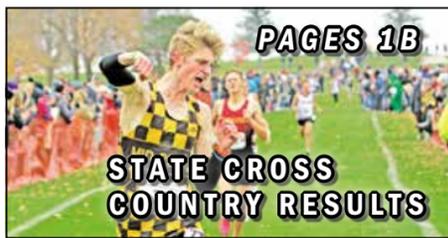




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*“I’ve never been around a group of kids that care for each other as much as these guys do and love each other as much as these guys do. I’m just proud of them.”*

**Golden Hawks cross country coach Jeremy Meyers**

PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Caption Mid-Prairie runner Emmett Swartzentruber hugs Golden Hawks coach Jeremy Meyers after becoming the first in Mid-Prairie boys cross country history to win an individual state title last Saturday in Fort Dodge.

## A CHAMPIONSHIP SPIRIT

*Emmett Swartzentruber’s historic victory extends Mid-Prairie’s state title streak that started 8 years ago with Anna Hostetler*

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

### FORT DODGE

Just moments before Emmett Swartzentruber hit the finish line last Saturday, joyously pumping his arms to begin a Mid-Prairie party celebrating cross country history, seven Golden Hawk girls huddled in tears at precisely the same spot in the finishing area.

Danielle Hostetler, a three-time state champion and an untouchable for most of her races over a four-year high school career, hugged her teammates after a fifth-place finish.

Annika Poll, a senior, embraced Phoebe Shetler, another senior.

Tears rolled down the face of freshman Kendal Landstrum as Hostetler hugged her.

Seniors Abby Fleming and Greta Sieren, along with freshman Brooklyn Stutzman, joined the huddle.

Hostetler, who first came to Fort Dodge’s Kennedy Park for the state championship meet when she was just 8 years old and older sister Anna was competing for the first time, clearly understood the emotional gravity of the moment in chilling temperatures with snow flurries in the air.

It wasn’t the fact that Hostetler didn’t win a rare

fourth consecutive state title that has only been accomplished once in state history. And it wasn’t the failure to win a third team state title in four years. It was something else.

“We’re pretty emotional because it’s our last time,” Hostetler said. “The freshmen are emotional because they’re going to miss us. We have a really good team atmosphere.”

Then, Swartzentruber changed all that emotion.

Deciding halfway through the boys 2A race that now was the time, Swartzentruber, a junior, charged to the front of the field, Hostetler style, and spent the rest of the race bolt-

ing toward the finish with a career-best time of 15 minutes, 51 seconds, becoming the first Mid-Prairie guy to win a state title and the first recent state champ not named Hostetler.

He pumped his arms.

He jumped into a hug along the fence with rookie head coach Jeremy Meyers.

Hostetler ran over with a warm-up blanket.

“I can’t put it into words,” Swartzentruber said. “I still can’t believe it. Still can’t believe it. It’s crazy.”

Swartzentruber’s amazing run extended a Mid-Prairie streak of individual state championships to eight consecutive years. And the person who started that streak in 2016, Anna Hostetler, was there to see it.

Suddenly, just like that, Swartzentruber’s victory had swiftly bundled everything together for a cross country program that has established itself as one of the best in the state. The standard. Mid-Prairie’s girls have finished in the top five eight straight years, including Saturday’s fourth-place team finish, winning a state title five times in those eight years. Before that, the

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## Second Student-Built Home a reality

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

### KALONA

Two new homeowners accepted housekeys with black horse-and-buggy shaped fobs on Saturday morning, marking the completion of Kalona’s second Student-Built housing project and the beginning of a new stage of their lives.

Adriana Lopez and Abe Bender each celebrated their individual paths to homeownership on Oct. 28 alongside the student builders and many community members and organizations that made the duplex located at 313 and 315 C Avenue possible.

“There are projects that really check a lot of boxes for people, for our community. This one checks 99.9% of those,” Ryan Schlabaugh, Kalona’s city administrator, said in his remarks at the

open house. “We have a lot of people that gave a lot of sweat equity, a lot of financial resources, a lot of in-kind to be able to make this happen, to be able to bring these students on board to be able to make the meaningful project that we have here today,” he said.

The 2023 Student-Built housing project began earlier this spring with demolition of two older homes that were deemed not worth saving. At the start of the summer, 12 students from Mid-Prairie, Highland, Washington, and Durant high schools began working under the supervision of Tim Rouse, Industrial Arts Instructor at Durant Community Schools, to build the duplex completed this October. The new homeowners will begin moving in this week.

The project accomplishes several goals, including rehabbing/replacing blighted properties; giving students valuable experience in the trades; providing low-to-moderate income housing; and helping local building trades train future employees.

City funds were invested in the project, along with outside funding, which included a \$50,000 Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant. The buyers for each side received \$25,000 in down payment assistance from the East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund; each side was sold for \$180,000.

The accomplishments of the student builders were celebrated at the open house;

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CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

New homeowners Adriana Lopez and Abe Bender, student-builders from four area high schools, project leaders and partners Tim Rouse, Aaron McGlynn, and Dwight Seegmiller, and city officials Mark Robe and Ryan Schlabaugh at the Student-Built duplex open house on Oct. 28.

## AROUND TOWN

### My Ascension Film Screening

A free screening of My Ascension, a documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Washington High School Auditorium, 1111 2. Ave B, Washington. Come early at 5 p.m. for free food and to meet local mental health providers; a Q&A with Emma Benoit will follow the film. Childcare provided.

### Kalona Optimist Meeting

The Kalona Optimist Club will meet on

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. \$10 catered meal; guests and prospective members welcome. Presentation by Tracy McArtor and Kelby Bender on the Jr. Golf Camp held in July at the Kalona Golf Club.

### Opportunities at Christmas in Kalona

Christmas in Kalona is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 2. Families and businesses are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Christmas Tree Walk, Caroling, and Lighted Golf Cart Parade in advance; now is a

good time for individuals to sign up for the Poured Painting Class as well. Visit kalonachamber.com/christmas-in-kalona for applications or call the Kalona Chamber for more information at 319-656-2660.

### Hillcrest Fall Drama

Hillcrest Academy’s fall drama production, Our Miss Brooks, will be presented on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 and 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5-\$10 at the door or by calling the school office at 319-656-2073. Help is needed with costume alterations; contact the main office at 319-656-2073 or office@hillcrest-

stravens.org if you are willing and able.

### Krabill Family Singing

The Konrad Krabill family will sing at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Kalona on Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Pie and ice cream to follow.

### Mennonite Historical Society Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society will be held on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Kalona Mennonite Church. It will feature psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

and the stories that inspired their authors. Come early for a soup supper, for a donation, that will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Hillcrest Exploratory Night

Hillcrest Academy will be adding 7th and 8th grades for the 2024-2025 school year. Learn more at Middle School Exploratory Night on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Celebration Hall. This evening is for parents with a child in 7th grade who have an

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**Demolition continues in Kalona**

Two properties on Highway 22 in Kalona have been slated for demolition in the hope that the property will become the future site of a NAPA Auto Parts store (although plans have yet to be approved by the city). There was a long delay between the two demolition days; the first property was leveled on May 8, and the second this week, on Monday, Oct. 30. 411 and 417 E Avenue are now a blank slate ready for development.



**Kalona Realty welcomes Jessica Yoder & Sarah Bigley**



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Realtors Jessica Yoder and Sarah Bigley have joined Kalona Realty Inc., and now work out of the KRI office in the Bulltowne Plaza.

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

**KALONA**

They've been trusted local realtors for years, but technically they've worked out of Iowa City. Until now.

On Friday, Oct. 27, Jessica Yoder and Sarah Bigley officially joined Kalona Realty Inc., staking out a bit of office space at 221 1st St., Kalona.

"As much as we loved being at LKR [Lepic-Kroeger Realtors] – and we will miss everybody there and the business that we did there – we are excited to be bringing our office closer to home," Bigley said.

"Kalona Realty has always been really rooted and invested in the local community here, so we feel it's nice to be part of a company who is local," she continued. "We're excited to be part of an office who is already rooted here and supports this community."

The pair, both of whom are Wellman residents, considered making the move to Kalona Realty a couple of years ago, but the timing wasn't quite right. This fall, however, the stars have aligned: Yoder has a new lease on life, having turned the corner on her cancer journey, and Bigley's two children are old enough to attend school and daycare, giving her more

space in her career.

Working with Kalona Realty provides Yoder and Bigley an opportunity to better serve their real estate clients.

"We looked at where we did business the last several years, and the majority of it has all been Washington County," Bigley said. "Washington, Riverside, Kalona, Wellman. We just love this area where we live, and it makes good sense to feel supported by other people who have the same values."

"I like this smaller company feel; that was huge for me," Yoder said, noting that Lepic-Kroeger serves some 60 realtors. Being part of a group of seven will no doubt feel more personal.

By working out of Kalona, Yoder and Bigley anticipate having a better sense of the local market; they'll have a more immediate view of new properties as they become available. This will certainly be an asset for the clients they serve.

Aside from their shorter new commute to the office, Yoder and Bigley will still be the same team their clients trust and depend on. Their website and contact information remain unchanged.

Next time you drive by the Bulltowne Plaza in Kalona, consider a stop at the KRI office to welcome Yoder and Bigley home.

**A great first quarter for the Mid-Prairie music department**



SUBMITTED

Eleven Mid-Prairie students participated in the Conference Choir Festival. Front row (L-R): Annette Witthoft, Jillian Clark, Caroline Schrader, Ava Pence. Second row: Daniel Rodgers, River Gehling, Logan McClellen. Back row: Jacob Carrillo, Jarret TeBockhorst, Jack Greiner, Colin Jennings.

The 5th grade band held a very successful meet and greet to start out the year with their director, Shawn Sandersfeld. It was great to see so many excited young musicians ready to start their band careers. 5th grade band now gets to meet every Thursday during the school day, and Mid-Prairie is thrilled for those students.

The Middle School band and choirs had great performances at the Fall Festival and are preparing for their winter concerts. Mid-Prairie welcomed Jennifer Zeglis to the fine arts faculty as the new middle school band director.

Three middle school choir students, under the direction of Luetta Ropp, have been accepted into OPUS, the middle school level of All-State Choir. The Mid-Prairie community is so proud of them and wished them luck in their performance in November at Ames.

The High School March-

ing Band, under the direction of David Kunz, had a great time playing for the football team, and received a Division I (Superior) rating at the State Marching Band Contest in Pella. They also competed at the West Liberty Marching Invite and received first place there, along with first place for horn-line. On the same day they traveled to Muscatine to compete in that invitational and received second place, along with awards for outstanding drum majors and outstanding drumline.

The High School Jazz Band has been asked to perform for the Corridor Jazz Project, which culminates in a professional recording and concert in Iowa City this coming spring.

The musical cast of *Into the Woods*, under the direction of Christy Meader, Lisa Helmuth, and Collette McClellen, is eagerly gearing up for their performances November 3, 4, 5.

High School Choir students, under the direction of Collette McClellen, had great performances during Fall Festival in September. Eleven students participated in the Conference Choir Festival, plus another 11 freshmen students participated in an honor choir at Central College. All the HS choir students are now preparing for the 30th Annual Madrigal Dinner, to be held December 8, 9, 10.

As it is the 30th Annual, we will be having an ALUMNI night on Saturday, December 9th. King Jack Greiner and Queen Phoebe Shetler invite you all to join in the festivities. Any former students that come to the show on Saturday will be invited to participate. Tickets for both the Madrigal Dinner and the musical can be purchased at [mpdrama.book-tix.com](http://mpdrama.book-tix.com).



SUBMITTED

Eleven freshmen participated in an honor choir at Central College. Front row (L-R): Taylor Pence, Maelys Beachy, Ruby Miller, Georgia White. Back row: Mrs. McClellen, Emma Pooch, Sophia Puttmann, Addison Asher, Alivia Williams, Wren Harris, Tabitha Fisher.

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## Forecasts for North Washington County

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Thursday Nov. 2	Friday Nov. 3	Saturday Nov. 4	Sunday Nov. 5	Monday Nov. 6	Tuesday Nov. 7	Wednesday Nov. 8
54° 36° RealFeel® 51°	59° 44° RealFeel® 54°	54° 42° RealFeel® 51°	58° 43° RealFeel® 55°	51° 33° RealFeel® 47°	43° 30° RealFeel® 43°	44° 28° RealFeel® 45°
Partly sunny and warmer	Mostly cloudy and breezy	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	Sun and clouds	Periods of rain and a thunderstorm	Sunshine	A couple of showers in the morning



### SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:39 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Friday	7:40 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	10:39 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
Saturday	7:42 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	11:43 p.m.	2:22 p.m.
Sunday	6:43 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	1:51 p.m.
Monday	6:44 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	none	2:15 p.m.
Tuesday	6:45 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	12:49 a.m.	2:36 p.m.
Wednesday	6:46 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	1:51 a.m.	2:55 p.m.

### DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
3	1	1	1	1	3	2
5	3	2	2	2	4	5
5	6	6	7	1	5	4
6	10	10	10	4	10	8

### DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
0	0	4	1	6	2	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	2	2	1	1	1	1
4	2	4	3	4	3	2

# Randy's celebrates 47 years with anniversary sale

BY TJ RHODES  
The News

**CORALVILLE**  
Just a hop, skip and a jump from our communities along Hwy 22 is Randy's Local Flooring Experts, By Design. Randy's has been serving the Iowa City area since Oct. 13, 1976, and has been seated comfortably in Coralville since 1977. Since 1999, Randy's has held shop in Cedar Rapids as well, mainly serving the corridor area.

This October has been a month for celebration: Randy's 47th anniversary sale. Customers still have one more week to capitalize on the special sales Randy's is offering.

"[The 47th anniversary] is not a big milestone but the community has always supported us and so we want to give back," Dawn Rasmussen, Randy's Marketing Manager and Sales/

Design for both locations, said. "Interest rates are high; things are just different right now. We just want to be able to have a sale and let people know they can get the updates in their home that they want to do and maybe get a good value on it as well."

This sale specifically highlights stock items like vinyl plank flooring (LVP) that are typically priced around \$3-4 but can now be found as low as \$1.79 per square foot.

Randy's is also offering 20% off select items throughout the store and carpet with a starting price of \$1.17 per square foot.

"These are big things that are happening. We don't have sales very often so it's kind of a big deal for us. We always have good prices throughout the store, so it's kind of a one off," Rasmussen said.



Randy's Local Flooring Experts, By Design, located at 401 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Coralville, is celebrating 47 years in business.

To further celebrate, Randy's held "parties" at both locations on Oct. 28. Here, customers got free snacks and had a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card. One lucky customer at each location won the gift card. The Cedar Rapids location specially had free Willie Ray's Q Shack BBQ, which helped attract more people.

The sale is still going strong, and if you fancy new flooring, Randy's could be your next destination. If making it to the show floor is a challenge, you can view options online and have samples sent to your home. Most of the sales process is more easily done in-store, however.

A customer can come to either location and receive free measure, design, consultation and rendering by the in-house graphic/interior designers with no obligation of purchase. Once it is decided how much of an item a customer needs, Randy's can deliver and install the product. Being a small business that serves a concentrated area allows Randy's to accomplish this better than a lot of the big-box store competition.

And they pride themselves

on having a large selection that remains in stock year-round with ease of access due to the warehouses. The Coralville location has its own warehouse located just a mile down the road.

Here, Randy's stores up to a million square footage worth of flooring items and houses machinery that can cut the products to size, with precision, for their customers.

Randy's serves up more than just flooring as well. They have window fixtures in addition to their carpet, tile and hardwood flooring options to round out any room's design. The window fixtures include curtains, shades, blinds and shutters.

The company offered things like furniture before they shifted to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) in 2016. This allowed owner and founder Randy Ward to retire, giving ownership to the employees.

It also began a company rebranding from Randy's Flooring to Randy's Local Flooring Experts, By Design. With a rebrand came a more focused showroom floor and a name that highlighted the in-house designers.

After settling into the new rebrand, Randy's has been able to partner with the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City. Since 2018, Randy's has donated .05¢ per square foot purchased of the Comfort-Gel cushion paired with carpet purchases to the Children's Hospital.

In 2022, Randy's partnered with Shaw, a supplier for Randy's, to donate another .05¢ when customers specifically select the Shaw Colorwall Carpet. If paired together, up to .10¢ is donated to the Children's Hospital per square foot.

Since the program began, Randy's has donated over \$120,000 dollars to the hospital, according to Rasmussen.

This commitment does not stop Randy's from supporting local schools and other charities when the opportunity arises.

"All of us live in different communities, so we try to help the communities where our employees live," Rasmussen said. "We kind of do small little touches where we work and play."

## Hillcrest Academy presents 'Our Miss Brooks' Nov. 4 & 5

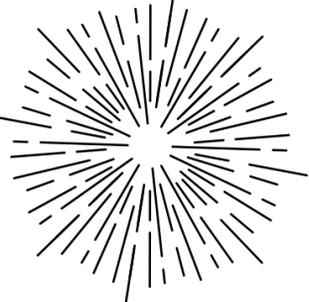
*Our Miss Brooks* was originally a radio show first broadcast on CBS in 1948. Later it became an American television sitcom starring Eve Arden as the sardonic high-school English teacher from 1952-56, making it one of the new medium's earliest hits. In 1956, the sitcom was adapted for the big screen in the film of the same name.

Now, from the playwright by R.J. Mann and adapted by Christopher Sergel, Hillcrest Academy presents *Our Miss Brooks* on the Celebration Hall stage on **Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** and again on **Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.**

This three-act comedy will appeal to young and old alike.

Audiences will delight in the minimal sets, which allow for everyone - actors, crew, and viewers - to help create the laughs together.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$5 for senior citizens (65+). All tickets will be general admission and can be purchased at the door or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Doors will open half an hour before the show.



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# Speaking of the mother tongue



**Arvid Huisman**  
Country Roads

At a local supermarket recently I was asked by the clerk how I was doing. "I'm doing well, thank you," I responded. The gentleman in line behind me said, "You said it correctly. That's how it should be stated."

"What?" I asked. "The clerk asked how you were doing and you said 'well' instead of 'good,'" he explained. "That is the grammatically correct way to say it."

I wasn't sure how to respond. "Thanks," I finally said. "I had a great English teacher in high school who stressed things like that."

English what a language. I've been speaking it all my life and I'm still not always sure how some things should be said. I lucked out on this one.

On several occasions I've heard discussions on radio talk shows and television programs about our new neighbors and their insistence on speaking their own language. "They're in America," one caller said. "They need to speak English."

Another caller said he was upset when Hispanic persons spoke Spanish around him. He was convinced they were talking about him. A little paranoid if you ask me.

How quickly things have changed. When I was a kid riding my bicycle up and down Main Street in Jewell, Iowa, it wasn't uncommon to hear some of the old guys sitting on the bench in front of Paul's U-Save grocery store speaking Norwegian. I didn't understand a word but I enjoyed the lilting cadence of their conversation. Ten miles up the road in Kamrar, many of the older folks spoke Low German in public.

My grandparents came to America unable to speak English. Little more than a century later only a handful of their descendants can converse in the Low German language they brought across the Atlantic. I can speak some Low German but am far from fluent. (Kann du duuts proten?)

I propose we give our new neighbors a little time to learn our language. English is one of

the most difficult languages to learn.

Case in point: Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present. Or, how about: The farm was used to produce produce. Imagine trying to learn that language!

Let me be clear, I am okay with some of the efforts supporting the English language because a common language is one of the few things that tie our diverse peoples together. More importantly, the ability to speak English is vital to the economic success of immigrants.

While the adults who have come to our nation recently are speaking their native language, their children are quickly learning English. Within a generation or two these families will be bilingual and in another generation their offspring will be losing their native tongue.

Frankly, I hope the families keep their native language alive. Their language carries with it a great deal of cultural identity. It is the merging not the blending of many cultures that gives strength to our society.

A friend in Marshalltown served on a committee working with the city's Hispanic immigrants. For one of these meetings, the committee secured a translator. A short time into the meeting one of the Hispanic men suggested that the translator wasn't necessary.

Surprised, the committee's leader asked why. "We understand English," the Hispanic gentleman explained. "It is speaking English that gives us difficulty."

Persons who have never attempted to learn another language don't understand how difficult it is to do so. Learning the vocabulary and grammar is tough enough; making the strange new sounds of a foreign language can be even more difficult.

Ironically, the people who complain the loudest about the folks who don't speak English often don't speak English all that well themselves. (I ain't never going to figure that out.)

Rather than complain, we should be helping our new neighbors learn to speak English. Learning the language will help them assimilate more quickly and improve their employment opportunities. And, in a few generations, English will be their family's mother tongue.



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# Turning out the lights in Pelosi's haunted house



**Joni Ernst**  
U.S. Senator

An abandoned tower looms 18-stories into the sky. Zombie-like bodies with blank stares shake and stumble about aimlessly as a corpse lies on the cold, blood-stained pavement. Dangerous criminals wielding weapons indiscriminately shoot firearms and swing knives and machetes. Deadly potions are passed around, and sharp needles poke up from the ground. Armed guards patrol the premises as surveillance cameras watch every move.

This morbid scene isn't the backdrop of a Halloween haunted house. It's a real life scary situation outside of the Speaker Nancy Pelosi Federal Building in San Francisco.

The conditions are so frightening, federal employees have been warned to stay away indefinitely.

In fact, the same day President Biden's White House called for federal employees to return to their offices, his Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) advised hundreds of employees working at the Speaker Nancy Pelosi Federal Building to stop coming to the office "for the foreseeable future" due to safety concerns with crime and violence outside.

The General Services Ad-

ministration (GSA), which manages the property, spent \$3 million redesigning the building's public plaza "in order to maximize its use by the community and employees." When the new plaza opened less than two years ago, GSA stated it would "create a new safe space for public gatherings and education."

The exact opposite is occurring. The plaza is a dangerous, open-air drug market, with addicts shooting up, snorting, and smoking drugs in plain view. Overdosing is "a commonplace horror," with nearly 150 suspected overdoses— including more than 30 deaths— on the block surrounding the Federal Building reported in the first half of this year. Those who do dare to enter the premises are being escorted into the building. And a protective fence has been put up outside the building whose namesake with an office inside calls it "immoral" to build barriers to protect our nation's border.

According to its designer, the building was set up to represent "the way government should be and how the workplace should be." Ironically, the Nancy Pelosi Federal Building is instead a symbol of the way government doesn't work, with offices and workplaces largely empty due to misguided policies of the federal, state, and city governments.

"The building has long been a locus of some of the city's most intractable problems," reports *The San Francisco Chronicle*. Security around

the building has long been a concern of employees and neighbors. "Almost since day one, they've complained that the plaza conceived as a community hub was uninviting at best, squalid and dangerous at worse."

Federal employees who work in the building have been threatened with knives, and one was chased with a hammer.

Folks, working at a Department of Health and Human Services building shouldn't be a risk to your health, or life! And if it's not safe for the federal employees to work here, it certainly can't be safe for businesses to operate and families to live here.

That is why I am giving my October 2023 Squeal Award to former Speaker Pelosi and the other liberal San Francisco politicians who have allowed criminal chaos to overtake the streets of the city.

With at least five other federal facilities within the San Francisco area where taxpayers and government employees could interact face-to-face without fearing for their lives, I am calling for the offices and workers within the Speaker Pelosi Federal Building to be relocated and the building shut down until it is no longer a threat to public safety.

As your Senator, I'll keep fighting to prevent our tax dollars from keeping the lights on and funding failed projects.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Growth of Mid-Prairie girls wrestling makes new wrestling room a must; vote yes on bond

My name is Ellie Brenneman and I have wrestled for the Mid Prairie girls wrestling team for four years now. This is this my senior year; I am one of three returning seniors for the girls team.

My freshman year, I vividly remember the four returning girls on the team talking about the new wrestling room, about how we needed one, about how they hoped it would be built by their senior year. I remember coaches telling the entire boys and girls teams how important it was that we sold as many of our fundraiser candles as possible to help fund the new wrestling room. Because the truth was, the boys team had outgrown the wrestling room that

is directly attached to the high school and had to be moved to the loft in the indoor facility, and with the addition of a girls team, the number of wrestlers grew, while the amount of space to practice got smaller each year.

Not having enough space in a wrestling room can be dangerous, because while even doing simple drills, you do not have space to properly perform and can risk falling on top of your other teammates and injuring them, and it has happened many times.

With girls wrestling officially sanctioned in the state of Iowa, I have firsthand witnessed the growth of the sport.

My freshman year at the

Iowa Girls State Wrestling Tournament, there were 400+ girls in the sport of wrestling across the entire state of Iowa; today the number has grown to 2000+ girls.

What I want to tell the community, general public, and the people of the Mid-Prairie school district is that we need a new wrestling room. On November 7th there's a bond issue, and I'm encouraging everyone to vote for it.

Ellie Brenneman  
Parnell

### No water permits for CO2 pipelines

Thousands of Iowans oppose the CO2 pipelines being pushed by corporations like Summit Carbon Solutions. They tear up farm ground; they misuse eminent domain; they don't reduce carbon emissions like they promise; they rely heavily on taxpayer dollars for financing; and they're dangerous and potentially deadly.

And now, the pipelines want our water. Summit affiliates have started asking the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for water use permits. Altogether, Summit could end up pumping nearly 500 million gallons of groundwater annually. That's a half-billion gal-

lons, year after year! If we give Summit Carbon Solutions an inch, they'll take a mile. What will Iowans sacrifice for Summit's profits? Our water is a finite resource, and clean water in Iowa is precious.

Please contact Iowa DNR director Kayla Lyon today (kayla.lyon@dnr.iowa.gov) and tell her "no water use permits for CO2 pipelines."

Shari Hawk  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement member  
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## Lovina asks for help naming Midnight's colt

Yesterday, the mercury on our thermometer dipped down to 29 degrees. We had a good frost, but we don't think it did any damage to my pepper plants. Still, we are going to pick what's left on there and pull the plants. The weather forecast says we will get a few warmer days, with today being in the 70s.

It's time to take advantage of that and clear out the garden and garden beds. Another planting season down in history. We had a nice harvest, maybe not as good as other years, but we are thankful for every jar that was filled and everything that we could put in the freezer.

Before we know it, the snow will be flying, and it will be butchering meat season.

Friday night, our whole family gathered at daughter Elizabeth and Tim's house for our monthly family night. Ervin and Susan brought the casserole, daughter Verena brought a taco salad, daughter Loretta and Dustin brought Cake Delight, and I took a tray full of snacks. Oh, and Tim's furnished ice creams and drinks. This time, I filled it and took it to Elizabeth and Tim's. They will fill it for the next family night and leave the basket tray there.

My good friend Ruth gave me this basket with an insert that has compartments for a meat and cheese tray, a fruit tray, or other options. This is our family night snack tray. I filled the compartments with summer sausage, cheese, cheeseball, crackers, veggies, and veggie dip, and then I filled two compartments with chocolates (all kinds of little candy bars).

This was a little too attractive to my hungry little grandchildren. This grandma loves to spoil her grandchildren, but I know that too much candy isn't good for them or their

## LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

teeth, so I try to limit it. (I said try haha.)

We had a nice night together and played games. Joe and I took our horse, Midnight. She was all excited to run the six-and-a-half miles home to get back to her colt. Yes, we still haven't given him a name, and he is four months old. Any ideas?

Son Benjamin named his two-year-old horse Star; she is the daughter of his horse Beauty. Star has a star on her head, so he named her that. Joe's first horse was named Star as well. Our neighbor boy Phillip is training Star for Benjamin since he broke his leg. Joe didn't think he had the time and energy to train her. Once Star is trained for the buggy, then they can take over.

Today, my daughters and I, sister Verena, Ervin's mom and sisters-in-law will assist daughter Susan with canning applesauce. They have 10 bushels of apples waiting to be processed and into jars. With five growing children, it takes a lot. They all love applesauce, and it's something easy to put in lunches as well.

Ervin's mom is bringing sandwiches for lunch, and I am taking a vegetable soup. The rest will probably bring snacks or whatever they decide. We should get a lot done for Susan. She said they bought 10 yards of material, and Esther (Ervin's mother) will take it home and sew the three little boys some new pants for her. This really helps Susan.

On Sunday, Joe and I were home alone, so daughter Lo-

retta and Dustin told us to come for breakfast. They made a good breakfast, or rather brunch, of fried eggs and potatoes, bacon, sausage, cheese, and hot peppers. Then we ended up also having supper there. Supper was mashed potatoes, gravy, chicken roll-ups, coleslaw, tomatoes, and cheese. Another good meal.

Daughter Verena and her special friend Daniel Ray joined us there. Denzel loves Daniel and ran for him when they arrived. We played games after supper. Verena came here for the night and is still here. She will go along to Susan's today and then go home from there. God bless!

### Cherry Jubilee Cake

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup sour cream  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon lemon zest  
1/2 cup cherry preserves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter two 8-inch square cake pans. In a large mixer bowl, beat butter with sugar until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat well. Add sour cream and mix thoroughly. In a small bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture. The batter will be stiff. Stir in the vanilla, zest, and cherry preserves. Spread batter in pans. Bake 20 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Lovina's Amish Kitchen is written by Lovina Eicher, Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Her two cookbooks, *The Essential Amish Cookbook* and *Amish Family Recipes*, are available wherever books are sold. Readers can write to Eicher at Lovina's Amish Kitchen, PO Box 234, Sturgis, MI 49091 (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply); or email [LovinaAmishKitchen@MennaMedia.org](mailto:LovinaAmishKitchen@MennaMedia.org) and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

## OBITUARIES

### Marie A. Shalla

1929 - 2023



Marie A. Shalla, 94, of Lone Tree, formerly of Richmond, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at 3 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside. Burial will follow at the Riverside Public Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the church on Saturday. A memorial fund has been established for Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside or Lone Tree Pioneer Park Memory Care. Sympathy notes and shared memories may be left for the family at [peterseim-funeralhome.com](http://peterseim-funeralhome.com).

Marie was born Aug. 4, 1929. She will be deeply missed by her children: Jan (Kenny) Riggan of Riverside, Darlene

(Bill) Neal of Iowa City, Helen (Lowell) Baker of Lone Tree, and Don (Linda) Shalla of Riverside, 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Marie in death were her husband Norman in 2018; her parents; three brothers and their wives: Ernest (Norma) Swailes, Donald (Margaret) Swailes, and Richard (Mary Ann) Swailes; and a great-granddaughter: Kiefer Grout.

### Ruth Allene Palmer

1930 - 2023



Ruth Allene Palmer was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Farson, Iowa the daughter of Everett and Beulah (McFarling) Sterling. Ruth started school in Farson and later moved to Fremont, Iowa, where she graduated from Fremont Schools as the valedictorian of her class. She was a very good student and loved to study and read. She never received any grade lower than an A.

Ruth received a college scholarship to Ottumwa Heights and was able to teach elementary school with a limited elementary certificate. She completed one full year and one summer of college and taught at Eddyville Elementary School, Ruth continued taking college credit classes at Simpson College and graduated with her BA degree from William Penn in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She also taught elementary school at Exira and retired from the Keota Elementary School where she taught 4th grade for many years.

She was united in marriage to James Terry Palmer on Aug. 14, 1971, in Sigourney. She was very good about remembering birthdays and special occasions with cards and presents.

After retirement she enjoyed reading a variety of books, completing the daily crossword puzzle in the newspaper and completed many word search books. She was an officer and member of Wellman Heritage Society, Wellman Senior Center, and Asbury United Methodist Church.

She had several Dachshunds over her lifetime that she loved. Her last dog was a Jack Russell Terrier, named

Joe. Ruth passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Atrium Village Nursing Home in Hills

at the age of 92 years old.

Ruth is survived by two stepsons: John (Becky) Palmer of Keota and James (Donna) Palmer of Wellman; a stepdaughter: Catherine (Alan) Wertjes of Olympia, Washington; two sisters: Donna Glick of Ottumwa and Cleo Aldridge of Colorado; two nephews: Mark (Jane) Glick and David (Lori) Glick both of Hedrick; seven grandchildren: Katie (Austin) Reuman, Shelly (Tyler Laing) Palmer, Lindsey (Cody) Graber, Ross (Britt) Wertjes, Will Wertjes, Nate (Gloria) Wertjes and Olivia Wertjes; and two sisters-in-law: Mary Lou Crossett of Fountain Valley, California and Brenda (Bob) Gluth of Highland, Michigan.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Terry; and a brother-in-law: Fred Aldridge.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Wellman. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. Burial will be in the Wellman Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Wellman Library, Wellman Heritage Society or Washington County Hospice. Messages and tributes may be directed to [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

## KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be bringing back our POKEMON TRADING CARD DAY from 10am-11am on Saturday November 11th!

**New Adult Fiction:** "Payback in Death" (In Death #57) by J.D. Robb; "Whalefall" by Daniel Kraus; "12 Months to Live" by James Patterson; "A Life Without Regrets" (Life Without Water #3) by Marci Bolden

**New Adult Non-Fiction:** "Democracy Awakening" by

Heather Cox Richardson

**New Media:** Star Trek: The Complete Original Series Remastered

**New Easy Readers:** "Maxie Wiz and Her Dragon" by Michelle Meadows; "Nat the Cat Takes a Nap" by Jarret Lerner

**New Junior Fiction:** "Time of the Turtle King" (Magic Tree House #38) by Mary Pope Osborne; "Howl of the Wind Dragon: A Branches Book" (Dragon Masters #20) by Tracy West

**New Easy Books:** "Oh No, The Aunts Are Here" by Adam Rex; "Hello, Harvest Moon" by Ralph Fletcher; "This Book Is My Best Friend" by Robin Robinson

Check us out on our website at [www.kalonalibrary.org](http://www.kalonalibrary.org) or our Facebook page - Kalona Public Library. You can also download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines by using the Libby app.

## WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join Miss Megan on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 for fun stories and songs.

This week, we are adding the following books to our shelves:

**Children's:** "Mell Fell" by Corey R Tabor; "The Elephants Come Home" by Kim Tomsic

**Juniors & Young Adult:**

"Generation Brave: The Gen Z" by Kate Alexander; "Calvin and the Sugar Apples" by Ines F Oliveira; "The Witch, The Sword, and the Cursed Knights" by Alexandria Rogers

**Adult:** "Jackie: Public, Private, Secret" by J. Randy Taraborrelli; "Maybe

Now" by Colleen Hoover; "None of This is True" by Lisa Jewell; "Rock Bottom" by Fern Michaels; "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger

Stay up to date by visiting our website: [wellmanlibrary.org](http://wellmanlibrary.org), or following us on Facebook.

## Iowa Organic Conference to highlight soil and water health

The country's largest university-sponsored organic conference will return Nov. 27 at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. The conference is a joint effort between Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the University of Iowa and will feature producers and experts from across the country sharing tips for transitioning into organic production and methods to enhance organic operations. Registration is \$100 through Nov. 10 and \$120 after that date. Conference registration is available online at <https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/iowaorganic/>.

This year's theme is "Organic Farming: Healthy Soils-Clean Water: Building Integrity into Every Practice," featuring keynote speaker Jenny Tucker, deputy administrator, USDA-National Organic Program. Tucker will speak on how the USDA is strengthening organic enforcement and how the National Organic Program is fostering programs to assist transitioning growers.

The conference begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, with vendor setup, and a reception featuring local and organic food and drinks at 6 p.m.

Monday's breakout sessions start at 8 a.m. and will include information on transitioning into organic farming, weed management, organic livestock production and alternative crops. Sessions include improving soil quality, pest management, organic no-till, what you need to know for organic inspection, diversifying your rotations, among others. Monday's lunch will highlight local and organic produce, meats and dairy products assembled into a gourmet meal by Chef Anne Watson and her University of Iowa dining team.

"The Iowa Organic Conference is the largest university-sponsored organic conference in the country," said Kathleen Delate, professor and extension organic specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Last year's conference brought over

30 exhibitors, ranging from organic seed sales to local food system nonprofits, to government offices working with transitioning and certified organic farmers. Despite the challenges of hail and drought this year, organic farmers are anticipating successful organic yields with organic soybean prices currently averaging \$21 per bushel and organic corn at \$10 per bushel."

Hotel rooms are available at the Iowa House Hotel for Sunday, Nov. 26. Guests may access room reservations by going to <https://iowahousehotel.uiowa.edu> and entering group #112723 or calling the hotel at 319-335-3513 and mentioning the Iowa Organic Conference.

For additional conference information and directions to the conference, visit the 2023 Iowa Organic Conference webpage at <https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/iowaorganic/> or contact Kathleen Delate at [kdelate@iastate.edu](mailto:kdelate@iastate.edu) or 515-294-5116.

## SENIOR DINING MENU NOV. 2-9

### Wellman Senior Dining

Thursday - Goulash, green beans, cottage cheese, brownies

Friday - Porkburgers, curly fries, baked beans, Jell-O w/ fruit

Monday - Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, monster cookies

Tuesday - Pizza, tossed salad, Hawaiian salad

Wednesday - Pork loin w/ honey mustard glaze, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, apple sauce

Thursday - Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, broccoli, Jell-O cake

### Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday - Liver & onion or grilled steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, Jell-O

Friday - Tuna noodle casserole, peas, tropical fruit, ice cream

Monday - Sliced ham, sweet potatoes, peas, apricots, dessert

Tuesday - Chicken salad sandwich, pasta salad, rosemary applesauce

Wednesday - Vegetable beef soup, crackers, pears, dessert

Thursday - Smothered chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pineapple

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## STUDENT BUILD/Continued from Page 1B

they each received hammers from Hills Bank and buckets from Acme Tools, among other items.

"I want to thank all of the kids for all of the time they put in, and the parents of all the kids for allowing their kids to be gone all summer long," Rouse said, pointing out that the project required a significant commitment.

Schlaubaugh noted that each student put about 2500 hours into the project over the summer months. "They really are the heart and soul of this project,

with Tim's leadership and everybody else that's involved in it," he said.

"For all of the students, I think experience builds up confidence," said Dwight Seegmiller, president of Hills Bank, a partner on the project. "The experiences you're getting, these are life skills that you will never, ever, ever lose. They'll just continue to build."

Also recognized at the open house was Karyl Bohnsack, executive officer of the Greater Iowa City Home Builders Association. Mark Robe presented

her with a custom engraved clock to recognize her commitment to the City of Kalona and for her assistance with the project.

The 2023 Student-Built duplex is the city's second such project; the first was rehabilitation of a single-family home in 2022. The City of Kalona is already looking ahead to its 2024 project, which will involve demolition of the house at 502 A Avenue and construction of a duplex similar to the one just completed.



The open house drew a good crowd of community members eager to tour the completed duplex, which had been staged for the event.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Lopez and Bender receive their respective housekeys from mayor Mark Robe.



## 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 Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. [www.StsMaryandJoseph.com](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Mass schedule: Sunday 10 a.m.

**IOWA CITY**  
**Crosspoint Baptist Church:** Pastor Mike Barr. Meeting at the Clarion 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**  
**Cornerstone Community Church:** 229 South 14th St.; Floyd Yutzy, 319-430-9574; [cornerstonekalona@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonekalona@gmail.com); Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids's classes available

**East Union Mennonite Church:** 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 319-656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**English River Chapel:** 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday 10 a.m. Worship, Wednesday 7 p.m. prayer and worship, Saturday 9:30 a.m. Torah study/discussion 10 a.m.; [news@englishriverchapel.org](mailto:news@englishriverchapel.org).

**Fairview Mennonite Church:** 2605 540th St. SW; Pastors: Conrad Hertzler, 319-512-6186; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Full Gospel Revival Center:** 1103 J Ave. 319-656-2298; Pastor: Jeremy Gugel; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m.; [fgrc@kctc.net](mailto:fgrc@kctc.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 Cosgrove Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy.1; Ministry: James Swartzentruber, 319-683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Kalona Mennonite Church:** 6th Street & J Ave., 656-2736, [kalonamennonitechurch.com](http://kalonamennonitechurch.com); Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Live-streamed on Facebook. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. All ages.

**Kalona United Methodist Church:** 4th St. & C Ave. 319-656-2642, [www.kalonaumc.org](http://www.kalonaumc.org); Pastor: Lisa Crow; Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Fellowship following. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

**Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church:** 1408 540th St. SW 319-656-2076, <http://ldcmc.org>, Email: [donna@ldcmc.org](mailto:donna@ldcmc.org); Pastor: Steve Nelson; Discipleship Pastor: Chris Nachtigall; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

**Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church:** 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 319-683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bontrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Bontrager; 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. 319-683-2564; [sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com](http://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.

**Sunnyside Conservative Mennonite Church:** 501 14th St. 319-656-2688; Pastors: Marv Bender and Floyd Helmut; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**JOETOWN**  
**Pleasant Hill;** Sunday worship: 9 a.m. June-Sept, Contact Fred Wagler, 319-936-7778

**KINROSS**  
**Kinross Christian Church:** Pastor: Luke Caster Sunday worship: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**LONE TREE**  
**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** 216 W. Jayne St; Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. [www.StsMaryandJoseph.com](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

**United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree:** 110 W Elm St; 629-4900 [www.lonetreeiowachurch.com](http://www.lonetreeiowachurch.com); Sunday: Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15

**NICHOLS**  
**Nichols Christian Church:** 607 Grant Ave; 319-723-4346; Sunday Services: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.

**Nichols United Methodist Church:** 315 Main; 319-723-4585; Pastors: Mary & Don Timmermann; Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Family Worship Service with Children's Message

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** Short St & Grand Ave; Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. [www.StsMaryandJoseph.com](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

**North English Christian Church:** Pastor: Luke Caster Sunday worship: 10-11 a.m.

**OXFORD**  
**Windham Community Church:** 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles north of Frytown. Pastor: Randy Harker, 319-430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. [windhamchurch.com](http://windhamchurch.com)

**RICHMOND**  
**Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church:** 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday 8 a.m.

**RIVERSIDE**  
**The Church in Riverside:** 41 E 1st St., 319-698-2185, [thechurchatriverside@hotmail.com](mailto:thechurchatriverside@hotmail.com); Patrick Leonard, Evangelist; Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**River City Church:** Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schnoebelen St.; [www.rivercityia.org](http://www.rivercityia.org); Pastor Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 10 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** 51 St. Mary's St., 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantum Home.

**Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside:** 11 E

2nd St. 319-648-3092; Pastor: Marsha Gerot, Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. (Preschool - 6th).

**SOUTH ENGLISH**  
**English River Church of the Brethren:** 29252 137th St. (Hwy 22 between South English & Kinross) 319-667-5235; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**WELLMAN**  
**Asbury United Methodist Church:** 601 8th Ave. 319-646-2417; Pastor: Lisa Crow; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church:** 600 4th St., 319-646-2254; Pastor: Pastor Andrew Lunstrom; 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:** Vacancy Pastor: Gary Sears. Missouri Synod; 5th St. & 4th Ave. Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

**New Life Community Church:** meets at Parkside Activities Center, office located at 214 8th Ave, 319-674-9057, Office hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon-Fri. [www.newlifewellman.org](http://www.newlifewellman.org); Pastor: Aaron Fleming, 646-2390; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

**Salem Mennonite Fellowship:** 1306 Keokuk Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Wilford 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, 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

**Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church:** 6 1/2 miles west of Cheese Factory, 319-656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

**Wellman Mennonite Church:** 1215 8th Ave. 319-646-2532; Pastor: David Heusinkveld; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages following the service.

**West Union Mennonite Church:** 3253 305th St. Parnell, 319-646-6004; Pastor: John David Kenney; Sunday Worship: 9:30a.m. Sunday School: 10:45a.m.; Mennonite Women: First Wed. of every month 8:30a.m.-3p.m.

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

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**West Chester Mennonite Church:** 403 Franklin Street, 319-698-4665; Pastor: Don Patterson; Sunday 10:45 a.m.

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

**Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA):** 1226 E Washington St. 319-653-3950; Pastor: Susan Debner; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m., website: [luthwash.org](http://luthwash.org). Current info on church phone recording, 319-653-3950

**Prairie Flower Baptist Church:** 1909 Larch Ave, at the corner of 190th St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Cotner. Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Prairie Time: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday: Various activities posted on our web site, [prairieflowerbaptistchurch.org](http://prairieflowerbaptistchurch.org)

**St. James Parish:** 602 West 2nd St., 319-653-4504, 319-458-0412 cell; Father Bernie Weir; Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m. [stjameswashington.org](http://stjameswashington.org)

**United Methodist Church:** 206 W 2nd St. 319-653-5446; Pastor: Anthony M. Devaughn; Traditional Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Washingtonumc.com.

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

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7th grade who have an interest in sending them to Hillcrest for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Attendance will not commit your child to coming to Hillcrest.

**Election Day**

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**West Chester Election Night Supper**

West Chester Community Church will host its 118th annual Election Night Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the church, located at 403 Franklin St., West Chester. Country-style buffet of chicken pie, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, cranberry salad, coleslaw, Jell-O, pie and cookies. All are invited; dine-in or drive-thru; free-will offering.

**Sunrise Child Care Soup Supper**

Stop by the Parkside Activity Center Banquet Hall in Wellman on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 5-8 p.m. for the Sunrise Child Care Annual Soup Supper. Menu: cheesy potato soup, chili, sandwiches, dessert, and lemonade. Free will donation; all proceeds support the Wellman splash pad.

**Kalona Chamber Business Lunch**

Iowa Travel Industry Partners and speaker Chelsea Lerud will share how tourism can benefit local businesses with outside tax dollars at the next Kalona Chamber Business Lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Kalona Historical Village. \$5 for lunch; reservations appreciated but not required. 319-656-2660.

**Kalona Historical Society Meeting**

The Kalona Historical Society will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center, 715 D Avenue, Kalona.

**Veterans Day Free Coffee for Vets**

On Saturday, Nov. 11, any veteran or current military personnel may stop by Kalona Coffee House, JW's Foods, Madeline's Coffee House, or Café Dodici for a free cup of coffee, courtesy of Kalona Realty.

**Suds for the Schoolhouse**

Have a beer at Kalona Brewing Company on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12, and the brewpub will donate \$1 to the Friends of Sharon High School to aid in the restoration of the Historic Sharon Center Schoolhouse.

**Holiday Celebration Guide Submissions**

The News needs your help with its Holiday Celebration Guide, a special section to be printed in the newspaper in November. Please send us your holiday stories, memories, traditions; photos of your holiday decorating and favorite homemade sweets; how-to's for favorite crafts; recipes; and any other content you're willing to share with our readers. This is a collective effort; your contributions make it special. Submit by Nov. 7 to news@thenews-ia.com or stop by The News office, 419 B Ave., Kalona, M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Kalona Parkinson's Support Group**

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Comments or questions, call 319-656-5347.

**St. Wenceslaus Bazaar & Bake Sale**

St. Wenceslaus in Iowa City will hold their annual holiday bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. Shop crafts, bakery, and attic treasures booths, or purchase kolaches and cinnamon rolls. Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee with your kolache or roll purchase.

**College Honors**

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the summer 2023 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college: Cassidy Bodin and Lauren Ropp, both of Kalona; Madeline Jacque, Jenny Kwon, and Kaitlin Martin, all of Washington; Dora Whitlock of Riverside; and Ashten VanWinkle of Wellman.

Madelyn Bender of Kalona is one of 22 Wartburg College students recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society. Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society. A student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and be in the top 20 percent of their class by the end of the first year.

**Pleasantview Benefit This Friday and Saturday**



Auction Acapella will sing at the annual Benefit Sale from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. L-R: Steve Groenewold, Joel Beachy, Ed V. Miller, and Warren Yoder. Not pictured is guitarist Brian Herschberger.

Where will you spend your Friday evening and Saturday morning this week? A great option is the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Benefit Sale, to be held on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. It all begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, when the silent auction opens and the turkey tenderloin meal is ready to be served. While there are no tickets to be purchased for the meal, donations will be welcomed and appreciated. So come early, eat (serving ends at 7:00 p.m.), view/bid on the silent auction items, and meet some friends.

Bidding ends at 6:30 p.m. promptly, but while you're keeping an eye on the bids and 'one-upping' other guests, enjoy the blended voices of *Auction Acapella*, making their public debut. The ensemble consists of Joel Beachy, Steve Groenewold, Ed V. Miller, and Warren Yoder. Brian Herschberger accompanies with the guitar on select pieces.

The live auction is entertaining in and of itself, in large part due to the individual style of the auctioneers in the community who generously donate their skill to the Benefit. Sometimes bidding goes fast, sometimes not so fast, but it is fun to see what three pounds of hamburger, a chunk of Jarlsburg Swiss cheese, or a couple of

dozen eggs from Farmers Hen House will bring. Quilts/comforters/wall hangings will be sold in two or three sections Friday night and Saturday morning. One wonders how much longer hand-quilted items will even be available, as many of the older avid quilters have passed. Beautiful machine-quilted items are also labors of love. Consider one for a gift!

Meals-in-homes are popular items on the live auction and are also sold both Friday evening and Saturday morning. It is a perfect way to enjoy an evening with friends you invite and have the meal made and served by someone else. It is a lot of fun!

Stop by the bake sale in the gymnasium on your way in and out. Wanda Gingerich and other local bakers bring the home-baked goods that will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth. The concession stand will feature home-made pies and ice cream which is made and donated by John Yutzy of Yutzy's Handmade Ice Cream (quarts of ice cream will also be sold on the live auction).

Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. the auction continues, ending when all items are sold, which is usually about noon. Plan to

eat breakfast before the auction, served from 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. As with the Friday evening meal, breakfast is by donations, and will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fruit.

We hope the Benefit is on your calendar. Bring your friends and family and begin your Christmas shopping at the Benefit. For more information call Larry Swartzendruber at 319-936-7563 or go to [www.pvkalona.com/benefit-sale](http://www.pvkalona.com/benefit-sale).

Pleasantview is a not-for-profit long-term care facility offering independent living, assisted living, skilled and traditional nursing, and memory care, located on the northwest corner of Kalona. Since 1958, Pleasantview has served the needs of residents. The Benefit Sale has generated funds for above-budget items since 1956.

Proceeds from this year's event will go toward the refurbishment of the area in which residents are bathed and receive therapeutic whirlpool baths and other treatment. Potential additional funds will be used for the general welfare of all Pleasantview residents.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project!

**Sec. Pate and Iowa's CIO Dwyer commend the security of Iowa's elections**

Election cybersecurity is a race without a finish line, and Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and CIO Shane Dwyer are recognizing the planning and training necessary to secure Iowa's election process throughout October, which is widely recognized as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Iowans have asked for an increased focus on election security and integrity. Through a wide range of partnerships, including Iowa's Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, FBI, Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa National Guard, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, county auditors, and precinct election officials,

the Office of the Iowa Secretary of State has made the protecting the vote a number one priority.

"I want Iowans to know we are protecting the integrity of their vote and we are being transparent in securing our elections," said Secretary Pate. "Protecting the integrity and security of state's elections is a team effort, and we have built the strongest team possible. I am confident, and the public should be reassured, that we are taking each and every step to protect their vote in all 99 counties."

Local election officials in all 99 counties participate in training and preparedness exercises throughout the year to strengthen cybersecurity measures, including general cybersecurity training, intrusion de-

tection, malware prevention, and constant monitoring.

"Cyber threats are constantly evolving and collaborations like the one between OCIO and the Office of the Iowa Secretary of State are critical in bolstering our cyber maturity and strengthening critical processes like Iowa's elections," said Dwyer. "There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but these ongoing partnerships have proven to reinforce our cybersecurity efforts across the state."

Assessing and understanding cybersecurity risks is a vital task for every organization. In 2020, the Secretary of State's Office launched a Vulnerability Disclosure Program, bolstering cyber maturity through responsible testing and reporting of systems.

Secretary Pate's Office has

prioritized cybersecurity for the last several years. Secretary Pate received the prestigious IDEAS Award from the National Association of Secretaries of State in 2019 for its "Roadmap to Election Cybersecurity" initiative. Election cybersecurity needs are consistently evolving, and Secretary Pate continues to find innovative ways to strengthen Iowa's cybersecurity each year.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an initiative lead by the Department of Homeland Security, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and the National Cybersecurity Alliance. This year marks 20th anniversary of the first Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The 2023 theme is "It's Easy to Stay Safe Online."

**Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, Plant Disease course set for Nov. 15**

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Washington County will host a Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations

across Iowa.

The local attendance site is 2223 250th St Washington, IA 52353. Preregistration is required sign up at <https://go.iastate.edu/E4ZD6Z>. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before November 8 and \$55 after November 8. To register or to obtain additional information about the

CIC, contact Holly Beinhart at the ISU Extension and Outreach Washington County office at 319-653-4811.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, and 1C. Topics covered will include personal protective equipment and safe handling, storage of pesticides, including chemical safety; and

pest management topics.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.ia-state.edu/PSEP>.

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## Kalona P&Z acts on rezoning requests, reviews comprehensive plan update bids

BY RON SLECHTA  
The News

### KALONA

Meeting Oct. 27, the Kalona Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission recommended to the Kalona City Council that it approve a rezoning from A-1 agriculture to R-1 residential six additional large acreage lots in Part 2 and 3 of Incline Grove of Southtown Subdivision as requested by Moyna Holdings, Elkader.

The rezoning request includes Incline Grove Part 2, lots 9 and 10, which are 1.70 acreage lots west of Incline Grove Lot 8 north of Vista Drive.

Part 3 includes lots 11-14 (2.5 acres each) south of Vista Drive.

All six lots will have city water but will not have city sewer service.

The P&Z Commission tabled a rezoning request by Lynn Helmuth for rezoning 411 E (Highway 22) Avenue from R-3 residential to C-2 Commercial until Helmuth submitted a site plan for that lot and three other lots. Helmuth plans to build a 120 ft. x 60 ft. NAPA auto parts store.

About a dozen residents from that neighborhood appeared before the commission expressing concern about truck traffic in the alley and truck parking on 6th Street. One person suggested it would be better if Helmuth built low-rent apartments and construct the auto parts store elsewhere. Helmuth was not at the meeting.

The P&Z will continue the hearing at their next meeting and requested that Helmuth submit a site plan and wishes to hear further details before recommending action to the council on the rezoning.

City Administrator Ryan Schlaubaugh explained to the group that Helmuth has sufficient property to construct the new building on the three lots, but the additional lot would give more space. Also, he noted that the IDOT would not allow much wider driveway space than what is already there.

### Comprehensive Plan

The commission did recommend that the city move forward with hiring Impact 7G/Confluence to jointly collaborate on a new comprehensive plan for the city at a cost of \$46,300. The commissioners suggested that the city administrator check with work done by Impact 7G, Coralville, and Confluence, Des Moines, in developing comprehensive plans in other cities.

Schlaubaugh said Ben Curtis would be the lead contact with Impact 7G and the city has worked with Curtis on other projects. Curtis also previously served as director of the Kalona Chamber of Commerce.

Others submitting bids included ECICOG, \$27,500; RDG (who did the last City Comprehensive Plan), \$80,000; and MSA, \$80,000. Impact 7G/Confluence plans to start the project as soon as the City Council approves their contract and expects to have the plan completed in six to 12 months. The process would include community meetings and working with stakeholders.

Curtis of Impact 7 and representatives of Confluence will meet with P&Z commission, hold public meetings, work with regional housing and business trends, etc. There will be a digital website that can be updated as needed.

Schlaubaugh also related that there are about three different developers interested in designing a plan for use of the northwest former Yoder property. He related he would have to go back to the developers as the DOT has changed the proposed street entrance onto Highway 1. However, that development should move forward in 2024.

Since this was the first meeting of 2023, the commission held their organizational meeting re-electing Larry Christenson chair, Chris Swart vice chair and Cooper Tanning secretary.

Other members of the commission are Larry Geno, Andrae Naraine, Sylvan Schlaubaugh and Ron Slechta.

## Pelling selected for sealing projects in Frytown, Hills areas

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

### IOWA CITY

LL Pelling, an asphalt and highway construction company located in North Liberty, has been selected for crack sealing projects that include 500th Street SW, west of Frytown, and 520th Street SE, east of Hills.

Pelling's bid of \$110,252 was approved by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at its formal session Oct. 26.

Pelling was one of three bidders for the project and the only one to come under the county engineer's cost estimate of \$116,780.

The sealing project on 500th Street will begin at the road's intersection with Angle Road and go 4.7 miles west to the Johnson County and Iowa County line.

The work on 520th Street will go 4.3 miles, from the intersection of 520th and South 4th Street to Utah Avenue SE.

Another project segment is scheduled for Sutliff Road NE, northeast of North Liberty.

Pelling is also working on a resurfacing project on 540th Street SW in the Stringtown area.

### Lulu Johnson Exhibit

Plans for outdoors and indoors exhibits honoring Lulu Merle Johnson, a native Iowan who was the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate degree at the University of Iowa, will include a bronze statue, a walking path and interactive displays at the Johnson County campus. The Board approved Lulu Johnson as the eponym for Johnson County in 2021 and began a process to honor her.

The initiative creation of the displays carries a budget of nearly \$50,000. Work on conceptual designs for the project will begin in November with a series of public meetings to occur over the winter.

Those working on the project include Sonya Jackson of eSJay Creative Works in Des Moines, a niece of Lulu Johnson, and Rebecca Conard, a consulting historian who lives in Coralville.

"I think this is fantastic," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said. "I'm really excited about the future of this."

"I'm excited because I have hoped to get recognition for Aunt Lulu forever," Jackson said. "To see this coming to fruition is just very heartening. It makes me proud, my family proud."

### Board Action

The Board approved a Provider Participation Agreement with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services for the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Uncompensated Cost Prospective Payment Program.

The Board approved an amendment to an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement with Shelter House for eviction diversion services.

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of Direct Support Professional Recognition Day, Oct. 26.

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. Nov. 2.

## Courage Ride raises \$75,000 for sarcoma research at UI Hospitals & Clinics



SUBMITTED

Courage Ride board members present a check for \$75,000 to the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Sarcoma Research Program at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Thursday, Oct. 26.

Courage Ride, a local biking event that raises funds for sarcoma cancer research, presented a check for \$75,000 to the University of Iowa's Sarcoma Research Program during an October 26th ceremony at Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Ben Miller, orthopedic surgeon, Dr. John Rieth, medical oncologist, Dr. Munir Tanas, associate professor of pathology, and Michael Henry, PhD, interim director of the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center accepted the check on behalf of the center's Sarcoma Cancer Research Program.

Courage Ride is an annual event that was founded in 2005 by Jackie and Tom Bailey of Riverside, Iowa to honor the courage of their son, Seth, who passed away at age 25 after battling sarcoma for eight years.

Over the past 19 years, the event has raised \$875,000 for sarcoma cancer research at the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. Courage Ride donations make up 85% of all sarcoma seed grant funding. Those dollars have seeded numerous sarcoma research grants, including several that have developed into larger, more extensive studies. Courage Ride funds also support one of the largest sarcoma tissue banks in the Midwest.

"The sarcoma tissue repository is a key element in our comprehensive approach to cancer research here in Iowa, as well as for a network of nationwide academic institutions studying sarcomas," said Dr. Miller.

"I don't think it's an overstatement to say that without the courage ride our research program looks much, much different and much, much worse."

This year's Courage Ride was held August 12th, with more than 400 riders from 11 different states taking part in the event. Six different route choices as well as a virtual ride option offered something for everyone of all ages and riding abilities. All routes started and finished at Big Grove Brewery and Taproom in Iowa City, where a silent auction was also held.

Sarcoma is a rare cancer comprising less than 1% of all adult cancers and 21% of childhood cancers. There are over 150 subtypes of sarcoma that are categorized as either soft tissue or bone. Though very aggressive and difficult to treat, many survive. More research is needed to find better treatment options and eventually a cure.

The significance of Courage Ride is underscored by the fact that funding for cancer research has been shrinking over the past 20 years, according to the National Cancer Institute. And yet cancer remains one of the nation's costliest diseases. Sarcoma receives 1 to 2 percent of all cancer research funding.

The 2024 Courage Ride will be held, Saturday, August 10th. Online registration will be available in spring 2024. Visit [www.CourageRide.org](http://www.CourageRide.org) for information or to make a donation.

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# Iowa's first all-women rural recovery center celebrates one year

One year ago, Cedar River Haven, located in Letts, Iowa, opened its doors to a young woman in crisis from substance use disorder. She was delivered in her orange jump suit from jail. Today, that young woman celebrates more than a year of sobriety as she prepares to transition into a valued staff member. She and four other women also successfully completed the program – the program's first. These women played an integral role in the Haven's journey since its opening.

Cedar River Haven announced also that it has become Iowa's only certified rural recovery community, setting a pioneering path for women in recovery seeking transformative change. Cedar River Haven stands as a symbol of hope and renewal for women hailing from all corners of the state. Within its welcoming walls, residents engage in a profound 12-step immersion program, guided by a supportive, peer-led social model.

Founder Freda Sojka's visionary dream from more than three decades ago led to the eventual establishment of Cedar River Haven.

"More than thirty years

ago, I envisioned a sanctuary where women could find solace and embark on the journey to a better life. At Cedar River Haven, we take the approach of extending a hand up, leading with an open heart, and offering the women a haven of peace as they work toward their hope-filled futures," said Sojka.

Her vision became a reality in 2022, thanks largely to the sale of her company, Simply Soothing, Inc, the parent company of Iowa's own success story, Bug Soother. Today, Sojka and her team oversee the recovery of 10 to 12 women on average, with the potential to accommodate up to 24 individuals.

"The capacity is limited primarily by funding and staffing constraints," said Denise Ball, Cedar River Haven program director. Our waiting list of women underscores the profound need for such a refuge in Iowa."

Despite those limitations, Cedar River Haven will be transitioning out five women over the next month, having successfully completed the recommended year-long program. Avarie Smith was the first woman to join the program

more than a year ago. Today she is a staff member at the Haven.

"I applied for the recovery program because I needed a sense of purpose, a safe place where I could focus on recovery," said Smith. "Nothing else I tried seemed to work for me."

"Seventy percent of the original women are successfully completing this program," said Ball. "That success rate is a blessing within a disease such as Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) and above national and state standards."

Cedar River Haven goes beyond the traditional recovery model, fostering entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency for its residents. "The Haven" has been the driving force behind the opening of several businesses in the Southeast Iowa area, including Cedar River Ranch Resort and Events Center, Cedar River Catering, The Box Lunch food truck, and the soon-to-be-opened Bake & Brew on 92, a café with a cause. These enterprises are instrumental in the success of Cedar River Haven's women, providing not only employment and training, but also the tools to forge fresh beginnings, enhance their resumes, and pre-

pare them for new lives beyond the program.

"Our program combines a comprehensive 12-step immersion, giving the women access to meetings, connections with community resources, life skills development, and employment opportunities – all aimed at equipping our residents for success in society," explained Ball.

Securing certification from the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) underscores Cedar River Haven's unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care. This certification offers assurance to the community, potential residents, and their families that they are engaging with a top-tier program. The structure of Cedar River Haven falls between halfway house and treatment center models. It has more structure and more resources than a halfway house but does not offer in-house clinical or medical support.

Women entering Cedar River Haven come from diverse backgrounds, including prison, jail, treatment centers, home, or the streets. The pressing need for long-term programs like Cedar River Haven

is undeniable in Iowa, where access to recovery support remains a critical issue, especially women.

In the United States, the recovery residence landscape primarily emphasizes aiding men, with a ratio of at least 2:1 in favor of men over women. In addition, 80 percent of recovery assistance is found in urban areas, leaving rural communities to struggle on their own.

"Iowa's recovery landscape has long been in need of a transformation, especially when it comes to women," asserted Sojka. "We proudly stand as the first certified rural recovery residence in Iowa, extending a lifeline to those often overlooked in rural communities."

When asked what the woman who came to Cedar River Haven, over a year ago in the bright orange jumpsuit, would think of herself today, Smith proclaimed, "She would not recognize me at all."

For more information about Cedar River Haven, please visit <https://www.cedarriver-ranch.com/cedarriverhaven>. To schedule a tour or engage with a staff member, contact us at 319-726-2360 or via email at [info@cedarriverhaven.org](mailto:info@cedarriverhaven.org)

# Board OKs ambulance sale, defers action on Main St. lot

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

## WASHINGTON

In a brief regular session Tuesday, the Washington County Supervisors approved a request from the Ambulance Services to retire and sell an older ambulance unit, a recommendation for vehicle retirement that the services interim director Katrina Altenhofen had recommended in the recent department quarterly report. Bids will be taken for the unit.

A similar sale a few years ago provided the department with an extra \$5,000. However, she stressed that there is no guarantee it would be bought by another, smaller department since there could be interest in converting it to commercial use.

Supervisor Marcus Fedler noted he had been asked about the county's possible plan for the lot at 302 W. Main Street, directly west of the courthouse, specifically if it had plans to keep or sell it. Supervisor Jack Seward Jr. responded

that the board "had tried it once," seeking bids that fell short of expectations.

Initially the parcel was purchased with a view of providing a parking lot for the courthouse, but city code does not permit using gravel instead of paving for parking lots. Seward also noted that the board had suggested getting help regarding current market value. The members also agreed that they needed to know exactly what the total acquisition costs were, including purchase, demolition of the

house on it, and other fees. An estimate was between \$75,000 to \$80,000.

Members agreed to defer further discussion to next week to obtain financial information as well as determine if there could still be interest from the one bidder for the plot. The initial bidding provided for bidders to increase bids at the time of the bid opening, as in an auction.

In other business, the board acknowledged the county general assistance quarterly report that showed six applica-

tions for assistance for a total of \$ 3,710.88 and three for the county Veterans Affairs, totaling \$2,780, to assist with burials.

During the brief supervisors' comments at the session's conclusion, Seward told the board there are two terms on the Board of Health that expire December 31, noting that the county should see if there are people interested in serving on the board.

# County Health Board discusses personnel pay for call-back emergencies

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

## WASHINGTON

Following the pay change for the Washington County Emergency Services for personnel calls back to respond to emergencies, the County Board of Health members briefly discussed the issue, which also affects emergencies with home health patients and possibly others.

At the October 26 regular meeting, Administrator Emily Tokheim said no one can be on call 24/7, that back-up personnel is necessary, and that the department must have a plan both for emergency response and for compensation.

The recent agreement for the Ambulance and Emergency Services amounts to double time for on-call/emergency staffing emergencies. The board indicated there will be further discussions. The total current staff numbers 15 who, to date, have a combined ser-

vice of 175 years.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a vehicle replacement for the Environmental Health Department, priced at \$38,000, but with trade-in will be \$29,325, with funds available in the current budget.
- Received an update regarding the water systems at the Water's Edge Subdivision and private property owners' systems, which will have DNR approval.
- Received a presentation from Community Action of Southeast Iowa, which serves an area of six counties in dealing with health and nutrition programs, which has seen a more than 25% increase for services.
- Learned that due to changes made by the state in its various departments and services and an oversight in funding, the Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH/Oral Health) pro-

gram has a \$26,000 shortfall. As a result, there will be adjustments and moves to keep the current service level possible.

- Approved the subcontract with the Lee County Health Department for MCAH/Oral Health in which Washington County Public Health will provide qualified staffing for MCAH/Oral Health services in conjunction with Lee County from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Invoices will be submitted by WCPH monthly, with much of the funding coming from grants.
- Noting that the next regular meeting would fall on Thanksgiving, the board approved combining the November and December meetings into one, at noon on December 14, in the conference room on the 5th floor of the former Federation Bank Building.

# Central Bancshares completes purchase of SENB Bank

Central Bancshares, Inc. of Muscatine, Iowa ("Central Bancshares"), parent company of

CBI Bank & Trust, has completed the purchase of McLaughlin Holding Company, parent company of SENB Bank, based in Moline, Illinois, and merged SENB Bank into CBI Bank & Trust, effective October 20, 2023. The transaction was originally announced in May.

"While signage will soon change, customers will not see any immediate changes," said Greg Kistler, President and CEO of CBI Bank & Trust and Central Bancshares. "The bank will continue to operate at the same locations, supported by the same officers and staff. System conversions will take place in April 2024."

SENB Bank was organized in 1961 and has total assets of

approximately \$340 million. It serves the Quad Cities market in both Iowa and Illinois, as well as the state line (Rockford/Beloit) region of Illinois and Wisconsin, with six locations: Moline and Roscoe, IL; Davenport, Bettendorf, and Buffalo, IA; and Beloit, WI.

Central Bancshares' total assets have increased to over \$1.45 billion with the acquisition. In addition to the SENB Bank locations, it serves consumers and businesses through 17 banking centers, with locations in Coralville, Davenport, Kalona, Muscatine, Walcott, Washington, and Wilton in Iowa, and Brimfield, Buffalo Prairie, Galesburg, Monmouth, and Peoria in Illinois. In addition, the bank's Trust and Investment Divisions manage combined client assets of approximately \$1.4 billion.

# KCTC, STC and WCTA awarded state broadband grants

The Iowa Department of Management Division of Information Technology announced Oct. 30 that it awarded \$148,960,000 as part of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program. Thirty-nine broadband provider applications representing 47 Iowa counties received a Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA), including Kalona Cooperative Telephone Co (KCTC), Sharon Telephone Company

(STC), and Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA).

KCTC will receive \$3,120,782.33 to expand fiber into rural Henry County; STC will receive \$1,842,400 to extend service into rural Iowa City; and WCTA will receive \$2,698,551 to provide service to Iowa County.

This round of grant funds will be used to incentivize broadband infrastructure

build out in the newly established Broadband Intervention Zones (BIZ). Through feedback from 55 public meetings in Iowa communities, 96 BIZ zones were created across the state. These are areas deemed to be in the most need for broadband infrastructure expansion.

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Mid-Prairie's Kendal Landstrum (left), Danielle Hostetler, Phoebe Shetler and Annika Poll embrace following their last race together at the state championship meet in Fort Dodge.

boys won a state team title in 2016, the same year that Anna Hostetler won her individual championship as a junior. There were tears Saturday.

And there were tears at the team meeting the night before at a hotel.

"I told the kids last night (at the hotel)," Meyers said, "literally every day I have a moment of awe that I'm lucky enough to get to spend every day with them. Every time that hits me, I'm thankful for that. Like I realize how lucky I am to be able to coach them this year."

Every race begins with a huddle. Their commitment begins not in the middle of August with official team practices, but in June and July

with early morning sunrise runs. If you wake up at 6 in the morning on a summer's day, you'll see them out there on the streets of Wellman, pounding pavement.

If one runner succumbs to the heat on a hot race day, you'll see bunches of teammates running for ice and just comforting their teammate. Nobody is ever alone.

"I've never been around a group of kids that care for each other as much as these guys do and love each other as much as these guys do," Meyers said. "I'm just proud of them."

"We just love each other," Swartzentruber said. "It's just a super fantastic thing."

In the midst of that is Dani-

elle Hostetler, whose older sisters Anna and Marie won four consecutive state titles before Danielle won her first as a freshman in 2020 to help the Golden Hawks win their fourth of five consecutive team state titles.

Championship day in Fort Dodge has turned into an annual family trek.

"It means so much," Danielle Hostetler said. "First of all, I've been coming here since I was little and I was watching my sisters. I was so excited to run someday. The past four years, a lot of injuries, a lot of heartbreak, but a lot of really good things. Fond memories of my teammates. Wins and losses, all of it."



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Anna Hostetler, who began an eight-year streak of Mid-Prairie wins at the state cross country championships in 2016, was in Fort Dodge on Saturday to watch her younger sister, Danielle, a three-time state champ, run in her final high school race.

Until this year, Mark Hostetler, a goat and dairy farmer in Parnell and the father of Danielle, Marie and Anna, coached the team. Not only cross country, but also some years in track. When he stepped away this year, the replacement was Meyers, an eighth-grade math teacher at Mid-Prairie Middle School in Kalona who fully realized the history and traditions of a program that dominated Iowa cross country.

"I mean, expectations are high when you take over for a guy like Mark," Meyers said. "He's a living legend. The kids have done a whole lot to make it easy on me. Obviously, there's that internal pressure of trying to live up to all of that and knowing full well that I never could because of all that he's accomplished. But just trying to do the best I can for the kids."

"There are definitely times

where it was like, 'Man, this is really heavy, this is a lot,'" he said, his voice breaking with emotion. "But really, most of the time, it was just like, 'Man, I'm so thankful for this opportunity.'"

He already knew the kids. "I knew them all in middle school," he said. "I coached all of them in middle school. I knew them. I was actually more nervous at the beginning-of-the-season parents meeting."

Eventually, all of this led to a team championship by the Mid-Prairie girls at the 2A state qualifier in Williamsburg, a third-place finish by the boys, and individual titles by both Hostetler and Swartzentruber. Three Golden Hawks placed among the top 5 finishers and all seven were in the top 18. The girls also won the River Valley Conference title. "I'm just so proud of those girls," Meyers said.



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Mid-Prairie senior Danielle Hostetler, a three-time state champion, spiritually points toward the heavens just prior to the start of Saturday's state race at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge.

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# La Chiva pequeña

*Riverside restaurant La Chiva Loka adds second location in West Liberty*

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

WEST LIBERTY

When Karen and Jose Cabrera traded their construction business in for a restaurant in Riverside, they knew that move was a little crazy, hence the 'loka' in La Chiva Loka. But clearly, crazy-seeming moves suit the couple, as now, more than four years later, they have opened a second location at 1100 North Columbus St. in West Liberty.

The new outpost for La Chiva Loka opened Saturday, Oct. 21, but Karen and Jose have been working on it since February.

"We gutted it, remodeled it all, got it all looking nice so that we can have a nice place for people to come and eat and enjoy themselves," Karen

says. "There's a nice, big TV to watch soccer games," she adds, pointing out the large screen on the wall.

Karen and Jose did all of the work themselves, though Karen is quick to point out that the beautiful natural wood counter/bar area was specifically Jose's labor of love. In fact, some of it had to be done twice in order to get it right.

"The first part up here we had painted maroon, and we were like, 'Eh, we don't like it.' So he took it all off and redid it," Karen says.

Their hard work has paid off. The new location is fresh and attractive, bearing a family resemblance to the original location in Riverside, albeit with one distinct difference: it's a little jewel-box, as opposed to open and spacious.

That was intentional.

"My husband wanted something small, and he just wanted to branch out a little bit," Karen says. "It's kind of nice having a small space even though I'm used to such a big space."

For Karen, being back in West Liberty is a homecoming; she grew up here and raised her kids here before moving to Iowa City about 11 years ago. When people come in for a meal, they're delighted to see her, and the feeling is mutual.

"It's really nice to see old friends again, people that knew me, knew my parents," she says.

The restaurant site itself is no stranger; Karen's mom owned a couple of restaurants in town, including one in this exact location when Karen was a kid.

"I came in after school," she says, to help her mom out serving ice cream and sandwiches. The memory makes her nostalgic, especially for soft-serve ice cream.

"I wish I had room for ice cream in here, but I don't," she says. "I love soft-serve ice cream."

The menu at the West Liberty La Chiva Loka will be basically the same as that in Riverside, filled with Mexican and American favorites, although on weekends they will serve breakfast and some seafood.

Because there aren't many places open on Sundays in West Liberty, La Chiva Loka may have longer Sunday hours. In contrast, the Riverside location may close on Sundays in the future, as keeping the restaurant staffed that day

is an issue.

Their first week open in West Liberty has been a bustling one, although Karen and Jose have had some equipment issues that need to be worked out. But on the whole, things are going well.

"We get a lot of traffic coming this way," Karen says, and a lot of people she knows "have been coming in and are supportive."

Back in Riverside, the couple is confident the original La Chiva Loka is in good hands.

"I have a good manager," Karen says, and her son and nephew work there as well, keeping an eye on the place. "I try to keep it in the family and treat all of my employees as if they were family."

Now that doesn't sound crazy at all.



Karen Cabrera kept an eye on the customers while husband Jose prepared lunches in the kitchen on Oct. 25.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

La Chiva Loka's second location opened for business on Oct. 21 at 1100 North Columbus St., West Liberty.



The Cabreras have been working since February to renovate the space for a smaller outpost of La Chiva Loka.

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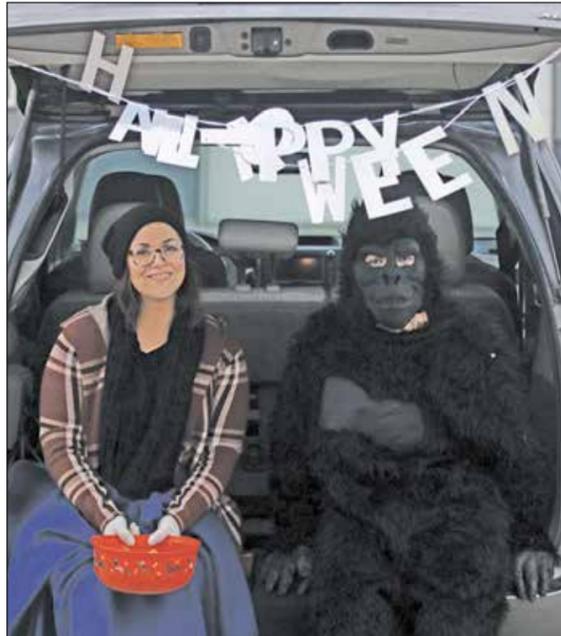
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# The News SPORTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie's Emmett Swartzentruber crosses the finish line in Fort Dodge as the 2A State Champion with a time of 15:51 on Saturday, Oct. 28.

## STATE CHAMP SWARTZENTRUBER

*Emmett Swartzentruber gives Mid-Prairie its first boys cross-country state championship*

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

FORT DODGE

For Mid-Prairie the outcome was familiar, but also unfamiliar.

On a cold windy day Emmett Swartzentruber heated up quickly and made Mid-Prairie school history. Competing in the third state meet of his high school career, Swartzentruber captured his first 2A individual cross-country state champi-

onship by placing first with a new personal best time of 15:51.

"I was so excited. I just couldn't believe it," Swartzentruber said about placing first at state. "I did not think I would be here. Not this year. Possibly not even next year. I just was not expecting this. It feels great."

This makes it eight years in a row Mid-Prairie has had an individual cross-country state champion, the previous seven titles being won by a Golden

Hawk girl.

With this win Swartzentruber added a new page to the school history books, becoming the first Golden Hawk boy to win an individual state championship.

"I'm feeling so proud of Emmett. He was not on anybody's radar to win today except ours," Mid-Prairie coach Jeremy Meyers said. "I was talking to him earlier this week, and he said he was feeling good, and that was his goal coming in. It

was to try and win the race and I told him, "Go for it. You got nothing to lose." Either win or crash trying."

Swartzentruber has been impressive in the meets leading up to state, taking first in a conference meet and the state qualifiers meet and his ranking coming into the state meet, No. 3 in Class 2A, reflected how well he has been performing as of late.

"I felt pretty good going into the race," Swartzentruber

said. "Warming up and getting ready at the start line. My morale dropped a little bit because I was like, "All right, it's pretty freezing out here." and we were in a little bit of a rush, a little stressed. But as soon as that gun went off, I was just back into race mode, and I just gave it all I got."

After one mile, Swartzentruber found himself in 18th

SEE SWARTZENTRUBER | PAGE 2B

### *Brrrr! Frozen finish to a remarkable career*

The cold weather of a late October morning in northern Iowa froze Mid-Prairie's Danielle Hostetler.

Bad timing.

"My legs were completely numb the whole time," she said. "I couldn't feel them. I couldn't make them go faster. They were just frozen."

So, in her final high school cross country race, Hostetler's chase after history didn't go exactly the way she had hoped. After winning the Class 2A state individual championship three consecutive years, she finished fifth, even after making a late-race charge after Sumner-Fredericksburg senior Hillary Trainor.

The history was a chase after a rare four-peat.

It has only happened once on the girls side. Rebekah Topham of Griswold won four



Paul Bowker  
Columnist

consecutive state titles, from 2011 to 2014. That was in Class 1A and it came in a 4,000-meter race, not the 5,000 meters run today. A four-peat has never happened in any other class, but Danielle and older sister Marie Hostetler are among eight to capture three state championships.

That is the legacy and tradition that not only Danielle leaves with Mid-Prairie cross country, but also sisters Anna

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### Yoder sets personal best at state, secures top 15 finish

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

FORT DODGE

Making her first appearance at state, Marie Yoder was greeted by windy weather that can be best described as fiercely frigid, but this did not deter the Hillcrest freshman.

Yoder, pushing herself past the chilly elements and the challenging competition, set a new personal best at the 1A state cross-country championship meet, placing 13th in 19:41 on Oct. 27.

"I never push myself that hard, especially in the first mile," Yoder said after the race. "It was pretty fast, like 6:08, and it definitely hurt more than most races have, but it was really good overall."

"It's just uncomfortable," Hillcrest coach Martin Ging-

erich said about racing in cold weather. "But running a 5k all out is uncomfortable."

Competing against the best runners the state has to offer; Yoder ran the best race of her young high school career and in doing so she earned all-state honors with her top 15 finish.

"Marie was awesome today, she had a big PR, just ran very well and in strong competition and challenging weather. It was a great day for Marie," coach Gingerich said.

This race featured 158 runners and after the one-mile mark Yoder found herself in 19th place. She was able to move into 17th place at the two-mile mark. By the time she crossed the finish line she improved her placement by four spots.

In addition to this race being a season and career best

for Yoder, it also set a new Raven girl's school record. Her time at state now stands alone in the school history books as the fastest finish in a 5k cross-country race.

Among the top 15 finishers Yoder was one of three freshmen to earn a medal.

"I think it's really cool because I didn't think I was going to be able to get top 15, but I'm glad I could prove myself wrong," Yoder said.

Winning the race with an individual state champion time of 18:22 was Calamus-Wheatland junior Noelle Steines. Steines entered the race ranked No. 2 in Class 1A. The No. 1 ranked runner, senior Meghan Wheatley, finished as the runner-up in 18:35.

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## ATHLETE of the WEEK

**EMMETT SWARTZENTRUBER**

**MID-PRAIRIE JUNIOR**

Swartzentruber captured an individual 2A cross-country state championship with a first-place time of 15:51 at Fort Dodge on Oct. 28. He is the first person in Mid-Prairie history to win an individual boys state championship.

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# Golden Hawk girls place fourth at state

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

**FORT DODGE**

Making their annual trip to Fort Dodge, the Mid-Prairie girls cross-country team made their ninth consecutive appearance at the Class 2A Iowa High School Cross-Country Championship meet on Oct. 28.

Led by senior Danielle Hostetler, a three-time state champ, the No. 1 ranked team in Class 2A, Mid-Prairie, ended the state meet by placing fourth in the team standings with 122 points.

"I'm just so proud of those girls," Mid-Prairie coach Jeremy Meyers said. "Coming in ranked number one, finishing fourth. It wasn't the team result that we wanted, but if you go back and look at our times

it wasn't that we didn't run well, it was just that some other teams really outperformed what they had done all year."

Des Moines Christian won the state team championship with a score of 101 and Van Meter was the runner-up with a score of 110.

140 runners competed at state, and it was a cold day indeed. The chilly weather was apparent by how many girls ran while wearing gloves, hats, and long sleeves.

Hostetler, ranked No. 2 in Class 2A, put the finishing touches on an extraordinary high school cross-country career by placing 5th in 18:55. Her top five finish earned all-state honors. This is the fourth consecutive year she has accomplished this feat.

At the one-mile mark

Hostetler was in 8th place. By the time the two-mile mark came around she bolstered her position by reaching third place, but in the final stretch of the course she dropped two spots.

Crossing the finish line in 18:09 to win the 2A state cross-country championship was Sumner-Fredericksburg senior Hillary Trainor. Trainor, ranked No. 1, finished 26 seconds faster than Albia sophomore McKenna Montgomery's runner-up finish.

"We need to be proud of what we've done because we came out and we ran well," coach Meyers said. "They just beat us. They were faster than us. So, obviously it wasn't the result we wanted. But in the hotel last night we were talking. The results are great and

that's really cool. But as long as we love each other and care for each other throughout the day, we're successful."

Aside from Hostetler, Mid-Prairie entered state with two other ranked runners, freshman Brooklyn Stutzman and senior Greta Sieren.

In her first state meet Stutzman, ranked No. 24, placed 37th in 20:25. Sieren, ranked No. 25, placed 45th in 20:32. Her time and placement were an improvement from last year at state when she placed 87th in 21:41.

Also finishing within the top 50 was senior Abby Fleming. Fleming was able to keep a consistent pace, going from 89th at mile one to 64th at mile two, to finish the race with a time of 20:31 to place 43rd.

With the state meet serving

as a conclusion of the season Mid-Prairie will say goodbye to its eight seniors: Hostetler, Fleming, Sieren, Emma Lueck, Kali Miller, Annika Poll, Behla Schmidt, and Phoebe Shetler.

"I've never been around a group of kids that care for each other as much as these guys do and love each other as much as these guys do," coach Meyers said about his team. "I'm just proud of them."

**Results**

1. Hillary Trainor, Sumner-Fredericksburg, 18:09
5. Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 18:55
37. Brooklyn Stutzman, Mid-Prairie, 20:25
43. Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 20:31
45. Greta Sieren, Mid-Prairie, 20:32
51. Kendal Landstrum, Mid-Prairie, 20:37
53. Phoebe Shetler, Mid-Prairie, 20:39
93. Annika Poll, Mid-Prairie, 21:34



Senior Danielle Hostetler crosses the finish line at the state meet in Fort Dodge on Oct. 28.



L-R: Brooklyn Stutzman, Kendal Landstrum, Annika Poll, all battle for position during the beginning portions of the state cross-country championship race.

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Yoder was Hillcrest's lone representative at state, but she wasn't the only Raven to make the trip to Fort Dodge. Her cross-country teammates tagged along, and they made sure to cheer for her and celebrate with her along the way.

"Top 15 is not a huge surprise for me. Her goal was top 30 and a PR, which was 20:22 and she was 13th with 19:41," coach Gingerich said. "So, she just smashed those and it's fun to see her be able to do this and celebrate and also to see her classmates celebrate with her."

In her first year of cross-country Yoder has found her fair share of success and it wouldn't come as a surprise if a visit to the state meet became a more common occurrence in her future.

"I loved the cross-country season," Yoder said. "It was really fun to get to know all these other people and just have a great time."



Hillcrest freshman Marie Yoder smiles during the awards ceremony.



Marie Yoder begins the state championship race at Fort Dodge on Oct. 28. She medaled at state by virtue of a top 15 finish.

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place. After two miles, he found himself in the lead with no one else in front of him.

"In the first mile, I was back a ways and I just slowly started working my way up there to try to get as many guys I can," Swartzentruber said. "The second mile I was just like those top five, I believe. And I was like, 'All right, it's time to take this, let's go.'" So, I took the lead, and I just held it. Just held it as long as I could, and I said a little prayer and kept going and it's crazy."

It was a close race coming into the final stretch, but Swartzentruber reached the finish line before anyone else, claiming a state title and emphatically pumping his fist in celebration. A shocking outcome to spectators and runners alike.

"When he finished. Some of the guys that he beat turned around to the other guys and asked who Emmett was because they didn't know," coach Meyers said.

Completing the course just two seconds after Swartzentruber was Denver senior Neal Pinter. Pinter was ranked No. 5 and Okoboji junior Evan Osler, ranked No. 2, placed third in 15:55.

As a team the Golden Hawks placed 10th, an improvement from

their 13th place finish a year prior. Preston Yutzy for the second year in a row gave Mid-Prairie its second top performance, placing 39th in 17:06. Jayse Yoder rounded out the top three Mid-Prairie finishes by placing 86th in 17:57.

Sophomore Jesse Stultz and senior Jacob Donaldson set new PRs at state with times of 18:16 and 18:51 respectively.

Mid-Prairie ends its cross-country season on a historic note and judging by the roar of the crowd when Swartzentruber held his individual state championship trophy up high during the award ceremony, it's a finish they won't forget anytime soon.

"I would say he knew what it took to win, but I don't think he knew," coach Meyers said about Swartzentruber. "I think he just put in as much work as he possibly could, hoping it was going to be enough and it was."

**Results**

1. Emmett Swartzentruber, Mid-Prairie, 15:51
39. Preston Yutzy, Mid-Prairie, 17:06
86. Jayse Yoder, Mid-Prairie, 17:57
95. Max Swartzentruber, Mid-Prairie, 18:03
100. Jesse Stultz, Mid-Prairie, 18:16
114. Daniel Rodgers, Mid-Prairie, 18:39
116. Jacob Donaldson, Mid-Prairie, 18:51



Swartzentruber maintains a first-place lead in the state cross-country championship race, a lead he did not let go of.



Emmett Swartzentruber smiles while raising his state championship trophy. He won the individual title with a new PR time of 15:51.

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# SEISC North All-Conference volleyball selections

## SEISC North: First Team

### GRACE PRYBIL



Utility | 234 assists | 73 digs

### MALIA YODER



Hitter | 209 kills | 302 digs

### SARAH BURTON



Hitter | 269 digs | 149 kills

### MADISON BEESON



Defensive Specialist | 394 digs | 89.8% (serves)

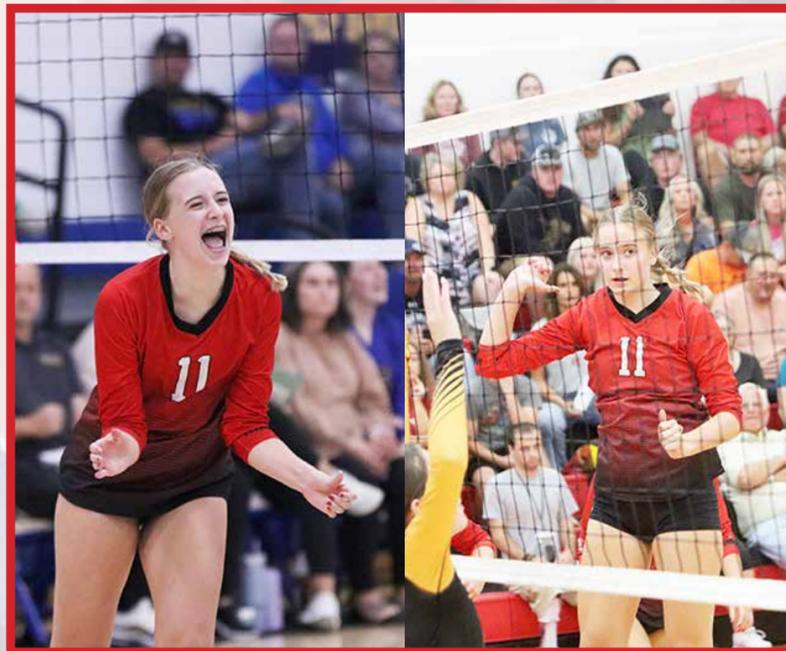
## SEISC North: Second Team

### KYLEE STATLER



Hitter | 111 kills | 40 blocks

### LORELEI LUECK



Hitter | 136 kills | 18 blocks

### FIRST TEAM

Player of the Year: Emily Hemphill, Wapello

- |                |           |           |         |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Aurey Meeker   | WMU       | Senior    | Utility |
| Grace Prybil   | Highland  | Senior    | Utility |
| Emily Hemphill | Wapello   | Senior    | Hitter  |
| Malia Yoder    | Hillcrest | Junior    | Hitter  |
| Audrie Gipple  | WMU       | Senior    | Hitter  |
| Sarah Burton   | Highland  | Senior    | Hitter  |
| Emma Wagler    | WACO      | Senior    | Hitter  |
| Annaka Greiner | Wapello   | Freshman  | Setter  |
| Daniela Diaz   | Columbus  | Sophomore | Setter  |
| Mya Wagner     | Wapello   | Freshman  | Libero  |
| Madison Beeson | Highland  | Senior    | D.S     |

### SECOND TEAM

Coach of the Year: Kenna Greiner, Wapello

- |                 |           |           |                      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Rachel Hoeg     | Wapello   | Junior    | Utility              |
| Myah Bainbridge | Pekin     | Junior    | Utility              |
| Tyra Lanz       | Wapello   | Senior    | Hitter               |
| Lorelei Lueck   | Highland  | Senior    | Hitter               |
| Lily Coil       | Columbus  | Junior    | Hitter               |
| Kylee Statler   | Hillcrest | Junior    | Hitter               |
| Kate Lanz       | Wapello   | Sophomore | Hitter               |
| Jessica Del Rio | Columbus  | Sophomore | Hitter               |
| Jacie Hoeg      | Wapello   | Senior    | Setter               |
| Meredith Roth   | WACO      | Senior    | Setter               |
| Tessa Huston    | WMU       | Senior    | Libero               |
| Halle Shelman   | WACO      | Senior    | Defensive Specialist |

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Aracely Garza (Jr), Columbus  
 Kennedy Woepping (So), Columbus  
**Hogan Eden (Sr), Lone Tree**  
**Alex Dautremont (Jr), Lone Tree**  
 Alex Parsons (Sr), Pekin  
 Kayse Miller (Jr), Pekin  
 Marie Farmer (Sr), WACO  
 Jessica Unternahrer (Sr), WACO  
 Macey Kuntz (Fr), Wapello  
 Erica Gillette (Fr), Wapello  
 Kylee Wagner (Sr), Louisa-Muscatine  
 Taylor Morrison (So), Louisa-Muscatine  
**Claire Withrow (So), Hillcrest**  
**Lydia Beachy (Jr), Hillcrest**  
**Adeline Krotz (Jr), Highland**  
**Lilly Barre (Jr), Highland**  
 Lily Freeman (Sr), WMU

# Mid-Prairie falls in regional finals to CP-U

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

## CENTER POINT

In front of an energetic home crowd the Center Point-Urbana Stormin Pointers secured their first trip to state since 2015 by defeating the Golden Hawks, 3-1, with final set scores of 25-23, 17-25, 25-17, 25-21 on Oct. 24.

No. 7 CP-U and No. 12 Mid-Prairie entered the Class 3A Regional Finals having dropped zero sets in the post-season. Both teams swept the competition in the first two rounds to reach the finals for a shot at state.

Striking the first blow, the Stormin Pointers went up 1-0 after winning what ended up being the most highly contested set of the night.

While trailing CP-U scored seven straight points to take a 21-17 lead and despite the Hawks proceeding to tie the game at 23-23, the Stormin Pointers completed their comeback with back-to-back scores.

"We were sending [CP-U] too many free balls," Mid-Prairie coach Sherry Evans said. "And then you have a right-side hitter like Sydney Maue, who is just going to bounce it on the ten-foot line."

Going into this matchup Mid-Prairie knew they would have to keep its eyes on CP-U junior Sydney Maue and her ability to score points in bunches. Maue ended the night with a team leading 19 kills.

"[Maue] is a stud," coach Evans said. "Jovi [Evans] played with her in club for the last few years, so we knew her, we knew how she played. She did a great job."

Mid-Prairie sophomore Jovi Evans has been sensational all season long and this game was no exception. Evans ended the night with a triple double, 20 kills, 25 assists, and 24 digs.

"Just a tremendous athlete Jovi is, you literally can put her anywhere," coach Evans said. "She gets a little crazy sometimes when she's playing defense in the right back,

thinking she needs to transition a little early. But a lot of setters do that.

Responding in kind, the Hawks evened up the series with an impressive looking win. Leading by as many as nine in the second set, Mid-Prairie eventually secured an eight-point victory.

"[Jovi] came in and had some really big kills for us right at the beginning, especially in some really key moments," coach Evans said. "She had some good momentum moves for kills. She had some good digs, good serves. When she feeds Callie Huber that ball, it's going to most likely go down.

One score shy of reaching double digits, junior Callie Huber ended her night with nine kills and three blocks.

The third set saw a similar match but this time the results were flipped on its head. Leading by as many as nine in the third set, CP-U eventually secured an eight-point victory.

On defense standout junior Dakota Mitchell, one of the three Mid-Prairie captains, led the team with 31 digs. She also recorded a service ace in set three.

Despite a late rally by the Hawks to tie the fourth set at 17-17, the Stormin Pointers went on an 8-4 run to close out the set, the match, and Mid-Prairie's season.

For Mid-Prairie this loss marks the end of a sensational season that saw the team reach 31 wins and capture a conference championship, their first conference title since 2002.

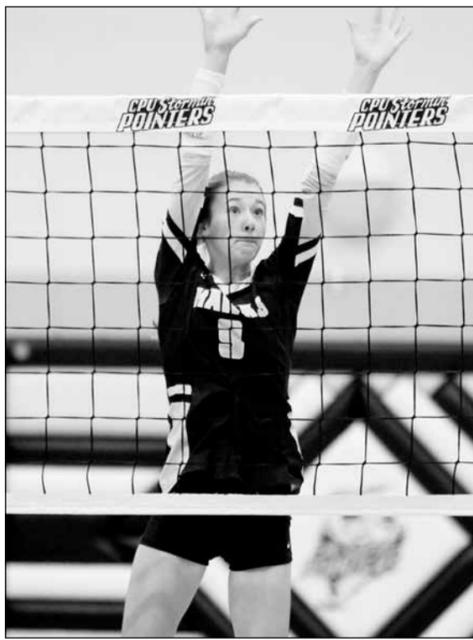
Mid-Prairie will say goodbye to three seniors, Reese Good, Paige Safly, and Ava Pence.

"I adore and appreciate each and every one of them," coach Evans said about the three Mid-Prairie seniors. "We've taken some big hits previous years with seniors, but as far as next year, we get most everyone back. We're just going to be one more year experienced, one more year older. So, that's really exciting."

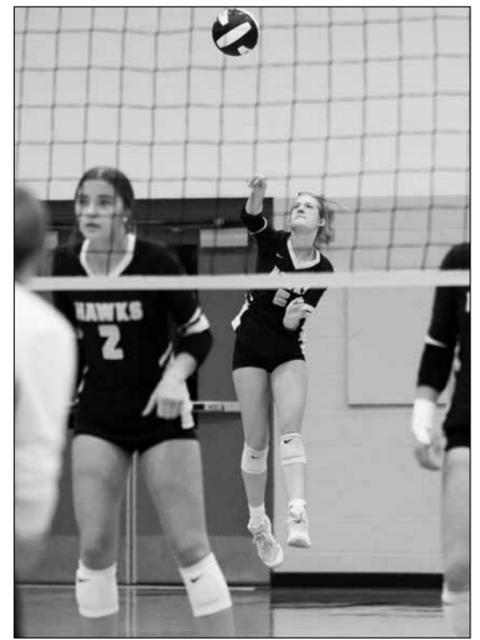


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Center Point-Urbana's Logan Keller spikes the ball between Mid-Prairie's Jovi Evans (1) and Callie Huber (13). Mid-Prairie's Dakota Mitchell would quell the shot.



Left: Senior Paige Safly goes up for a block attempt against CP-U. Right: Sophomore Avery Helmuth starts a volley with a serve.



# Mid-Prairie playoff push halted against No. 9 Mustangs



Mid-Prairie sophomore Hudson Ehrenfelt finds a hole and runs for a chunk of yardage against PCM on Friday, Oct. 27.



Mid-Prairie's Grady Miller leaps for the football.



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Mid-Prairie quarterback Brady Weber looks to complete a pass down the field against PCM.

BY TJ RHODES  
The News

## MONROE

The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks playoff push ended when they played the No. 9 ranked PCM Mustangs on Friday, Oct. 27 for a Class 2A round-two matchup. The final score was 36-0.

PCM rose to 8-2 and will continue their playoff push while Mid-Prairie finished at 5-5.

After forcing a punt, Mid-Prairie was off to a promising start when sophomore Hudson Ehrenfelt began to heat up. Ehrenfelt would finish the game with 158 yards on the ground.

"The first half, we did a good job of moving the ball on drives offensively but ultimately struggled to finish drives," Golden Hawk head coach Daren Lambert said.

"We were seeing some things from [PCM's] alignment defensively that we felt we could take advantage of on early drives. Defensively, we did a good job in the first half, gang tackling their talented back and playing assignment football."

The first quarter was swift, ending with no score.

PCM did not let the scoreboard hold goose eggs for long, scoring two touchdowns in the second quarter from an Adrien Robbins 49-yard run and a 66-yard catch-and-run from Griffin Olson.

Robbins is the 2A leader in all-purpose yardage (2,371) and

rushing yardage (1,978). His 13 receiving touchdowns also led 2A receivers.

The Mustangs were threatening to score once more before the half ended but lost a fumble inside the redzone. This ensured the Hawks would only be down by 14 entering halftime.

PCM had an explosive third, scoring 22 points to reach the final score of 36-0. The first score was an Olson 39-yard reception. The second was a 25-yard run from the Mustang quarterback, Gavin VanGorp. The third was a VanGorp 1-yard run.

PCM also successfully converted a two-point-conversion after a Mid-Prairie penalty was called on a PAT attempt, giving the Mustangs a one-yard try. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

"In the postgame, we discussed how only one team in Class 2A gets to end their season happy. Unfortunately, that was not us. Although Friday did not end the way we wanted, I am extremely proud of this group and their accomplishments," Lambert said. "From a start of 0-3 to finishing as a state qualifier and receiving a state participant trophy it is a testament to the players relentless effort to get better each and every week. This group faced adversity and continued to work and fight throughout the entire season to reach their goals."

## Individual efforts

Mid-Prairie junior Brady Weber played a tough, physical game against the Mustangs. Despite finishing with under 60 yards of total offense, his performance inspired the team to continue pushing forward.

"Brady is a leader and a warrior on the football field. He did a good job of leading the offense and audibling plays at the line based on the defense alignment. He is a competitor and even after taking some big hits, he got back up and kept fighting for our team," Lambert said.

Weber finished the year with the most passing touchdowns (20) in school history. This mark was the fifth most in Iowa at 2A. Weber's six-passing-touchdown performance against Albia tied a school record. Weber's six-total-touchdown performance against Northeast tied a school record as well.

Weber's 1,497 passing yards is second best in school history. To this point in his football career, he has 1,571 passing yards which is already sixth best in school history.

"Brady did a great job of getting better each and every week. It's a credit to his work, his teammates, and his competitive nature. We knew he would be a great quarterback for us at the beginning of the season, but his growth throughout the season provided our offense another dimension on top of an effective run game."

Hudson Ehrenfelt led the team with 1,336 rushing yards (fifth at 2A competition) and 16 touchdowns. His 1,977 all-purpose yardage was third most among those in 2A. Ehrenfelt was second with 355 yards receiving.

Sophomore Kaden Kos was the team's leading tackler with 74 on the year. His 4.5 sacks also led Mid-Prairie. Kos was the team's fifth leading receiver with 276 yards and had the longest reception of the year, an 80-yard touchdown.

Junior Cobi Hershberger was the third leading receiver with 331 yards.

## Senior finale

Mid-Prairie rosters 12 seniors: Landon Sullivan, Landon Fox, Dylan Henry, Lukin Rediger, Jarron Thomas, Case Whetstine, Jack Greiner, Kurt Schneider, Parker Ehrenfelt, Jackson Miller, Grady Miller, and Beau Flynn.

Most serve a crucial role on the defense. Rediger has 46 tackles, the second most on the team. His two sacks are tied with Parker Ehrenfelt and Jarron Thomas for the teams third most.

Grady Miller is second on the team in sacks with four.

Landon Sullivan and Dylan Henry lead the team with two interceptions apiece.

Beau Flynn was the kicker, converting 19 of 31 PATs and having 1,971 yards through his 49 kickoffs, four of which re-

sulted in touchbacks.

On the offensive side of the ball, Henry is the team's leading receiver with 375 yards and seven touchdowns. Henry also served as the team punter.

"The program thanks these seniors for their commitment to our program. This group was a part of multiple playoff appearances and had successful individual careers," Lambert said. "We appreciate their time and efforts while in our program and appreciate their dedication."

## GAME SUMMARY

MID-PRAIRIE 0, PCM 36			
M-P O	0	0	0
PCM O	14	22	0
PCM: Adrien Robbins 49 rush, 8:19 2nd (Dominic Witt PAT)			
PCM: Griffin Olson 66 pass from Gavin VanGorp, 3:46 2nd (Witt PAT)			
PCM: Olson 39 pass from VanGorp, 4:10 3rd (Witt PAT)			
PCM: VanGorp 25 rush, 2:36 3rd (VanGorp 2pt rush)			
PCM: VanGorp 1 rush, :48. (Witt PAT)			

**STATS**  
 PASSING: Mid-Prairie: Brady Weber 8-19-35, 1 INT. PCM: Gavin VanGorp 9-10-170, 2 TD.  
 RUSHING: Mid-Prairie: Hudson Ehrenfelt 38-158. PCM: Adrien Robbins 15-113, 1 TD; VanGorp 10-69, 2 TD.  
 RECEIVING: Mid-Prairie: Cobi Hershberger 2-15. PCM: Griffin Olson 2-105, 2 TD; Gabe Hobbs 5-35; Robbins 2-30.  
 TACKLING: Kaden Kos 7.5; Hershberger 6.5; Landon Sullivan 5.5. PCM: Evan Jones 11.5; Brevin DeRaad 10.5; Allias Nolin 8.

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and Marie Hostetler. Together, the trio won seven state individual championships over seven years, beginning with Anna's win in 2016, and continuing with Marie's wins in 2017, 2018, and 2019, and then Danielle in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

"It's been a journey, for sure," Danielle said.

Among those watching Danielle race Saturday at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge were Anna, and their mom and dad.

"It means a lot," Danielle said. "My sisters have given me so much advice over the years."

"It's really awesome," said Anna, who is now a student teacher in language arts at Mid-Prairie Middle School in Kalona and who was an All-Atlantic Sun Conference runner at Liberty University in Virginia after beginning her collegiate career at the University of Iowa. "So proud of Danielle and her hard work. Especially just

her determination. She has a lot of grit and has a lot of competitiveness. I'm also really proud of her heart for Jesus and the way that she doesn't let her sport define her, but she just uses it to glorify Him."

That sense of spirituality has always been strong with Danielle since she began with the Golden Hawks as a 14-year-old in August 2020.

And that's refreshing in these athletic days of me, me, me.

After every race over those four years, Danielle first offers praise to God and then she'll talk to you about the heat or the cold or the course or whatever else is the topic of the day.

"Really thankful to God for just helping me stay mentally tough and stay in the race and not checking out," Danielle said after Saturday's race.

"When Marie and I were running together," Anna Hostetler said, "as we ran in college together, too, our goal is to do everything heartily as to the

Lord. Just setting our mind to do our best, whatever that is for that day, and leaving the rest up to God."

That faith is never hidden. It is a driving force with Danielle and her sisters.

Even in the cold and in the midst of all that state championship chaos which always surfaces at the one-lap layout at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course.

It was the kind of day when spectators remained in their cars with the heat cranked up until it was time to hit the course. And even then, the first stop was a food truck serving up hot coffee and hot chocolate.

The day began with snow flurries and that led to somewhat slippery footing when one is attempting to catch up to the leader in a race.

Trainor finished fifth in last year's race won by Hostetler, but she darted out to a quick lead Saturday and stayed well ahead of the other runners for the

entire race. She cut more than a minute off her time from last year.

"I was pretty much on pace and that's kind of always been my strategy," Hostetler said.

Tears flowed as Hostetler joined four senior teammates and a pair of freshmen for one final time in the finishing area. A sixth team state championship in seven seasons did not happen, but the Golden Hawks did finish fourth for their eighth straight Top 5 placing.

"We need to be proud of what we've done," Mid-Prairie coach Jeremy Meyers said. "We ran well. They beat us. They were faster than us."

That's the finish. But not the legacy.

And track is still to come.

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Mid-Prairie's fourth-place finish in the girls state meet extended the Golden Hawks' Top 5 streak to eight years.

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### AMENDED NOTICE OF CITY/SCHOOL COMBINED ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Washington County, Iowa, that the City/School Combined Election will be held on Tuesday, **November 7, 2023**, at the following polling places:

<b>Precinct</b> <b>Ainsworth Precinct</b> Includes Highland, Washington, Waco & Winfield-Mt. Union School District Voters who live in the following areas: City of Ainsworth Oregon Township City of Crawfordsville Crawford Township Marion Township (lying S of Fern Cliff Rd & E of Redwood Ave)	<b>Polling Place</b> Ainsworth Elementary School Bldg. 835 Park St., Ainsworth
<b>Brighton Precinct</b> Includes Waco, Washington, Fairfield, Pekin, Keota & Mid-Prairie School District voters who live in the following areas: City of Brighton Brighton Township City of Coppock Clay Township Dutch Creek Township Marion Township (lying W of Coppock Rd & S of 315th St) Franklin Township (lying S of Hwy 92 & N of 250th St) Washington Township (lying W of Hwy 1 & N of 250th excluding City of Wash)	<b>Brighton Community Bldg.</b> 100 E. Washington St., Brighton
<b>Kalona Precinct</b> Includes Mid-Prairie & Highland School District voters who live in the following areas: City of Kalona English River Township (lying E of Hwy 1 & N of section of 140th St that turns N onto Orange Ave & back to the E onto 135th St)	<b>Kalona Community Center Gym</b> 511 C Ave., Kalona
<b>Richmond Precinct</b> Includes Mid-Prairie, Washington & Highland School District voters who live in the following areas: English River Township (lying W of Hwy 1 & also that part lying E of Hwy 1 & S of section of 140th St that turns N onto Orange Ave & back to the E on 135th St) Town of Richmond (lying S of 140th St) Jackson Township (lying W of Riverside Rd & N of 190th St) Cedar Township (lying E of Juniper Ave & N of 190th St)	<b>Holy Trinity Parish Hall</b> 573 Howard St., Richmond
<b>Riverside Precinct</b> Includes Highland & Washington School District voters who live in the following areas: City of Riverside Iowa Township Highland Township <b>Ward 1 &amp; Ward 2 Combined Precinct*</b> Includes Washington, Highland and Waco School District voters who live in the following areas: Washington City, Ward 1 Washington City, Ward 2 Washington Township (outside the City limits lying E of Hwy 1 on the N side of City & E of Airport Rd on S side of the City-Including that S of 275th & W of Wayland Rd) Jackson Township (lying S of 190th St & also portion lying E of Riverside Rd & S of 160th) Marion Township (lying E of Wayland Rd, N of Fern Cliff & W of Redwood Ave)	<b>Riverside Fire Station</b> 271 River St., Riverside
<b>Ward 3 &amp; Ward 4 Combined Precinct**</b> Includes Washington, Waco and Mid-Prairie School District voters who live in the following areas: Washington City, Ward 3 Washington City, Ward 4 Washington Township (outside City limits lying W of Airport Rd & W of Wayland Rd) Marion Township (lying W of Wayland Rd & N of 315th St) Franklin Township (lying S of 250th St)	<b>Stewart Hall Chapel, United Presbyterian Home</b> 1203 E. Washington St, Washington
<b>Wellman Precinct</b> Includes Mid-Prairie, Keota and Washington School District voters who live in the following areas: City of Wellman Lime Creek Township Seventy-six Township Cedar Township (lying W of Juniper Ave & N of 190th St & all that lying S of 190th St) Franklin Township (lying N of Hwy 92) City of West Chester	<b>Parkside Activities Center</b> 525 13th St., Wellman

**Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at all Washington County polling locations.** Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct voting location. Voting locations have changed for some voters. If you are unsure of your voting precinct for this election, please contact the Washington County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections at (319) 653-7717 or by e-mail [ltorres-potter@co.washington.ia.us](mailto:ltorres-potter@co.washington.ia.us). You may also verify the voting location for your home address at: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>. Precinct maps are available from the Elections link on the home page of the Washington County web-site: <https://washingtoncounty.iowa.gov/>.

**\*Notice of polling place change:** The City of Washington Ward 1 & Ward 2 precincts have been consolidated for this election, and voters in those precincts will vote at the YMCA of Washington County, 520 W. 5th St., Washington.

**\*\*Notice of polling place change:** The City of Washington Ward 3 & Ward 4 precincts have been consolidated for this election, and voters in those precincts will vote at the Stewart Hall Chapel, United Presbyterian Home, 1203 E. Washington St, Washington.

For a complete set of candidates running in this election, please refer to the School Candidates/City Candidates list printed on the same page with this publication. Also provided herewith are the following Public Measures:

**Voters of the Mid-Prairie Community School District will vote on the following Public Measure:**  
**PUBLIC MEASURE VF**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?  
Shall the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District in the Counties of Washington, Iowa, and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,700,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a wrestling / activity center at the high school, including related site improvements; to improve the East Elementary and West Elementary sites, including improved pickup and drop off routes and parking improvements to address student safety concerns; and to build, furnish, and equip classroom additions at West Elementary with related remodeling and improvements, HVAC improvements, and site improvements?

**Voters of the Highland Community School District will vote on the following Public Measure:**  
**PUBLIC MEASURE VG**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT BE ADOPTED?  
Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Highland Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.  
In the Highland Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Highland Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.  
To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.  
To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.  
To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment

(including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.  
To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.  
To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).  
To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.  
To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.  
To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.  
To provide funds for property tax relief; and  
To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Highland Community School District.  
It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.  
If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Highland Community School District.  
If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund shall be expended in the following order:  
The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;  
Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;  
Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2;  
Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2;  
For any authorized infrastructure purpose of the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6); and  
For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Sections 423E.5 and 423F.4.

**Voters of the Pekin Community School District will vote on the following Public Measure:**  
**PUBLIC MEASURE MJ**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT BE ADOPTED?  
Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Pekin Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.  
In the Pekin Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Pekin Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.  
To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.  
To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.  
To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.  
To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.  
To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).  
To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.  
To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.  
To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.  
To provide funds for property tax relief; and  
To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Pekin Community School District.  
It being understood that if this public measure should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.  
If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Pekin Community School District.  
If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund shall be expended in the following order:  
The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;  
Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;  
Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2;  
Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2;  
For any authorized infrastructure purpose of the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6); and  
For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Sections 423E.5 and 423F.4.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the Washington County Auditor's office by noon on Monday November 13, 2023. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (319) 653-7717.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the Washington County Auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed: telephone: (319) 653-7717, email address: [ltorres-potter@co.washington.ia.us](mailto:ltorres-potter@co.washington.ia.us). For TTY access, dial 711 + 319-653-7717.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2023.  
s/ Daniel L. Widmer, Commissioner of Elections

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### NOTICE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT TESTING

The Washington County Auditor's Office will be testing the vote tabulating equipment to be used in the November 7 city/school election during the week of October 30. The testing will be done at the Courthouse and is open to the public. The exact times and dates of the testing can be obtained by calling the Auditor's Office, 319-653-7717, on or before October 30.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2023.

s/ Daniel L. Widmer, Commissioner of Elections

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Kalona Historical Society will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center, 715 D Avenue.

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### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Carolyn Cozette Millice, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR008078

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Carolyn Cozette Millice, Deceased, who died on or about September 14, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 16, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Carolyn Cozette Millice, deceased, bearing date of May 30, 1974, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that James Dennis Millice was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated October 18, 2023.

James Dennis Millice  
Executor of Estate  
1110 6th Avenue  
Wellman, IA 52356

Michael J. Brenneman  
ICIS#: AT001095  
Attorney for Executor  
Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman, LLP  
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### SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in the respective school districts.

**Fairfield Community School District**  
**Director at Large - vote for 4**  
Meghan Dowd Robbins  
David Eastburn  
Mark Thornton  
Nate Weaton  
Timothy Bower  
Theresa Tuvera  
Christie Kessel  
**Director at Large TFV - vote for 1**  
Deborah Williamson

**Highland Community School District**  
**Director, District #2 - vote for 1**  
John O'Leary  
**Director, District #4 - vote for 1**  
Dan Ruth  
**Director, District #6 - vote for 1**  
Joslin Schott  
**Director at Large - vote for 1**  
Karen Fink  
**Director, District #5 TFV - vote for 1**  
Nate Robinson  
Also see Public Measure VG above.

**Keota Community School District**  
**Director at Large - vote for 3**  
Billie Kindred  
Shannon Greiner  
Andy Conrad  
Jim Tinnes

**Mid-Prairie Community School District**  
**Director at Large - vote for 4**  
Mary Allred  
Randy Billups  
Ryan Schlabaugh  
Jim Miller  
Denise Chittick  
Also see Public Measure VF above.

**Pekin Community School District**  
**Director, District #1 - vote for 1**  
Michael Sieren  
**Director, District #2 - vote for 1**  
Michael Davis  
**Director, District #4 - vote for 1**  
Josh Arendt  
Shawn Echelberry  
**Director at Large - vote for 1**  
Kyle Daniel Green  
Sherry Bemis  
Also see Public Measure MJ above.

**Waco Community School District**  
**Director, District #1 - vote for 1**  
Megan Waterhouse  
**Director, District #3 - vote for 1**  
Jared Achen

**Washington Community School District**  
**Director, District #1 - vote for 1**  
Kara Williams  
**Director, District #3 - vote for 1**  
Troy James Suchan  
**Director, District #4 - vote for 1**  
Diana Rich  
**Director at Large - vote for 1**  
Brendan DeLong

**Winfield Mt. Union Community School District**  
**Director at Large - vote for 3**  
Jason Remick  
Klay Edwards  
Robert Quinn

**Indian Hills Community College Merged Area XV**  
**Director, District #3 - vote for 1**  
Christine Estle

**Kirkwood Community College Merged Area X**  
**Director, District #4 - vote for 1**  
Lorraine Williams

### CITY CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in the respective cities.

**City of Ainsworth**  
**Council - vote for 2**  
Ronald A. Greiner  
Dave Roberts

**City of Brighton**  
**Council - vote for 3**  
Andrew Boone  
Mary Smith  
Cathy Rich  
David Pratt  
Dick Green  
Charles J. Emry

**City of Crawfordsville**  
**Council - vote for 2**  
Eric Davis  
Roy Felts

**City of Kalona**  
**Mayor - vote for 1**  
Mark Robe  
**Council - vote for 2**  
Jenelle Bender  
Gregory Schmidt  
David Bentley

**City of Riverside**  
**Mayor - vote for 1**  
Allen Schneider  
**Council - vote for 3**  
Lois Schneider  
Edgar McGuire  
Ryan Rogerson  
Kevin Kiene

**City of Washington**  
**Council, At Large - vote for 1**  
Millie Youngquist  
**Council, Ward 1 - vote for 1**  
Patrick Morgan  
**Council, Ward 3 - vote for 1**  
Illa Earnest

JOHNSON COUNTY

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2023

Proclamations, ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors are only summarized in the published minutes; the full text may be inspected at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncounty-iowa.gov.

Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:02 a.m. Members present: V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, and Rod Sullivan. Members absent: Royceann Porter.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken by the following vote: Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, and Sullivan. Members absent: Porter.

PROCLAMATION NO. 10-19-23-01 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2023

Summary: Domestic violence affects individuals of all backgrounds and its impact reverberates across families and communities. Our communities are learning to recognize the impact of violence in the home and within intimate relationships. The Domestic Violence Intervention Program has worked to end violence in intimate relationships for more than 40 years through collaborative partnerships. Board Action: Resolved the month of October 2023 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Johnson County and urge all people to work together to eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from our community. Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Proclamation No. 10-19-23-01. The following persons spoke: Domestic Violence Intervention Program Community Engagement Director Alta Medea, County Sheriff Brad Kunkel, Sheriff's Office Sergeant Detective Alissa Schuerer, and County Attorney Rachel Zimmerman-Smith.

Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for October 19, 2023, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like Access Technologies Inc (252.87), Action Sewer & Septic (110.00), Advanced Electrical Se (307.24), Aging Services Dba Pat (602.00), Airgas Usa Lic (133.01), Alexander Wiese Patern (392.20), Alterations (54.00), Amazon.Com Capital Ser (679.03), Amelia Slaichert (58.96), Amn Language Services (22.35), Anita Nugent (55.00), Aschenbrenner Dana W (2.62), Banacom Signs Lic (299.00), Batteries Plus Of Ia & (64.50), Beltre Sanchez Ines S (11.79), Ben Fiordelese (105.51), Benson & Hepker Design (625.00), Betty L Alfaro (13.10), Big Brothers Big Sist (4140.29), Big Grove Township Fi (2532.27), Bob Barker Company Inc (958.14), Bound Tree Medical Ll (1514.39), Brad Kunkel (280.00), Brent A Buszka (96.52), Brighten Properties (700.00), Business Radio Sales (4865.65), Cara D Keller (4.59), Carolyn I Shultz (3.93), Carolyn K Sueppel (5.24), Charles Heath (665.00), Charles W Murphy (28.34), Charm-Tex Inc (1332.35), Chris Henze (49.00), Christopher Ahern (985.30), Christopher G Haas (1.31), Cindy Ruth Phillips (41.44), City Laundering Co (161.08), City Of Iowa City (20.00), City Of Iowa City - L (3379.63), City Of Iowa City-Ac (11523.98), City Of North Liberty (27.50), Clear Creek Amana Cs (27194.36), Cmb Rentals Llc (800.00), Coffelt & Zwick Holdin (700.00), College Community Sc (17175.39), Collin J Case (9.18), Concord Technologies (366.92), Consumers Cooperative (2630.34), Coralville Housing Gro (750.00), Coralville United Meth (100.00), Court Reporters Of low (188.00), Courtney Morgan (150.24).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like Ctk Group Llc Dba The (2000.00), Custom Hose & Supplies (359.80), Custom Rentals (700.00), Cynthia J Michel (10.48), Cypress Solutions Inc (58.00), Dallas County Sheriff (44.38), David Robertson (750.00), Deanna Kay Molina (7.86), Deborah R Hide (1.97), Deborah Vandergaast (69.43), Del Ray Ridge Lp (800.00), Dell Marketing Lp (600.28), Delta Dental Of Iowa (7777.69), Dennis G Visser (18.34), Dive Rescue Internati (2692.30), Dive Right In Scuba In (761.25), Dkc Real Estate Llc (1400.00), Eastern Iowa Light & P (206.25), Elaine S Paul (3.28), Elinor A Levin (14.59), Emerald Court Apartmen (425.00), Ems Learning Resources (50.00), Encompass Supply Chain (95.59), Englert Civic Theatre (3750.00), Ernest H Kellems (6.56), Evan R Doyle (3.28), Fareway Stores Inc (61.98), Fidelity Security Lif (3574.36), Flex Properties Lc (750.00), Galls Llc (311.74), Gary B Fickel (10.48), Gary L Burge (13.10), Gaslight Village Llc (800.00), George Rodney Alberhas (450.00), Goodfellow Printing I (1158.90), Grainger (564.55), Greater Ic Housing Fel (850.00), Greater Iowa City Area (555.00), Green Styles Erosion & (300.00), Hacap Housing (1550.00), Harry Rueber (5.24), Hawkeye Title Services (800.00), Heartland Business Sy (1671.20), Heartland Shredding In (220.00), Helping Hands Play Sc (1807.42), Heritage Property Mana (615.00), Hospers & Brother Prin (103.58), Housby Heavy Equipment (272.60), Hy-Vee #1080 (35.00), Ic Housing Group Llc (850.00), Imon Communications Ll (800.00), Impact Tg Inc (36410.28), Ines Beltre (310.21), Interactive Data Llc (235.00), Interstate All Battery (279.90), Interstate Power Syste (424.79), Iowa City Community S (7872.05), Iowa Department Of Nat (500.00), Iowa Department Of Tra (240.00), Iowa Paper Inc (69.98), Iowa State Prison Indu (502.59), James L MCGreevey (3.28), James W Urban (0.66), Jason Allen (583.00), Jasro Llc (700.00), Jeannette E Kozajda (1.97), Jeff Silver (684.64), Jeffrey Pitlick (150.00), Jennifer Miller (80.57), John D Meyer (341.85), Johnson County Auditio (3440.42), Johnson County Sherif (2878.34), Joshua F Busard (36.03), Jz Orchard Holdings Ll (779.50), Kaitlin C Schlotfeldt (4.59), Kate Moreland Consult (2650.00), Katherine L Ryerson (45.37), Kay A Seagren (39.48), Kelly Schneider (15.72), Kim L Jennings (1091.27), Kirkwood Community Col (200.00), Kmb Property Manageme (1625.00), Koch Office Group (1552.46), Lake Ridge Inc (664.00), Language Line Services (155.47), Laura J Dunlap (2.62), Laurie Rowelstad (13.76), Lavonna R Gaunt (3.93), Lee County Sheriff (5150.00), Lenovo (United States) (1635.00), Lepic Rentals Llc (850.00), Letcher Drew O (7.21), Life Assist Inc (188.34), Linder Tire Service I (5273.50), Linn County Rec (487.45), Linn County Sheriff (66.42), Little Clippers Child (4844.70), Ll Pelling Co Inc (4500.80), Logan Contractors Sup (7374.44), Lone Tree Community S (3000.00), Lora A Shramek (244.00), Lynette Jacoby (82.95), Macatawa Unmanned Sys (1750.00), Madison National Life (4611.65), Madison Township Fire (2312.07), Margaret M Donovan (19.00), Marlene A Thompson (3.28), Martin R Gaffey (600.00), Mary J Thomasson (18.00), Matthew J Hendricks (432.00), Matthew Olson (850.00), Mckesson Medical Surgi (501.56), Mechanical Service (6238.83), Melrose Investment Gro (722.50), Menards - Iowa City (398.95).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like Michael E Hull (9.18), Mid American Energy (2262.31), Midwest Janitorial Se (3181.27), Midwest Mailworks Inc (327.62), Midwest Translation L (1005.00), Midwest Wheel & Equipm (269.70), Modern Manor Inc (420.00), Monoprice Inc (261.72), Moore In Self Storage (2691.00), Moxant Financial Llc (230.10), Mutual Wheel Company (423.08), Nancy A Olthoff (3.93), Nancy A Slach (37.99), Nelson Pharmacy Consult (40.89), Neofunds/Total Funds (419.20), Nest Property Managem (2150.00), Newport Township Fire (550.49), Nicholas Shymansky Db (1400.00), Nick Hemann (825.00), Nick Hlavacek (500.00), Northwest River Suppl (8664.75), Oburn Danny E (5.24), Office Express Office (215.40), Office Machine Consulta (29.75), Old Capitol Screen Pri (198.16), Old Town Investments L (700.00), Oxford Fire Dept (1981.77), Pacific Interpreters (150.00), Pamela K Yoder (5.24), Pastperfect Software (2115.00), Patricia A Fields (17.69), Patrick C Whetstone (36.21), Penn Township Fire De (1100.99), Pestpros (340.00), Pet Health Center Of Ti (85.50), Pitney Bowes Global Fi (229.80), Pitney Bowes Reserve (1999.25), Progressive Rehabilita (468.00), Psc Distribution (756.08), Push Pedal Pull (1111.60), Rachel Quinn (20.97), Racom Corporation (521455.00), Raymond J Jiras (1260.00), Rebecca A Conard (2000.00), Rebecca F Graf (25.07), Reece Hoffman (87.00), Richard E Klausner (11.79), Rick L Graf (3.28), Ricoh Usa Inc (210.19), Robert Arbuckle (6.55), Robert I Crawford (23.76), Robert Rude (7.21), S & M East Llc (700.00), Sam Jarvis (60.00), Samantha Turnbull (180.00), Scheckel Seeding (5300.00), Scott Linda S (5.90), Scott Sedivec (49.00), Shalae M Patrick (14.41), Sharon Telephone Comp (1174.84), Shelter House Commun (45789.02), Silver Oak Development (700.00), Solar Technology Inc (185.81), Solon Community Scho (19322.31), Southgate Property Ma (3195.00), Spee Dee Delivery Servi (40.12), Spok Inc (62.01), Staples Advantage (1500.20), Stellar Energy Servic (4170.76), Stephanie C Gutierrez (10.00), Stephen P Merkel Hess (21.79), Steven Pohlmann (500.00), Storey Kenworthy Corp (136.93), Stormwind Llc Dba: St (5550.00), Streichers (487.00), Stryker Medical (1005.04), Summit Fire Protection (394.00), Summit Ridge Llc (800.00), Susan M Thayer (2.63), Swisher Fire Departme (2532.27), Tailwind Iowa City Llc (850.00), Taylor Construction (174861.58), Teleflex Llc (3500.00), The Hunt Club Llc (800.00), The Lodge Apartments (1450.00), The News (271.35), Thomas Eugene Travis (28.34), Thomas James Moore (17.21), Thomson Reuters-West (112.47), Travis J Weipert (913.74), Tricon General Cons (223042.76), Truck Country Of Iowa I (24.79), United States Postal (20000.00), University Of Iowa (692.80), University Of Iowa De (2103.25), University Of Iowa Ho (3075.94), Us Cellular (2475.96), Visa (43901.51), Washington County Sheri (63.16), Wellmark Blue Cross (175000.00), West Liberty Telepho (84295.58), Westwood Pharmacy (1081.64), Woodward Community Me (1178.20), Worldpoint Ecc Inc (108.16), Zavash Zarei (800.00).

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to receive and place on file the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of September 2023, in the amount of \$234,937.64, as submitted by County Recorder Kim Painter. Motion by Sullivan, second by Green, to receive and place on file the Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending on September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$49,328.98, as submitted by County Sheriff Brad Kunkel. The Board acknowledged receipt of the September 11, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes and the October 9, 2023 Report of the Planning and Zoning Commission. RESOLUTION NO. 10-19-23-01 RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS Summary: The Johnson County Planning and Zoning Commission has filed its report and recommendations for certain actions. Board Action: Set a public hearing for November 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. CT in Room 203 B/C, Johnson County Health & Human Services Building, 855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa, on the following applications: Zoning application filed by Galen and Brenda Buscher (PZC-23-28411); Platting applications filed by Galen and Brenda Buscher (PZC-23-28426), Loretta Kauffman Estate, signed by Hali Hanson (PZC-23-28398), and Nick McCollom (PZC-23-28425), and authorized the Auditor to publish the official notice of the public hearing. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 10-19-23-01 effective October 19, 2023. ORDINANCE NO. 10-19-23-01 Zoning Application PZC-23-28413 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JOHNSON COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM CH-HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO RUA-URBAN RESIDENTIAL Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by changing the classification of the real estate described below from CH-Highway Commercial to RUA-Urban Residential located in Hardin Township to wit: DESCRIPTION LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 1, TOWN OF WINDHAM AND A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, TOWN OF WINDHAM AND A PORTION OF VACATED OAK STREET, LOCATED NORTH OF VACATED THIRD STREET IN THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1, TOWN OF WINDHAM, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA; THENCE N88°58'12"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 59.93 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE S02°09'51"E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 200.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE S89°05'12"W, 119.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5, SAID BLOCK 1, TOWN OF WINDHAM; THENCE S89°05'00"W, 58.16 FEET; THENCE N08°20'37"W, 201.64 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2 SAID TOWN OF WINDHAM; THENCE N89°07'07"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND ITS EASTERLY EXTENSION, 139.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.87 ACRE (37,800 SQUARE FEET) AND IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD is hereby changed from CH-Highway Commercial to RUA-Urban Residential. Effective Date: After its passage, approval, and publication as part of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28413 on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 10-19-23-01 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan. Members Absent: Porter. ORDINANCE NO. 10-19-23-02 Zoning Application PZC-23-28412 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JOHNSON COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM A-AGRICULTURAL TO R-RESIDENTIAL Summary: The purpose of this ordi-

nance is to amend the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by changing the classification of the real estate described below from A-Agricultural to R-Residential located in Monroe Township to wit: DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION A PORTION OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 81 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 81 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA; THENCE N88°31'06"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER, 370.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING, N88°31'06"E, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 270.00 FEET; THENCE S01°28'54"E, 300.00 FEET; THENCE S88°31'06"W, 167.00 FEET; THENCE S01°28'54"E, 55.00 FEET; THENCE S88°31'06"W, 103.00 FEET; THENCE N01°28'54"W, 355.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.99 ACRES AND IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD is hereby changed from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. Effective Date: After its passage, approval, and publication as part of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28412 on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 10-19-23-02 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan. Members Absent: Porter. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve the Agreement to Provide Non-Congregate Sheltering Alternatives with Shelter House, Iowa City, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the final pay application No. 14 R001 for the Health and Human Services Building Window Renovation Project with Selzer Werderitsch Associates, Iowa City, in the amount of \$32,083.91. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz second by Sullivan, to approve Service Order Quote 04336 and the SIP Trunk Service Addendum as part of the Master Service Agreement with Aureon, West Des Moines, for phone and internet services, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve the job description for the new position of Social Services Part-Time Temporary Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site Coordinator effective October 19, 2023. Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the job description for the new position of Board Office Part-Time Temporary Welcome Desk/Wayfinding Clerk, effective October 5, 2023. RESOLUTION NO. 10-19-23-02 RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 Summary: The Johnson County Secondary Roads Department has been awarded grant funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation Living Roadway Trust Fund. The grant will be used for hosting an Invasive Species Field Day, Agreement Number 90-52-LR24-215 for \$2,500.00 (\$0 Matching Funds). Board Action: Approve entering into these grant agreements with the Iowa Department of Transportation Living Roadway Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2024. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 10-19-23-02 with an effective date of October 19, 2023. Motion by Sullivan, second by Green, to approve the 2024 Urban County Coalition Legislative Priorities, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting. Adjourned at 9:45 a.m. /s/ Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors /s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor On the 26th day of October, 2023 Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on October 26, 2023. Published in The News, Thursday, November 2, 2023 L-485 0-99

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Riverside will hold a public hearing to discuss an application for downtown revitalization funds from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The hearing will be held prior to the Council's final action regarding the filing of the application. These funds will be used for facade improvements to buildings in fair or poor condition along W First St.

Discussion at the public hearing will include: a. How the need for the proposed activities was identified, b. Source of funding, c. Date the application will be submitted, d. Amount of federal funds to be requested, e. Portion of federal funds benefiting low-to-moderate income households, f. Location of proposed activities, g. Plans to minimize displacement of persons or businesses from funding activities, h. Plans to assist those displaced, and i. The nature of the project. The discussion will also relate to community development and housing needs in Riverside.

The Public Hearing will be held Monday, November 13th, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 60 North Greene St. The City of Riverside will conduct all Downtown Revitalization-related public hearings in a public building that is accessible to the disabled. Non-English speaking persons requiring translators or written translation after the public hearing should contact the City.

For more information, contact Cole Smith at City Hall, 319-648-351, or Tom Gruis at East Central Iowa Council of Governments, 319-289-0064.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

FY 2022/2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Actual and Budget
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023
County Name: WASHINGTON COUNTY County Number:92

Table with 10 columns: Revenues & Other Financing Sources, General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Permanent, Actual Totals, Budgeted Totals. Includes rows for Taxes Levied on Property, Delinquent Property Tax Revenue, Total Revenues & Other Sources, Total Expenditures & Other Uses, and various fund balances.

Additional details are available at: Washington County Auditor's Office, 222 West Main, Washington, IA
Notes to the financial statement, if any: -
Telephone : (319) 653-7715

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## JOHNSON COUNTY

## NOTICE OF CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION

To the voters of Johnson County, State of Iowa:

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a combined City and School Election will be held throughout Johnson County.

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. To find the assigned polling place location for an address in Johnson County, go to bit.ly/jcpolling-places or call 319-356-6004.

Absentee in person voting will be available at the Johnson County Auditor's Office, 913 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, weekdays through Monday, November 6, 2023, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Polling Places:

## CORALVILLE PRECINCTS

CV01  
Coralville Transit Intermodal Transit Facility  
906 Quarry Rd.

CV02/CV09  
Brown Deer Golf Club  
1900 Country Club Dr.

CV03  
Kirkwood Regional Center  
2301 Oakdale Blvd.

CV04  
Coralville Public Library  
1401 5th St.

CV05  
Northwest Jr. High  
1507 8th St.

CV06  
Wickham Elem. School  
601 Oakdale Blvd.

CV07  
North Ridge Pavilion  
2250 Holiday Rd.

CV08  
LIFEChurch  
2205 2nd St.

## IOWA CITY PRECINCTS

IC01  
Lemme Elem. School  
3100 E. Washington St.

IC02  
Horn Elem. School  
600 Koser Ave.

IC03  
UI Petersen Residence Hall  
304 Grand Ave.

IC04  
UI Visual Arts Building  
107 River St.

IC05  
UI Catlett Residence Hall  
350 N. Madison St.

IC06  
Mercer Park Aquatic Center  
2701 Bradford Dr.

IC07  
West High School  
2901 Melrose Ave.

IC08  
Weber Elem. School  
3850 Rohret Rd. SW

IC09  
UI Athletics Hall of Fame  
2425 Prairie Meadow Dr.

IC10 (Includes East Lucas SW)  
Terry Trueblood  
Park Lodge  
579 McCollister Blvd.

IC11  
UI Campus Rec. and Wellness Center  
309 S. Madison St.

IC12  
Grant Wood Elem. School  
1930 Lakeside Dr.

IC13  
First Mennonite Church  
405 Myrtle Ave.

IC14  
Tate High School  
1528 Mall Dr.

IC15 (Includes East Lucas SE)  
Environmental  
Education Center  
2401 Scott Blvd.

IC16 (Includes SC.90)  
Hoover Elem. School  
1355 Barrington Rd.

IC17  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2301 E. Court St.

IC18  
Longfellow Elem. School  
1130 Seymour Ave.

IC19  
Robert A. Lee Community and  
Recreation Center  
220 S. Gilbert St.

IC20  
Iowa City Senior Center  
28 S. Linn St.

IC21  
Mann Elem. School  
521 N. Dodge St.

IC22 (Includes East Lucas N)  
Parkview Church  
15 Foster Rd.

IC23  
Iowa City Community School District  
Main Office  
1725 N. Dodge St.

IC24  
St. Patrick Church  
4330 St. Patrick Dr.

IC25  
UI Psychology Bldg.  
340 Iowa Ave.

IC26  
West High School  
2901 Melrose Ave.

IC27  
Purpose Place  
611 Southgate Ave.

## NORTH LIBERTY PRECINCTS

NL01  
Holy Trinity Church  
650 W. 240th St. NE

NL02  
Penn Elem. School  
230 N. Dubuque St.

NL03  
South Slope Communications  
980 N. Front St.

NL04  
North Central Jr. High  
180 E. Forevergreen Rd.

NL05  
North Liberty  
Community Center  
520 W. Cherry St.

NL06  
North Bend Elem. School  
2230 St. Andrews Dr.

NL07 (Includes MD.85)  
North Liberty City Hall  
3 Quail Creek Cir.

NL08  
Garner Elem. School  
80 Birch St.

## TIFFIN PRECINCTS

Tiffin 01(includes Clear Creek)  
Clear Creek Amana  
West Campus Building  
331 W. Marengo Rd.

Tiffin 02  
Tiffin Elem. School  
104 N. Park Rd.

## ALL OTHER PRECINCTS

Big Grove  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
1749 Racine Ave. NE

Cedar  
Johnson County Conservation Suttiff  
Shop  
5438 Suttiff Rd. NE

Fremont-Lincoln -Lone Tree  
Lone Tree American Legion  
300 N. Devoe St.

Graham  
Celebration Farm  
4696 Robin Woods Ln. NE

Hardin  
Waldschmidt Hall  
2012 400th St. SW

Hills-Liberty-Pleasant Valley  
Hills Community Center  
110 E. Main St.

Jefferson East-Shueyville  
Shueyville Community Bldg.  
2863 120th St. NE

Jefferson West-Monroe-Swisher  
The Midnight Gem  
2613 Ders Dr.

Madison  
North Bend Elem. School  
2230 St. Andrews Dr.

Newport  
Celebration Farm  
4696 Robin Woods Ln. NE

Oxford (Includes Oxford City)  
Clear Creek Elem. School  
230 W. Wilson St.

Penn (Includes Coralville Annex)  
Liberty High School  
1400 S. Dubuque St.

Scott - West Branch (Includes IC Annex)  
KC Family Center  
4776 American Legion Rd.

Sharon  
Sharon Center United  
Methodist Church  
2804 520th St. SW

Solon (includes BG.85)  
Solon City Hall  
101 N. Iowa St.

Union  
Johnson County SEATS  
4810 Melrose Ave. W

University Heights  
University Heights  
Community Center  
1302 Melrose Ave.

Washington  
Mid-Prairie HSEC  
1592 Angle Rd. SW  
Kalona

West Lucas  
Johnson County  
ISU Extension  
3109 Old Highway 218 S.

## CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

## CITY OFFICES

## CORALVILLE

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Meghann Foster

For City Council  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Rich Vogelzang  
Royce Peterson

## HILLS

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Tim Kemp

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Cathy Knebel  
Michelle Rummelhart  
Guy V. Sommers  
Nicole Acheson

For City Council, To Fill Vacancy  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Teresa Volk

## ME

Public Measure  
Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Hills, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025.

A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of Hills, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows: 0% for property tax relief.

The specific purposes for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are: 100% for any of the following:

Improvement of streets, sidewalks, storm sewers, sanitary sewer systems, public potable water systems, parks,

economic development, upkeep and improvement of City-owned properties and any other lawful purposes of the City of Hills, Iowa as determined from time to time by the City Council.

## IOWA CITY

For City Council, At-Large  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Josh Moe  
Mandi Remington  
Mazahir Salihi

For City Council, District A  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Pauline Taylor  
Laura Bergus

For City Council, District C  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Andrew M. Dunn

## LONE TREE

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Josh Spilman

For City Council  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Jerry Ford

For City Council, To Fill Vacancy  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Jennifer L. Poeschel  
Cathie Conzemius  
Nicholas P Gluba  
Richard Finley

Public Measure  
MD  
Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Lone Tree, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025.

A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of Lone Tree, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective from July 1, 2025.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows: 50% for property tax relief.

The specific purposes for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended are: 50% for any of the following:

Community improvements to include streets/curb and gutter, water, sewer, storm sewer, parks and any other community projects as determined from time to time by Lone Tree City Council.

## NORTH LIBERTY

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Brian Leibold  
Mike Mbanza  
Brent Smith  
Paul Park

## OXFORD

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Heather Johnson

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Sean Murphy  
Margaret B. Reihman  
Tim Hennes

## SHUEYVILLE

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Chris Lacy  
Bart Frisk

## SOLON

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Daniel P. O'Neil  
Steve Stange

For City Council  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Andrew Kramer  
John D Farlinger

## SWISHER

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
No candidate filed

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Michael A. Stag  
Julie Persons  
Curt Cline  
Daryl Hynek

For City Council, To Fill Vacancy  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Adam Roeder

## TIFFIN

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Tim Kasperek  
Steve Berner

For City Council  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Chris Olney  
Skylar Limkemann  
Thomas Gibson

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

For Mayor  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Louise From

For City Council  
Vote for no more than FIVE  
Doug Swailes  
Mike Stuart  
Nicholas Herbold  
Stephery Gahn  
Timothy R Schroeder  
Liesa Moore  
Bobby Scott

For City Council  
Vote for no more than THREE  
Michael Horihan  
Jerry D. Sexton  
Reggie Matthes  
Timothy Moss  
Thomas Dean  
Jay Shultz  
Colton Miller

Public Measure  
MF  
Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and service tax in the City of West Branch, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on July 1, 2025.

A local sales and services tax shall be imposed in the City of West Branch, Iowa at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective July 1, 2025 to remain in effect until subsequent vote of the electors of the City.

Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows: 0% for property tax relief.

The specific purposes for which the revenues will otherwise be expended are: park debt and improvements, public safety and public infrastructure projects

## SCHOOL OFFICES

For School Board Director  
Vote for no more than FOUR  
Jacob Onken  
Mitchell Lingo  
Lisa Williams  
Molly Abraham  
Robert Decker  
Micah Broekemeier  
Charlie Eastham

For School Board Director, At Large  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Joe Burns  
Sarah Rivera  
Gabe Schaapveld  
Abdouramane Bila

For School Board Director, District 1  
Vote for no more than ONE  
April Schmitz  
Allison Momany

For School Board Director, District 2  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Patricia Higby  
Jennifer Downes

For School Board Director, District 3  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Jennifer Bollers

Public Measure  
MG  
Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Clear Creek Amana Community School District, in the Counties of Iowa and Johnson, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and

improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding Sixty-Seven Cents (\$0.67) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable

property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each

individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2025, or each year thereafter?

For School Board Director, District 4  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Angie Ehle

For School Board Director, District 5  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Adam Haluska  
Jami Wolf

For School Board Director, District 6  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Markus Cannon

For School Board Director, District 1  
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Dawn Kousheh

For School Board Director, District 3  
Vote for no more than ONE  
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## JOHNSON COUNTY CONT.

**WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
For School Board Director  
Vote for no more than TWO  
Quinn Wolfe  
Mark Armstrong

**KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
For Director, District 2  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Tracy Pearson

For Director, District 3 To Fill Vacancy  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Peggy Doerge

For Director, District 4  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Lorraine Williams

For Director, District 5  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Alan Jensen

**EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
For Director, District 9  
Vote for no more than ONE  
Michelle L. Garvin

**Identification Requirements**  
Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on Election Day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may 1) have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by 12:00 p.m. NOON on November 13, 2023. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification.

For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence, please visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 319-356-6004.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the Johnson County Auditor's Office by phone at 319-356-6004, by email at [elections@johnsoncountyiowa.gov](mailto:elections@johnsoncountyiowa.gov) or visit [johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor](http://johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor). For TTY access, dial 711 + 319-356-6004.

This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 49 of the Code of Iowa, as

amended.

### NOTICE OF SATELLITE VOTING STATIONS

To the Voters of Johnson County:  
Absentee in person voting for the November 7, 2023 City and School Election will be available at the locations and times listed below.

Any Johnson County voter can vote at any Johnson County satellite voting station. Ballots will be available for all precincts at all stations.

Voter registration forms will be available for new registrations in the county. Changes in the registration records of people who are currently registered within the county may be made at any time.

### SATELLITE STATIONS

**Coralville Public Library**  
1401 5th St., Coralville  
Saturday, October 28,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday, October 29,  
Noon - 4 p.m.

**University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics**  
200 Hawkins Dr., Iowa City  
Fountain Lobby  
Thursday, November 2,  
10a.m. - 4p.m.  
Friday, November 3,  
10a.m. - 4p.m.

**North Liberty Community Library**  
520 W Cherry St., North Liberty  
Saturday, November 4,  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, November 5,  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Iowa City Public Library**  
123 S. Linn St., Iowa City  
Saturday, November 4,  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday, November 5,  
Noon - 5 p.m.

This notice is given pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 721-21.300(2).

For further information, please contact the Johnson County Auditor's Office at (319) 356-6004.

/s/ Travis Weipert  
Johnson County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

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## HIGHLAND CSD

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**  
**5:00 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Nate Robinson. Roll call was taken with Rachel Longbine, Monica Jepson, Dan Ruth and Nate Robinson present. Melissa Murphy, Josh Thomann and Mike Golden were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Ruth made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 4-0  
Longbine made a motion to approve the girls wrestling sharing with Washington. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 4-0  
Ruth made a motion to approve the vote of Carol Montz for District 6 Grant Wood Area Education Agency board of directors. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 4-0  
Ruth made a motion to approve the personnel listed below. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 4-0  
**Resignations:**  
Chris Schooley - Middle School/High School Night Custodian

**Appointments:**  
Chris Ford - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - 10%

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 4-0  
Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON  
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION**  
**MONDAY - OCTOBER 23, 2023**  
**5:05 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM**

The work session was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Rachel Longbine, Monica Jepson, Dan Ruth and Nate Robinson were present. Josh Thomann, Mike Golden and Melissa Murphy were absent. Also present were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal and Bill Zywiec, Dean of Students.

Longbine made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 4-0  
Bill Zywiec gave an overview of the ISASP scores for the secondary students in both English Language Arts and Math. He was able to show the board several years back comparing the same grade level and the improvements that have been made over the years.

Jane O'Leary went over the ISASP scores and conditions of learning for the elementary students. The ISASP was taken by 99% of the students and the math proficiency increased by 14.99%. For the conditions of learning the PBIS

committee is working on clarity of school rules and consistency of enforcement.

Mr Crawford handed out a packet of information he will be going over with new board members on roles and responsibilities and asked the current board for any feedback on the information.

Superintendent Report:  
The following items were reviewed and a brief discussion on each by Mr Crawford:

Wastewater Update - Moving along with a deadline of completion by 11/6  
Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting-Next meeting is 11/1  
Revenue Purpose Statement vote on November 7th

Proposed New Pay Scale for Support Staff-Will bring to the board in January or February

Longbine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jepson. Motion carried 4-0.

The work session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON  
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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## MID-PRAIRIE CSD

**MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2023 - 6:15 P.M.**  
**WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US**

President Jeremy Pickard called the meeting to order.

**Board members present:** Mary Allred, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Jeremy Pickard, Marianne Schlabach, and Jake Snider.

**Board members absent:** Jed Seward.

**Also Present:** Brian Stone, Jeff Swartzentruber, Chuck Banks, Rob Foster, Rob Hruby, Greg Jergens, Rachel Kerns, Amy Shalla, and Frank Slabaugh.

Mary Allred moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marianne Schlabach. Motion carried 6-0.

**Hawk Highlight** - Christine Meader, Director of the Fall Play, and Collette McClellan, Voice Coach for the production, shared about the upcoming production with the cast of "Into the Woods" on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The cast performed a number from the musical for the Board. The cast introduced themselves and their respective parts in the musical. The Board expressed appreciation for the work and efforts of the staff and directors.

### Public Forum

No one spoke.

### Work Session Administration Reports and Board Dialogue

The Board asked questions and discussed the report forms shared by each Administrator about their areas of responsibility.

Superintendent Stone shared about the Transportation meeting last Wednesday, October 19th. He expressed appreciation for the staff. Two athletic contest schools in the past week have experienced bus breakdowns on the way to our District for events. The Transportation Team has pulled together to provide needed assistance.

Superintendent Stone also shared about the Facilities Committee meeting on the Evening of October 19th. The committee members will be going in sub-groups to the buildings on November 1st. The committee shared that they are not hearing much from the community on the upcoming bond referendum.

Superintendent Stone asked Tad Morrow from Carl A. Nelson to share an update on the Revenue Bond project in terms of cost and schedule. Morrow provided a handout and covered the various pages. All of the projects are currently weather tight. The workers are working above ceiling to get mechanicals completely roughed in at the Middle School. The goal is to try to get as much of the sidewalks completed at the Middle School this Fall, weather permitting.

East Elementary is a little less complete than the Middle School although it is near airtight as well. He covered the current status of the budget and has estimates that we are about \$162,000 less than the projected budget at the Middle School and East Elementary site from March of 2023. Softball lighting is about \$8,350 less than anticipated.

The High School Track project is about \$80,876 less than anticipated. Overall, the three projects together are about \$251,573 better than the original an-

tipated estimates provided in March of 2023. While there is a lot of the project left to be completed, the project is in very solid condition financially at this point in time. The Board asked questions on various aspects of the handout to gather a better understanding of the status. The Board expressed appreciation for the information.

### Business Meeting

**Consent Items**  
Denise Chittick moved to approve the following consent items.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
The minutes of October 9, 2023;

**Finance Report**  
None presented at this time;

**Payment of Bills**  
The bills as listed for October 23, 2023, and prepaid bills;

**Open Enrollment Requests**  
Kali Krebs requests Zara Born (Kindergarten) attend Mid-Prairie from Highland Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Scott Skipton requests Lexie Skipton (Grade 10) attend Mid-Prairie from Highland Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Holly Day requests Lyla Day (Grade 10) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from English Valleys Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Tina Bozing requests Aspen Bozing (Grade 2), and Everlie Bozing (Grade 5) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Iowa City Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

**Personnel Items**  
Resignation of Bud Juifs, High School Lead Custodian, \$19.02 per hour, effective October 31, 2023;

No new hires for this meeting;

**Fundraising Requests**  
FCCLA requests approval to raise funds through a Middle School Dance on November 17th to raise funds for school, community service projects, chapter activities and events;

High School Girls and Boys Basketball requests approval to raise funds through sales of basketball apparel from November 6th to November 20th for volunteer coaching wages, player gear, equipment, supplies and coaches gear.;

Boys Basketball requests approval to raise funds through a donation campaign from November 20th to December 1st for volunteer coaching wages, player/coaching gear, and basketball equipment.;

**HSAP 28E Renewal Agreements**  
English Valleys Community School District and Iowa Valley Community School District Home School Assistance Program Agreements are approved for renewal.

Mary Allred seconded the consent items. Motion carried 6-0.

### Student Learning Grant Wood AEA District 6 Director Superintendent

Stone/School Business Official Jeff Swartzentruber introduced the agenda item by noting that Current District #6 Director, Carol Montz, will finish her current 4-year term in November. Carol Montz is currently the only candidate listed on the ballot to be re-elected for at least a third term. The Board must take action to complete the ballot by the received due date of November 30, 2023. The approved ballot must be completed by a Board Member. The weighted vote for Mid-Prairie is 0.179, down from 0.196 in 2019.

### Board Highlights

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•Frederick - Excited for the election of Carol Montz for GWAEA District 6;

•Chittick and Schlabach - The building project budget condition and the project currently being ahead of schedule.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

President, Jeremy Pickard  
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

### Oct. 24

Caller in Wellman believes a neighbor has a Rotweiler that was loose and was heading toward him. Believes it belongs to a visitor at a trailer. Responded and located a male subject on a bicycle who found the stray dog. It was put inside of a residence where it belonged.

Caller reports damage done to their truck after metal fell off a passing vehicle on Highway 22, Riverside. Caller was unable to catch up to the vehicle hauling the metal that caused the damage. Spoke with the caller and was given the call for service number for documentation for insurance.

Deputy reports being out with a subject in Wellman wanted on an Iowa City warrant. Arrested Jesse Ryan Love, 33, of Wellman for theft 2nd. Bond \$5,000 cash only.

Caller reports a vehicle at the intersection of 9th Ave. and K, Kalona, that doesn't appear to have been moved in some time. Plate doesn't match. Made contact with the owner who moved the vehicle.

Report of an accident in the Wellman Casey's parking lot. No injuries. Ella Brunk of Kinross and Larry Widmer of West Chester. There was no transport.

Caller in the 100 block of W H Ave., Kalona, reports that a female left her horse and buggy parked at their business for an extended amount of time without permission. Responded and spoke with the caller about her options.

### Oct. 25

Report of a German shepherd running loose in Kalona. Dog was kind of aggressive and was last seen running toward the elementary school. Unable to locate.

Caller reports a vehicle parked for a couple of weeks behind his business in Kalona. Requesting a deputy make contact with owner to have them remove it. Unable to make contact.

### Oct. 26

Caller reported vehicle has been sitting with its lights off since around 5 am and they want a deputy to check on them. Responded. Vehicle was unoccupied at the YMCA. No problem.

Caller in Wellman report the dogs are back at her residence. Request a deputy. Spoke with a family member who will let the owner know that next time a citation will be issued. Verbal warning at this time.

### Oct. 27

Caller in the 1200 block of Fir Ave., Wellman, reports dogs are on her prop-

erty. Cited Mark Allen Millice, Wellman, for allowing dogs to run at large.

Caller in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports the trash compactor at the back building is on fire and is connected to the building. The building is not currently on fire. Riverside Fire, Ainsworth Fire, Kalona Fire, Hills Fire and Washington County ambulance responded. Hills and Ainsworth were advised to disregard prior to their arrival. Fire extinguished.

Caller in the 330 block of 150th St., Riverside, requests to speak with an officer regarding an issue with her fiancé. Report to be filed. Information forwarded to the county attorney for review.

### Oct. 28

Caller reports a young child walking on the road in Riverside with a stuffed animal. Child was taken to the callers residence. Deputy responded and took the child home.

Caller in the 1500 block of Palm Ave., Riverside reports a pickup in a cornfield hidden amongst the corn. Plate information does not match the vehicle. Vehicle had left the area before deputy arrival. Caller said he had a chainsaw stolen yesterday. A neighbor saw the same truck in the area yesterday. Report to be filed. Vehicle was located at Casey's in Riverside resulting in a pursuit. Arrest: Jimmy Dean Frees, 59, of Oxford for reckless driving, no SR22 insurance, felony eluding, driving while barred, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance 2nd, interference with official acts, trespass 1st, theft 3rd and OWI 3rd. Subject was issued citations for the following offenses, failure to stop at stop sign X8, speed 70-100 in a 55 mph zone, failure to yield ½ the roadway, fraudulent use of registration, violation of restricted license, operating a non-registered vehicle, no proof of insurance, prohibited use of light restricting devices and window tint. Subject also wanted by Iowa County on 3 warrants: failure to appear for plea hearing, driving under bar and possession-controlled substance marijuana 2nd offense.

Caller in the 400 block of Ella St., Riverside reports she heard something outside her residence overnight and just noticed someone tried to cut through her window screen. Request a deputy. Appears a cat tried to get into the house. Caller reports a truck with no lights driving hazardingly on Johnson Washington Road. Subject was given advise on driving habits.

Mary Allred moved to approve completion of the ballot for a vote for Carol Montz as Grant Wood AEA Director for District 6. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

### Finance

**SBRC Resolution for Additional Allowable Growth for Enrollment and ELL**

Business Manager Swartzentruber presented the additional allowable growth resolution that, if passed, will allow the District to increase spending authority of \$130,086 for Open Enrollment Out and of \$6,597.57 for ELL Beyond 5 Years. These amounts are a result of the Certified Enrollment data from the October 1, 2023, count date.

Marianne Schlabach moved to approve Resolution 10232301 to allow the Superintendent to request increased spending authority of \$130,086 on Open Enrollment Out for the 2023-2024 School Year and \$6,597.57 for ELL Beyond 5 Years. Mary Allred seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Gabrielle Frederick - yes; Mary Allred - yes; Jed Seward - absent; Jeremy Pickard - yes; Marianne Schlabach - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes  
Motion carried 6-0.

### Board Development and Inservice Activities

IASB Convention is November 15 to 17, 2023.

IASB Board Development Tour of Iowa will take place in the latter part of this year.

### Announcements and Suggestions for Next Agenda

Gabrielle Frederick noted that the Board needs to schedule the Superintendent Mid-Year Performance Evaluation. This could be scheduled either the first meeting in November on November 13, 2023, or the second meeting on November 27, 2023 School Board Meeting. She has asked Superintendent Stone to give more reflection on review of the accomplishments within the 3 standards that were evaluated in May of 2023. This will be a closed session to provide opportunity to discuss with Superintendent Stone the standards and to evaluate the Boards goals from the training session with the IASB representative.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: Potential mid-year Superintendent evaluation in closed session; Certified Enrollment for October 2023 as a finalized number; Concurrent Enrollment classes at it impacts graduation requirements—recognizing that this is developing; begin to determine if the Iowa legislative representatives should be invited to a Board meeting.

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**LOOKING BACK**  
**25 YEARS AGO - NOV. 5, 1998**

**Kalona**

Iowa Mennonite School's soccer team, celebrating last Thursday's sub-state win, will be going to Muscatine for the fall state soccer tournament for the third year in a row following wins over Danville (2-1) and Cono Christian (in a shootout) last week in district play. IMS will open state tourney action Saturday at 9 a.m. against Fort Madison.

A series of open meetings, to learn what the Kalona community needs, wants and expects in its library are set for November 11, 12, and 13. The meetings will be conducted by library consultant George Lawson of Ames who is in the process of preparing a building document for the library.

The information from previous sessions clearly indicated there was, as well as outlined basic needs. Since then, the Kalona city council agreed to pay half the cost for the preparation of a building document. The series of open meetings is part of the process of preparing that document which is the last step prior to hiring an architect or engineer.

Thanks to assistance from a Rural Health Network Development Grant, through High Plains, Inc., the Mid-Prairie School district has an additional school nurse.

Meeting in special session Oct. 30, the board approved hiring Marilyn Cook, wife of Superintendent Gordon Cook, for the half-time position. Salary is approximately \$15 per hour.

The grant, which also provides funds for the Washington, Highland and WACO school districts, gave Mid-Prairie \$15,750.

The proposal is such that the grant provides for a full-time position, the other half of which is for the Washington School District. The latter will hire its own part-time nurse.

The health grant also will provide the Highland School District with a full-time nurse, a position that the district previously did not have.

The Kalona City Council Monday devised a solution for some residents long-standing water problems, thoughts about how to sweep up the annual leaf problem and notified the cable television service to get on line.

The water problem is a flooding one that occurs near 11th St. whenever there is heavy rain. City Administrator Doug Morgan ex-

plained that the area was examined and that a new storm inlet at 11th St. should lower some of the water.

Although Kalona permits burning of organic waste, there are specific precautions required, and no one is permitted to burn leaves on the city streets. However the city still has the problem of removing leaves from streets and gutters.

As a result, it briefly discussed acquisition of a leaf vacuum, such as that used in larger cities.

Recently, the Wellman City Clerk discussed the possibility of Wellman obtaining a vacuum, but noted it would be shared with surrounding communities, such as Kalona.

Cost of the item is about \$10,000, and the Kalona Council agreed Monday that sharing would be the way.

"But, how would you schedule its use," asked Mayor J.D. Boyd, "Wouldn't we need it all at the same time?"

Morgan said that he would talk with Wellman Mayor Wilbur Swartzendruber about the idea.

The city has sent a letter to Triax Cablevision, noting the problems with the service and the non-compliance with the lease and franchise provisions.

Gary Bontrager announced this week that he has purchased Eastside Towing from Earl Swantz of Earl's Radiator and Repair.

Bontrager, owner of Superior Automotive, Kalona, has operated a towing service for the past three years.

Bontrager had two towing trucks and was considering the purchase of a third unit when he mentioned to Swantz that should he decide to sell to contact him. Swantz offered his units for sale.

Bontrager now has two light duty units plus a medium duty towing truck and a heavy duty unit for hauling semi-trucks and other large vehicles.

Bontrager noted Action Towing provides a variety of services besides helping out at accidents. "We help out with breakdowns, lockouts, and even tire changes on the road," he pointed out. "Plus, we provide towing services for the Washington County Sheriff's office.

Work is well underway for a major expansion at Kinneer Home Furnishings, at the corner of Highway 1 and B Ave in Kalona. The addition, immediately north of the present building, will provide

greatly needed storage space and additional showroom area, said owner Bill Kinneer.

It marks the second expansion for the retail furniture store whose previous one was remodeling and incorporating the former Swartzendruber's produce business garage into the store's main structure.

The north side addition is due to be completed in January, and the other remodeling by spring.

The Pleasantview Home Board this week announced the appointment of Bruce Harvey to the newly created position of "Finance Director" beginning January 1, 1999, according to board president Philip Marner.

Assistant administrator Sandy Gingerich will become the administrator January 1. "The board is pleased that Sandy accepted the position of administrator and looks forward to the continued strong leadership in nursing care to the community," Marner stated.

The new position will allow Harvey to focus on financial management of the home year round. Harvey added that the need for a financial administrator grows out of the board's wish to make Pleasantview a skilled care home.

**Lone Tree**

Just before 3 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, an explosion rocked the home of longtime Lone Tree residents Bob and Mary Pearson at 513 S. Devoe St. According to Lone Tree Fire Chief Jerry Ford, a joint investigation by the state fire marshal and Ford's department concluded that the explosion was caused by a natural gas leak from a detached hose leading to a stove.

Fire engulfed half of their home and garage. Through the flames, Bob, 64, was able to escape and run to a neighbor's home. Keith and Velma Mills awoke to Bob's pounding.

"He told me at the door that Mary didn't get out. I called 911 and Velma was out looking for Mary. It was a roaring inferno the moment we stepped out the door," said Mills.

Mary, 65, died while trying to get out. Bob died later that night at University Hospitals.

According to Ford, the basement filled with gas until it hit the flame of the water heater, causing the explosion. The blast blew out the basement door at the top of the stairs and flames were fueled by various flammables stored in the garage.

"The explosion actually lifted the house," said Ford. He added that the center support beams had fallen out from the center of the house.

Lone Tree Fire Dept. requested

mutual aid and firefighters from Hills and Riverside responded. With the help of 40 firefighters, the blaze was under control in 45 minutes. One fireman received a minor injury and was treated at the scene.

The highway department finally got the "River Junction" signs up on Highway 22. There have been signs pointing to Walker Park for quite awhile, but now that River Junction is back on the Iowa map, it has highway signs pointing in its direction too. Way to go, citizens of River Junction.

Once again the Lone Tree Ball Association will be selling holiday wreaths. The evergreens will be accented with pine cones and a red bow and can be purchased for \$12. The funds raised will be used to purchase new first aid kits, equipment and more for the summer ball program in Lone Tree.

On October 12, at the school board meeting, Coach Tom Squiers proposed an improvement to the current eligibility rule he feels would benefit the football team.

The rule had said if one were ineligible, you were not allowed to practice. The new rule states that you are now allowed to practice but must attend a study table every Wednesday morning. If you do not attend this study table, you will not be allowed to practice.

After some discussion, the board voted to accept this rule change.

Squiers stated, "I feel it is a change for the better. You won't get out of shape and fall behind in practice, like learning the plays and such." Squiers will be in charge of the study table every Wednesday morning from 7:30-8:30. The new rule will go into effect starting second quarter.

The Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce is once again offering free turkeys in the annual turkey drawing starting Thursday, November 12. To win one of the turkeys, just fill out an entry form at any participating business. Chamber queen Lindsey Parizek will draw out a winner every Monday before Christmas. Entrants must be 18 or older to qualify.

Enter at: Young's Grocery, Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank, Dusty's Tire Service, Farm Services, Te Strake, MOCO, Sorden's, BJ's Lockerroom, REC, Young's Insurance, Smothers, and the Lone Tree Reporter.

**Wellman**

Pat Callahan, cable service consultant, was present at the regularly scheduled Wellman City Council meeting to request several documents. The city is exploring the possibility of changing cable

suppliers and has hired Callahan to assist them in the process. Wellman Co-op Telephone has expressed an interest in possibly providing cable service to Wellman residents.

In other matters the council received a complaint from a resident asking the city to set an age limit for trick or treating. Also asked Sheriff Yale Jarvis to monitor the speeding on 3rd St., 8th Ave., and 9th Ave. and also be more aware of people not stopping on 9th Ave. at the intersection with Highway 22.

The Mid-Prairie School District passed a \$5.4 million dollar bond issue on April 9, 1996. The improvements encompassed every attendance center, with the majority of the improvements at the high school.

Each attendance center received a new or remodeled library.

Kalona elementary has a new office complex, remodeled art room and remodeled restrooms.

Washington Township has a remodeled office and remodeled art room.

Wellman Elementary has a new service entrance.

The middle school received a vocal music room, art storage, a computer classroom, a special education area, and classrooms.

The high school has a new multi-purpose room, stage, kitchen, voc tech and ag room, art room, band room, vocal music room, chemistry room, five remodeled classrooms, guidance office, main offices, shower rooms and remodeled and expanded gym.

For the second time in a week, Mid-Prairie was defeated by the maroon and black IMS volleyball team, only this game meant whether they would advance in the regionals or be done for the season. Unfortunately, the black and gold Hawks just couldn't overcome the strength and balanced play of IMS.

The IMS Volleyball team will be heading to Class 1A State Tournament in Cedar Rapids.

IMS players Kristi Miller, Jessica Wilson and Angela Bock were named to the first team in the North Division of the Southeast Iowa Super Conference. Coach Dwight Gingerich shared coach of the year honors with Bev Nielsen of Columbus Junction. Jill Stoltzfus and Betsy Hartzler were named to the second team, and Kendra Conrad and Lauri Bender were honorable mentions.

Other members of the team are Katie Hochstedler, Jill Widmer, Shantell Detweller, Tammy Darby, Cammy Perez, Julie Gingerich, Lori Miller, Jeana Pickard, and Katie Boshart.