association.

"In Iowa we have approximately 250 newspaper that cover their hometowns — from high school football games to obituaries to acting as the citizen's watchdog of local government," commented Iowa Newspaper Association Executive Director Susan Patterson-Plank. "Newspapers are well read, as a matter-of-fact 83% of



Ron Slechte
Blindside

Iowans read their local newspapers."

Patterson-Plank noted that a University of Notre Dame study found that when communities lose their newspapers, the cost of local government goes up 30% within five years because nobody is watching. That makes the nominal cost of publishing notices in newspapers a bargain! For more information on the Notre Dame report, go to: <https://news.nd.edu/news/when-local-newspapers-close-government-runs-unchecked-costs-increase/>

While it is no secret that the large daily newspapers have been experiencing circulation decline, The News is holding its circulation figures and continues to increase both in print circulation and in our online e-editions. Most community newspapers continue to have strong readership because they cover their community news from sports and local government to obituaries and much more. The support of local advertisers also drives strong readership. In turn, good readership results in results for advertisers.

Are we completely satisfied with our circulation figures? No, but that is why we strive to do the best job possible, with limited staff, to cover the events of our communities, area schools in sports and other events, etc.

Yes, Mr. Aschenbrenner, local community newspapers, like The News, are read.

The News, in which the Johnson County legal notices are published, is well read and will continue to strive to serve Johnson County as well as Washington County, the cities of Kalona, Wellman, Riverside and Lone Tree plus the school districts of Mid-Prairie, Highland and Lone Tree. The News is a reliable publication for all your public notices. In addition, we do post your legal notices on our webpages and statewide through the Iowa Newspaper Association legal notices website <https://iapublicnotices.newsgroup.com/at> no additional cost to the government bodies.

Mr. Aschenbrenner, If you want to serve the public who are the taxpayers who provide the funds to operate government, you will keep publishing legal notices in newspapers.



Mid-Prairie bond referendum to address educational space needs

The construction projects that will be made possible with the passage of the March 1 bond referendum were the result of a process started by a District Facilities Committee back in April 2018. Over 50 committee members came from every area of the district and represented a wide variety of perspectives and professions. Individuals representing farming, construction and the trades, local businesses and banking, telecommunications and the legal profession were on the committee. Many, but not all, were parents of children attending district schools. Also involved were district teachers, custodians, paraprofessionals, school board members and administrators. Lastly, architects and construction managers from Shive Hattery and Carl A. Nelson attended every meeting to serve as resources persons.

When that many perspectives are involved, it is not surprising that it took the committee almost two years to reach a consensus. Obviously, everyone comes into the process with their own personal viewpoint and priorities. It takes lots of discussion and investigation to consider all viewpoints and perspectives and come up with something that everyone can live with. I am proud of the committee members for seeing the big picture and putting together a comprehensive list of recommendations.

Educational needs were a high priority of the committee and their recommendations to the school board prove that. If passed, the construction and renovations that will happen will create 13 additional classroom spaces in district buildings.

Construction will create three new classrooms for the elementary schools. Classroom space at West Elementary will be created by moving all kindergarten classrooms to East Elementary.



Mark Schneider
Mid-Prairie Superintendent

At the High School, the construction of a new wrestling and weight facility will allow the former weight room to be turned into a classroom. The old wrestling room will probably be used for storage. With the construction of new band and choir classrooms, the vacated spaces can be turned into three classrooms. Using sales tax funds currently available, the old band room can easily be divided into two classrooms and the former choir room could become a fourth classroom.

The expansion of the Middle School Student Center/Cafeteria may involve taking away two special education classrooms, but those classrooms will easily be incorporated into the new classroom spaces planned at the Middle School. With the new gymnasium and locker rooms, the old gym and locker rooms will be converted

into four classrooms, plus areas for storage. Additionally, the passage of the bond issue will allow the construction of four new classrooms on the west side of the Middle School.

Of special mention is the renovation of the Middle School Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Classroom and expanded space for special education. The FCS classroom is basically the same as it was when the building was constructed in the mid-1960s. The renovation will allow it to be updated to today's standards and be handicapped-accessible. Construction at the Middle School will also improve and expand spaces for special education services. Currently, there are five small spaces totaling approximately 2,000 square feet to serve 56 students with IEPs, four special education teachers, and 10 special education paraprofessionals.

I have scheduled two public meetings to answer any attendees' questions about the bond referendum. One will be held at the Mid-Prairie High School Student Center/Cafeteria on Monday, February 21. The other will be held at the Mid-Prairie Middle School Student Center/Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 23. Both will start at 7 p.m.

If you need more information about any aspect of the March 1 bond referendum, please see the district's special bond issue website (2022mp-bond.org) or feel free to contact me (319-836-8601) or mschneider@mphawks.org).

Highland rated "commendable" and "high performing" in state report

School districts try to find as much data about their students as possible. Every year schools have students take a multitude of tests. They take tests for classes but also to monitor their progress through standardized tests. They also take surveys to find out their interests for a possible career choice. Students also take surveys on the culture of their school environment called the Conditions of Learning. This information is put together into one final report called the Performance Profile. It can be found at www.iaschoolperformance.gov.



Ken Crawford
Superintendent
Highland CSD

This report came out and Highland's high school and elementary buildings were labeled "Commendable" while the middle school was labeled "High Performing." There are three labels below commendable and only one label above high performing. These are outstanding scores, and we believe the community should be proud of our students and staff.

The middle school's score of "High Performing" is highlighted by great scores in growth for both Math and English. They were also above the state average on proficiency in both Math and English. Total average for Math and English also were solid scores to round out how they achieved their label.

The elementary school made a huge improvement by jumping four categories to "Commendable." Their largest area of improvement is growth scores in both Math and Eng-

lish. Their proficiency scores in Math were right even with the state average while English was just below the state average. All of these scores are major improvements from when this profile came out two years ago.

The high school saw improvement in all of their categories to get to "Commendable." The growth and proficiency in Math and English all were close if not above the state average. These scores are improvements from two years ago as well.

While tests aren't the end all for schools, I am a firm be-

liever that great schools have great academics and high participation in fine arts, athletics, and all school activities. When Iowa puts out this performance profile, it is great to see our school does stack up academically by the standards of this report. We are working on improving the academics every year and promoting participation in other areas of student life. We do not want this profile to be the high point but to be the start of continued success. This year's results should make the community very proud of their school district.

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OBITUARIES

Judy Brinkmeyer
1948 - 2022

Judy Brinkmeyer, 73, of Lone Tree, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at The Bird House - Hospice Home of Johnson County. Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at the Snyder and Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Lone Tree. Burial was in the Lone Tree Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established at the funeral home in memory of Judy. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.sandfuneralservice.com.

Judy Ann Wittenberg was born Aug. 20, 1948, in Oelwein, Iowa, the daughter of John Henry and Mildred Bertha (Hoth) Wittenberg. She was a graduate of West Central Maynard High School and then received her bachelor's degree in home economics education

from the University of Northern Iowa. On July 7, 1973, Judy was united in marriage to John Brinkmeyer in Maynard, Iowa. She taught home economics at Lone Tree High School.

Judy was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Lone Tree. Community T.T.T. Society was past Iowa State president of T.T.T. from 2005-2006 and the Chapter-AR of T.T.T. of Lone Tree.

She volunteered at the Lone Tree Community School as a Reading Buddy for 20 plus years. Judy was with the 4-H

Council of Johnson County and later a 4-H Judge across the State of Iowa.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, baking and her flower gardens, but most of all, she dearly loved to spend time with her family, especially the grandchildren.

Judy will be deeply missed by her husband, John of Lone Tree; children: Suzanne Brinkmeyer of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Greg (Tracy) Brinkmeyer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two grandchildren: Cole and Drew Brinkmeyer; brother: Mike (Claire) Wittenberg of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and sister: Jane (Robert) Halverson of West Union, Iowa.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; brother: James Wittenberg; and sister: Marsha Wittenberg.

Marilyn Mae (Pease) Hagedorn
1927 - 2022

Marilyn Mae (Pease) Hagedorn, 94 of Kalona, was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Shenandoah, Iowa, the daughter of Marion Pease and Opal (Snowden) Pease. Marilyn graduated from Shenandoah Community High School in 1945.

On June 15, 1947, she was married to John Henry Martin Hagedorn at the Baptist Church in Shenandoah. Marilyn worked at Woodward, and Governor in Ft. Collins, Colorado, for many years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ft. Collins. Marilyn enjoyed traveling, Hummel Club and playing Bridge in several clubs. Her greatest love was the time she spent with her family.

Marilyn passed away Tues-

day, Feb. 8, 2022, at Pleasantview Home with her family by her side.

Marilyn is survived by her children: Terry (Victoria) of Kalona, Marvin of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Douglas (Annette) of Ft. Collins; nine grandchildren: 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister: Clotilde Pease of Maple Grove, Minnesota.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: John on Nov. 16, 1994; one son: Jerry Duane in 1972; and two brothers: Jack in 2004

and Charles in 2019.

A celebration of life service was held Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. Jay Miller, Pleasantview Chaplain presided.

Graveside committal services will be held at a future date at Grandview Cemetery in Ft. Collins. Memorials in memory of Marilyn may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins, Pleasantview Home in Kalona, or another organization of the donor's choice. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona and Vessey Funeral Services in Ft. Collins are assisting the family.

Jonas D. Kinsinger
1936 - 2022

Jonas D. Kinsinger, 85, of Oakland, Maryland, entered into eternal rest Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at his home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1936, in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Dan S. and Lydia Kinsinger. In his youth, he was baptized upon his confession of his faith in Jesus Christ and was a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church.

Jonas was a lifetime farmer and enjoyed being on his farm. When Jonas wasn't able to get around as good, he used his golf cart. He also enjoyed driving to Christian Aid Ministries to take clothing for donation.

He is survived by his wife: Dorothy Eliza (Yoder) Kinsinger; four sons: Homer (Sadie)

Kinsinger of Oakland, Tobie (Verda) Kinsinger of Oakland, Eli (Ruth) Kinsinger of Cynthia, Kentucky, and Ivan (Lucinda) Kinsinger of Oakland; one daughter: Rhoda (Enos) Byler of Minerva, Ohio; two stepsons: Mervin (Renee) Hersberger of Kalona, and Larry (Evelyn) Hersberger of Kalona; one stepdaughter: Marilyn (Jim) Schrock of Kalona; two sisters: Sarah Summy of Mt. Vernon, Missouri and Fannie Beachy of Oakland; 17 grandchildren; 10 step grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife: Ida M. (Hersberger) Kinsinger; one brother: Noah D. Kinsinger

er; one sister: Ida D. Summy; and one grandson: Josiah Byler.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Mountain View Mennonite Church, Salisbury, Pennsylvania, with Reverend Kevin Coblentz officiating. Interment was at Mt. View Cemetery, Salisbury.

Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 1100 Memorial Dr., Oakland, MD 21550, is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Curtis Duff, Vernie Nazbrod, and all those who helped through this difficult time.

Mamie C. Nisly
1934 - 2022

Mamie C. Nisly, 87, of Kalona died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at her home. A celebration was held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Kalona Mennonite Church. The service will be available via Livestream at the Beatty Peterseim Facebook page. Private family burial was held prior to the service. Memorial donations in Mamie's name may be given to the family to distribute to various charities.

Mamie (Miller) Nisly was born March 1, 1934, in Kalona, the daughter of Clarence M. and Mary (Mullet) Miller. She attended rural school and later obtained her GED and was certified in reflexology.

On March 10, 1954, she was united in marriage to Reuben Nisly in Kalona. She owned and operated her reflexology business out of her home for almost 40 years.

Mamie was a member of the English River Chapel and enjoyed gardening, canning, tending her fruit trees and spending time with her family. She had a servant heart and devoted a lot of her life to helping others.

Survivors include four children: John Nisly of Davenport, Simon (Bonnie) Nisly of Kalona, Miriam (Devon) Hilton of Waka-rusa, Kansas, and James (Lucia) Nisly of Kalona; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one brother: Ezra (Norma) Miller of Kalona.

Preceding Mamie in death were her parents; her husband in 1975; two daughters: Sarah Eicher and Mary Leedy; one son: Phillip Nisly; two grandchildren: Lanson Nisly and Ashley Eicher; two sisters: Fanny Miller and Clara Yoder; and four brothers: Noah, Elias, Clarence Jr., and Albert Miller.

Mary Ellen Magdalena Stoltzfus
1933 - 2022

Mary Ellen Magdalena Stoltzfus was born July 10, 1933, the daughter of John S. and Ada Marie (Hirschy) Wagner. She graduated from Wayland High School. Mary Ellen worked at Me Too Grocery Store for eight years and Holden's Seed in Williamsburg for 20 years.

On Oct. 26, 1952, Mary Ellen was united in marriage to Elmer Stoltzfus at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Wayland. They would have celebrated their 70th Anniversary this October.

She lived in the Trenton community, the Wayland community for 12 years, the Williamsburg community for 26 years, until moving to Kalona in 1992. She was a member of West Union Mennonite Church.

Mary Ellen enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, canning, jigsaw puzzles, playing cards,

wintering in Florida, and spending time with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at her home in Kalona, at the age of 88.

Mary Ellen is survived by four children: Barbara (Joe) Adams of Andrews, Indiana, Douglas (Pam) Stoltzfus of Parnell, Debra (Joe) Swartzentruber of Kalona and Kathy Finnegan of Kalona; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four sisters: Myndell Boshart of Mt. Pleasant, Dorothy Wenger of Wayland, Ardith Elgisti of Denver Colorado, and

Kay Schweitzer of Kalona.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Elmer and Earles Wagner; four sisters: Esther Boshart, Ruth Miller, Lois Short and Verla Conrad.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. Burial was at Sharon Hill Cemetery in Washington County. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the many wonderful acts of love and kindness shown in the last couple weeks. Your support will be remembered and cherished always.

Cecil R. Hotz
1938 - 2022

Cecil R. Hotz, 83, of Riverside, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at Atrium Village in Hills following complication of Lewy Body Dementia. Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at the Snyder and Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Lone Tree. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Lone Tree Cemetery at a later date. Following the funeral service, a time of food and fellowship will be held at the Lone Tree American Legion. Family requests, all who attend to please wear a mask due to COVID. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Lone Tree Fire Department, Atrium Village, or tree plantings at the Lone Tree Community School or Atrium Village in memory of Cecil. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.sandfuneralservice.com.

Cecil Richard Hotz was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Iowa City, Iowa the son of Harry Charles and Blanche Bessie (Weber) Hotz. Cecil grew up on the farm southeast of Iowa City with his two brothers. He started country school on his 5th birthday with Mary Saylor.

He played center on the football team in high school, was active in FFA holding several offices and showed Grand Champion Barrow Hogs at the West Liberty Fair, receiving the National FFA Farm Award. Cecil was a graduate of Lone Tree High School.

When Cecil was attending a Lone Tree basketball game, he met his future wife, Molly. On Aug. 4, 1957, he was united in marriage to Molly Marlena Reed at the Methodist Church in Webster, Iowa. He and Molly moved to their farm south of Lone Tree. Cecil loved farming, especially feeding cattle. He also sold corn, first Hulting Hybrids and later Lynx Hybrids.

Cecil was very active in community organizations, a long-time member of the Johnson County Cattlemen and Pork

Producers, Board of Directors for the Lone Tree Care Center, Trustee for Fremont Township, Moose Lodge and Meroce, where he helped cook meals at the Lone Tree Fall Festival.

In the late 70's, Cecil started Classic Cooking Grills, building custom grills for all Hy-Vee locations, Cattlemen's Association across Iowa and even some in Saudi Arabia, now owned and operated by his son-in-law, Jim Ford.

He also removed snow in his John Deere tractor for several businesses in Lone Tree, the Lone Tree Community School Parking Lot and many residences. Johnny would leave the back door open to Johnny's Bar so Cecil could get a cup of coffee to warm up.

Cecil enjoyed camping, playing cards, and traveling, spending winters in Texas for more than 20 years, cooking, building grills and watching football, especially the Hawkeyes.

Cecil will be deeply missed by his wife: Molly of Riverside; his children: Sharon (Doug) Ambrose of Tiffin, Keith (Kathy) Hotz of Lone Tree and Janice (Jim) Ford of Lone Tree; grandchildren: Holly Ambrose, Melanie (Josh) Jurisic, Derek Ambrose, Kyle (Angie) Hotz, Travis Hotz and friend, Rosery Tudas, Tyler (Amanda) Hotz, Craig (Caitlin) Ford and Scott Ford and friend, Trish Richart; great-grandchildren: Mara, Vincent, Abby, Charlie, Tommy, Miles, Scarlett, Claire, Owen, James, Cole and Karah; brother: Marvin (Carol) Hotz of Lone Tree; sister-in-law: Nancy Hotz of Iowa City; and many nieces and nephews.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law: Harlan and Mabel Bair; and brother: Eldon Hotz.

Archie "Ed" Williams
1936 - 2022

Archie "Ed" Williams, 85, formerly of Kalona, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Greencroft Glenside Healthcare, Goshen, Indiana.

He was born April 8, 1936, in Phelps County, Missouri, to Archie E. and Alene (Hartley) Williams. On Aug. 12, 1956, he married June Elizabeth Swanson. She died Sept. 22, 2005.

Ed was a 1970 graduate of Goshen College. He was a self-employed carpenter and attended Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship.

He is survived by a son: Dan (Deborah) Williams, Goshen, Indiana; a daughter: Amy (Jeff) McArtor, Davenport, Iowa; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents; wife: June; son: Sam-

uel Edwin Williams; brother: Eldon Williams; and four sisters: Ruby Thrum, Geraldine Fox, Anita Sharp and Shoma

Williams. According to his wishes, a private graveside will take place later in Kalona, Iowa.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, P.O. Box 950, Goshen, Indiana 46527.

To share online condolences, visit the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home website, www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Dean Slagle
1948 - 2022

Leonard Dean Slagle was born Sept. 27, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Henry and Asnath Maudie (Brenneman) Slagle. He graduated from Iowa Mennonite High School. Leonard was a mechanic at Wade Ford and drove a concrete truck for Ideal. He lived in Wellman his whole life. Leonard enjoyed fishing, hunting, farming, the outdoors and playing cards.

Leonard passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospital at the age of 73 years.

Leonard is survived by three siblings: Ivan (Betty) Slagle of Plumerville, Arkansas, Kenneth (Linda) Slagle of Newman, Georgia, and Janet (Ralph) Speas of Waco, Texas; three nieces and

three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022, at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date.

A memorial fund has been established for Wellman First Responders and Wellman Fire department. Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

*We would like to give
our sincere thanks
and appreciation for all
the kind words,
food and help shown.*

Mamie Nisly Family

Free violin concert at Washington Public Library

Katya Moeller, 17, a high school senior from Iowa City, will be performing a free violin concert at the Washington Public Library at noon, Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022. As Moeller will be auditioning for future studies at several conservatories, this concert will be her audition repertoire.

Moeller started violin lessons at age 4 with Precuil School of Music in Iowa City. Currently she studies with Professor Almita Varnos in Chicago and is a member of the prestigious Music Institute of Chicago Academy.

Moeller has competed in numerous competitions in the U.S. and throughout the world, often winning first place. More recently, Moeller was First Prize Winner of the World Bach Competition in 2020. Nationally, she earned Open Division Grand Prize Winner at the Walgreens National Concerto Competition (2021) and First Prize in the Mu-

sicians Club of Women-Chicago (2021).

She performed Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra, as their featured young guest artist. Moeller and her mother, Ksenia Nosikova, have performed around the world as the Avita Duo.

Moeller is accompanied by her mother, Professor and Chair of Piano Department at the University of Iowa, Ksenia Nosikova. Nosikova has performed all over the world in such places as Shanghai, China, Hong Kong, England, and Carnegie Hall in New York City. She has also performed in over 170 American universities' guest artist series. She has recorded numerous CDs.

We are very fortunate to have Moeller, accompanied by Nosikova, perform at one of the Washington Public Library's free noon concerts.

Taking time for coffee breaks with family

We ended up with 10-12 inches of snow in this area last week. Now the temperature is above freezing this morning.

This forenoon, my plans are to go with daughters Verena and Susan and grandchildren Jennifer and Ryan to have a coffee break with Martha.

Martha is a widow with five children in this community. Her oldest child was nine yesterday. Susan and Martha have become friends since both losing their husbands. Martha and her children are moving back to her home community closer to her parents. Susan wanted to go visit her before she moves. Daughter Lovina might also go along.

Tomorrow morning, some of our church ladies are going to go for a coffee break at neighbor Susie's in honor of her fortieth birthday. Her birthday was last week, but due to the weather, it was postponed.

That might be the reason I'm not getting much accomplished this week with two coffee breaks. Sometimes you have to just let the work go and take one day at a time.

This week, I am glad to rest my right shoulder and arm. Somehow when I turned around, something started hurting my shoulder, and the pain ran down my right arm. I have numbness in my arm and fingers, so I am thinking it's a pinched nerve. I am rotating cold packs and heat to loosen it up. I sure am looking forward to the pain leaving.

Sunday was baptismal services in our church with four young souls accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. Among the four were nephew Benjamin and his special friend Crystal.

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

Jacob (sister Emma's husband) would have been so happy to see everyone that came to support the baptism. It is now five months since he passed away. Emma has many lonely days without her dear husband.

Brother Albert and Sarah Irene and some of their family and sister Liz and Levi and some of their family attended the baptismal services. It was so good to visit with them.

Sister Verena went home with sister Liz and Levi and returned to Michigan last night. After being here a week, she went to stay with sister Emma again.

Our family and some of Crystal's family and Emma's married children had a delicious supper at sister Emma's house Sunday night. Crystal's mother brought supper in for us all. There was later tat salad, casserole, meatballs, lettuce salad, and desserts.

Saturday, Feb. 5, daughter Susan and granddaughter Jennifer attended baptismal services for Mose's two youngest siblings. Little grandson Ryan stayed here with us.

He looked so cute following Grandpa Joe around outside. He told me he is helping Grandpa Joe do the chores.

Daughter Verena also spent some time here Saturday. It's always so good to have her home again. Mose's birthday would have been Saturday, and

Ryan heard Susan and Verena talking about Mose's birthday, so he started singing Happy Birthday to Mose Daddy in the bathtub. Precious!

Sunday, Feb. 6, was son Joseph's special friend Grace's birthday. Joseph bought a cake and made supper on the grill Saturday night in her honor.

It is already 6 a.m., and I want to prepare something to take along to the coffee break. I will probably slice summer sausage and cheese and take crackers to eat with that. Susan and Verena are taking some goodies too.

I'll sign off wishing you all God's blessings as we travel into the unknown future.

A reader shared this recipe for honey-peanut butter cookies with me.

Honey-Peanut Butter Cookies

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup honey
2 eggs
3 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine shortening, peanut butter, honey, eggs, flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Roll into balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with fork dipped in flour. Bake for 8-10 minutes.

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 16689, South Holland, IL 60473 (please include self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply) or email Lovina@AmishKitchen@MemMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

SENIOR DINING MENUS

Feb. 17-24

Goodwin Senior Dining

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

Friday - Turkey wrap, chips, carrot & celery sticks, orange, cookie

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Marinated chicken breast, rice, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit

Wednesday - Ham balls, sour cream mashed potatoes, hot vegetable, bishop's pie

Thursday - Beef stew, tossed salad, cottage cheese, ice cream strawberries

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

Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday - Maltitudes, mac and cheese, mixed veggies, peaches

Friday - Sliced ham, sweet potatoes, winter mix veggies, pineapple, ice cream

Monday - Tuna and noodle casserole, peas, tropical fruit, dessert

Tuesday - Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges

Wednesday - Spaghetti bake, winter mix veggies, pears, garlic bread

Thursday - Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, tropical fruit

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New junior fiction: "Bad Kitty Gets a Phone" by Nick Bruel; "The Lost Fairy Tales" by Anna James; "The Secret Explorers and the Tomb Robbers" by SJ King; "Flight of the Moon Dragon" by Tracey West.

New junior graphic novels: "A New Sheriff in Town" by Brett Bean; "Get a Grip! We're on a Trip!" by Dan Gutman; "When Pigs Fly" by Rob Harrell; "Geronimo Stilton Reporter" by Geronimo Stilton; "The Secret Garden on 81st Street" by Ivy Noelle Weir.

New junior non-fiction: "Bling! 100 Fun Facts About Rocks and Gems" by Emma Carlson Berne; "Gymnastics" by Jill Sherman.

New easy books: "Delphine Denise and the Mardi Gras Prize" by Brittany Mazique; "Amos McGee Misses the Bus" by Phillip Christian Stead; "Be Brave, Little Pup" by Elle Stephens; "The Candy Dish" by Kobi Yamada; "Mustache Duckstache" by Amy Young.

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New children's DVDs: The Addams Family 2; The Magic School Bus Takes a Dive; Pete's Dragon.

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

AINSWORTH

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 Hal Dine, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StJosephandJoseph.com. Mass schedule: Sunday 10 a.m.

IOWA CITY

Crosspoint Baptist Church: Pastor Mike Dear, Meeting at the Carlen 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; conversionkcalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids' classes available

East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

English River Chapel: 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; newlife@englishriverchapel.org.

Fairview Mennonite Church: 2055 540th St. SW, Pastor: Conrad Hertzog, 319-512-4386; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 E Ave. 656-2292; Pastor: Jeremy Gagli, Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m.; fgcinc.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 Congrove Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy 1, Ministry: Nelson Beatty, 683-2327; James Swartzendruber, 683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

2736, kalonamennonitechurch.com; Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday Worship: Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Live-streamed on Facebook. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. All ages.

Kalona United Methodist Church: 4th St. & C Ave. 656-2676; <http://ufcwm.com>; Pastor: Gene Kubit; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship following. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 1408 540th St. SW, 656-2076; <http://ufcwm.com>; Email: kubit@ufcwm.com; Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Boatrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Boatrager; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Summit Conservative Mennonite Church: 501 14th St. 656-2688; Pastors: Floyd Helmutz and Mary Bender; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. James St. Pastor: Father Hal Dine, 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. 9:20 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. (Preschool - 6th grade).

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 9:20 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. (Preschool - 6th grade).

NICHOLS

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

Nichols United Methodist Church: 315 Main; 723-4085; 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 Hal Dine, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StMaryandJoseph.com. Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

NORTH ENGLISH

Champion Hill United Methodist Church: 3132 11th Ave., rural North English. 319-664-3829. Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

OXFORD

Windham Community Church: 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles north of Frytown. Pastor: Randy Harker, 219-430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Windham Church: 430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

RICHMOND

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church: 648-2331, cluster-parishes.org; Fr. Bill Routh; 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., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

River City Church: Meet at Highland Cemetery School, 220 Schoonbeelen St.; www.rivercitywa.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 Routh; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantview Home.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 648-3092; Pastor: Edward Peterson, Sunday Service: 9:20 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. (Preschool - 6th grade).

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

Wellman Mennonite Church: 1215 8th Ave. 646-2532; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.

SOUTH ENGLISH

English River Church of the Brethren: 29252 137th St. (Hwy 22 betw. South English & Kinross) 681-5355; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

WELLMAN

Amish Circuit: Champion Hill Oct. - May; Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. For information, call Fred Wagner, 319-936-7778.

Ashury United Methodist Church: 601 8th Ave. 646-2417; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Missouri Synod): 5th St. & 4th Ave. 646-2702; Pastor: Rev. Zachary Voss; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Salem Mennonite Fellowship: 1306 Konkak Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Wilfred Beachy 319-656-3733; Freeman Miller, 319-325-2013. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church: 11th St. & Maplewood, 646-2584; clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Routh; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

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

Wellman Mennonite Church: 1215 8th Ave. 646-2532; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.

West Union Mennonite Church: 3253 305th St. Parnell, 646-6004; Pastor: John David Kenney; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.; Mennonite Women: First Wed. of every month 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

WEST CHESTER

West Chester United Methodist Church: 403 Franklin Street, 698-4695; Pastor: Don Patterson; Sunday 10:45 a.m.

WASHINGTON

New Hope Mennonite Church: 1506 N. 5th Ave.; Pastors: Gabriel Beachy, Evelyn Stutzman, Matthew Peterson; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA): 1226 E Washington St. 653-3950; Pastor: Maureen Howard; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m. Faith Formation classes for all ages are held from 8:15-8:55 a.m. Wednesday Evening Worship & Communion 6 p.m. (all year round) website: luthazid.org Current info on church phone recording, 319-653-3950

Praxis Fervor Baptist Church: 1909 Lerch Ave. at the corner of 190th St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Costner, Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Prairie Time: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday: Various activities posted on our web site, praxisfervor baptistchurch.org

St. James Parish: 602 West 2nd St., 653-4504, 319-658-0412 cell; Father Bernie Weir, Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m. stjameswashington.org

United Methodist Church: 206 W 2nd St. 653-6446; Pastor: Keung Song; Traditional Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Washingtonum.com.

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Kalona

The young men whose pockets are filled with cigarette wrappers, mustache combs, fingernail cleaners, miniature curling irons and looking glasses, etc., and have their mothers crease their pants every day are not the ones who will make promising husbands. The pockets of those who are helping make the country bloom and causing two blades of grass to grow where there is but one, will be found filled with barbed wire staples and several sizes of nails and screws. These are the boys the girls better look after—*but will they?*

Kalona may have a band this summer as the local musicians have practiced for several weeks. Every broadminded citizen realizes the great part which a band plays in the life of a town and its surrounding community. The Kalona band is an organization that all of Kalona feels proud of and deserves the best which our people can give in the way of encouragement and financial assistance, and we believe that the people of the town and community will respond nobly when asked to contribute toward the maintenance of the organization.

Paul Garcia is in jail at Oelwein for forgetting to have the ceremony performed after he got a license to wed Narcisca Romo with whom he was arrested in a hotel at Independence on complaint of the girl's parents. Umbrellas should be washed occasionally. Stand them, open, in a bathtub, scrub with a small hand brush and rinse with a bath spray.

Sixty-one separate pieces of skin have been grafted to the arm of the son of D.D. Ross of Alton, and physicians declare that the operation will be successful.

Martin Ezenson, of Osage, 82 years old, fell from his porch and died after four hours in the snout.

Mrs. Marcia McCombs, 71, of Tracy, was seriously injured when she was knocked down by a delivery truck while in Des Moines.

The death of Logan Snider occurred at his late home last Sunday forenoon. He had been confined to the house, and most of the time to his bed for several months with rheumatism and other complications, but it was hoped that he might overcome the disease and recover. So that when the sad news of his death was reported, it was indeed a shock to all. He was a comparatively young man, being about 51 years old, and until this last illness had always enjoyed a usual degree of health.

The deceased has been afflicted with a weak back nearly all his life. Last fall it became more intensified and he was taken to his bed in September. The attending physician pronounced multiple neuritis. Many of his friends thought him beyond recovery at that time, but he improved greatly and got so he could sit up in a chair for an hour or more at a time. About two weeks ago he had an attack of pleurisy but had been getting along so well that recovery was expected. But his friends were most grievously shocked when they were informed that he had passed away quietly and peacefully.

Unknown burglars broke into the Fred Debie store at Hills, Monday night and stole four or five dollars from the cash drawer. An inventory may show whether the thieves took any merchandise or not. Deputy Sheriff Tudor of Johnson County is on the job and is trying to trail the crooks.

Thursday evening, the teacher and pupils of the Center school, gave a program and box supper. An auto accident occurred that evening which nearly cost the lives of some of our young people. Louis Hochstetler took his father's Buick and started for the store at Sharon, Cass Hall and Earl Kinsinger were with him. Near the Frank Sehr home they met two cars on their way to the school house. It is difficult to tell just how it happened, but the Buick in passing but into the first car (Willard Means' car) and took off a rear wheel. It struck the car following (Lester Means' sedan) driven by George Winborn, and the front end of both cars were wrecked. Cass Hall and Earl Kinsinger were quite badly cut by glass. Cass was taken to Iowa City and had his wounds dressed—it being necessary to take stitches in the cuts on his hand. Louis Winborn and Alex Ressler who were in the sedan with George Winborn were considerably bruised. The

rest escaped with slight cuts or bruises. Everyone rejoices that no more serious injuries resulted.

The children of the school are to be congratulated for the manner in which they proceeded with their program in spite of all the excitement as different rumors reached them of the accident. Not one of them forgot their part and they improvised to cover the absence of Cass Hall, who had important parts in the program in such a way that the audience did not discover his place.

Fire of unknown origin, but attributed to match-carrying mice, for lack of better evidence as to other causes, practically destroyed Philip Reilly's store building at Hills, occupied by William Arndt, as a grocery store.

The fire occurred Tuesday night and was fought by the loyal friends of the property owners, the firemen of the town, and, ultimately by Chief J.J. Clark and Fred Browner, of the Iowa City department, who sped to the town when summoned.

In the meantime the fire had wiped out the back portion of the store, wherein are kept various lines of goods, stored, awaiting daily sales.

Mayor M.A. Sawyer of Bedford, has issued a strict quarantine closing everything in town but the stores, and is not permitting people to stay in them longer than is necessary. This order follows the death from black smallpox of the mother of Court Clerk Virgil Kinnison. Undertaker Sam Stewart is very low from the same disease.

Long Tree

Noble Sweeting, aged 30, a farmer of Tiffin, in this county, may die as the result of losing an arm in a corn shredder Monday morning. The left forearm was taken off in the machinery and surgeons in an Iowa City hospital, to which he was immediately taken, have amputated the rest of the arm to a point near the shoulder.

Two residents of the vicinity of Hills were painfully injured as a result of an accident which occurred in Iowa City last Friday, when an auto driven by Albert Draker collided with a street car.

The driver sustained a severely injured knee and his arms and face were badly cut with broken glass from the windshield. Mrs. Wm. Loney, an occupant of the auto, was very seriously injured. She received a bruise at the base of the forehead and has been suffering as a result of concussion of the brain. Her husband, who was also in the auto with her, escaped injury.

Two firemen were injured, one falling from a ladder, and the other overcome by smoke,

and property valued at \$250,000 destroyed by fire, smoke and water at Iowa City on Tuesday night when a conflagration started in the basement of the Harmon undertaking parlors on College Street broke out.

Although the members of the Iowa City fire department fought the blaze in a most heroic manner, it is said that they were unable to get the fire under control for some time as a result of weak water pressure. The buildings which suffered to the greatest extent from the flames, smoke and water were the following: Conner A.C. Harmon's Undertaking Parlors, White Bros. Furniture Store, F.J. Strub & Son, Herman A. Strub, Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent store, People's Grocery, Supper's Clothing Store, Quaker Bakery, W.E. Shrader's Drug Store, Ebert's Barber Shop, Pusater's Fruit Store, Schneider Bros. Undertaking Parlors, A.M. Greer's Jewelry Store and Breece's Studio.

Wellman

Iowa City had a \$250,000 fire last Tuesday night. It started in the Hamon undertaking parlors on College street. Two brick blocks were gutted and four large stocks of merchandise ruined. It is the largest fire Iowa City ever experienced.

Another bad fire just outside the city limits of Wellman occurred last Sunday night shortly after midnight, when the property known as the old Nichols property, in the southwest corner of Daytonville, burned to the ground. The property was occupied by Marion Spear and family, and they were all soundly asleep, unconscious that the roof of their home was on fire, when they were awakened by Elmer Miller, who had seen the blaze and hurried over there to get them out. Mr. Miller was first disturbed by his dog which kept barking and acting in an uneasy manner, and on getting up to ascertain the cause of the dog's disturbance, saw the blaze.

Some of the most valuable pieces of furniture on the first floor were saved, due to the prompt arrival of helpers and their heroic work. Wellman's fire company was called out by the clang of the fire bell, that is, those who heard it. This again demonstrates our need of some more efficient alarm, and we understand that our city dads have already purchased one of the latest improved electric sirens that can be heard several miles.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It is not known whether it started from sparks on the roof or from the fire on the inside. We all should take warning to watch the furnace and stoves very carefully this extremely dry and windy weather.

The new peace dollar is misnamed and will have to be withdrawn from circulation and remodeled, says the U.S. Treasury, according to dispatches in daily papers. The coin's career to date has been a troublesome one. President Harding, its sponsor had a premonition of this when he objected to the dimple originally placed in the chin of the figure of Liberty. "Feminine dimples" said the president, "are not usually associated with peace."

That was removed, but now it is discovered that the sculptor, Anthony Francisco, placed his initials, A.F. beneath the face or Liberty, which is modeled from that of his wife, initials on money are tabooed, it is said.

But more serious yet is the statement by bankers that the dollars won't stick and that they are too thin.

If the issue is withdrawn those already in circulation may be at a premium and collectors will fight for them.

Charley, or "Chic" as he is familiarly known, was taken suddenly very sick with appendicitis, and yesterday had to be hurried to an Iowa City hospital for an operation. He has been having attacks of this disease for some time. In fact, he has never looked well since his return from overseas, but his ailment was not known to be serious until very recently.

The latest report from the patient was to the effect that he was doing as well as could be expected.

At the Ford and Fordson demonstration held at Washington last Monday, Dave Wingard received first prize for being the tallest man present, his height being 6 feet and 8 inches. The man who took second place was 6 feet and 3 1/2 inches tall, and Cecil Blumen-

stein from this place placed third with a height of 6 feet and 3 inches. Cecil also took first for driving the longest distance in his Ford, and Mrs. Alvin Hasty took first prize for the lady coming from the greatest distance. Mr. and Mrs. Hasty also took first for being the oldest couple in attendance which leads us to believe that the crowd must have been composed of mere youngsters. Mr. and Mrs. Hasty are certainly not old in any sense of the word.

Henry Stricker has his restaurant open for business and solicits the patronage of the public. This place is known as the Farmers Restaurant, but it is the place that feeds the people regardless of their work. The food is all put on the table, and you can help yourself to all you want. He assures the public that they will be treated fairly and asks for a trial.

The six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Florang near Kinross is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

James Hendry of Villisca ran down a fox after a six hour chase on foot. He is 50 years old.

Rossman Bros. of Bancroft lost a dozen horses by poisoned, ensilage. The veterinarians were unable to relieve them of pain and they died after hours of horrible agony.

Walter W. Smith of Hawarden narrowly escaped death from gas fumes in his garage. He reached the doors but was unable to open them. The timely arrival of his son only saved his life.

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Lone Tree to send 14 to Speech All-State Festival



The Lone Tree large group speech team will perform "But Wait, There's More" at the All-State Festival in Des Moines.

On Saturday, February 19, fourteen excited Lone Tree students will head to Ames to perform at the Large Group Speech All-State Festival. Hundreds of students and groups in schools across the state of Iowa perform at district and state speech contests throughout January and February, but only a select few are nominated to the All-State Festival, and even fewer of those groups are nominated to perform.

Lone Tree's choral reading, "But Wait, There's More," written and directed by speech coach Tanya McCarty will be performing in the impressive CY Steven Auditorium on the Iowa State campus.

The choral reading is made up of seniors Kayla Dautremont, Katelyn Maldonado, Sam Loving and Kylie Patterson;

juniors Tyce Alt, Oliver Altenhofen, Ella Buser, Emma Slaughter, Braden Viers, Lindsay Werbach and Ethan Willor; sophomore Katie Franker; and freshmen Alex Dautremont and Maddi Floyd.

"We spend so much time and energy practicing and perfecting for months before contests and making it to All-State is such a big accomplishment, it feels like such a great reward for our hard work," said Kylie Patterson. "This has been a goal for me since freshman year, so to make it as a senior is mind-blowing!"

"Having the opportunity to experience All-State as a performer is a great honor and a once in a lifetime experience," said Katie Franker.

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Mitchell Drey

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MITCHELL DREY HILLCREST ACADEMY

Whether it's in the classroom teaching Health and PE or on the court coaching the Ravens girls basketball team, (in just his second year) Mitchell Drey is having a big and positive impact on everyone at Hillcrest Academy. Drey has been arguing with teachers about their rules his whole life and now that he is one, he's excited to see if making the rules himself works out better. A fan of cat videos and a semi-

professional video game player, he says he'd cry if the internet broke down. But the tears wouldn't last long! He'd soon pick up a basketball or spend time staring at the love of his life: the ocean.

Mitchell works hard to improve and loves the feeling of working toward that improvement. He's forever an optimist, a good-natured, fast-talking, positive role model and we're glad he's with us!

"Hear My Voice" presents to supervisors

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent

WASHINGTON

Members of Escucha Mi Voz (Hear My Voice), Tuesday, Feb. 15 made a detailed and passionate plea for financial aid for Excluded Workers of Iowa from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). Specifically, the group seeks \$1,400 in direct assistance too 250 excluded workers and 3,000 essential workers in Washington County who make less than \$45,000 yearly. Nearly all spoke in Spanish with the aid of a translator.

The group described the impact from COVID-19, including for one man who has been here for 33 years and described being fired after missing five days of work and nearly dying from the virus. Others described similar experiences in trying to keep jobs and fight COVID without access to regular healthcare.

However, their initial request for funding from Washington County incorrectly noted that the county "now has more than \$12 million to address the negative economy and public health impacts of COVID-19." It also said permissible uses (as noted in the relief act itself), includes direct

pay to households and premium pay for essential workers. Tuesday, speakers noted that the amount sought was less than 10% of the total federal allocation. Their first formal request was for the county to "invest \$5 million in an Excluded and Essential Workers Fund" for direct distribution to the workers.

Supervisor Marcus Fedler, between speakers, explained that the \$12 million is for Johnson County, that Washington County's is less than \$5 million (approximately \$4.2 million), noting that the written request presented "was the exact same letter given to Johnson County."

Although in a later email to the board from the Iowa City Catholic Worker Escucha Mi Voz core team at St. James Catholic Church, Iowa City, it stated that the board had "committed to scheduling a public hearing on the nearly \$4.3 million in American Rescue Plan dollars that the county has to invest in pandemic relief."

Actually, according to federal law, a public hearing is not a legal requirement for the distribution of ARPA funds. Repeatedly, Tuesday's presenters said that they spoke "on

behalf of many" especially ones who are afraid of coming forward, despite the fact they are employed in essential services including health care and food production and pay taxes, many for numerous years. Even more, it was stressed that the funds will be spent in the community, as well as aiding recipients with payment of regular bills such as rent and utilities.

A final speaker noted she had been fighting with Johnson County for more than a year for help for the most vulnerable and that the group will continue coming (here and elsewhere), to fight for their rights. She also tearfully told how difficult it was to come to the United States, to leave family behind and never knowing if she would see them again.

Following the request and presentations, Board Chairman Richard Young explained that any decision and any action will take time, that "nothing will happen right away" and that the county has until December 2024 to meet federal requirements.

At the close of the group's presentation, Supervisor Jack Seward distributed pamphlet copies of the U.S. Constitution to all Voz members.

Highland student leaders pitch new dress code policy to board

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News
RIVERSIDE

Wearing a Red Sox or Cubs cap to class in Highland schools will be OK if proposed changes to the school district's dress code are approved by the school board.

And, yes, Iowa Hawkeye caps are also OK.

Highland Student Council members Carsen Mellinger, a senior class treasurer, and Kate Hartzler, a junior class treasurer, presented the school board with a list of changes and updates to the dress code during the board's regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday.

The dress code, Mellinger told the board, has not been updated in at least 15 years. The

student council met to review the current dress code and suggest changes.

Among proposed changes are the allowance of wearing baseball caps, stocking caps and other headwear, reducing the restrictions of spaghetti straps from one inch to half an inch, and allowing up to one inch of midriff.

While caps would be allowed, hoodies would not be allowed because, Mellinger said, earbuds, which are prohibited in school, could be worn and not detected by teachers.

"You could have a classmate in your ears telling you answers [during an exam]," Mellinger said.

While a 15-year-old dress code is likely a hot topic among Highland students, it also turned that way for school

board members. Discussion ranged from the wearing of sports bras to the use of the word "nipple" in the proposed code. Sports bras are not allowed to be visible in both the old and new codes, and nipples — boys or girls — must be covered by clothing.

The dress code also includes restrictions on short skirts and shorts, see-through clothing and bare feet. All students must have footwear.

"We have to be reasonable," said high school and middle school principal Angela Hazlett. "I don't know if we've ever sent somebody home from Highland to change clothes."

Board member Megan Allen said code specifics should apply to boys and girls.

Golden praised the students for their proposal.

"I think you've done a good job with this," he said.

The board tabled the issue and provided additional suggestions for the code. A revised proposal may return in front of the board for a vote at its March meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be 6 p.m. March 14. A work session is scheduled for February 28.

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Ravens pull away in the fourth to advance

BY JEFF YODER
The News

KALONA

After falling behind by 15 points in the first half of Monday's district quarterfinal at Hillcrest, Holy Trinity was building momentum in the third quarter with a 12-6 run.

Crusader forward Mike DiPrima jumped in front of a Raven pass and raced toward the basket. DiPrima's layup found the net, but Hillcrest

senior Aiden Krabill had beaten him down the court, drawing a charge to keep the points off the scoreboard.

DiPrima fouled out of the game with two minutes left in the third quarter, and the Crusaders would not score another field goal until Hillcrest emptied its bench eight minutes later with a 31-point lead.

Krabill finished with six points as the Ravens moved on to the district semifinal with a

61-36 victory.

"I'm kind of a fan of the dirty work," Krabill said. "(Coach Dwight Gingerich) would always say, 'that's an effort play right there.' So I've just always kind of wanted to do that. And I just found myself in front of the big guy, lowering his shoulder."

Hillcrest led just 9-8 late in the first quarter before the Ravens went on a 20-6 run. Grant Bender did most of his work in the post and at the free

throw line, scoring 10 points in the second quarter. He had 14 more during a 22-1 run in the second half, finishing one point shy of a career high with 29 on his 17th birthday.

Things kind of came together at both ends," Gingerich said. "They were struggling to make shots, we were rebounding the ball pretty well. And then at the offensive end, we were patient."

"I thought Grant was effective in just sort of letting things come to him. He slowed

things down a little bit and took advantage on penetration there several times."

Luke Schrock hit a 3-pointer during the Ravens' second quarter run and scored the first four points of the second half for Hillcrest. He finished with 12 points.

"He was attacking," Gingerich said. (Schrock and Bender) were playing together

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PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie seniors Carter Harmsen and Will Cavanagh hug as the final seconds tick off the clock in the Golden Hawks' 21st straight win last Friday, a 65-50 victory over River Valley North champion Monticello.

STILL UNBEATEN

Golden Hawks tie program record with 21 straight victories

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

Mid-Prairie senior forward Carter Harmsen hit one last shot Friday night as the student section roared behind him.

Ten seconds still remained in the Golden Hawks' River Valley Conference showdown against Monticello.

No matter. It was celebration time. Harmsen turned around and spread his arms wide to encourage Mid-Prairie students to create even more noise. He hugged senior teammate Will Cavanagh.

"It was crazy," Harmsen said later. "That's the loudest I've ever heard this

gym. It was really loud."

When the buzzer did go off, ending a 65-50 victory that put the Golden Hawks in the school record book, those students stormed the court and mobbed Harmsen and his teammates on the court.

The victory finished off a perfect 21-0 regular season for the Golden Hawks and matched a 21-game win streak by the 1990-91 Mid-Prairie team. Those Golden Hawks lost to Washington by just one point in the postseason.

"This means a ton," Harmsen said. "This was always the goal. We never planned on losing, so being able to win 21 straight and have a good shot to go really deep into the postseason is great."

"It's been a fun ride," Mid-Prairie head coach Daren Lambert said. "We get a couple days to kind of soak it all in. Monday, the job starts over."

And that's the thing. The Golden Hawks will begin their march toward the Class 2A state tournament on Thursday, when they host Mediapolis or Van Buren County in a substate quarterfinal.

"It means a lot right now," senior guard Jack Pennington said of the win streak. "As we talked about in the locker room, as soon as Monday hits it's a new season. I mean, 21 games is great, but we've got to win 6 or 7 more to

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Painful injury leaves tears, hugs for lifelong friends



Paul Bowker
Columnist

They've been friends since they were small kids, Dani Laughlin and Abbi Stransky.

They went to Iowa Hawkeye football games together.

They played basketball in the Lone Tree League together.

They went to each other's homes.

"It's very cool," Dani said. "We've grown up together, we've been going to school together since we were in pre-school."

Abbi says her earliest memory was playing in the Lone Tree League with Dani.

Now, as varsity basketball players in their junior year at Highland High School, Laughlin and Stransky each scored their 500th career points separated by just one game and four nights, Dani on the 28th of January and Abbi on the 1st of February.

And so, imagine the emotions surfacing as Stransky, the Huskies' leading scorer this season, lay on her back underneath the basket in the final minutes of a postseason tournament game last Thursday, unable to get up and holding her knee.

The Huskies were in the midst of an intense battle with Lisbon in a Class 1A regional playoff opener. Stransky fought two Lisbon players for possession of a loose ball. She crashed to the floor.

The Highland gym quickly turned from noise to absolute silence.

Laughlin stood there and wasn't really thinking about a playoff game. She was thinking about her friend.

"That scared me a lot," Dani said. "I was struggling not to cry. I couldn't look at her because I didn't want her to be out."

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M-P senior earns first trip to state tournament

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WILLIAMSBURG

Gannon Callahan had to be patient.

It was a year-long wait for the Golden Hawk senior, who was finally back in the district tournament with a chance to qualify for state wrestling.

"Patience was the key of the day," Mid-Prairie coach Justin Garvey explained. "Don't force bad positions, score points when they are available, and stay calm."

A second-period pin in the opening match put Callahan

into the final. But a 9-0 loss to Solon's top-ranked Gage Marty sent Callahan into a match for second with Columbus sophomore Russel Coil.

"Gannon ended up having to wrestle back for the second place finish against a familiar opponent, and this is where the patience came in," Garvey said. "This was now for a trip to the state so we had to stay in good position, be stingy and not force anything. Gannon did a great job staying composed and scoring when he needed to."

His patience paid off as he scored the only takedown of the match late in the third period

to secure the 3-0 victory.

"He was very tired in the third period," said Callahan, a first-time state qualifier. "So was I, but I felt like I had the upper hand there and wanted to try to score some points. One point for a match is not very much, so I'm glad I got that last takedown."

Callahan's first match in the 285-pound bracket was also scoreless after one period, but after his escape in the second, he took West Liberty's Quintyn Rocha to his back and got the pin.

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JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Gannon Callahan goes up 3-0 in the final period of his wrestleback.

ATHLETE of the WEEK



EASTON SCHLABAUGH

HIGHLAND JUNIOR

Schlabaugh advanced to the state wrestling tournament for the second straight year, winning his first district championship with 16-0 tech fall in his first match, followed by a first-period pin in the final. Schlabaugh has a record of 16-3 for the season.

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Lions avenge losses to Columbus in district play

BY JEFF YODER
The News

LONE TREE

Battling to extend their season, the Columbus Wildcats cut Lone Tree's lead to 51-40 with an 11-4 run in the second half of Friday's district playoff game.

On the other end of the court, the ball swung to Lion senior Cade Shield, who was ready in the corner. His 3-pointer was good. His next one came from the same spot and gave the Lions a new season-high point total, pushing the lead to 17.

Shield finished with a career-high 20 points and four steals as the Lions avenged a pair of regular season losses to Columbus with the 65-50 win.

"We just had to play good defense on them and shoot a little better than we have," Shield said.

Shield's back-to-back 3-point makes put the game away for Lone Tree (7-16).

"That left corner over there is Cade's spot," Lone Tree coach Tom Squiers said. That's where he hits the majority of his threes. So I wasn't surprised when he hit that first one and then we got it to him that second time."

The Wildcats (4-18) had scored in the 30s just four times all season before a 75-56 win at Lone Tree two weeks earlier.

"It was kind of one of those games where everything they shot went in," Squiers said.

The Lions had 17 offensive rebounds in that game, but shot just 35 percent and 3-of-15 from the 3-point line. Columbus shot over 50 percent for the game and 10-of-20 from three.

"There were times we had a hand in the face and they just made shots," Squiers said. "It was just one of those nights that they shot it well. But, I think it also motivated us a little bit for



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Lion senior Cade Shield pushes the ball in transition. Shield scored 20 points in his final home game.

this one tonight."

On Friday, the Wildcats scored seven straight to take a 17-11 lead late in the first quarter. But the Lions became the aggressors in the second. After a pair of free throws, Shield and Cade Patterson both scored in transition off turnovers.

"That's what we've been working on all week," Squiers said. "We worked a lot on pressure defense and getting the ball up and down the floor."

Shield scored seven points in the second quarter as the Lions went on an 11-1 run. His converted a 3-point play to put Lone Tree on top 22-18.

"They don't have as much depth as we do, and I think that

was the key," Shield said.

Lone Tree led by just five in the second half when Patterson made a nice pass to Shield for an easy bucket, which was followed by Adam Knock putting a running shot off the glass.

"We wanted to beat them," Knock said. "We didn't didn't want to lose to the same team three times, so we got a new plan on defense and changed some things offensively."

Squiers said that the Lions' 1-3-1 zone was effective for a while.

"We just haven't worked on it enough to where it's perfected," he continued. "We were just giving up too many easy shots, and we went back to our basic defense. That helped

us out a lot too."

Drew Gauley was called for travel in the first quarter, trying to put the ball on the floor after a pump fake. Squiers motioned for him to take the next time. The next time he was open, he hit a 3-pointer. On the next trip, he found Mitchell Koedam for a layup during the 15-2 third quarter run. Gauley finished with eight points and five assists.

"Drew is just one of those kids, he'll keep shooting," Squiers said. "If I tell him to keep shooting, he will. He's had some good games for us and he played really well tonight I thought."

Patterson's 3-point play, steal, and layup increased the

lead to 47-29 and Lone Tree led by double digits the rest of the way.

Patterson was 5-for-5 from the foul line and finished with 13 points and five assists. Tyler Bell scored 10 points in the first half and also finished with 13. Knock scored eight points and had three assists, leading the Lions with 10 rebounds.

Lone Tree had its five seniors on the floor together in the last few minutes.

"It was fun," Knock said about winning his final game in Lone Tree. "Our goal these last three games at home — we wanted to try to go 3-0. Well, we got two of them, and I'm happy with it."

Danville 62, Lone Tree 42

The Lions took an early 9-6 lead in the district quarterfinal at Danville (20-2) on Monday, but the Bears responded with 12 straight points on the way to a 62-42 win.

Senior Adam Knock led the Lions with 13 points in his final game. Cade Patterson had nine, while Cade Shield and Tyler Bell each had seven.

Lone Tree's season ends at 7-17.

GAME STATS

Columbus 17 8 8 17 - 50
Lone Tree 12 18 17 18 - 65

LONE TREE SCORING: Cade Shield 20, Cade Patterson 13, Tyler Bell 13, Adam Knock 8, Drew Gauley 8. REBOUNDING: Knock 10, Shield 8, Patterson 6.

COLUMBUS SCORING: Grant Watson 15, Daniel Martinez 11, Timothy Hills 10, Marco Martinez 6, Oscar Alcalá 4, Jeff Hoback 2, Coby Frost 2.

Lone Tree 9 12 10 11 - 42
Danville 18 15 17 12 - 62

LONE TREE SCORING: Adam Knock 13, Cade Patterson 9, Cade Shield 7, Tyler Bell 7, Matt Fellows 3, Mitchell Koedam 3.



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Left, Mid-Prairie's Gannon Callahan works for a takedown during his opening match on Saturday. Right, junior Kaden Meader works for position during the third-place match.

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"That was one of the goals, to try to get to the state tournament," Callahan said. "And that's what we did. It feels really good, especially since it's my last year."

Despite the achievement, Callahan wasn't really in the mood to celebrate after Saturday's victory. He had mixed feelings after qualifying without his teammates Cael Garvey and Kaden Meader, who finished third and fourth in their respective brackets.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," he said about qualifying. "It just sucks for my other teammates who didn't make it. I'm just thinking about that right now."

Meader lost his opening match to third-ranked Drake Collins of West Liberty, and also dropped a rematch with Benton Community senior Koley Kelley for third.

Cael opened his day with a pin of Solon junior Braydon Hoffman after taking a 9-0 lead in the first period. He started the third period of the 195-pound final in the top position with a 2-0 lead, but suffered a tough 5-4 loss to Williamsburg senior Jack Geels after giving up a reversal and three nearfall points with 16 seconds left.

Cael had a 4-2 lead early in the third period of his wrestleback with West Liberty's Jahsiyah Galvan, but the match went to overtime and Cael's career ended in heartbreak with an 8-6 loss.



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie senior Cael Garvey looks at his coach for instruction during the first period of his opening match on Saturday. He built an 11-0 lead before pinning Braydon Hoffman.

He finished his career with a record of 141-40 and 101 pins. Wrestling with a brace on his left leg, he was 37-4 as a senior, a season that seemed unlikely in the fall.

"With the knee injury this year, the doctors said he probably wouldn't be able to compete," Justin Garvey said. "Cael is the first wrestler in my 14 years at Mid Prairie that did

not miss a single practice in four years — over 180 practices.

"He never missed a workout, even on the days when he was in pain and his knee was swollen. He would practice, then ice, then practice. He never asked for time off, he just carried on training the best he could. He gave me and this team everything he had every day."

"I guess that's why Saturday was so hard, when a kid does everything they are supposed to do and they still come up short."

The highlights of Cael's career on the mat came last year in Wells Fargo Arena, where he pinned Anamosa senior Nathan Keating to secure a state tournament medal, and won an 11-9 decision

over the eventual fifth-place finisher Matthew Wirtz in his first match at state.

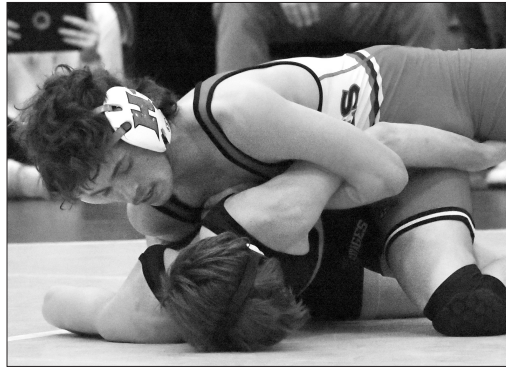
The things he did off the mat will be remembered as well, and left a lasting impact on wrestlers like Madison Kelly, who said that Cael's encouragement was vital during her first season.

"At first it was hard," she said about joining the team. "I had people asking me at the beginning of the season, 'when are you going to quit, why are you doing this?' And then I had people like Cael Garvey telling me that I can make it through."

He's going to be missed next year for more than the big numbers he put on the scoreboard during duals, and the podium finishes on Saturdays.

"Cael has been the spark plug of this team for the past four years," Justin said. "He's the guy that hits the big move that gets the crowd into a meet, the guy in the room that brings the team together with his sense of humor and infectious smile, and he's also the guy that pushed everyone to work harder and push themselves farther."

He'll be in Des Moines on Thursday to push Callahan (23-3), who opens the tournament against eighth-ranked Charles City senior Chase Crooks (8-2). The first round of the 2A session begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 17.



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Left, Easton Schlabaugh works from the top position during Saturday's district tournament. Right, junior Carlos Valenzuela collects nearfall points on his way to a pin.

Huskies put both wrestlers through to state

BY MOLLY ROBERTS
The News

WAPELLO

Two Highland wrestlers advanced to the state tournament after the District meet at Wapello on Saturday, Feb. 12. Easton Schlabaugh won the tournament at 113 pounds and Carlos Valenzuela took second at 132 pounds.

Schlabaugh and Valenzuela both dominated in the first round of the District tournament, with Schlabaugh winning by technical fall and Valenzuela winning by fall in only 1:15.

Schlabaugh got to a quick start against Austin Gorsh of Sigourney-Keota, earning two takedowns and two separate three-point near falls in the first period and holding Gorsh to zero points. In the second

period, Schlabaugh extended his lead with a quick escape and two more takedowns to make his lead 13-0. Schlabaugh was able to turn Gorsh again and get three nearfall points to finish the match 16-0 in 3:59.

Head coach Nick Cole said Schlabaugh's first match was a contrast in body styles, with Gorsh standing two to three heads taller than Schlabaugh.

"Easton did a good job staying in position and wrestling where he is good," Cole said. "Once he got on top he was able to turn him for a lot of nearfall points. I figured that they would try and choose top at some point in the match based on his length and also what we had done to him on top. Easton did a great job of not letting the kid tie him up on bottom. Easton got to his

feet right away and was able to escape."

Valenzuela's first opponent, Paul De Jong of North Mahaska, was a mystery, as De Jong had wrestled at 126 for most of the year. But Valenzuela took an early lead with a quick takedown before pinning De Jong near the edge of the mat in only 1:15.

"I wasn't sure what to expect but Carlos went out and wrestled a very controlled and smart match for 1:15," Cole said. "He was able to time an attack and he hit a beautiful re-attack off a shot to get the takedown and then we were able to catch him on his back on the edge of the mat and get the fall."

Schlabaugh won his second match to take the District title at 113 pounds, defeating Gage

Burden of New London by fall in 1:50. While Valenzuela was pinned in his second match, his earlier victory over De Jong secured him second place with no wrestleback needed.

Now Schlabaugh and Valenzuela will prepare for their run at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Schlabaugh (16-3) will first face freshman Nic Brace of Nashua-Plainfield, who finished the regular season 38-14. Valenzuela's (33-12) first match will be against senior Garrett Funk of Don Bosco, who enters the tournament 28-2.

Cole said a big factor for Schlabaugh and Valenzuela at state will be remaining calm and focused amid the hectic environment in Wells Fargo Arena.

"It's big, it's loud, tons of people. When you step out on

that arena floor it can suck some emotion out of you and things can take over in your mind. Really, it's just another wrestling match in a different building," Cole said.

"They have to be able to trick their mind for a short amount of time that that's really all that it is. I think key for them and things that we have stressed most of the year, is that it doesn't matter who is put across the line in front of us. We can't worry about records, rankings, names, previous placing, ect.

"We earned the right to wrestle for a championship just as much as the others in the bracket. On Thursday night our records are 0-0 again and we start a new tournament to see who the champion will be Saturday night."



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Jessica Kraus (left) and Dani Laughlin (right) join in the Highland Huskies celebration after last Thursday's Class 1A tournament win over Lisbon.

Highland girls stay poised in regional overtime victory

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

The drama was clear.

Standing at the free-throw line with just 5.9 seconds remaining in her final home game last Thursday night, Highland senior Kenzi Hora was looking to pad a precious one-point Huskies lead in a first-round Class 1A tournament game against Lisbon.

Sitting on the team bench just a few yards away, her head buried in a towel, was Huskies offensive leader Abbi Stransky, gone from the game with a serious knee injury.

Huskies teammate Dani Laughlin walked up to Hora and told her: "You're the best free throw shooter on the team. We believe in you. You've got it."

Hora sank her first free throw and it helped send the Huskies to a 54-52 overtime victory after Highland's defense prevented Lisbon from getting off a good shot in the final seconds.

"For her to step up and hit those, I mean, she hit a couple of them last Friday [in an SEISC Shootout win over Holy Trinity], as well," Huskies coach Jody Fink said. "She's a good free throw shooter."

The win was the first in the postseason for Highland since 2019 and advanced the Huskies to a regional quarterfinal game

against Montezuma (17-4).

"That was huge. It's just the whole season coming together at the end at the right time," Laughlin said. "Coach talked about how we're all 0-0 now, and now we're 1 and 0. That's what we wanted. That's what we talked about. It's just so big and so exciting for us."

But the victory came at great cost. Stransky scored 21 points, including 8 in the fourth quarter, but injured her knee in a scramble for a loose ball with 1:10 left and the score tied at 47. She was flat on her back following the play holding her knee while being attended to.

She was helped into a locker room area, then eventually hobbled back into the gym and watched the end of regulation from the bleachers and the overtime period from the Huskies bench.

"Honestly, it means a lot to the girls," Fink said. "For them to sit there and see her there, they know she's there for them."

The news turned worse in the days following the game. Stransky, who is also one of the top hitters on the Highland softball team, was diagnosed with a torn anterior-cruciate ligament. The surgery date is not yet set and a full recovery could take months.

Trailing 49-47 in the final minute of regulation, sophomore forward Sarah Burton took a pass from

Laughlin and went inside for a basket to tie it at 49. The Huskies almost won it in regulation, but a quick drive to the hoop and a shot by Laughlin rolled off the rim and out in the final second.

Lisbon's Kali Nelson, who scored a game-high 34 points and was a threat from the outside all night long, hit a 3-pointer in the first minute of overtime, but the Lions never scored again. Highland senior guard Emma Soukup trimmed the deficit to one with a shot from the outside and then Laughlin scored on a fast-break layup with 1:55 left to put the Huskies in front.

Hora gave the Huskies a two-point edge at 0:05.9 with her free throw, and soon the Huskies were celebrating on the court. The players then went over and greeted Stransky, still sitting on the bench, with hugs.

Fink walked over and gave Stransky a long hug, picked her up and carried her off to the locker room.

GAME STATS

Lisbon 17 10 11 11 3 - 52
Highland 8 16 10 15 5 - 54

LISBON SCORING: Kali Nelson 34, Addy Haggel 6, Peyton Robinson 6, Chloé Clausen 4, Addie Clark 2.

HIGHLAND SCORING: Abbi Stransky 21, Sarah Burton 14, Dani Laughlin 8, Emma Soukup 4, Jessica Kraus 4, Mackenzie Hora 3. REBOUNDING: Burton 10, Stransky 6, Katelyn Waters 4.

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As Dani is telling this story long after the game was over, a night that ended with the Huskies winning their first postseason game since 2019 and Abbi being lifted up and carried to the locker room by head coach Jody Fink, Dani's voice is cracking with emotion.

"I gave her a big hug in the locker room," Dani said. "I was like, 'We did this for you, Abbi.'"

Stransky went down with 1:10 left in regulation and the score tied. After several minutes of being attended to, she was helped into a hallway and then was assisted into the front row of the bleachers, where she watched teammate Sarah Burton score a basket in the final minute to force a 49-49 tie and overtime.

Somehow she hobbled across the court with more assistance and to the Huskies team bench, where she watched the overtime period, half watching and half burying her face in a towel because of the pain.

"I can tell that, the look on her face, she knew something was wrong," said Laughlin, who was on the court at the time of the mishap. "She just wanted to break down because she knows she can't get up. She couldn't."

When you tear an anterior-cruciate ligament, as Abbi did, you can't move.

It's not likely that Dani had ever seen that, not from Abbi, a determined girl who played on the Highland football team as a freshman and a sophomore, and used to play in the boys games with Dani when they were in elementary school.

"She's a competitor," Fink said. "It doesn't matter what it is. It could be Euchre and she wants to compete. It could be checkers and she wants to dominate you. That's the competitive nature she has. And she can bring that out

in other girls. I mean, her intensity brings the other girls up."

Stransky did precisely that Thursday night. The Huskies were down by eight points and the game was slipping away when Stransky simply took over. She scored five points in the third quarter and hit her first three shots in the fourth quarter.

"She was a fire in this game," Laughlin said. "When she went down, everyone on the team was like, 'Oh, crap. Because she was the one. I just think, everyone was like, Abbi would do this for us. We took it in our own hands and did it for her.'"

A basket by Laughlin with 1:55 left in the overtime and a free throw by Kenzi Hora with 5.9 seconds left paved the way to a 54-52 win and a spot in this week's regional quarterfinal.

The Huskie players celebrated their victory and then greeted Stransky on the bench because she was unable to get up. Fink came over, hugged her, picked her up in his arms and carried her into the locker room.

For all those times that Abbi carried her team, on this night the team would carry her.

"The girls' perseverance, very proud of them for what they did there," Fink said. "Abbi's kind of our heart and soul."

And the heart is crying a bit.

After just a couple of days, the Huskies learned that Abbi had torn her ACL. Season over.

"I just knew that she would fight to the end for us," Dechoud said. "So I wanted to do it for her. I had her on my mind the whole game."

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Abbi Stransky, shown driving the ball around Lisbon's Mia Petersen, scored 21 points before leaving Thursday's game with a knee injury.



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JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Left, Mid-Prairie sophomore Nora Pennington get her hands in the passing lane. Right, senior Maddie Nonnenmann catches a pass in the post. She led Mid-Prairie with 16 points.

Golden Hawks crush Tipton with tenacious defense

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

The second half of Saturday's Class 3A playoff game had just begun when Mid-Prairie sophomore Nora Pennington swooped in for the kill.

She whacked the ball loose from Tipton guard Chloe Klabo, took it away and headed toward the hoop for a layup. Got ya.

"I love doing that. That's my game," Pennington said.

The steal and layup gave the Golden Hawks a 29-5 lead in a game they eventually won, 52-25.

In a season during which Nora's older brother, Jack, is a dominant playmaker for Mid-Prairie's unbeaten boys basketball team, Nora has emerged as one of the leading defensive girls in the River Valley South Conference. Her

62 steals rank among the top six in the conference and she is the top sophomore.

"That's huge," Golden Hawks head coach Danny Hershberger said of Pennington's steal to begin the half. "Sets the tone for the second half right away. That's what she does."

And that was just the opening play of the second half. Pennington had a game-high four steals and the Golden Hawks shut out Tipton for the entire second quarter, a good part of the opening quarter and almost a minute of the third quarter.

Trailing 5-0 early, the Golden Hawks nailed down their first postseason win since 2019 by going on a 33-point run that went over portions of three quarters and left Mid-Prairie ahead by 27 points in the opening minute of the third

quarter.

"The defensive effort tonight for really the first half was excellent," Hershberger said. "That's exactly what we needed to do is lock down on defense. The girls did a great job of pressuring them into some tough passes, stepping in the passing lanes and then when they did get shots off, limiting them to one shot. Just really proud overall of our defensive effort there."

The Golden Hawks (14-8) have held an opponent under 25 points six times this season.

Next up is a regional semifinal game at 7 p.m. Wednesday against West Burlington (16-6), a second-place team in the SEISC South. The Falcons defeated Camanche 60-19 in a regional quarterfinal Saturday.

Senior forward Maddie Nonnenmann led the Golden

Hawks against Tipton with 16 points and 8 rebounds. She scored 12 points in the first half, including a 3-pointer just before the half-ending buzzer sounded.

"We moved the ball really well on offense," Hershberger said. "We got it inside-out and were able to knock down shots that were open."

But this game was really about the defense. Nonnenmann had a game-high 7 blocks. Pennington helped lead a trapping defense that produced 15 Mid-Prairie steals. Cana Rediger, Landry Pacha and Maya Nonnenmann each had 3 steals.

"We run a 2-3 [zone defense] so that it makes us able to get a lot of steals and stuff," Pennington said.

Mid-Prairie's girls jumped off the bench in celebration of each play, including in the

game's final minutes when Josie Greiner, a junior, hit two consecutive 3-pointers. The second one turned into a 4-point play because she was fouled on the play.

"That was huge for us," Hershberger said. "When you can bring someone off the bench and they can give you some instant offense like that, just really proud of her for being ready to go when she was called on."

GAME STATS

Tipton	5	0	11	9	25
Mid-Prairie	8	19	9	16	52

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Maddie Nonnenmann 16, Amara Jones 9, Josie Greiner 7, Cana Rediger 6, Nora Pennington 5, Hall Hershberger 4, Callie Huber 3, Kylie Reinier 2. REBOUNDING: Nonnenmann 8, Jones 6, Rediger 4, Landry Pacha 4, Reinier 4.

Panthers finish second in annual basketball invitational

KALONA

The Panther basketball team won both of its games in pool play to reach the championship game of its annual basketball invitational at Pathway Christian School on Saturday.

The Des Moines Warriors took home the championship trophy, while Pathway senior Jackson Gehman was voted captain of the all-tournament team by the coaches.

Gehman had 10 points, eight steals and five assists during a 69-30 win over Quad Cities to open pool play on Friday.

Sophomore Blayne Lybarger scored 17 of his season-high 24 points in the first half to help Pathway build a 44-11 halftime lead in the opener. Lybarger was hitting from all levels as he knocked in three first-half triples, as well as scoring from the high post and low block.

Tanner Miller scored 11 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Lucas Yutzky finished with eight points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Lybarger pulled down a team high 12 boards. Isaac Dhooge scored four points, Ryker Miller hit a three, and Logan and Asher Stutzman each had a basket to complete the Panther scoring.

On Friday, Pathway recognized its seniors Gehman, Miller, Dhooge, and Micah Hostetler for their achievements and contributions



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Pathway senior Jackson Gehman dribbles between Warrior defenders during Saturday's title game.

to the basketball program.

The Panthers defeated Tate on Saturday morning to finish on top of pool B. Blayne Lybarger scored eight of his 17 in the fourth quarter to help Pathway pull away down the stretch for a 54-38 win.

Lybarger also grabbed a team high 11 boards. Tanner Miller scored 12 points and Jackson Gehman finished with

10 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Pathway led 31-20 at the break and extended the lead to 37-20 with four minutes gone by in the third. Tate ended the period on a 9-0 run to make it a 37-29 score heading into the fourth.

Pathway was able to regain momentum down the stretch to pull out the win. Micah Hostetler scored six

points and pulled down eight rebounds. Lucas Yutzky put in five points and Isaac Dhooge finished with four, both baskets coming in the final period.

In Saturday's championship game, the Panthers met Des Moines, who defeated Tri-State and Unity in pool A.

Tanner Miller scored 10 points in the third quarter to help Pathway cut into an

early 16-0 deficit. His 3-pointer cut the lead to 28-17 with four minutes left in the third, but the Panthers could get no closer in a 55-26 loss. Miller finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

"I was so proud of our effort all tournament," Pathway coach Aaron Gingerich said. "I was happy with the way we competed in the third period against Des Moines. It would have been easy to quit after a cold first half, but I thought the guys stuck with it and made a lot of good things happen in the second half."

After opening the game with a 12-minute scoring drought, Pathway's first basket finally came to the roar of the Panther crowd. The Pathway defense kept the game within reach by holding Des Moines to 19 first half points, trailing 19-4 at the break.

After going 2-of-26 from the field in the first half Pathway was able to hit 7-of-14 in the third to get the deficit down to 11. The Warriors increased the lead to 42-26 with three minutes left in the fourth and scored the final 13 points to win going away. Blayne Lybarger scored eight points, Micah Hostetler scored six and Jackson Gehman finished with a basket.

Pathway has a record of 21-8 and will finish the season with a rematch against Des Moines on Friday, February 18.

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get that state championship. That's our main goal. That's what we're working for.

"Twenty-one's great, but we want more. We're still hungry,"

Friday's game, a reschedule of a game that was snowed out earlier this season, featured a showdown between the River Valley South champion and the River Valley North champion. Monticello (18-3) had only lost to Northeast and East Dubuque. The game attracted coaches of other teams and even a few college recruiters.

"It's just a great environment, great to be a part of," Lambert said. "You knew that both teams were going to give everything they've got. A lot on the line. They're North champs, we're South champs, so you want to call yourself the

best. There was a lot to play for tonight."

Pennington scored a career-high 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting. Harmsen scored 20 points, along with 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Senior center Ethan Kos added 10 points and a team-high 7 rebounds.

The teams were tied 13-13 after one quarter, but Mid-Prairie pushed ahead after that with a suffocating defense and powerful offense. The Golden Hawks scored 37 points in the second half as they built a double-digit lead.

"We finally got it going," Pennington said. "We're hard to stop when we're going like that. It's all good."

Junior guard Tate Petersen led Monticello with 19 points.

Mid-Prairie 74, Durant 46

Mid-Prairie senior guard Jack Pennington scored a game-high 20 points, leading four Golden Hawks starters in double figures in scoring.

The Golden Hawks outscored Durant 16-5 in the second quarter to put the game away.

Senior forward Carter Harmsen added 14 points and senior center Ethan Kos had 13. Junior Alex Bean scored 10 points and had 6 rebounds.

Pennington had a perfect shooting night, hitting all nine shots he took and hitting his only free throw. He also had a team-high 4 assists.

Nolan DeLong led Durant (5-16) with 13 points.

GAME STATS

Monticello	13	7	13	17	50
Mid-Prairie	13	15	19	18	65

MONTICELLO SCORING: Tate Petersen 19, Preston Ries 16, Peyton Schilling 8, Caleb Sausser 3, Trey Kuyper 2, Ian Temple 2.

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Jack Pennington 24, Carter Harmsen 20, Ethan Kos 10, Justice Jones 6, Will Cavanagh 3, Alex Bean 2. REBOUNDING: Kos 7, Harmsen 5, Jones 5, Cavanagh 4.

Durant 11 5 14 16 -- 46
Mid-Prairie 18 16 25 15 -- 74

DURANT SCORING: Nolan DeLong 13, Bryce Czarnetzki 9, Drake Shelangoski 8, Ben Orr 6, Garrett Hollenback 4, Caden Meyer 2, Nathan Voss 2, Charlie Huesmann 2.

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Jack Pennington 20, Carter Harmsen 14, Ethan Kos 13, Alex Bean 10, Camron Pickard 7, Will Cavanagh 4, Dylan Henry 4, Justice Jones 2. REBOUNDING: Bean 6, Cavanagh 5, Harmsen 5, Kos 4.



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Carter Harmsen of Mid-Prairie goes up for a slam in last Friday's 65-50 win over Monticello.

Huskies scrap until the final buzzer at WMU

BY DOUGLAS MILES
Correspondent

WINFIELD

For a boys' basketball team that did not taste a ton of success this season, there was never any quit.

The Highland Huskies' 2021-22 campaign ended in the first round of the Class 1A substate playoffs Monday night against a Winfield-Mount Union team that just may possess the stingiest defense in the state.

"(Winfield-Mt. Union Coach Klay) Edwards does such a great job with that team," third-year Highland Coach Bill Zywiec said after the Huskies lost, 53-33, at Winfield-Mt. Union High School. "The team has a good identity. Things go through those two bigs and it makes the rest of their team better. They are just tough. They are patient. They don't come down and force anything up."

The Wolves' aforementioned 'big's' – a pair of standout sophomore forwards in 6-foot-4 Cam Buffington and 6-foot-6 Abram Edwards – combined for 36 of Winfield-Mt. Union's points. Buffington led all scorers with 22 points, which included a flurry of dunks and even an alley-oop "that produced audible gasps from the home crowd."

"They are two bigs that can both jump out of the gym," Highland senior guard Trevor McFarland said. "And then they have the smaller (Jake) Edwards kid, he can shoot the three. The two seniors (Edwards and Konner Wade) are just there to shoot three's, too. They all work as a team and they are all together."

Winfield-Mt. Union (20-2) – which responded to a 2-0 deficit



DANA ROYER/SYCAMORE MEDIA
Highland senior Trevor McFarland lays the ball off the glass in transition during the district quarterfinal.

with 17 points in a row and led by as many as 30 – will host Hillcrest Academy (15-6) in a second round substate game Thursday.

True to its no-quit attitude, Highland closed the game with a 13-5 surge.

After a 1-13 start to its season, Highland (4-18) rebounded with three wins in six games before closing the season with a non-conference game at Keota and the playoff opener. It was a stretch of clear improvement that made the coaches and players wish the season could stretch out a little longer.

"It was all just hard practices," McFarland said. "We went harder. We knew that the second half of our season was going to be our best. The Christmas break really helped us. We just got together as a team. ... I feel like it was more of a team effort towards the end of the season."

McFarland and fellow seniors Connor Grinstead and Chase Schultz each scored nine points for the Huskies, which will have a much different look next season as the roster turns over due to the graduation seven players, which comprise all but four members of the

current varsity roster.

Highland junior forward Tyler Thompson was the only non-senior to start a game this season for the Huskies. When describing the impact of the departing senior class – specifically McFarland – Thompson had to fight through his emotions to find the words.

"Trevor is a leader," Thompson said. "He was my mentor. It is just sad to see him go."

As the lone junior on the team, Thompson suddenly becomes the elder statesman of next year's group. It is a sudden flip from mentee to mentor.

"It is a big role," said Thompson, who grabbed three rebounds against Winfield-Mt. Union. "I am looking forward to it, but it is also a little bit scary at the same time. I hope I do as good as Trevor or even better."

Schultz led the Huskies with 10 rebounds in the finale.

With their high school basketball careers at an end, Schultz, McFarland and Kaige Vonnahme will shift their attention to the boys' golf team, while Grinstead will chase a return to the state track and field meet.

Aside from any newcomers, Zywiec will return just Thompson, sophomore center Nicolas Oriano and 10 freshmen to next year's squad.

"We'll be young," Zywiec said. "We will be very young next year and that can be a blessing or a curse because they don't know what they don't know. We have already talked about, 'We have to live in the gym this summer. We have to be dedicated. We have to get things figured out.' ... This is an opportunity. Like I told these guys, these younger kids, 'It is someone else's year next year.' It is just a matter of who puts the time in and really wants to go after it."

GAME STATS

Highland 7 7 13 – 33
Winfield-Mt. U 23 6 16 8 – 53

HIGHLAND SCORING: Trevor McFarland 9, Chase Schultz 9, Connor Grinstead 9, Kaige Vonnahme 3, Tyler Thompson 1, Brenton Bonebrake 1, Devin Lovetinsky 1. REBOUNDING: Schultz 9, McFarland 6, Grinstead 5.

WMU SCORING: Cam Buffington 22, Abram Edwards 12, Jake Edwards 9, Carter Lloyd 6, Konner Wade 4.



HILLCREST ACADEMY YEARBOOK STAFF

Hillcrest seniors Norah Yoder, Esther Hughes, Viada Conea, and Leah Bontrager. Hughes scored 18 points in the Ravens' 66-34 season-ending loss at Winfield-Mt. Union on Thursday, February 10.

Ravens experience major growth over basketball season

Finishing the year back at Winfield – Mt. Union was something amazing, not because of the score, but because of the growth that we got to see on the court.

We saw Winfield the second game of the season this year, as an extremely young team. This lack of basketball playing time showed in our first meeting and was a very tough loss. However, all season the challenge was to take one step at a time and get a little better each day. This team took that challenge each and every day and got better. We slowly became a good team that knew how to play hard and play together. By the end of season, and our third match-up with Winfield, we had become a completely different team than the one that stepped foot in that second game.

This transformation was only able to happen because of the seniors that we were fortunate to have playing for us. Each and every senior could have a book written about them and the growth that they made this year.

Starting off with Viada Conea – she was asked to play as our starting power forward and did this job with a smile. This was not an easy task. Each night Viada was asked to help on or be the primary defender of an



Mitchell Drey
Head Coach
Hillcrest Girls Basketball

extremely talented post player on the other team. Through hard work, Viada became a solid post defender and one of our leading rebounders by the end of the season.

Our next senior is Leah Bontrager – as one of two girls who had played high school basketball before, Leah was given a lot of responsibility early in the season. Leah was the anchor of our defense and had to deal with the best player on the other team night in and night out. This wasn't the easiest of jobs because Leah was an undersized post, but did not play like it. Leah brought toughness and grit into every game and practice and showed our younger posts what they needed to do moving forward.

Esther Hughes was the only senior to have played all four years, three with Hillcrest and one with Mid-Prairie. Esther was given 15 hats to wear for us this season to start the year. These included primary scorer,

primary ball-handler, and primary creator to just name a few. Esther could have tried to do all these by herself and most likely could have, but she did something that you can't coach; she trusted her teammates and worked with them everyday.

Esther set the tone everyday in both games and practices, and the team followed her lead. Norah Yoder was our final senior this year and made massive improvements on the court. Norah had only helped with basketball in past years but she was thrown into the starting line up and played big for us this year.

Norah pushed herself everyday to get better for the team; this trait is also something that you can't coach into someone. Norah wanted to get better to help her teammates – not so she could improve her stats or personal glory, but so she could help everyone around her.

These seniors are going to be missed on the court extremely next year, but off the court they are going to be missed even more. It was an amazing experience to have the opportunity to coach this group of seniors. They are going to do great things in their lives and I look forward to seeing what they do.

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pretty well right through there. Grant had a nice pass to Luke for the finish, and Luke is pretty effective around the basket."

Jace Rempel scored the first points of the game with a 3-pointer and finished with five. Seth Ours answered a Holy Trinity score with a 3-pointer to give Hillcrest a 12-8 lead after one quarter. He hit another triple during the fourth-quarter run.

"I thought the ball moved better later," Gingerich said. "Jace Rempel, I thought played well. Seth Ours did a nice job. You know, Seth is a freshman kind of running the show for us. They're coming after him, and I think he's just getting better every game."

Sophomore Conner Gehling led the Crusaders with 11 points.

With the win over Holy Trinity (6-16), the Ravens (15-6) move on to face the conference champion Winfield-Mt. Union

(20-2), in a district semifinal on Thursday, February 17.

Hillcrest led 21-19 at halftime of the first meeting on January 7, before falling 42-33. Thursday's matchup will be in Winfield, where the Wolves beat the Ravens 54-28 just one week ago.

"We were down there last week and had a tough night," Gingerich said. "So we've got some things to correct and hopefully can rest a little bit and come back and be ready to go on Thursday. It's going to take a great effort on our part, and we're excited for the challenge."

GAME STATS

Holy Trinity 8 8 12 8 – 36
Hillcrest 12 17 19 23 – 61

HILL CREST SCORING: Grant Bender 29, Luke Schrock 12, Aiden Krabill 6, Seth Ours 6, Jace Rempel 5, Josiah Beachy 2, Liam Schrock 1.



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Top, Grant Bender hits a shot from the elbow during the fourth quarter of the Ravens' playoff win. Bottom, Aiden Krabill takes a shot from outside during the second quarter.

Young Lone Tree team wraps up season at English Valleys

BY JEFF YODER
The News

NORTH ENGLISH

Lone Tree's freshmen had a tough introduction to postseason basketball in a 49-20 loss at English Valleys on Thursday.

The Lady Lions played the last three weeks of the season without injured senior Maddie McCullough, making it a challenge for Lone Tree (7-16) to handle the Bears' (19-3) defensive pressure.

But it did provide an opportunity for some younger players to gain some experience.

"I know it was rough at times for them, but I think they've shown a lot of potential and a lot of poise in some close game scenarios," Lone Tree coach Ryan Shelman said.

"We've had a saying this year, 'either we're winning or we're learning,' and even in the wins that we've had, we've still done quite a bit of maturing, and getting better."

Lone Tree finished its conference schedule with back to back wins over Columbus and Hillcrest before falling to WACO in the SEISC Shootout. Freshmen Rylee Shield, Cate Sexton and Vivian Zaruba have all seen significant minutes this season.

"Every practice has been beneficial for us and every game has been beneficial for us," Shelman said. "The opportunities to get some of those girls in some situations as freshmen and sophomores, hopefully by the time they're juniors and seniors, it's going to pay dividends for us in the long run."



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Lady Lion senior Kinley Hayes scores the final points of Lone Tree's season on Thursday, February 10.

The Lady Lions fell behind 6-0 in the first quarter, but Sexton went coast-to-coast with the basketball to cut the Bears lead to 8-4 heading into the second quarter.

English Valleys picked things up offensively in the second quarter and led 21-9 at the half. Zaruba scored Lone Tree's first points of the second half with a steal and score.

Rylee Shield had four rebounds on Thursday and led all Lone Tree freshmen with 48 total points this year.

The Lions will return two of their top three scorers next year in junior Riley Krueger and sophomore Avery Lisk. Both averaged over five points and two steals per game. Lisk scored a career-high 16 points in Lone Tree's 53-35 win over

Columbus on February 1.

Lone Tree will miss its five seniors: McCullough, Chloe Mills, Kinley Hayes, Dani Pettitt, and Kasey Chown, who led the team with seven points on Thursday and led Lone Tree with 292 points over the season.

"Our seniors and our lone junior this year, Riley Krueger, they've done a great job of helping the other girls and

being understanding of them. It's been a pleasure to coach these girls this year. They get along. We don't have a whole lot of team drama or things like that."

The Lions finished the season with all of its seniors, minus the injured McCullough, on the court together one last time.

"That was a great moment for them to be able to finish out the year with those four on the floor," Shelman said.

Chown led the Lady Lions in rebounding all four years and finished her career with a Lone Tree record 684 rebounds, despite playing in just 13 games last year due to the pandemic.

"She was kind of our silent leader this year, she did it by example," Shelman said about Chown. And the girls really respected her for that. She was really willing to work with those younger girls.

"In the summer, she hardly ever missed a workout. She hardly ever missed a weight session. She was always there. She plays a lot of minutes for us, she was kind of an Ironman. And she does some things for us that will be missed for sure."

GAME STATS

Lone Tree 4 5 5 6 - 20
Columbus 8 13 19 9 - 49

LONE TREE SCORING: Kasey Chown 7, Cate Sexton 4, Riley Krueger 3, Chloe Mills 2, Kinley Hayes 2, Vivian Zaruba 2. **REBOUNDING:** Chown 6, Mills 6, Rylee Shield 4, Sexton 4. **EV SCORING:** Kennedy Amshear 14, Mia Ayers 12, Kasey Amshear 8, Carly Stanerson 7, Maddie McKissell 6, Delaney Hall 2.

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CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Regular meeting of the Kalona City Council with Mayor Robe presiding. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by J. Schmidt, approving the agenda with all voting yes.

Council members present: Bender, J. Schmidt, G. Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beishheim.

Minutes of the work session and regular meetings from January 17, 2022, were presented and approved as published.

On motion by Beishheim, and seconded by G. Schmidt, the following bills were allowed with all voting yes.

Access Systems, monthly	483.64
ADJ Authority, Annual ADJ Concierge	490.00
Alum Energy, monthly	17,646.33
Bake Hardware Enterprises, hauling	755.00
Center Point Luge Park, Library Board	4,179.44
Chen Salt, chemicals	1,608.00
City of Kalona, Sewer transfer to General-Garbage/Sewer/	
Deedholders	18,269.73
City of Kalona, Solid waste disposal/Deeds/Deedholders	1,608.00
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City of Wellman, January senior meals	7,030.00
City of Wellman, Senior services reg.	172.67
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Communications Network, Bakery taxes split	459.00
Delta Dental, vision insurance	48.82
Delta Dental, dental insurance	733.04
Dover Young, reimbursement-CO, License	45.50
First Class Agency, online envelope	46.00
Gardens Store, gifts	671.51
Hardman Painting, The Last painting	7,260.00
HC Trucking, snow hauling	4,442.50

Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll Taxes)	1,174.06
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll Taxes)	75.00
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes)	1,022.00
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes)	22,061.00
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes)	24,759.83
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll)	271.82
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll)	5,561.16
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll)	2,146.15
Hill's Bank & Home, meeting	120.00
Iowa Association of Municipal Utility, Workshop - Jackson/Deedholders	130.00
Iowa Callison & Piant, 2021 Truck repair	529.17
Iowa One Call, water/sewer locates	83.70
Iowa Parks & Rec Association, workshop/Deedholders/Jackson/Deedholders	678.00
Iowa Public Employees System, PERS	6,338.91
IRECA, monthly	562.70
James Duffany, snow removal	85.00
Judy Bailey, Water/sewer	2,675.32
Johnson County Refuse, Garbage/Recycling	14,662.46
K&N, monthly	562.70
K&N's Food, supplies	13.19
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Kalona Auto Parts, supplies	1,497.17
Kalona City Technology, monthly	1,645.55
Kalona Graphics, parking tickets	199.00
Kendrick Miller, weekend grow designs	1,000.00
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Marika Schibach, refund water rent deposit balance	46.83
Mark Rabe, meeting mileage	32.76
Matthew J. Schibach, refund water rent deposit balance	1,164.04
Mermaid, supplies	102.84
Michael Hardman, refund water rent deposit balance	76.00
Office Expense, office supplies	942.94
Office Expense, office supplies	942.94
Petroleum Services Company, fuel	140.97
Principal Life Insurance, Life Insurance	445.14
Revere Account, postage	408.00
Ruffel Edwards, refund water rent deposit balance	35.99
Schibach Construction, snow removal/water main repair	1,285.00
Standard Fire Control, monthly	65.00
Stacy Rasmussen, refund water rent deposit balance	47.00
Stacy Rasmussen, refund water rent deposit balance	47.00
SYNCH/Recess, supplies/food allowance	630.81
SYNCH, monthly	131.37

The News, publications	156.00
Therapy Electric, play lights	147.00
Treasury State of Iowa, sewer sales by water order to	1,963.85
Treasury State of Iowa, state withholding	1,529.00
United States Treasury, payback state emr	31,242.73
USA One Bank, water parts	169.46
Van Wert Company, water orders	3,163.46
Varsha Bunde, food mitigation	750.00
Venue, water parts	2,462.11
Washington County Hospital, emergency room coverage - Deedholders	1,274.59
Young	2,242.91
Yellowknife Blue Cross & Blue Shield, health insurance	2,786.31
YMCA of Washington County, YMCA Contact	4,250.00
Yrly's, supplies	176.51

MTB/BRANES:	
Transfer Funds	558,061.79
Transfer Funds	88,623.77
Library Board Fund	3,149.26
Garbage Fund	14,662.46
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	28.40
Road Use Fund	7,988.97
Tax & Agency Fund	5,519.53
Water Fund	72,861.86
Sewer Fund	24,759.83
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	38,732.43
DEPOSITS:	
Transfer Funds	5,206.19
General Fund	3,168.37
Library Memorial Fund	200.00
Library Board Fund	1,240.36
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	31,495.84
Road Use Fund	29,809.81
Tax & Agency Fund	378.51
Tax Incremental Finance Fund	951.12
Doll Service Fund	958.73
Water Fund	29,983.28
Sewer Fund	24,627.40

Tonia Poole with the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce was present, to share event and tours that the chamber will be happening throughout the rest of

the year.

Many Audia with the Washington County Economic Development Group (WEDG) was present to share updates of workforce, childcare, and real-estate studies throughout Washington County.

First Reading of Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding "No Parking" signs:

a) Harvest Hill Subdivision - East Side of all Streets.

b) 5th Street - C Avenue to D Avenue on both sides of the street.

"No Parking" hours will be 11:00 PM - 7:00 AM.

c) 9th Street - From E Avenue (Hwy 22) to F Avenue plus 130 ft. "No Parking" hours will be 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday during the school calendar.

Staff shared comment from resident in Harvest Hill regarding fire hydrates being located on east side of streets. After speaking with the Kalona Fire Chief and the Kalona Engineer regarding the issue, it was determined that the new parking ordinance wouldn't cause any issues.

Pam Hochstetler, and Duane Hochstetler, were present to share concerns they have regarding ordinance on F Avenue. Staff shared written comments from Randy Hoyt, regarding F Avenue.

After discussion of bus traffic, length of "No Parking" and options of different hours, motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by Bender to table the ordinance. Staff was directed to work with

City Engineer and Mid-Prairie School on other possible options. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

Setting of public hearing for proposed max levy for fiscal year 2022-2023, on February 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the City of Kalona council chambers. Motion was made by G. Schmidt, and seconded by J. Schmidt, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

Consideration the following Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:

a) Kalona Historical Village: Class B Native Wine Permit, with Sunday sales.

b) Kalona General Store: Class B Native Wine Permit, with Sunday sales.

c) Kalona Brewing Company: Class B Beer Permit, with Outdoor service and Sunday Sales.

d) Los Amigos Taqueria: Class C Liquor License, with Sunday sales.

Motion was made by Beishheim, and seconded by G. Schmidt, with a vote of 4-1, the motion carried.

Discussion of Golf Cart and UTV permit ordinance, was held by council. Staff shared revised application and sticker option. Council directed staff to make a couple changes and continue with ordinance update.

Approval of Sharon Hill Cemetery Deeds for the following:

a) Kathy Finnegan

b) Deb Swartz Zender

Motion was made by Bender, and seconded by Spitzer, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk
MARK ROBE, Mayor

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WASHINGTON
COUNTY DISPATCH

Feb. 8
Caller in the 200 block of Fairview Drive, Wellman, reports the business has had some check fraud against their account. Officer spoke with the caller. Documentation and call for service number provided.

Feb. 9
Caller reports the vehicles at the Hard Luck in Kalona are parked blocking the street. Operator moved the vehicle. Shortly after officer left, two more vehicles parked blocking the road. They were moved as well.

Feb. 10
Caller reports items were stolen out of their vehicle while at the casino. Officer responded. Unfounded.

Caller reports a subject who he has a no contact order with came into his residence in the 500 block of 14th Street, Wellman, and refused to leave. She is currently in the driveway. Officer responded. Female subject was advised she is revoked from the residence. A third party will assist in a child exchange.

Request Kalona Fire and QRS for a personal injury accident at 500th Street SW and Highway 1. Kalona Fire and QRS responded to assist Johnson County.

Caller reports at Riverside Road and 190th Street, a two-vehicle accident. Both vehicles are in the ditch. One subject with some blood on his forehead and female in other vehicle says she hurts. No trap. Riverside QRS, Fire, officers, Washington, Fire, Washington Rescue responded. Transported one patient to Washington County Hospital. Operator: Ingrid Gail Buster of Morning Sun and Glen Advin Geringer of Riverside. Citation pending on Buster for failure to yield to stop sign. State accident report to be filed.

Feb. 11
Officer stopped a vehicle in the 2900 block of Highway 22, Riverside. Arrested Glen Allen Stocker, 45, of Washington for driving under bar.

Report of possible under age drinking in the 700 block of F Avenue, Kalona. Four juveniles cited for possession of alcohol under legal age.

Caller in the 800 block of Sixth Street, Kalona, reports he sent several check to subjects who say he won a lottery. Subject is out \$39,000. Request to speak with a deputy. Spoke with the bank. They are going to attempt to stop the checks. Documentation.

Caller in the 300 block of E River Street, Riverside, reports being the victim of a scam. Officer spoke with the caller. Documentation for their bank.

Deputy reports being out with a subject in Kalona wanted out of Washington County. Arrested Michael John Untermaier, 31, of Washington. Failed to appear for arraignment on hemp inhalation.

Caller in the 1500 block of Underwood Avenue, Riverside, reports having problems with their father. Officer responded to speak to all parties. The caller left with a family member for the night.

Caller reports a vehicle in the middle of the road at Third Street and Ninth Avenue, Wellman. Officer responded and spoke to the driver who advised they are having it towed.

Caller in the 700 block of F Avenue, Kalona, reports a possible unsecured door in the area. Officer responded. The door to the women's restroom had been blown open by the wind. No problem.

Caller reports a commercial burglar alarm in the 400 block of B Avenue, Kalona. Officers responded along with a keyholder. Everything was okay.

Feb. 12
Caller requests a deputy to assist one of their units on a traffic stop with a revoked driver in the 1000 block of Vine Avenue, Riverside. Cited Christian Espinoza Leyva, 19, of Columbus Junction for driving while revoked.

Caller in the 300 block of E Avenue, Kalona, reports a dog has been outside for a while and its cold. Officer responded and spoke to the animals caretaker. Dog will be taken inside.

Reports a loose horse just east of Mid-Prairie High School. Officer responded. Made contact with the subject where the horse is boarded and they located the horse.

Feb. 13
Caller in the 3200 block of 130th Street, Riverside, reports two subjects arguing and throwing things in the house. Officers responded. Parties separated.

Caller in the 500 block of 11th Street, Kalona, request to speak with a deputy regarding suspicious activity at her apartment while she was out. Report filed.

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The polls for this election will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Residents of the **KALONA PRECINCT** will include those persons residing in said school district in the City of Kalona, English River Township and

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NOTE: Mid-Prairie School District voters in Sharon and Washington Townships in Johnson County will vote in Johnson County. Mid-Prairie School District voters in Greene Township in Iowa County will vote in Iowa County.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL ELECTION

MID-PAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Counties of Washington, Iowa & Johnson

State of Iowa

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

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PUBLIC MEASURE A

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Shall the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District in the Counties of Iowa, Washington and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,300,000 to provide funds to be used together with sales tax bond proceeds to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to existing school facilities, including classrooms, a high school auditorium, a middle school gym and locker rooms, including related site improvements; to remodel, repair and improve existing facilities, including improvements to parking lots; to build, furnish, and equip athletic facilities, including a wrestling and weight room addition to the indoor practice facility; and to remodel, repair and improve the existing athletic facilities, including the high school track and lighting at the softball complex?

PUBLIC MEASURE B

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Shall the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District in the Counties of Iowa, Washington and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$.270) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$.405) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF WELLMAN

FEBRUARY 7, 2022
WELLMAN, IOWA

The Wellman City Council met in regular session in the Wellman City Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Mayor Ryan Miller presided with City Administrator, City Clerk, and the following Council Members: Angela Stutzman, Anthony Evans, Fern Bontrager & Shannon McCain. Aaron Fleming absent. The Consent Agenda was approved upon motion by Stutzman, seconded by McCain and all present voted ayes. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes from previous meeting, Approval of Decease Financials, and the following:

1/24 Payroll
Elin Campbell..... \$1,115.00
Laurie E. Goss..... \$95.02
Lisa M. Lindstrom..... \$437.44
Tony M. Wilkins..... \$444.56
Bryan J. Reesor..... \$916.80
Bryan J. Miller..... \$178.10
Beth A. VanHille..... \$1,316.54
Betsy Johnson..... \$945.57
Trinity E. Garrett..... \$2,094.10
David S. Bentley..... \$1,126.69
Dana J. Moore..... \$1,256.29
Josh S. VanHille..... \$1,355.34
Ethan J. Garrett..... \$90.75
Dana S. Hill..... \$643.84
Dana S. Hill..... \$507.73
Arla J. Knapke..... \$772.78
Kathy L. Linde..... \$1,439.44
Cynthia S. Thrapp..... \$921.00
State Taxes..... \$1,357.00
PFOS..... \$6,589.70
BC/BS..... \$15,361.90
401K..... \$365.72
1/17 Payroll
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Bryan J. Reesor..... \$1,029.40
Bryan J. Miller..... \$1,254.20
Beth A. VanHille..... \$1,316.54
Betsy Johnson..... \$1,388.33
Josh S. VanHille..... \$1,385.34

Lynch Dallas, Attorney Fees..... \$33.00
Malone Building Co., State Pay for Rental..... \$534.20
Sherry Kettering, Mail Permit, Tax Forms..... \$53.42
Metcalfs Inc. City, State Supplies..... \$40.87
Merchant Services, December Merchant Fees..... \$714.95
Miller's Parts & Service, Sewerage Parts..... \$220.49
Municipal Gas System, January Release..... \$40.87
Office Express, City Hall Printer Paper..... \$118.90
Pella, Inc., January Gas Purchase..... \$22,875.63
Pella Enterprises, Sewer Release..... \$176.00
The News, January Minutes/Public Notice..... \$202.68
True Waterworks, Random Drug Screenings..... \$60.00
USDA Wildlife, WPC Checkings..... \$1,692.24
USDA Forestry, January Large Salaries/Recovery..... \$2,532.00
Wing Industrial Painting, 2021 Water Tank Inspection..... \$10,270.00
Washington Community MCA, Banquet Hall Utilities..... \$743.63
WEDG, 2022 Payroll Payroll Due..... \$5,000.00
Wellman Auto Parts, Shop Supplies..... \$448.91
Wellman Co-op, Highway, City Telephone..... \$1,101.15
Wellman Land Services, Land Services Station..... \$771.50
Yorby's, Station/Car Supplies..... \$573.40
2020 December Financials..... \$201,458.27

Revenues

001 General Fund..... \$21,171.70..... \$19,292.26
002 Ad to Public Library..... \$330.00..... \$448.38
004 Liability/Shop Ins..... \$1,431.93..... \$0.00
005 Flood Insurance-Free Dept..... \$6.00..... \$0.00
006 Street Maintenance..... \$0.37..... \$0.00
007 Tax Credit Reimbursement \$11,274.98..... \$2,912.58
008 American Relief Plan App..... \$6.00..... \$10,074.16
009 Comm Dev Grant/Severance..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
010 Comm Dev Grant/Severance..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
110 Road Use Tax..... \$15,176.62..... \$10,418.31
112 Employee Benefits..... \$1,252.89..... \$2,761.42
121 Local Option Sales Tax..... \$1,159.83..... \$0.00
125 Tax Increment Financing..... \$2,978.22..... \$0.00
127 Housing & Urban..... \$1.55..... \$0.00
131 Library County Fund..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
134 Library Local..... \$1,009.59..... \$0.00
136 Library State Fund..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
137 Library Savings..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
139 Library State Fund..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
151 State Risk..... \$10,927.53..... \$7,982.04
152 Parkside..... \$1,653.39..... \$1,798.32
153 Parkside..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
154 Parkside Project..... \$0.01..... \$0.00
156 Boardwalk Municipal Court..... \$4.35..... \$0.00
158 50 Dining Room..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
160 50 Dining Room..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
163 50 Dining Room..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
180 50 Dining Room..... \$0.00..... \$0.00
200 Debt Sec 2012 A..... \$1.82..... \$0.00
205 Debt Sec 2012 B..... \$0.00..... \$0.00

ing absent.

Discussion and action on Parkside Activity Center. Retail request & cost (Dixie Conrad) was had. Dixie Conrad gave council a short introduction and background on the Adaptive Sports of Iowa. Her grandson plays wheelchair basketball, and they are looking to do a fundraiser at Parkside Activity Center and would like to request the use of the kitchen and the small half of the banquet hall room for a small fee or have the city donate it for the cause. Council discussed what they felt was fair and the fees that have been charged in the past for similar fundraising events. Evans made a motion to charge \$950 with the normal damage deposit being paid, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes.

Evans made a motion to approve Southeastern Skate Supply quote of \$2,565 for wheel washing machine for the Skating Rink, Bontrager seconded and all present voted ayes.

Discussion and action on becoming a skate dealership with Southeastern Skate Supply was had. Resor explained that she has had many customers reach out to her in regards to purchasing their own skates. Resor reached out to the company and has gotten all the information needed to do so. Evans made a motion to approve Wellman Skate Rink becoming a skate dealer with Southeastern Skate Supply, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes.

Stutzman made a motion to approve Wellman Municipal Gas System Annual Reports, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes.

With no further business to be discussed Bontrager moved to adjournment at 6:23pm. McCain seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be held Monday, February 21, 2022, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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