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2024 Iowa Pork Congress reflects suffering industry



Low attendance marked the 2024 Iowa Pork Congress, held Jan. 24-25 in Des Moines.

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

DES MOINES

This year's annual Iowa Pork Congress, held Jan. 24-25, brought together pork producers, related businesses, and industry experts in Des Moines for two days of educational seminars, social events, and a tradeshow. However, few producers showed up.

That's unsurprising given 2023 was one of the worst financial years they've ever experienced.

High production costs resulted in pork producers taking a sizable loss on every hog last year. Coupled with disease outbreaks and other routine challenges, not every producer

could sustain those losses; locally, JWV Pork succumbed to the circumstances, defaulting on millions in debt and closing their Washington site.

Area businesses exhibiting at the tradeshow noticed the empty aisles.

"Turnout doesn't seem to be the best," Bob Altman of United Animal Health commented on Wednesday afternoon.

"The traffic today has been fairly [light]," Casey Sieren confirmed over at the Vittetoe, Inc booth.

For John Yoder at Stutsman's, the day was off to a good start, but he conceded it was "maybe not quite as good as the last ones have been, but it's still good."

The owners of Precision

Structures Inc. (PSI) saw the quieter tradeshow as a positive.

"It's a little quieter, I would say this year, partly due to the way the markets are, but it almost makes it easier to connect with the people you're definitely trying to connect with because it's easier to track people down," Chris Harmsen said.

Over the course of the two days, attendees of the Iowa Pork Congress had access to several seminars on a variety of issues relevant to the industry.

One seminar on Thursday focused on U.S. pork exports. Dan Halstrom, president and CEO of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, reviewed some of the circumstances across the globe that are impacting pork exports, such as inflation, exchange rates, and disruptions to shipping routes. However, Halstrom was mainly optimistic, as he sees growing markets in Korea and Mexico as being "very exciting" opportunities for the U.S. pork industry, especially as the European Union falls back as a major competitor.

A panel on the future of traceability included Rob Brenneman of Brenneman Pork, who, alongside Dr. Anna Forseth, National Pork Producers Council, and Dr. Jeff Kaisand, state veterinarian for Iowa, discussed how pork producers can prepare for a foreign disease outbreak and provide assurance that their pork is safe. Preventing disease is

key, and Brenneman discussed the access points at which care must be taken - animal feed coming in, people and trucks moving between sites -and how Brenneman Pork maintains biosecurity.

These two talks drew people in, but neither so many as attended the Economic Outlook for 2024's Pork Industry seminar. Farmers seemed eager to divine what fate would hold for them over the next 11 months. Market analysts Joe Kerns and Dr. Steve Meyer presented charts and graphs to support their opinions, which overall were that the cost of feed will fall over the course of the year (Kerns), but that "two bad

years often come together" and 2024 will still see relatively high production costs (Meyer). The resulting financial picture for pork producers should be "better than last year," but not by much.

Other seminars offered covered topics including laws and DNR rules regarding manure, understanding and influencing consumers, trending swine diseases, maintaining mental health, and dealing with the labor shortage.

One hopes that the opportunities offered by the Iowa Pork Congress will provide a boost to those enduring trying times, even if their only consolation is that it won't get any worse..



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Rob Brenneman, center front, of Brenneman Pork in Washington, was a panelist at the seminar on The Future of Traceability at the Iowa Pork Congress on Jan. 24.



Rollover accident causes Wellman power outage

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

Wellman residents lost power about 9 p.m. Saturday evening thanks to a vehicle striking a utility pole on Ginkgo Avenue. Both driver and passenger were transported to the University of Iowa Emergency Room with injuries.

According to the accident report, Charmain Bartlett and David Aldrich, both of West Chester, were traveling southbound on Ginkgo Avenue near 140th Street when their vehicle crossed the centerline and went off the road to the left, entered the ditch, became airborne, and struck a utility pole. The force of the impact cut the Jeep Cherokee in half, and it landed right-side up,

with the driver and front passenger trapped inside.

Washington County Sheriff's deputies extricated the pair through both mechanical and nonmechanical means, the report indicates. They were taken to the hospital by Washington County Ambulance and Wellman Volunteer Ambulance services.

The totaled vehicle was salvaged by Bulltown Towing and Repair.

As the accident remains under investigation, causal factors are not yet known. The accident report indicates dark, slightly foggy, unlit and wet road conditions on the evening of Jan. 27.

Power was not restored to the city until early Sunday morning.

Lone Tree parents discuss potential four-day week with district

BY TJ RHODES
The News

LONE TREE

The Lone Tree Community School District hosted their second public forum discussing the four-day school week at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27. The two-hour long forum was more productive for the district and parents in attendance compared to the previous meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, which preceded a school board meeting and was cut short.

Most parents in attendance seemed to represent the crowd who do not support the change. Here are some of the ideas discussed:

Daycare

Daycare remained the number one topic of discussion for this sweeping change. Lone Tree Superintendent Tyler Hotz provided some answers for a potential daycare system the school could offer.

First, they could offer an

Alternative Programming plan which would last the length of a school day. It would be \$40 a day, as recommended by DHS. The reason for the charge is that the school cannot fund it. Instead, it needs to be self-sufficient.

Parents could contact the state to receive help paying for the program.

Parents would drop off their Pre-K through 5th grade students who would be watched by paraeducators. The paras would have micro-credentials and/or certificates that prepare them for the daycare setting.

Another solution included high school-aged students babysitting in order to earn money on their days off from school. Some parents at the previous forum did not like this idea. Either way, Hotz is working to provide a grant which would allow students to attend Kirkwood Community College to receive a child development associate degree which qualifies

them to work in daycare.

Missed lunches

An issue brought up in board meetings and at the last forum was that some students rely on the school breakfast and lunch. Because of this, Hotz is working to reinstate the backpack program. He'll send a survey in February to gauge who would benefit.

Lone Tree initially had this program but dropped it due to COVID-19, never bringing it back. They'll also continue to run their food bank.

Structure

Hotz passed out a draft calendar for the four-day week using Mondays as the day off. He plans to have a Friday draft soon.

Some were concerned about consistency since some Mondays would require school while most would not. Hotz

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AROUND TOWN

Stay Independent: Thriving in Place

The ISU Extension and Outreach program, Stay Independent, a series for adults 60+, will next meet on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 10-11 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Home, 1203 E Washington St., Washington. The program topic is Thriving in Place. Free to attend. Contact Andy Miller with questions: 319-653-4811 or andrewm4@iastate.edu.

Crop Producers Meeting

Local crop producers are invited to attend a grain marketing, crop insurance and farm bill informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. in the basement of Dallmeyer Hall at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Washington. ISU economist Dr. Chad Hart will share his thoughts about the commodity market direction, and crop insurance updates as well as information on the new farm bill will be provided. Light meal served; no charge to attend; RSVP 319-461-6260.

Hillcrest Prospective Family Night

Join Hillcrest Academy for an informative evening tailored for 5th-8th graders, transfer students, and parents on Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Learn more about ESAs and middle and high school programs; engage with teachers, coaches and staff. Confirm your attendance at hillcresttravens.org/5-8events.

Kalona Business Lunch

The next Kalona Chamber Business Lunch will

be held Wednesday, Feb. 7 at noon at the Chamber, 514 B Ave., Kalona. Program by Mary Audia of Washington Economic Development Group on the WEDG Business Labs. Cost \$5; RSVP 319-656-2660.

Stay Independent: Cooking for One or Two

The ISU Extension and Outreach program, Stay Independent, a series for adults 60+, will next meet on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 10-11 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Home, 1203 E Wash-

ington St., Washington. The program topic is Cooking for One or Two. Free to attend. Contact Andy Miller with questions: 319-653-4811 or andrewm4@iastate.edu.

Wellman Library Trivia Night

The Wellman Public Library will hold a Trivia Night hosted by Christopher's Bar Exam on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parkside Activities Center. \$20 per person; tables of 8;

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Area businesses meet and greet at Iowa Pork Congress

BY CHERYL ALLEN
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DES MOINES

United Animal Health

Trent Torrance and Bob Altman traveled from Indianapolis to Des Moines to staff United Animal Health's booth at the Iowa Pork Congress on Jan. 24-25. The Sheridan, Indiana-based feed company has a feed mill in Frytown that manufactures complete feed pellets for baby pigs and blends vitamin and trace-mineral supplements.

The pair's objective for the tradeshow was to meet their customers, prospective customers, suppliers, and other allied folks.

"It's one central meeting area," Torrance said.

"It does give us an opportunity to kind of rub elbows a little bit," Altman added.

They've both attended the Iowa tradeshow many times, and they say it is one of the largest shows in the area.

They've also spent time in Frytown, but it seems their exploration of the area has been limited.

"Just north of Kalona on Highway 1 there is an ice-cream, sliced cheese place. Is that worth stopping at?" Altman asked The News.

Kalona Creamery? "Absolutely," he told him.



United Animal Health's booth at the IPC tradeshow



Manure pumps consumed much of the space at Stutsman's tradeshow booth.

Eldon C Stutsman Inc/Automated Waste Systems

John Yoder helped staff Stutsman's booth on Wednesday morning, ready to greet existing customers and create new ones for the Hills-based business. Giant pieces of machinery surrounded him inside the exhibition space.

"They're all manure pumps," he said, one self-contained, another capable of injection. The effort to get them into the hall was "not too much," he said, adding that three pickup trucks delivered them in the days prior.

Yoder says he always enjoys his time at the tradeshow.

"You get to meet a lot of people; you get to see people in the industry. It's the one place that you can come to that every county in Iowa is here," he said.

Stutsman's exhibits at about six trade-shows a year, Yoder says, including the World Pork Expo at the Iowa State Fairgrounds and National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

The business looks forward to its 90th anniversary this summer.

PSI-Precision Structures Inc

"This is the 26th year now that I've been going to these shows, and it's kind of fun," Chris Harmsen said at the Precision Structures Inc. (PSI) booth at the Iowa Pork Congress tradeshow. "At the beginning you don't feel like you know anyone, and after a number of years, everywhere you turn, you're running into people and have stuff to catch up on. It gives us something to look forward to." Harmsen manned the booth alongside wife and co-owner Nicole; their Wellman-based business constructs new swine facilities, remodels existing ones, and provides maintenance services.

Prop 12, which dictates how mother pigs are confined, among other things, if pork is to be sold in California took effect on Jan. 1. So far, this has not affected PSI.

"There's sort of an industry balancing going on currently," Harmsen explained. "California consumed 15% of domestic pork. Now the question is, how much of domestic pork is already complying with Prop 12? I believe producers are in that process of trying to figure that out now."

Once Prop 12 is enforced, "How much is it going to raise the price of pork? That's part of the balance also, does that extra price justify the cost of the remodel to be able to sell in California? And if it doesn't, I guess there's going to be less bacon to go around there. And if it does, then there will be another remodel that covers that."

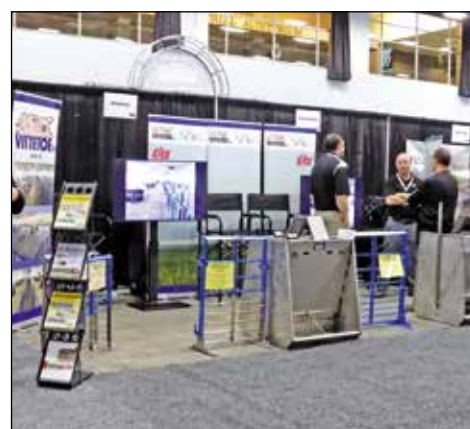
PSI builds structures in eight states, "sort of the greater Midwest," Harmsen said. The business celebrated 40 years in 2023; they've built around 3000 facilities in that time.

They also ensure Wellman residents take home a complimentary holiday ham from Freeman Foods every year.

"We're glad people like it," Harmsen said. "It's fun seeing them run that up every year."



PSI's Chris and Nicole Harmsen found fewer people at the tradeshow afforded them more time to talk to those who did stop by on Jan. 24.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Finishing gates and feeders were on display at the Vittetoe tradeshow booth at the Iowa Pork Congress.

Vittetoe, Inc

At the Vittetoe Inc. booth, Casey Sieren was ready to talk hog equipment with anyone who stopped by. The Keota-based business sells gates and feeders among other things; they also work with Custom Builders out of Tipton, and they had video playing showing the complete construction of a facility.

While the business uses the tradeshow to find new clients and show off new products, "We see a lot of people we see back home [too]," Sieren said.

Out on the floor were a few new products, including different kinds of gates and feeders for different stages of the pig production cycle.



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provided an answer. Some Mondays are built in snow-days which accommodate the unknown winter weather. Others follow long breaks like Thanksgiving, getting the students back in school rather than making their weekend longer.

Hotz also passed out a draft for potential bell schedules. This included different structures for lunch, Pride - a built in study hall - and more. Also highlighted was a possible alternating block schedule which features just four classes per day.

This change would be the most 'radical.' However, some parents did have interest in the alternating block schedule while others expressed concerns about the students' attention span for longer classes.

Some even supported a five-day week with the alternating block schedule. This was not an initial idea considered by Hotz or the board, but they could implement it if it gains enough attention and support from the community.

Timing

A lot of parents are concerned that Lone Tree is moving too swiftly. Hotz first introduced the four-day week in December. He recommends the board approve or deny it in February. If the board approves, Hotz recommends they chose Monday or Friday as the universal day off in March. This would be a four-month turnaround from conception to finalization (implementation to occur in the 2024-25 school year).

Teacher contracts begin on

March 15. If they want a four-day week to attract/retain teachers, they need to move swiftly to finalize their schedule.

Additionally, some districts surrounding Lone Tree are moving at the same speed. For example, the Highland School District in Riverside plans to vote on a four-day school week in February. If approved, Lone Tree will compete for teachers against Highland in terms of schedules and Iowa City in terms of salaries.

Of course, many options exist. The board could table the discussion. They could approve a block schedule. They could approve a five-day, standard week. They could approve a four-day week for 2025-26 instead of 2024-25.

Big picture

Four of five school board members attended the forum. Each was an active participant.

Board member Gordon Viers introduced a new perspective to the four-day week.

He mentioned that in his three years on the board, it's been a struggle to hire teachers in certain fields. He said that salary is not always the issue; sometimes, there are not enough applicants. Viers thinks that making a four-day school week standard would help attract more people to the teaching field.

Basically, if Lone Tree introduced a four-day week, it might attract more applicants just because of its initial attractiveness. If most nearby districts make the same move, the initial surge of applicants

would eventually wane back to normal. But, as a four-day week becomes more common, it might inspire more young people to become teachers.

This could, in theory, create a new wave of teachers, which would help Lone Tree and the country as a whole.

This philosophical perspective helped guide the forum.

Surveys to come

In the initial staff survey, 39 of 60 staff members responded, with 82.1% somewhat/strongly supporting the four-day week. There is no way to know which staff members were teachers. Parents worried that the 21 who did not answer may not support the change.

Hotz will meet with all teachers on Wednesday, Jan. 31, to discuss the calendar. He plans to provide a unanimous survey to gather their opinion on the matter.

Then, Hotz will update the community with a District Update Video which can be seen on the school's Facebook page. It is expected the update will include the teacher survey data.

Parents also wanted another survey sent to all parents. Hotz said he would work on that as well.

Lone Tree will host at least one more forum, slated for Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Following will be the school board workshop meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the district office. The board will likely discuss the four-day calendar at this meeting but cannot vote on it until their regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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bring your own drinks and snacks. Proceeds support the library. Call or email to reserve your table: 319-646-6858 or info@wellmanlibrary.org.

St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

St. Mary's Church in Riverside will host a pancake breakfast and bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 7 a.m. to noon in the church basement. Menu includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, and coffee. Adults \$10, youth \$5. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Parish youth and religious education programs.

Bird Conference Call

The Bird Observation Conference Call is held the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The topic on Feb. 12 will be "Purple Martin Preparations," by Ken Miller of Kalona. The live dial-in number is 712-432-8773 and ID number is IA-BIRDS# (4224737#).

Stay Independent: Final Arrangements

The ISU Extension and Outreach program, Stay Independent, a series for adults 60+, will next meet on Thursday, Mar. 7 from 10-11 a.m. at

the United Presbyterian Home, 1203 E Washington St., Washington. The program topic is Final Arrangements. Free to attend. Contact Andy Miller with questions: 319-653-4811 or andrewm4@iastate.edu.

Stay Independent: Exercise Your Independence

The ISU Extension and Outreach program, Stay Independent, a series for adults 60+, will next meet on Thursday, Mar. 14 from 10-11 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Home, 1203 E Washington St., Washington. The program topic is Exercise Your Independence. Free to attend. Contact Andy Miller with questions: 319-653-4811 or andrewm4@iastate.edu.

Kalona Optimist Club

The Kalona Optimist Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. \$10 catered meal; guests and prospective members welcome. Program by Megan Jorgensen, Washington County Conservation/DNR.

Kalona Parkinson's Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library.

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Thursday Feb. 1	Friday Feb. 2	Saturday Feb. 3	Sunday Feb. 4	Monday Feb. 5	Tuesday Feb. 6	Wednesday Feb. 7
53° 40° RealFeel® 53°	50° 38° RealFeel® 43°	53° 33° RealFeel® 46°	50° 27° RealFeel® 45°	50° 27° RealFeel® 47°	48° 35° RealFeel® 48°	55° 43° RealFeel® 48°
Partly sunny and mild	Breezy in the morning; cloudy, mild	Partly sunny, breezy and mild	Breezy in the morning; sunny, mild	Low clouds	Partly sunny	Considerable cloudiness



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:19 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	none	10:22 a.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	12:21 a.m.	10:44 a.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	1:28 a.m.	11:11 a.m.
Sunday	7:16 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	2:37 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Monday	7:15 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	3:47 a.m.	12:29 p.m.
Tuesday	7:14 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	4:54 a.m.	1:26 p.m.
Wednesday	7:13 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:54 a.m.	2:36 p.m.

	Phase	Date
	Last	Feb 2
	New	Feb 9
	First	Feb 16
	Full	Feb 24

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
2	1	2	3	1	3	1
Dust & Dander Forecast						
3	2	2	3	5	5	5
Outdoor activities forecast						
5	4	6	5	5	5	5
Healthy Heart forecast						
10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Rating: 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very high, 11+: Extreme

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
Arthritis forecast						
3	3	3	2	1	0	0
Flu forecast						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Migraine forecast						
1	2	2	1	0	2	1
Sinus forecast						
3	4	4	3	2	3	1

Rating: 0-2: Beneficial; 3-4: Neutral; 5-6: at Risk; 7-8: at High Risk; 9-10: at Extreme Risk.

Iowa Family Counseling offers drop-in times, group counseling

BY TJ RHODES
The News

KALONA
Asking for help can be a scary, daunting task. Sometimes it is hard to know who to talk to or where to start.

Licensed Social Worker and Clinical Therapist Latasha Cardenas at Iowa Family Counseling LLC can help. Cardenas offers different referral and resource drop-in times to help anyone who has questions and doesn't know where to begin. The drop-in hours are 9-10 a.m. on Mondays and 11-12 p.m. on Thursdays.

"I worked in county services at the [Veterans Affairs Hospital] before I did therapy, and so I offer drop-in hours for people to come in if they're needing help [finding resources or have questions]," Cardenas said. "[It's] just a way for people to come if they're not sure where else to go."

"People are always welcome to stop in, call or email us outside of those hours, but just know that during those specific hours, someone will be here to help them," Owner and Clinical Therapist Elisa Lyons added.

Cardenas can help with questions about child development; applications for Medicaid/Social Security; finding community resources; meeting unmet needs and more. To receive her help, all one needs to do is drop into the office, located at 409 B. Ave in Kalona, and ask for Cardenas.

If you cannot make those times, Cardenas provided her email, latasha@iowafamilycounseling.com, and the company number, (641) 777-2774, extension 50.

Group Counseling: 'Building resilience in young teens'

Iowa Family Counseling LLC is set to begin their eight-week group counseling sessions. The group will first meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, meeting each week until Tuesday, April 2 with the exception of Tuesday, March 12 when they will not meet. Each week, the times will remain consistent: 5-6:30 p.m.

These sessions are meant for young teens aged 10 to 14. The purpose is to build social support, connection, self-worth, and confidence, all of which boost resilience strate-

gies "that will last a lifetime," according to the informational flyer.

"There are components of self-esteem; reframing communication skills, social skills; assertiveness, conflict resolution, boundaries, all of that in a group format, with snacks and fun," Lyons said. "We're hoping that we will be able to continue to offer a group format, whether it's for the youth, adolescents or adults. This is the first that we're offering, and it is in person. We'll see how that goes and potentially have more options [like] online [in the future]."

They're doing this because they get many questions which directly link back to what they'll be teaching at these sessions.

"We just have these set office hours so we can help the community with some of [their] questions," Lyons said. "If they don't know who to call or contact, we can be a starting place for that."

Iowa Family Counseling LLC still has spots available. To book a spot, email tori@iowafamilycounseling.com or call (641) 777-2774.

Matt Gent named new president of Iowa Pork Producers Association

Washington County pig farmer Matt Gent is the new president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA). He took over the role during the organization's annual meeting in Des Moines on Jan. 23. Gent and his family own a farrow-to-finish swine enterprise called Prairie Pork near Wellman. They also grow corn and soybeans.

"I look forward to representing Iowa pork producers while addressing the challenges and opportunities we face in the upcoming year," Gent said. "Each year brings new opportunities to share our story, to strengthen our domestic and international relationships, and to share our commitment to grow rural Iowa."

Gent served as IPPA's president-elect in 2023. He replaces Trish Cook of Winthrop, who now holds the position of past president on the IPPA Board of Directors. Cook was the first female president in IPPA's his-

tory. Gent praised Cook for her leadership during a very difficult year for pork producers. Both Gent and Cook will serve one-year terms in their new roles.

"It is no secret that our industry is changing and as an organization we need to adapt to the needs of our producers and consumers," Gent added. "There is no doubt we have our work cut out for us this coming year."

Matt Gent joined the IPPA Board of Directors in 2018. He was named a Master Pork Producer in 2015 and has served as an IPPA delegate to the National Pork Forum. At the local level, Gent has served on the Washington County Pork Producers Board of Directors since 2010, including stints as president and vice president. He is also a member of the Iowa Corn Growers Association. Gent has an agriculture business degree from Kirkwood Community College.

Kirkwood Washington County Regional to host CCHS information night

Kirkwood Washington County Regional Center is excited to announce an upcoming event aimed at providing valuable information to current 8th - 11th grade high school students and their parents about College Credit in High School (CCHS) opportunities next academic year.

"High school is a crucial time for students to explore academic pathways and plan for their future," says Tera Pickens, Director of Kirkwood Washington County Regional Center. "CCHS Information Night gives parents and students a chance to learn about the benefits of college credit in high school, tour our state-of-the-art lab spaces, and begin the application and registration process."

The College Credit in High School Information Night will

be held on Wednesday, February 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Kirkwood Washington County Regional Center, 2192 Lexington Blvd., Washington. RSVP requested; call 319-653-4655.

College Credit in High School provides Washington County teens the opportunity to explore careers, learn time management and study skills, and earn free, transferable college credit that also counts towards their high school diploma. The benefits of CCHS are extensive, including the reduction of the time and cost of a college education or learning a high-demand skilled trade.

In 2022-2023, Kirkwood Community College's seven county service region served over 5,900 high school students, earning greater than 48,000 college credits, with a tuition cost savings of \$9.6 million.

Hubers honored as Master Pork Producers

Iowa's Master Pork Producers for 2023 were announced Wednesday night at the Iowa Pork Congress banquet in Des Moines. A Master Pork Producer award denotes an individual's or family's excellence in pork production, as measured by pork production statistics, dedication to We Care® principles, and contributions to their community.

The We Care principles outline a pig farmer's responsibilities to uphold high standards for animal well-being, food safety, and the environment. The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) and Iowa State University Extension co-sponsor the Master Pork Producers program.

IPPA's 82nd class of Master Pork Producers are Aaron Hinkeldey, Aurelia; Aubrey Voralde, Alta Vista; Dan Greenfield, Kamrar; Joe Kessenich, Le Mars; Joel & Laura Huber, Wellman; Marv & Sue Holtkamp, Donnellson; Ryan Bartachek, Masonville; and Tom & Nate Huntley, Renwick.

IPPA started the Master Pork Producer Award program in 1942 and has now named 1,516 Iowa pig farming businesses as Master Pork Producers.

"Being recognized as a Master Pork Producer or receiving another Master Pork Award is a crowning achievement for anyone involved in Iowa's pork industry," said IPPA Producer Outreach Director Cory Van

Gilst. "Formally recognizing the best our industry can offer is a rich tradition that has lasted over 80 years."

The 2023 Honorary Master Pork Producers are:

Dr. Jeff Kaisand, who is at the forefront of ensuring animal welfare and health across Iowa through his job as state veterinarian, working within the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS).

Dr. Ken Stalder receives this award posthumously. He was an animal science professor at Iowa State University who dedicated many years to improving the lives of pigs and the lives of people working with animals. Stalder passed away in 2022.

Dr. Max Rothschild, a world-renowned genetics leader who spent four decades conducting research on the international level at Iowa State University. Rothschild retired in 2020 and continues to volunteer in the Ames community.

Dennis and Lori Heemstra of Primghar received the Iowa Environmental Steward Award. The Heemstras own a 3,300-head wean-to-finish site in O'Brien County. Caring for their land is their top priority. They work with an agronomist to implement various practices, including reduced tillage to limit soil disturbance. The Heemstras were named Master Pork Producers in 2014.

Ernie Barnes of Adel

received the Master Seedstock Producer Award, which is handled by the Iowa Purebred Swine Council. Barnes has enjoyed a lengthy career working for pork associations, including the National Swine Registration, the National Pork Producers Council and National Pork Board. He retired from the Pork Board in 2023 but continues to serve as the Iowa State Fair's Swine Barn superintendent.

IPPA created the Master Pork Partner Award in 2014 to recognize outstanding production partners who have made positive impacts in Iowa pork production, even though they do not maintain active daily roles at a specific production site.

Jim Hitchler of Le Mars was named Master Pork Partner. He delivers feed for pork producers as a driver for Gengler Feed Service in Remsen.

The Master Pork Awards Program Selection Committee is made up of staff from the ISU Extension Service, the Iowa Pork Industry Center at Iowa State, and the Iowa Pork Producers Association. Award winners represent the diversity of Iowa's pig farms and the people who support pork producers. They are nominated by their peers and neighbors.

Nominations for the 2024 Master Pork Program awards will open in May.

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A gentleman's guide to Valentine gift giving



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

We're in for a month of romance, folks. This February brings us Valentine's Day and Leap Year Day to boot.

As difficult as it may be to believe I am not, nor have I ever been, a Romeo. I do, however, have nearly 60 years of experience in this game and I would like to share what I have learned about romantic gift giving. Just keep in mind that I have experienced failure.

VALENTINE CARD: A carefully selected Valentine card is the first and most important component of a gentleman's gift giving plan. Most gals prefer a sensitive card but if you never say anything sweet or sensitive at home be careful not to overdo it with a card. She may think you have ulterior motives. On the other hand, a card with too much humor may make her doubt your love. Humor with any reference to the body's gastro-intestinal tract is strictly a no-no for a Valentine card.

FLOWERS: For the biggest bang for your buck, buy your lady flowers. The general rule for keeping your lady happy with flowers is "the-more-the-better." Though roses always pay the biggest dividends most any flowers, properly arranged, will be appreciated. You can enhance your effort by having the flowers delivered to your sweetheart's place of employment. Women, I have observed, seem to enjoy having their female co-workers envy their floral gifts.

CANDY: Chocolates nicely arranged in a box always score more points than a bag of lemon drops pulled from a rack at a gas station. Many stores sell such boxed candy already gift-wrapped, saving you the frustration of trying to fold and tape those stupid little corners of wrapping paper. And to show how much class you really have, let her make the first selection when she opens the box.

CLOTHING: Buying clothing for your sweetheart is risky but, properly done, can pay big dividends. At nicer stores, a sales clerk will help you pick out something attractive and

will usually package it in an expensive looking box. (Warning: don't buy something at a discount store and put it in a box from an expensive dress shop. While most of us guys wouldn't know the difference, women do.) Now this is important: when buying sweaters, buy too large; when buying slacks or skirts, buy too small. She will appreciate your excellent perception even when she exchanges it for something that fits correctly.

JEWELRY: For truly potent gift giving, give jewelry. Diamonds are a girl's best friend and pearls aren't far behind. For most women, jewelry items should be limited to those appropriate for the hand, wrist, neck or ears. Caution: avoid jewelry with images of pheasants, ducks, dogs, fish, guns or trucks.

FRAGRANCES: Of all gift items, fragrances can be the most difficult to buy. If you test samples on yourself, your wife or girlfriend will wonder who you've been with. If the sales clerk sprays samples on her own wrist her body chemistry may alter the scent. My advice: just sniff the bottles as you would aftershave and pick the one you'd most like your honey to smell like (not including the scent of WD-40.)

KNICK-KNACKS: Though your sweetheart may complain about her frequent dusting chores she will always welcome another cute little thing to sit around the house and collect dust.

A salesperson at finer gift stores will help you select a knick-knack she'll adore.

DINING OUT: A nice meal will serve as the crown jewel of your romantic gift giving plan. Remember, romantic dining should feature unstained menus and non-disposable tableware. Cloth napkins are a nice touch. This is not the time to take advantage of a rocky mountain oyster feed at the local bar. Caution: even if she could be Miss America's twin, don't comment on the waitress' good looks.

Though it is possible to find a Valentine gift at the big box lumber store or at a sporting goods store, be bold and expand your shopping horizons.

Guys, Valentine's Day is a golden opportunity to make amends for the times we may not have been as chivalrous or sensitive as we should have been. Good luck!



Wanted: Endangered Competent Congressional Act of 2024

BY STEVE CORBIN
Professor Emeritus of Marketing

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
As an every three week op-ed contributor to newspapers in 39 states, I read a lot of various and sundry topics, seeking an opportunity to start crafting a research-based message that might be of interest to readers.

A while back I read 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Next, a friend referred me to read an article published 10 years ago (Aug. 19, 2013) titled "There ought to be a law against an 'incompetent' Congress" (Diane Dimond, *HuffPost Contributor*).

After reflecting on these two topics - endangered species and incompetent Congress - a little humor entered the noggin, research ensued and a serious column came to fruition. Let me explain.

The ESA has saved 99% of our 2,300 endangered wildlife species and their habitats (e.g., bald eagle, peregrine falcon, gray wolf, etc.). The last time Congress reauthorized ESA funding was in 1992. But, reauthorization would require a competent Congress to take action. As per William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, "ay, there's the rub!"

Despite rising polarization in Congress, researchers with the Center for Effective Lawmaking found, in longitudinal studies, legislative effectiveness is heightened when bipartisanship exists. Historians reveal we've had many competent Congressional delegates touted for their bipartisanship, including Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Robert La Follette, Robert Taft, Ted Kennedy, Margaret Chase Smith, Nancy Kassebaum, William Proxmire, Henry Cabot Lodge, Sam Rayburn -- saving the best for last -- John McCain and Tip O'Neill.

Truly bipartisan Congressional delegates are becoming extinct. It's time for citizens to petition government to enact the "Endangered Competent Congressional Act of 2024." But, we'd need a competent House, Senate and president to take action; we've not witnessed such a breed in decades.

A June 2013 Gallup survey found only 10% of their respondents felt satisfied with Congress' performance. How's Congress performing 10 years later? During the Sept. 1-23, 2023 time period, Gallup found only 2% of Americans had trust and confidence in Congress. Two percent!

How bad is Congress? Here are some December, 2023 headlines that sum it up: 1) America and the terrible, horrible, no good very bad Congress (*Fox News*), 2) Worst Congress ever? (*The Fiscal Times*), 3) Farewell to one of the dumbest years in Congressional history (*Politico*), 4) Worst Congress. Ever. (*Washington Post*), 5) Capitol Hill stunner: 2023 led to fewest laws in decades (*Axios*), 6) A look back at how awful politics was in 2023 (*Wall Street Journal*) and 7) This horrible Congress is even worse than you thought (*New Republic*).

Ten years ago Ms. Dimond noted the average salary for most members of Congress was \$174,000 per year plus each elected delegate received over \$1.3 million per year as an allowance. She said, "Now, let's multiply that by the 535 members of lackluster, partisan-paralyzed Congress and you get a grand total that tops \$818 million. So, what do you think? You think we're getting our almost billion dollars' worth of leadership? Yeah, me neither."

Today, Congressional salaries and allowances amount to \$975,540,000 (Congressional Research Service, Sept. 19, 2023). The average American works

240 days a year; the House was scheduled to meet for 117 days in 2023 while Senators worked 154 days.

To regain trust and confidence in our delegates to D.C., plus force them to work together on behalf of you and me their constituents (hey, that's a novel idea) and create a more effective Congress, re-electing bipartisan Congressional delegates and de-hiring the bottom of the barrel is on order.

Check out the nonpartisan Lugar Center - McCourt School Bipartisan Index (<https://mccourt.georgetown.edu/news/bipartisan>). Bipartisanship scores for members of the Senate and House are listed in rank as well as alphabetical order. Reflect on the ranking of your two Senators and House Representative plus the lowest ranking legislators in both chambers.

Not surprisingly, Congressional delegates in the top tier of both chambers' bipartisanship rankings are about equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. Names of the least bipartisan will be quite familiar; extremists, rabble rousers and whiners to a fault.

Before the Nov. 5 election, let's purposely campaign to get rid of 20% of the bottom-feeder and least cooperating members of Congress - regardless of their party affiliation. They've proven they can't or won't work across the aisle. Party-before-people and after-me-you-come-first are their mantras.

If we cleaned-the-deck of Congressional bottom-feeders, politicians and party leaders would quickly get the message. Bipartisanship would ensue to restore an effective and productive legislative body.

Are you with me or against me in having a more functional and productive Congress? You get to decide on Nov. 5.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our leaders need to protect our natural resources

I grew up catching bluegills (and one huge catfish) in the pond behind my house. In high school I started canoeing the rivers in northeast Iowa. I still love spending time outdoors, but these days I have to worry about hazardous water quality.

The failure by our state government to enforce clean-water regulations means a heightened danger of eating contaminated fish and a greater health risk from enjoying our state's

beautiful waterways. I want to keep enjoying Iowa's lakes and rivers, and I want kids to grow up appreciating the natural world around them.

For that to happen, we need Iowa's leadership to do their jobs and enforce the laws we've already passed - as well as strengthen programs and policies to ensure Iowa's natural resources are preserved for generations to come.

Sean McRoberts
Iowa City

The Driscoll Dispatch

BY SEN. DAWN DRISCOLL

A key bill I am sponsoring this session is SF 2067. This bill aims to address and reform various aspects of how sexual assault cases are handled, particularly in terms of evidence preservation, victim rights, and health protection.

First, the bill seeks to resolve inconsistencies in the law regarding the storage du-

ration of sexual assault kits. Currently, there's a discrepancy between the statute of limitations for sexual assault cases and the mandated period for retaining the corresponding evidence. For adult victims, the statute of limitations extends to 20 years, while for child victims, it is applicable for a lifetime. However, the existing law requires that sexual assault kits be stored for only 15 years. This bill proposes to align the

storage period of these kits with the statute of limitations, ensuring that crucial evidence is available for the duration of the legal window in which a case can be brought forward.

Second, the bill focuses on better informing sexual assault victims about their rights concerning sexual assault kits. This is an important step in empowering victims, ensuring they are fully aware of the procedures and their rights regarding the handling of evidence in their cases.

Third, the bill introduces a significant change to protect the health of sexual assault victims. It mandates HIV testing of defendants within 48 hours of being charged. Under the present system, a sexual as-

sault victim could wait for several months before knowing if they were exposed to HIV. This proposed change is modeled after a similar law in Texas and is expected to help the Iowa Attorney General's Office access more funding for crime victims.

I was happy to work with the former Washington County Attorney along with Representative Hora to make this piece of legislation happen.

In the Agriculture Committee

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced proposed legislation, House Study Bill 559, to increase processing opportunities for small-scale poultry processors and produc-

ers. The bill, having passed a House subcommittee, is now up for full consideration by the House Agriculture Committee. If passed, it would permit state poultry processing establishments to conduct both officially inspected and custom-exempt processing in the same facility, a practice already allowed for red meat processors.

This change aims to address the limited poultry processing availability in Iowa, which currently forces producers to travel to neighboring states. The bill is supported by local poultry farmers and meat processors. It is designed to enhance processing options, benefiting both farmers and consumers without compromising food safety.

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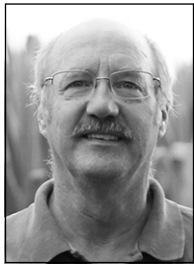


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OBITUARIES

Barry Lynn Graber
1959 - 2024



Barry Lynn Graber, 64, of Kalona, Iowa, entered his heavenly home on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024. He went to be with Jesus after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, which he was diagnosed with on Oct. 21, 2023. He died at home, surrounded by family who loved him.

He was born on his father's birthday, Sept. 11, 1959, in Iowa City, to parents Lynn and Ruth (Bontrager) Graber. He was the first of five children and his childhood was filled with wild stories of their many outdoor exploits and adventures together. He attended the local public school, graduating from Mid-Prairie High School in 1978. He held the record for many years in the pole vault, ran track and played basketball, and enjoyed participating in theater.

One of his greatest passions and hobbies was cars, and he spent countless hours working on them. He owned a '68 Coronet, '69 Charger, '70 Roadrunner, and '04 Corvette to name a few of his favorites. Many of us have memories of him working on the latest car project: hearing the music coming from the shop where he was on his back underneath a car, tinkering away and as happy as can be.

He first met Debby while attending Bible school at Rose-dale in 1979. After many weeks of friendship, they began dating, mostly long distance. One time he even hitchhiked the whole way from Iowa to Michigan. Barry married Debby Maust on May 10, 1980, in Pigeon, Michigan. They enjoyed 43 years of marriage and had seven children; three daughters and four sons. They raised their children in the same home where his grandparents Dan and Mildred had lived.

Barry worked for Professional Muffler after high school, before becoming an apprentice with his father Lynn for many years. In 2005, Barry

became the third-generation owner of Graber Heating and Air, with the first owner being Dan Graber and the second being Lynn Graber. Barry learned the tricks of the trade from his father Lynn and enjoyed the continual challenge of problem solving. He then passed down the wealth of knowledge to his sons, the fourth-generation owners today. He loved serving people—finding the solution to problems and accomplishing tasks with speed and efficiency. He found great satisfaction in a job well done.

Barry served faithfully for many years on the boards of Crowded Closet, Pathway Christian School, and Crooked Creek Christian Camp. He also taught Sunday School and worked with the youth at Sunnyside Mennonite Church over the past 44 years.

Barry loved spending time with his family—swimming, camping, hunting, roller coasters, hiking, bird watching, and water and snow skiing. He loved driving cars: fixing them, finding deals, and buying even more cars. Barry was an avid reader and loved to travel, making many long road trips to Oregon where two of his daughters live. Other favorites were the many family trips to Florida, Michigan, the coast, and the diamond mines in Arkansas.

He had a gift of making every child feel like they were his favorite. Everyone he met was a friend, and no one was a stranger. He loved making everyone feel respected and listened to. He would often say, "No one will remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel." Barry is a one-of-a-kind

person and is irreplaceable in all our lives. As much as we miss him, we are blessed and grateful to have known and loved such an incredible husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend, and we cherish the years we were given with him. The world was a better place because he was in it.

Barry is survived by his wife: Debby; his seven children and 21 grandchildren: Shannon and Konrad Krabill of Shedd, Oregon, and their children: Annika, Benson, Elissa, Carson, Carita, Kason, and Darison; Shelley and Randy Smucker of Harrisburg, Oregon, and their children: Jocelyn, Charlotte, William, Archer, and Hayes; Shawn and Heidi (Zook) Graber of Joetown, and children: Owen, Canon, Gloria, and Stellan; Shelby and Keilah (Brokaw) Graber of Wellman, and their children: Valor and Judah; Shane and Fern (Kohl) Graber of Wellman, and children: Emma, Caspian and Felix; Sheryl Graber of Kalona; and Shaylon and Shaylee (Shryock) Graber of Wellman. He is also survived by his parents: Lynn and Ruth (Bontrager) Graber; and his siblings: Brent (Karla) Graber, Corby (Kris) Graber, Gene (Sue) Graber, and Jana (BJ) Miller; 49 nieces and nephews; and 61 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his niece: Jaicey Miller.

Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at Fairview Mennonite Church in rural Kalona. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. on Thursday at Fairview Mennonite Church where the family will greet friends from 2-4:30 and 6-7 p.m.

The Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for Barry and his family. www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Omar J. Helmuth
1927 - 2024



Omar J. Helmuth, 96, of Pine Bluff, Wyoming, died Jan. 22, 2024. He was born in Kalona, Iowa, Aug. 6, 1927, the son of John and Mary Helmuth.

In his early life, Omar attended the East Lincoln School and worked on the family farm in near Kalona. He also worked as a mechanic and learned the carpenter trade. When he injured his hand in a planer while doing carpentry work, he decided to attend Bible School for six weeks while his hand healed. However, while he was at Bible School the direction of his life changed when he felt the Lord calling him into mission work.

Throughout the next years, Omar helped teach summer Bible school classes in several places in northern Minnesota, which is where his love for "the north" developed. He helped start church services in Nashwauk, Minnesota.

He also attended short-term Bible schools and continued to help with outreach ministries in Minnesota. In 1958 he went to Canada to spend six weeks at a mission outpost near Red Lake, Ontario. That six weeks turned into five years. It was while he was in Canada that he met Emma Mae Nisly. Omar and his bride, Emma, whom he married May 28, 1960, taught and lived God's Word and touched many lives in the northwest region of Ontario, Canada.

After several years, Omar and Emma felt that their time in Canada was served and looked for a new ministry. Omar's brother, Emery, invited them to move to northern Minnesota to help with a church that had been planted as a result of the summer Bible school classes that Omar had earlier helped

teach. In 1963 Omar, Emma, and their little daughter moved to the Balsam area of Minnesota. This area became their home for the next

43 years, where two more daughters joined the family.

Omar worked at several jobs during those years while he was a self-supporting pastor of Balsam Lake Mennonite Chapel. He and Emma were a ministry team, working tirelessly to share the love of Jesus with those around them. After retiring, Omar and Emma left their beloved "north" in 2006 and moved to Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, to be closer to family.

Omar has left an incredibly legacy to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His deep love for God and God's Word, and the seeds he has planted will continue to touch lives and bear fruit for generations.

Omar is survived by his wife and life partner of 63 years: Emma Mae; daughters: Wanda (Curt) Theobald of Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, Cary (Will) Johnson of Spring, Texas, and Sharon (Loren) Johnson of Dickinson, North Dakota; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister-in-law: Susie Hostetler of Kalona.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Mary Helmuth; five siblings: Fannie, Vina, Emery, Susie Anna, and Christian; their spouses; and one granddaughter.

Celebration of life service was held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.

Stanley Eugene Stutzman
1936 - 2024



Stanley Eugene Stutzman, Frytown, died Jan. 24, 2024, after a short battle with a brain tumor at Halcyon House in Washington, at the age of 87.

He was born June 17, 1936, in rural Kalona to parents, Ervin and Lydia (Bontrager) Stutzman. Stan attended East Lincoln rural school. He was united in marriage in 1954 to Shirley Martin. They had three boys, Walt, Curtis and Lyle, that they raised in Frytown.

In the '60's he purchased a farm which he and Shirley later created as a small development called Terrace Acres. Stan enjoyed spending time with family and friends, building homes and relationships, woodworking and volunteering his talents.

He loved his work and highlights of his career included welding at Yoder Feeds and the University of Iowa Hydraulics Lab where he worked from February 1960 until he retired as a University staff member and purchasing manager. His favorite project was the Columbia River Dams and fish ladders.

He is survived by his sister: Alta Widmer; three sons: Walt (Patty) of Washington, Curtis (Svetlana) of Kalona, and Lyle (Monica) of Panora; grandchildren: Shauna (Todd) Olson,

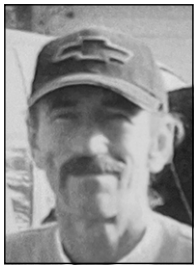
Joni (Eric) Jones, Shelby (Merrell) Middleton, Sonja (Stewart Masters) Stutzman, Alexander Stutzman, Artyom (Ashley) R a y e v , M i k h a l a (Bryan) Febel, and Morgan Stutzman; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents; wife Shirley; and 11 siblings: John, Omar, Levi, Henry, E.J., LeRoy, Mary Bontrager, Ada, Barbara Bender, Ann Raber and an infant sister. Celebration of life will be held at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church, Kalona, March 9, 2024. Visitation with family will be from 2-4 p.m. with the service following. Memorials can be made to Crooked Creek Christian Camp, 2830 Coppock Road, Washington, IA 52353 for a scholarship fund.

Powell Funeral Home is caring for Stanley and his family. Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

People will remember Stan for his kindness and enthusiastic statement, "Oh, Wow! That's amazing!"

Benge "Benny" E. Feltz
1960 - 2024



Benge "Benny" E. Feltz, 63, of Kalona, passed from this life Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at his home in Kalona. Per his wishes, his body has been cremated and a time to greet his family was held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. A general memorial fund has been established.

Benny was born Dec. 3, 1960, in Des Moines, the son of Gerald and Esther (Gorman) Feltz. He graduated from Washington High School in 1979 and was

trained as a mechanic at Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids. On Oct. 6, 1990, he was united in marriage to Regina Winter in Iowa City.

Benny worked as a mechanic for many years and most recently at the University of

Iowa as an environmental service supervisor. He enjoyed softball, cars, working on the house, and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife: Regina; three children: Jared, Dan (Katey), and Barbara "Bobbie"; six grandchildren: Danielle, Delaney, Joseph, Charles, Henry, and William; two brothers: Dennis and Mark; and a sister: Jenny.

Preceding Benny in death were his parents.

Lovina enjoys games with grandchildren and pole barn progress continues

First of all, a happy 28th birthday to daughter Susan on Jan. 24. Also a happy 55th birthday to my sister Liz. I wish both of them many more happy and healthy years. I don't get to see Liz too often. I think I only saw her a few times in over a year and not very long each time. There is over one hundred miles between our houses, and we both are busy with our families. Liz and Levi have 10 grandchildren who keep them occupied. They sure are a joy to have around.

On Sunday afternoon, Joe and I went to daughter Elizabeth and Tim's house for an afternoon snack after church services. Their four children were excited to have Grandpa and Grandma come to visit. They brought out their games and wanted us to play with them. Abigail, 7, wanted to play Uno and Timothy (T.J.), 5, wanted to play Trouble. I haven't played Trouble in quite awhile, but T.J. kept me straight in the moves. He let me know when I could go again or if I didn't make the right moves. It was so cute, and it's hard to believe how much they already know at their ages.

Allison, 4, is a quiet little girl and is contented sitting in a corner playing with her dolls or whatever she has at the moment. She is talking to her dolls, and it's interesting sitting back and listening to her conversation.

Andrea (she will be two on February 14) is all over the place picking on her sisters and brothers. She is a little sweetie and can win over our hearts so easily. She started crawling

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

on the toilet and doesn't want to go on the "little potty." She is doing good for her age with going to "potty" without her mother reminding her.

On Saturday we were very glad for all the men and boys that came to help set the trusses on our 40-foot by 80-foot pole barn we are in the process of building. This project was intended to be done before the winter weather began, but it all takes time and money. We cannot store hay in our barn due to the roof leaking too much. The foundation isn't the best, so we decided to put up a pole barn for storage.

We served lunch to everyone, which consisted of scalloped potatoes, grilled chicken, meatloaf, baked beans, lettuce salad, cheese, hot peppers, brownies, coffee cake, jello, sugar cookies, and ice cream.

It was a cold day, with the temperature being only 10 degrees when they started with hanging the trusses. But the sun was out, and it warmed up to almost 20 degrees. We appreciated all their effort to help.

Joe's work has been slow at the truss and metal shop where he works. Hopefully it will pick up again once the weather is better.

Sons Benjamin and Joseph and nephew Benjamin must not have had enough cold af-

ter helping with putting up the trusses Saturday. They went ice fishing for a while afterwards. The lake had a lot of people on it ice fishing.

Ervin and Susan's children have had fun sliding on their pond since it's frozen. They enjoy when Ervin goes out there with them. Maybe in the next few years they can learn to ice skate.

Ervin and Susan will host church services in 7 1/2 weeks. They didn't know they were getting it this fast, so they will be busy preparing for that. With six children ages 7 and under, that can be a challenge. We want to go help them. Baby Ervin Jay is two months old now. He's doing very well! God's blessings to all!

Diabetic-Friendly Dessert
2 cups water
1 small box sugar free jello
1 (6 ounce) container yogurt
Bring 2 cups of water to a boil, stir in jello, and then stir in the yogurt. (Try to match flavors of jello and yogurt.) Place in refrigerator until set.

Let us celebrate **Rhoda Hershberger** 90th Birthday, Feb. 5th with a card shower

If you were one of her students, please send memories & pictures

Send to: **Rhoda Hershberger**
301 Pleasantview CT
Kalona, IA 52247

Marlene Stevens will be celebrating her 90th birthday on February 10th

Her family would like to honor her with a card shower

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Rhoda Hershberger will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 5th

Show appreciation to this always young-at-heart lady by sending birthday cards to:

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Kalona, IA 52247

SENIOR DINING MENUS



Feb. 1 - 8

Goodwin Senior Dining
 Thursday – Marinated chicken breast, baked potato, chop salad, lemon bars
 Friday – Italian sub, chips, peanut butter bars
 Monday – Pancakes, sausage patty, coffee cake, fruit salad
 Tuesday – White chili, cheese spread sandwich, brownie
 Wednesday – Salmon loaf, cream potatoes/peas, bishop's pie
 Thursday – Beef stroganoff, cooked carrots, graham cracker strawberry fluff

Lone Tree Senior Dining
 Thursday – Liver & onions or grilled steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn blushing pears, Jell-O
 Friday – Chicken salad sandwich, pea salad, mandarin oranges, ice cream
 Monday – Chili, corn bread, fresh salad, apricots, cookie
 Tuesday – Sliced ham, seasoned potatoes, beets, pineapple
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Nation has plenty of groundhogs

Woodchucks are cute to some, nuisance to others

BY TOM EMERY

Punxsutawney Phil may be the most famous groundhog of all. But he's got plenty of cousins.

Groundhogs are common across America, and are one of the nation's largest rodents. Also called "woodchucks" or "whistle pigs," the species may revel in their own day on the calendar.

Chesty and rotund, groundhogs are 20-25 inches long, including the tail, and weigh from seven to fourteen pounds. They prefer areas like crop fields, pastures, or meadows near wooded areas and shy away from flood-prone regions, since they spend much of their lives underground.

They are commonly found along fences, roads and ditches, and in brushy, overgrown patches, though groundhogs can also survive in more populated areas.

"They've adapted very well in some urban areas," said Stan McTaggart, the Wildlife Diversity Program Manager at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in Springfield, Ill. "Traditionally, you think of groundhogs on farmsteads, but they have adapted well in some urban spots.

"Topography is crucial to where a groundhog lives," continued McTaggart. "They don't do well in areas with conventional tillage, and they need places that are well-drained."

Favorite foods for groundhogs include grasses, leaves, ferns, and fruit, and they love to raid gardens and fields. They tend to be solitary, and breed in March or April. The lifespan of an average groundhog is three years. Young groundhogs start searching for their own living areas at only two months.

When Punxsutawney Phil and other celebrity groundhogs are pulled from their quarters, they can get testy, with good reason. Groundhogs

are one of the few mammals that hibernate, falling into a deep slumber in October or November that lasts until mid-to-late February.

During hibernation, the body temperature of a groundhog can dip from 97 degrees Fahrenheit to only 34 degrees, and their breathing may drop to one breath every six minutes. In hibernation, a groundhog's heart beats as few as four times every minute.

With sharp claws and powerful legs, groundhogs love to dig. Their burrows are surprisingly sophisticated, and normally include toilet chambers. But that penchant for digging can lead to trouble.

"We get a lot of calls from homeowners when groundhogs dig those holes too close to foundations," remarked McTaggart. "They are also an enemy of farmers, and one reason is that livestock can get hurt when they step in holes dug by groundhogs."

While they look cuddly, groundhogs can have a nasty disposition with people or other animals, and are more than willing to fight a turf war. "When they're cornered, they can be aggressive," said McTaggart. "They can stand their ground."

If threatened, groundhogs will click their razor-sharp teeth and emit a sharp whistle (hence their nickname "whistle pig") to alert other woodchucks.

Groundhog Day is derived from Candlemas, a Christian-themed mid-winter celebration in Europe with a legend that sunshine on Candlemas meant that forty days of snow and cold were to follow.

In Germany, the legend evolved into a superstition that the day was sunny if badgers and similar animals saw their own shadows. German immigrants in Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries imported



the belief to America, and the first official commemoration of Groundhog Day was held in Punxsutawney in 1887.

Many zoos mark Groundhog Day with their own resident woodchucks, creating prime photo opportunities. Sometimes, though, celebrity groundhogs could care less. In 1990, the Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield, Ill. had to remove one of its groundhogs, Arnold, from the school circuit because of his bad habit of biting.

While some television meteorologists and other critics deride groundhogs for their accuracy – or lack thereof – in weather prediction, the question is usually moot. If a groundhog sees his shadow, then six more weeks of winter are in store, while no shadow means an early spring.

But in much of the nation, six more weeks of winter after February 2 means an end in mid-March – which would be considered an early spring.

In recent years, the groundhog has become an increasing part of American pop culture. The annual celebration in Punxsutawney, Pa. attracts as many as 30,000 onlookers who brave early morning darkness and sub-freezing temperatures to see if Phil sees his shadow.

Other groundhogs, such as Staten Island Chuck in New York and General Beauregard Lee in Atlanta, who spends some of his time in his own scale-model Southern mansion, have their own followings.

Even everyday groundhogs have a reason to smile on February 2. "Groundhogs aren't a keystone species for anything, like a beaver is in a wetland or a stream," said McTaggart. "But they certainly have their place. They're a unique animal."

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Kalona Mennonite Church: 6th Street & J Ave., 656-2736, 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; 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; 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, ¼ 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; 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.

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

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

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St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Jayne St; Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree: 110 W Elm St; 629-4900 www.lonetreeuwachurch.com; Sunday: Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15

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

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

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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

RICHMOND
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church: 319-648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday 8 a.m.

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The Church in Riverside: 41 E 1st St., 319-698-2185, 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.rivercityvia.org; Pastor Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 10 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 51 St. Mary's St., 319-648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantview Home.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

2nd St. 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.

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

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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; 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; Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 ½ 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.

WEST CHESTER
West Chester Community 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 Deber; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m., website: 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

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

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.

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Last Friday was one of the worst days of blizzard that we have had in a long time. Although the weather was not severely cold, the wind and snow were something fierce. Reports are coming in from various places, of windmills blown over and other damages to farm property. The rains of the day before, followed by such a blizzard made it extremely hard on stock.

Mr. J.W. Kiefer, from east of Richmond, was a business visitor in town Monday, going from here to Riverside on the freight. On account of the rough roads, he walked from his home to Kalona and had his team meet him at Riverside.

It is said that one woman in five has given up domestic life to become a wage earner. In cities statistics show that two women out of every seven are wage earners and in the country two out of eleven.

Nothing in life is so fatal as the loss of hope and courage and a cheerful faith in the Providence that rules our lives and their mysteries and knows better than we do when their goals are reached.

The Rate Glove factory, of Iowa City, was badly wrecked by the high wind, last Friday. The damage was confined to the fourth and fifth stories and the roof. The roof was torn off bodily, and falling brick and debris crashed through the fifth floor damaging the stock on the fourth floor. About a dozen girls and a foreman were working on the third floor, but all escaped unhurt. The damage will probably be about \$3,000. It is indeed fortunate, that no loss of life occurred in so bad a wreck.

Otha Grady arrived from Ft. Dodge, Monday morning, to assume charge of the A.J. Rogers drug store. He struck a hard time to make the trip, on account of the snow blockade. He was two and a half days coming from Ft. Dodge to Iowa City. He spent a good deal of the time helping the train men to shovel snow.

The less a man has to do the more he complains that he does not have time to accomplish that which is expected of him.

A relentless Nemesis which has been pursuing an Iowa City family for more than fifty years struck a fresh blow last week when Jesse Berry was killed in a train wreck at North Platte, Nebr.

The history of the family is a record of one tragedy upon another.

The grandfather of Jesse Berry was killed in a tornado southeast of Iowa City in 1858.

George Berry, the young man's father, was the next to go. He was struck over the head by a circus man while trying to stop a fight, and his skull was fractured. Partially recovering, he became an engineer on the Rock Island, and his train was wrecked on his first run. The blow on his head caused him to go insane, while in West Liberty and he died shortly after, in Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Berry, Jesse Berry's mother was cut to shreds by an insane man in Indianapolis a few years ago. Her second husband, Jesse Berry's stepfather, afterwards committed suicide. The tragedy in North Platte extinguishes the entire family, except one sister, Mrs. Delaney of North Platte whose husband died recently of tuberculosis. The funeral of Jesse Berry was held at Iowa City.

There has just been removed to the University Museum from the Old Science Hall, one of the most unique relics at the university. It is the rubber suit worn fifteen years ago by Paul Boynton when he performed the remarkable feat of floating down the Mississippi River. People throughout the middle west will remember this occasion, as it attracted wide attention, and Boynton always had occasion to remember it, for several over-zealous hunters took him for an alligator as he floated along encased in his rubber tubing, and he had several narrow escapes from being killed by bullets.

While digging a grave for his sister, Mrs. B.B. Bennett, who was buried this afternoon, Wesley Price aged 75 years of Ainsworth, dropped dead falling into his sister's grave.

Mr. Price was sexton of the Ainsworth cemetery and assisted by Ben Wenkle, was digging the grave for the burial of his sister. Mr. Wenkle went to the tool house on an errand and

when he returned he found Mr. Price lying dead in the grave. It is supposed that the cause was heart trouble, as Mr. Price has had former attacks of this kind.

Lone Tree

The groundhog's shadow was visible, alright, so look out for six weeks more winter.

The small boy that doesn't try to make more noise than some other small boy is not in good health and should receive medical attention.

For the first time in the history of the Muscatine United States weather observer's office, the Mississippi River was closed, opened and again closed within the period of one month.

John Yeggy had an exciting experience in a runaway last week. He was on his way to Riverside at night via the Holland ferry bridge and when nearing the bridge his horse became frightened and plunged down the high bank north of the bridge on this side of the river. John escaped injury but the rig was badly wrecked, the horse severely injured and almost drowned before John succeeded in cutting the harness and pulled it out of the ice and water after the plunge down the 30-foot embankment.

At Cedar Rapids 165 cases of canned fruit were seized by government officers. The fruit was canned in California and was confiscated because it is not labeled as it should be. The cans are said to contain 2 and one half pounds of fruit, but the scales do not bear out the label. In these days when the cost of living is growing out of all proportion to some incomes, the government is doing a very necessary work in seeing to it that the consumer gets what he calls for and pays for. It is hard enough for some of the consumers to provide for their families even when they do get full weight.

Mrs. Wm. McCullough was called to the home of her son north of town one day last week, owing to the serious illness of their little daughter, Irene, who was quite low with lung fever. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Little Reva Forbes, whose sickness we made mention of in last week's letter, is much better at this writing.

Our mail carrier was unable to make his route, Friday, the Iowa blizzard proving too much for him. Now, how would you like to be the mailman?

Walter Goody and Will Loney started out Monday night to call on some of their neighbors, but when they arrived they found them all in bed. Call earlier next time, boys.

The women folks don't play second fiddle nowadays. Not much Mary Ann. They try to do everything the men folks do. They never say can't except when they mean won't, and when a woman says "I will," you can bet your neck she is going to if she has to sell the family Bible to do it.

An exchange thinks it has reached a fair solution of the present perplexing question concerning ladies hats. The plan proposed is to have the ladies occupy one side of the meeting house and the gentlemen the other side. We wonder how long the women folks would endure the task of dodging great piles of ribbon, plumes and cart-wheel hats in order to get a glimpse of the speaker in the pulpit.

Why do women and men, even the most religious, go to sleep in church during the sermon? It is not because the worshippers are weary, or bored

or lulled by the warmth of the church. It is because they so concentrate their attention on the preacher, stare at him so fixidly that they hypnotize themselves and fall into a hypnotic trance sleep. Fewer women than men go to sleep in church because they cannot close their eyes when there are so many attractive hats and gowns around them.

Muscatine County is said to have the youngest superintendent of schools in the state. His name is Michael Cronin and he is only twenty-one years old.

Mart Buster is suffering from ossification of his vermige appendix. Doc Reed says he thinks it must have got clogged up with several feet of tapeworm.

An automobile ran over a polecat in front of Rube Billingsly's house last Sunday night and mashed it flat and the atmosphere in the neighborhood has been much tainted ever since.

Amzi Higgins' boy, Jim, snuffed a bean up his nose several days ago and yesterday Doc Spitzfadden dug it out and found that it had sprouts on it half an inch long. The moisture from Jim's nose is what started the sprouts, Doc says.

Bill Josly's big Plymouth Rock rooster got into the Widow Cartright's garden the other day and scratched up much stuff. The widow's goggled-eyed boy killed the rooster and Bill is as mad as thunder and his hens are quite sorrow stricken. It was certainly a foul transaction to say the least.

Mr. H.O. Meredith was compelled to remain at home from Thursday until Monday and wrestle with the grip which he finally overpowered.

The scarlet fever quarantines have been raised from the W. Swedensky and Roy Thompson homes and the town is now free from contagious diseases.

Guy Hardy who underwent a difficult operation at the University Hospital in Iowa City last week, is getting along nicely, although it will be several days yet before he is able to return to his home. We hope this operation will entirely remove the trouble that has caused Guy so much suffering and anxiety for many weeks.

Wellman

Mr. R.H. Carr and B.L. Law were in Moline the first of the week visiting the Moline automobile factory. Both of these gentlemen have the fever so high now that a purchase will be about the only cure for the contagion.

Our people were more than pleased yesterday to see Dr. W.C. Miller, a former Wellman dentist. He has been at the bedside of his father in Iowa City for several week past, and this was his first opportunity to get away. He reports his father improving, and feels much encouraged for the future, all of which will certainly be glad tidings to his many friends here. The doctor has also had a serious time with sickness the past few years but is now feeling strong again. He is the same jolly, whole souled fellow as of yore. He is figuring on spending a few days here before returning to California, and we hope he will so do, for we want a longer visit with him.

Mr. J.K. Yoder and P.S. Yoder, left last evening for Wright County, on a sad mission, that of attending the funeral of Ella Bender, daughter of Simon Bender, which was to be held this a.m. conducted by Mr. Yoder. We understand the deceased had been ill for about a year. Sorry we were unable to get only the above meager particulars.

That's what it was, all

things considered. The blizzard on Friday kept the majority of farmers from bringing in their horses and sale day was so bitterly cold that buyers wouldn't stay outside long enough to make more than one bid on an animal. Out of about forty head brought in two-thirds of the number were sold at satisfactory prices.

At the meeting of the Wellman-Scofield Library Association Monday night, three important rulings were made in regard to the loan of books of which the ladies kindly ask their patrons to carefully read and observe. First, that the new copyright books recently purchased by the association be labeled for an indefinite period as "seven-day" books. That is, the books are only loaned for one week at a time to the same person. This distinction is made to insure the quicker circulation of the books. These books are "new" in every sense of the word, and no doubt a large number will be eager to read them soon. Second, anyone taking out a book is requested to carefully read the printed rules on the pocket inside the cover and especially observe the one that states that the book is not to be loaned outside the home. Third, parties wishing to have the loan of books renewed by phone must do so by phoning to some friend to personally attend to it for them, as there is no especial person in charge during the week nor no phone in the library room. These regulations the ladies make for betterment of the work and hope they will meet the hearty approval and cooperation of the patrons.

Mrs. E.A. Lyons left Tuesday night for Dodge City, Kan., in company with her daughter, who had been caring for her during her several weeks' illness. Mrs. Lyons goes to the Sunflower state in the hope that her health may be benefited.

Bert Steninger's have had a very sick boy, with pneumonia. A nurse came from Davenport one day last week and remained until considerable improvement was noted in the little fellow's condition. She left Tuesday night. Mrs. Steninger has also been sick. This family has had more than their share of sickness in the past several months.

Willie Chabal, a young man 21 years of age, who has been living near Kalona, came to Wellman Jan. 29 and cashed a check on the Kalona Savings

Bank for \$235.25 at the Security Savings Bank, forging the name of Alvin Hasty. He was given the money, and immediately went to the Wellman Savings Bank where he presented a check upon which Link Shaver's name was signed. Here suspicion was aroused, for Mr. Ashton and Mr. Moore were well acquainted with Mr. Shaver's signature and knew that he never signed his name "Link" so they would not pay the check until they had talked with Mr. Shaver. In a short while Chabal returned to the Security Savings Bank with the money, stating to Mr. Hamilton that he did not buy a horse at the sale which was held here that day, and asked for the return of the check, but as it had been made up with the evening mail, Mr. H. could not give it to him, but gave him a certificate of deposit. Later they learned the check was forged, so they immediately notified all other banks, and sent for the Chabal young man to come in. He made no effort to get away, and came to the bank as requested on Monday morning where he was placed under arrest.

In these days when nearly all business is transacted by check, it would be a mighty dumb person that wouldn't know the value of a check and to know that to sign any name but your own was a criminal act, termed forgery.

To say the least, such work does not pay, and Mr. Chabal has a term in the penitentiary staring him in the face. For his parents sake we much regret the misfortune that has befallen their son.

Mrs. Jno. Cain, of Parnell, who was burned so badly Friday evening, died early Saturday morning.

When Mr. Cain returned from Parnell to his home in the country near here, he found his wife writhing with pain from frightful burns and unable to call for assistance.

Mrs. Cain was alone with the three younger of her six children. She was poking the coal in a kitchen stove, when her dress caught fire, the flames enveloping her whole body almost instantly. She was overcome in a short time and almost unconscious, suffered for an hour before her husband returned. He had been to town after his two older children who had been attending school. The accident happened about four o'clock and Mrs. Cain died soon after midnight. She was about 38 years old.

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Riverside City Council talks water and budget for FY25

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE
Water and sewer rates were among the Fiscal Year 2025 budget topics discussed at a Riverside City Council work session Monday.

Residents and businesses currently pay a \$12 monthly base rate for both water and sewer charges, plus an additional \$6 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Council members did not set rates for FY25 yet because projections of costs for the new budget year have not been finalized. City Administrator Cole Smith said he was meeting with PeopleService officials this week about projected costs and water-management services for FY25.

"I think we need to tighten up how the water and sewer systems are run," Council Person Kevin Kiene said.

The city is in the midst of updating its water treatment and sewer treatment plants.

"I think we need to be mindful it's not their pockets they're digging into, it's our pockets," said Council Person Ryan Rogerson.

Budget Timetable

Monday's meeting was the second work session as the City Council heads toward a scheduled April 15 approval date for the FY25 budget. The fiscal year begins July 1.

Another budget work session is scheduled for Feb. 12.

A public hearing for the

FY25 proposed tax rate is April 1. Smith said the property tax rate is expected to remain at \$8.10.

Smith spent an extended time at Monday's meeting presenting a detailed projection of FY25 spending.

An FY24 budget amendment is expected to be approved in May. The amendment is expected to include additional funds needed for the completion of the Third Street water and sewer main project, which was budgeted at \$3.3 million but may end up nearly \$500,000 higher than that.

College Work

City Administrator Cole Smith asked the Council for preliminary approval to enter a Master of Public Administration program at Drake University.

The cost is expected to top \$24,000 and, if approved, several City Council members wanted to get a commitment from Smith to stay on for at least another three years so that the city can get some benefit of the higher education.

"I'm not opposed to giving further schooling," Council Person Kevin Mills told Smith. "I want to see you do well."

Smith said the coursework would be done online and that city business would remain his top priority.

Next board meeting: The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. Feb. 5.

New Lone Tree businesses a part of Johnson County's rural growth

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

Business expansions in Lone Tree and community improvements in Hills were part of a report by Greater Iowa City, Inc., to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at a work session Jan. 24.

Sarah Thompson, Director of Rural Development, told the Board that Lone Tree has opened three new businesses in recent months.

"It's exciting to see that people are looking at Lone Tree as a place to open a business," Thompson said.

In Hills, Thompson said, "Food Truck Fridays" were held last summer. The city has installed a new bike rack and service station, new flowerpots downtown, and landed a \$50,000 grant for a songbird park.

An agri-tourism group has been formed in the county, Thompson said, with branding announcements coming soon.

Supervisor Chair Rod Sullivan happily pointed out that many of the new organizations and improvements are being led by women.

"They're the people who are stepping up in these small communities," he said.

Nancy Bird is president and CEO of Greater Iowa City, which consists of business and public sector leaders and is an outgrowth of the previous Iowa City Area Development (ICAD) and Iowa City Area Business Partnership (ICABP) groups.

Ceasefire Resolution

The supervisors will vote Thursday on a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

A number of Johnson Coun-

ty residents strongly spoke in favor of a ceasefire, and stopping the use of tax dollars for Israel's military benefit, at the supervisors' Jan. 11 formal session.

Supervisor Vice Chair Jon Green of Lone Tree drafted the resolution, following a number of emails and phone calls the Board received on the issue. The resolution, which was discussed at a Jan. 24 work session, had strong support among supervisors.

A move by Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz to establish a Human Rights Commission did not receive unanimous support, but still moved ahead informally with three supervisors in agreement.

Sullivan said he is in favor of establishing a commission "if the county attorney is the administrative arm."

Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass was against forming a commission because it is "redundant and unnecessary." Currently, the county's attorney office handles complaints.

Supervisor Royceann Porter, a former chair of Iowa City's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, is against a move toward a commission on the county level. She resigned from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission three years ago, citing a lack of support from Iowa City's City Council.

"It makes me sick to my stomach that we would put a commission together," she said. "It just turns out to be a mess, and that's what it was."

Infant & Toddler Program

Supervisors will also vote Thursday on increasing the maximum benefit for the county's Infant & Toddler Schol-

arship Program from \$600 a month for eligible families to 80% of tuition costs.

The scholarship program, which is funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money, has been in place since June 2023.

According to Johnson County Social Services, tuition charges in Johnson County are 30% higher than the state average, up to \$1,465 a month.

The increase in benefits would not increase the amount of ARPA funds needed for the program, but it could decrease the number of families served. Twenty-seven of 38 current applicants did not meet the criteria for eligibility, which includes all adults in the household working at least 28 hours per week.

Board Action

The Board approved a \$94,480 proposal from Kalona Post & Frame to construct a storage building at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm. The 25-by-100-foot pole building will be used by farmers enrolled in the Land Access Program at the Poor Farm.

The Board approved Dr. Marcus Nashelsky as Deputy Medical Examiner.

The Board approved a fringe area policy agreement with Swisher and Cedar Rapids.

The Board approved proposals of \$31,260 from David Naso Designs of Iowa City and \$58,847.24 from Workspace of Des Moines for furniture in the reconstructed second floor of the county courthouse in Iowa City.

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. Feb. 1.

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New Adult Fiction: "The Fury" by Alex Michaelides; "The Divine Proverb of Streusel" by Sara Brunsvold; "Up From Dust" by Heather Kaufman

New Adult Non-Fiction: "The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul" by Connie Zweig

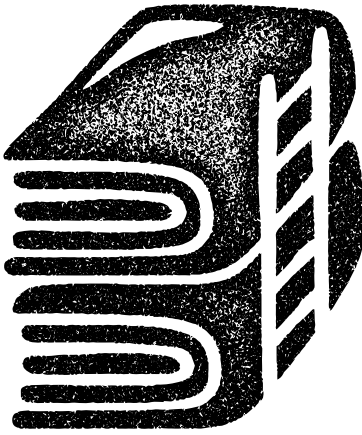
New Media: "Sid the Science Kid: The Movie" DVD; "Gran

Turismo" DVD

New Juvenile Fiction: "The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum" (The Misfits #1) by Lisa Yee; "Doodles From the Boogie Down" a graphic novel by Stephanie Rodriguez

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Nine-minute meeting makes deadline

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

In a nine-minute meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, county supervisors unanimously approved a resolution to finance county projects. The resolution establishes compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the federal Internal Revenue code to provide for borrowing and repayment.

The meeting was set after discussions with bonding company officials Monday.

In practical terms, the reso-

lution provides initially for \$150,000 to purchase vehicles for the sheriff's department and a new ambulance for the Ambulance and Emergency Services Department. The purchase had been arranged in November with transaction completion deadline in January. The Wednesday meeting was held in order to meet that deadline and price.

Additional county projects include replacement of the communications tower in Wellman that was destroyed in the March 31, 2023 tornado and may be done this spring.

COLLEGE HONORS

Sydney Yoder of Wellman was named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Cedarville University. Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

More than 10,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

The Dean's List includes Irman Ganibegovic, Benjamin

Samuel Gardner, Grace Catherine Mattes, and Jackson Zahradnek of Kalona; Tyce William Alt, Holley Michelle Johnson, Mitchell Dean Koedam, Nick Saltzman, Braden Robert Viers, Lindsay Ann Werbach, Whitney Rose Wilcox, and Ashley Yedlik of Lone Tree; Oliver Ryan Altenhofen, Matthew J. Butler, Leah Marie Marek, Olivia Jane Marek, Lane Kendall Meder, Taylor Mae Sublette, and Peyton K. Yeggy of Riverside; and Ariana Jo Fleming, Alexa Huber, Kina Marie Miller, Abbi Marie Patterson, and Jaden Ruth Yoder of Wellman.

Julia Boller, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester. Boller is a sophomore majoring in elementary education from Kalona.

More than 950 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the president's list for the 2023 fall semester, including Caitlyn Busch and Lillian Hayes of Kalona and Madelaine Altenhofen of Lone Tree.

More than 7,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2023 fall semester. Included on the list are Terra Richardson, Caitlyn Busch, Lillian Hayes, John Hughes, Cecilia Jergens, Myah Lugar, Hannah Miller, Violet Miller, Jason Schrock, and Shelby Zahradnek of Kalona; Noah Orlando, Connor Grinstead, Nicholas Kratz, Tristen Wendling, and Kenneth Reichert of Riverside; and Eric Slaughter, Abigail Westfall, Madelaine Altenhofen, Chase Bennett, and Hannah Johnson of Lone Tree.

The University of Dubuque congratulates Cassie Wolinsky of Kalona on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2023 Academic Dean's List.

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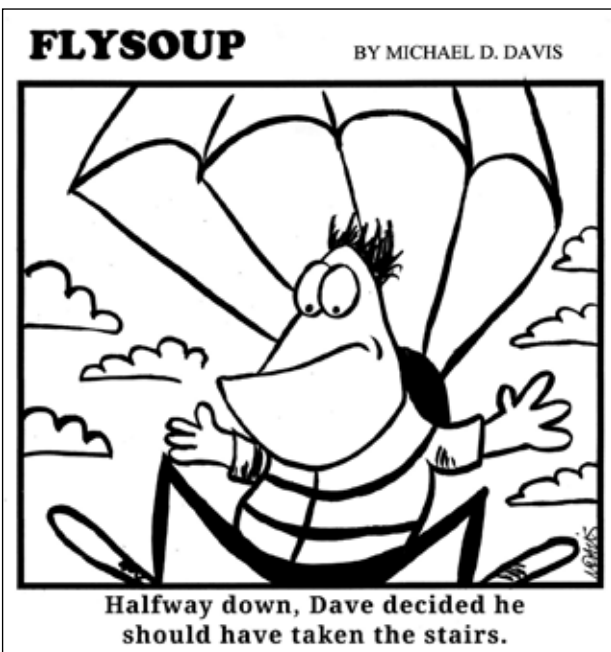
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Line drawings for laughs

Iowan Michael D. Davis creates comics for newspapers out of love for the medium



BY TJ RHODES
The News

TOLEDO
Flies and soup, a combination fit for a frog.

Iowa artist and author Michael D. Davis specializes in the artistically strange and comically abstract, including his widespread “Flysoup” comic, potentially seen in many Iowan newspapers. “Flysoup” typically features one panel with frog-human hybrid-esque characters doing wacky things, accompanied by a witty one-liner to tie the black-and-white, old-school aesthetic together.

“Flysoup’s” inception took few steps before the eventual leap.

It began roughly two years ago when Davis recalled that his local newspaper, the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle, did not run comics when he was a kid. Instead, Davis had to pick up a Sunday copy of the Des Moines Register to get the ‘funny page’ experience.

This was still reality. To combat this, Davis came up with his own idea: “Local Lunacy,” a comic that shares similarities with “Flysoup” – not yet created at the time – but caters to local audiences.

“Six months later, people were loving it,” Davis said in regard to Local Lunacy.

This profoundly tied Davis to the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle where he eventually earned a job. He continues to draft Local Lunacy while writing a witty, comical column entitled “Magic Mike 6XL” which has been nominated for an award at the 2023 Iowa Better Newspaper Contest in February.

“I really love doing my cartoons and I really love writing. The only person I’m trying to make laugh is myself,” Davis said. “Every [comic] I make, I guarantee you it’s made me laugh, and I figure if it made me laugh, it’s going to make someone else laugh.”

“It’s just been a dream to

do something like this,” Davis added.

Since the “Local Lunacy” experience at the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle went swimmingly, Davis decided, why stop there?

“I know that there’s a lot of small-town papers that can’t afford a cartoonist and I’m sure there’s a lot of kids out there in our small towns that love ‘Garfield’ or ‘Peanuts’ and don’t have a paper that carry them. I won’t be that, but I’d be some sort of alternative,” Davis said.

To do this, Davis started drafting frogs. He wanted a comic featuring animals rather than people. Eventually, the “Flysoup” name was born from thin air.

After conceiving, working with and perfecting “Flysoup,” Davis completed the cycle, sending the comic statewide. Some newspapers ignored Davis. Some were baffled, not believing the comics were free. Others said they’d use the comic if they had space. No matter the response, Davis continues to send his comic.

He does not know “Flysoup’s” reach because of the lack of communication but hopes to send it even further in the future.

Inside Davis’ mind

It’s taken many years, and tries, for Davis to develop his unique, artistic style. He started drawing at a very young age. Since, he’s pooled a plethora of inspiration from many different directions.

“When I was younger, definitely, my biggest influence was Looney Tunes. I’d just sit in front of the TV, pause the show, and draw Bugs Bunny straight from there,” Davis said. “Every cartoonist that I love, I feel like I have taken a little bit from them.”

As Davis accumulates experience, his routine continually evolves. One aspect includes avoiding technology as much as possible.

“The biggest thing I’ve

learned is how to go about it, because I’m not a tech person. I [still have to] take the [hand-drawn] comic and scan it in,” Davis said. “The technology is always changing with art. I don’t really care for that because I don’t care for technology. If I could do without it, I would.”

Even his drawing style continues to shift.

“I used to draw my cartoons in pencil and then put another piece of paper over it and I’d ink it on a lightboard. But that seemed to take too long [and] my hand started hurting after a while,” Davis said. “In the last six months or so, I’ve totally taken out the second thing. Now, I just take out my brush pen and I go straight into drawing. I feel like that gives it a more of a sketchy, sloppy style. But I kind of like that a little bit more.”

Davis did mention that his initial way of doing things resulted in more ‘professional’ looking art. He just preferred the latter.

Art is subjective and will constantly change, even for Davis, meaning one day he might return to his old way of doing it or develop an entirely new routine that fits the project at his fingertips.

Publishing a career

In high school, Davis began sending his short stories and comics to various online websites. After developing connections, he found himself in contact with a publisher out of New York.

This publisher helped ink Davis’ work in print form.

“I was apparently making them too fast for [the publisher],” Davis said with a chuckle. “He taught me how to publish my own books through Amazon. I’ve been doing that ever since.”

There is a big difference between Davis’ published work and his newspaper work.

“[‘Flysoup’] is kind of watered down because I figured

it would be in the public papers, I have to kind of go a little smooth with it,” Davis said. “But my books are really weird.”

This list of weird includes a short story about ‘Humpty-ystein,’ the hybrid of Humpty Dumpty and Frankenstein, and a cartoon collection entitled “101 Ways My Family Might Die, But Probably Won’t,” among others.

Davis has recently delved into coloring books as well. They do not stray the path of weird, either. The coloring books seem to be his most popular work and he is excited to work on them since they are enjoyed by both adults and children.

“I was surprised about how many people love [the coloring books] because they’re really strange,” Davis said. “I was surprised about how many adults actually color and stuff because I’m not a coloring person, I’m black and white. I wasn’t even a kid who colored.”

Davis’ current collection of coloring books is a happy

medium where he gets to draw out interesting works in black and white and consumers get to add their own flare for color. Everyone is left happy. His current list includes one with monsters, stranger faces and Victorian dressed animals. He is working on an ABCs coloring book that emphasizes a rhyming scheme throughout, as well.

Inspiration for Davis wanes. Some days he has too much, others, he has none. Yet he perseveres. He does so because of how important he finds this medium.

“You could be having a bad day, but then you look at a cartoon and feel a little bit better, especially in a newspaper,” Davis said. “It kind of breaks things up. That’s kind of all I want out of stuff. If I make a few people laugh, that’s all I want.”

Davis’ work can be found on Amazon by typing his name, Michael D. Davis, into the search bar. Additionally, his columns can be found on the Tama-Toledo News Chronicle website.



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Board discusses wind ordinance, defers action

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

Following a 42-minute discussion of the revised January 2021 Wind Ordinance draft that mostly centered on a half-mile wind turbine setback from any form of habitable structure, property value prior to and after turbine installation, individual vs. wind farm company ownership, and future decommissioning, the board agreed to hold more discussion next week. Depending on recommendations or more revisions, approval could follow; however, the board earlier agreed it would hold at least one public meeting and three full readings of the ordinance prior to its enactment.

During the discussion, a key concern was the impact on property valuation, the need for a licensed appraiser to do the evaluations and who would pay for them. Regarding setbacks, there is a noted difference between a single farm-owned one and a complete wind farm operation. However, the ordinance contains a provision allowing it to be waived by the property owner and those neighbor-

ing an operation. A tangential concern was the impact the heavy turbine equipment could have on county roads during delivery and possible replacement.

Supervisor Jack Seward Jr. noted that currently there is one company that indicated interest in a possible wind farm operation in the county, adding it was in “very early stages.” There are wind energy conversion operations in other counties that have enacted ordinances which were reviewed by the board members in preparing the original draft.

In other business, the board approved a resolution for a Quit Claim Deed to Robert W. and Carole B. Winkleback for a tract of land lying north of the Iowa River in Section 2, Township 17 of Washington County.

The board approved a pay change for Tonia Rebing, Washington County Ambulance Department, from \$28.38 to \$30.33 hourly, effective January 25.

The board approved a pay change for Maxine Hervey, Public Health Department, HH Program Assistant from \$21.59 to \$23.79 hourly, effective Jan-

uary 25; for Emily Tokheim, Public Health Administrator, from \$3,319 to \$3,529 bi-weekly, effective January 25; for Bonnie Lins, Public Health HCA, from \$21.99 to \$22.69 hourly, effective April 8; and for Irene McDowell, Public Health HCA, from \$21.59 to \$22.69 hourly, effective January 25. All were previously approved by the Board of Health.

The board approved a Class C retail alcohol license for Wooden Wheel Vineyards, Keota, effective February 15, 2024, to February 14, 2025.

Finally, the board approved a resolution for a paving project for G36 (220th Street) to provide four feet of asphalt shoulders from Iowa Highway 1 to US Highway 218. Funding involves federal Highway Safety Improvement money. In a related action, the board approved the low bid of \$2,200,839 from Norris Asphalt of Ottumwa, as recommended by county engineer Jacob Thorius, who noted that all bids reflected an 8% increase from a year ago. Work will start July 22, to be completed within 50 working days, and will involve traffic control for residents along the road.

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The Teen Advisory Council will have their first meeting on Feb. 7 at 3:30. If you’re a teen who would like to join in, contact info@wellmanlibrary.org for details.

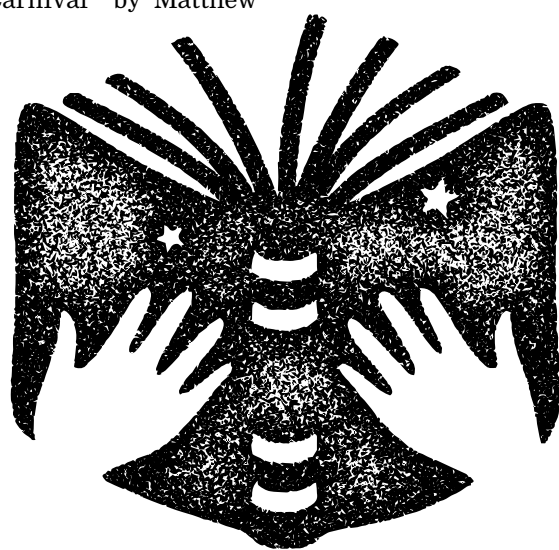
This week, we are adding the following books to our shelves:

Children’s: “Color Dance” by Ann Jonas; “Flubby is Not a Good Pet!” By J. E. Morris; “Dragonboy” by Fabio Napoleoni; “Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival” by Matthew Cordell

Juniors & Young Adult: “The Big Book of Roblox” by Triumph Books; “The Babysitters Club: Claudia and the Bad Joke” by Ann M. Martin; “Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly: The Coldfire Curse” by Jordan Quinn

Adult: “Being Henry The Fonz...and Beyond” by Henry Winkler; “Holmes, Marple, & Poe” by James Patterson; “The Mystery Guest” by Nita Prose; “Upside Down” by Danielle Steel

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Mid-Prairie Music

Mid-Prairie fifth graders give first band performance

On Jan. 11, approximately 70 fifth grade students had their first ever band performance. Shawn Sandersfeld, their director, has been working with these students since the end of September.

Fifth grade students are able to have weekly lessons with Sandersfeld and meet as a large group once a week at the end of the school day. They

have been working so hard and were very excited to perform for friends and family. It was an absolutely wonderful concert, and the students were able to show off all their hard work.

They are looking forward to their next performance on Tuesday, April 30. It is a great beginning for their instrumental music careers.



Fifth graders gave their first-ever band concert on Jan. 11.

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The Mid-Prairie High School Jazz Band was busy performing and recording this January.

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SEIBA Honor Band

On Saturday, Jan. 6, six middle school band students auditioned for the Southeast Iowa Band Association Honor Band. Students were required to memorize all major scales, plus learn two musical etudes.

The audition process is a great way to learn to be an independent musician. Fiona McClellen (alto saxophone) and Danie Bohlen (clarinet) were accepted into the SEIBA Honor Band. They spent all day Saturday, Jan. 20 at the University of Iowa Voxman School of Music Building rehearsing with other students from southeast Iowa and gave a sold out performance that evening. Mrs. Zeglis is to be thanked for helping to prepare these students for a successful experience.

MPHS Jazz Band

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, the MP High School Jazz Band participated in a professional recording session at the Open Concert Cafe in Cedar Rapids.

While there, they recorded "On Green Dolphin Street" with guest artist James Mons. It was a great experience to be in a professional setting and gain the experience of working with other professional musi-

Music In Our Schools Month

The Mid-Prairie Music Department has a busy few months coming up. They start off Music in our Schools Month with the MP High School choirs presenting their Pops & Pie Concert on Thursday, Feb. 29 in the high school cafeteria. Soloists and small groups will start at 6:15 p.m., and Mixed Choir and Lyrica will start at 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, March 4, the 6th grade band, 7th/8th grade band, and HS Jazz Band will present their concert at 7:15 p.m. in the middle school gym.

On Tuesday, March 5, the HS Jazz Band will perform at the University of Iowa Voxman Music Building at 7:35 p.m. as part of the Jazz Corridor Music Project.

On Thursday, March 7, supporters and fans have their choice of two different concerts. The Middle School 6th grade choir, and 7th/8th grade choirs will present their variety show at 7:15 p.m. in the middle school gym. There will also be a wide variety of soloists and small ensembles at this concert.

The MPCSD Homeschool Strings program will be held at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

After spring break, things heat up again with the HS Band and Jazz Band presenting their Pops Concert on Thursday, March 21 at 7:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Consider coming out to support these students; they would love to see you in the audience.

cians from Iowa.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the MP High School Jazz Band traveled to Clear Creek High School to compete in the Iowa High School Music Association State Jazz Band Contest. They performed "On Green Dolphin Street" arranged by Frank Mantooth. Logan McClellen, Joe Hall, and Jacob Carrillo were soloists for this piece.

Next was "The Moment of Truth" written by Roger Schmidli, featuring Madi Davidson. Finally, they ended with "Trick Shot" written by Steve Flowers. Isabelle Duvall, Joe Hall, Jacob Carrillo, and Jarrett Tebockhorst all had solos for this piece.

At the end of their performance, they received a I (Superior) Rating.



Danie Bohlen (left) and Fiona McClellen were accepted into the SEIBA Honor Band.

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Want to Know More About the Mid-Prairie Home School Assistance Program?

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DNR to recap hunting seasons, discuss possible rule changes at Feb. 21 public meeting

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at the Johnson County ISU Extension Office, 3109 Old Hwy. 218 South, in Iowa City, on Feb. 21. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

"We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting

feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

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Highland senior Angelina Roling has her hand raised in victory after her semifinal match at Super Regionals in Cedar Rapids on Jan. 26. Roling ended regionals with a second place finish to advance to the state tournament.

Lone Tree's Lions roaring loudly in girls hoops



Paul Bowker
Columnist

Vivian Zaruba, a junior guard for Lone Tree's girls basketball team, ran over to one side of the court and called for the ball.

It soon arrived. And the ball was in the hoop.

At Lone Tree, the ball almost always ends up in the hands of sophomore guard Finley Jacque or Zaruba. It has been that way all season.

The Lions' opponents know that.

And they still can't stop it.

In the very early moments of last Saturday's girls basketball showdown between Lone Tree and Highland, the Huskies had grabbed a 2-0 lead. No worries. Jacque put up a 3-pointer to give the Lions the lead.

And then it was off to the races. The Lions won by 15 points, defeating a league rival that had lost only four times this season. Jacque scored a game-high 16 points, Zaruba had a game-high 5 assists.

The night ended the same way 17 others have ended this season: The Lions assembled across the court in front of their fans, singing the school song.

Lone Tree, which has lost just one game all season and clinched a share of its first conference championship in 20 years Monday night with its 15th straight win, is putting together the type of season that will likely end with some kind of a championship banner being placed on the gym wall.

Jacque is the leading scorer in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North. She is number two in assists and second in 3-point baskets. Zaruba is the league leader in steals and fourth in assists. Alyson Ford, a sophomore, is second in blocked shots.

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Highland's Roling heads to state Highland and Lone Tree strive for state at Super Regionals

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

CEDAR RAPIDS

After a busy and competitive wrestling season it was high time for the Iowa high school girls to battle it out for a chance to qualify for state.

Last Friday the Alliant Energy Power House in Cedar Rapids hosted Super Regionals with region five and six competing to punch their ticket to the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Unions State Championship meet.

The Highland and Lone Tree teams wrestled in region six along with 23 other teams.

The Huskies had five girls at this event while the Lady Lions had two girls compete. To qualify for state a wrestler needs to finish in the top four.

Highland Results

For Highland they ended

the day with one wrestler qualifying for the state tournament, senior Angelia Roling.

Wrestling at 110 lbs, Roling won three matches to advance to the first-place match. She won those three contests by fall, pinning her opponent in 29 seconds, 1:00, and 1:20 respectively.

"Angelina has worked hard her entire career," Highland coach Dylan Stewart said. "She has a great personality and attitude when it comes to wrestling and during her regional, she was really locked in and focused on getting to legs and scoring points."

The first-place match is where she suffered her only loss of the night, to Mount Vernon's Kiersten Swart by fall in 3:00, to ultimately place second to collect a bid to state.

For Roling, this is the second consecutive year she has earned the right to compete at

state, placing third in the regional qualifier as a junior. She will enter her second chance at state with an impressive 23-5 record.

As a team Highland ended with 27 points to place 18th in the final standings. Abbie Grout, Jenna Bose, Peggy Miller, and Chloe Sexton were the other Huskies participating at super regionals.

Grout, a senior wrestling at 100 lbs, lost her first match by fall in 2:58 and in her second and final match at regionals she lost by major decision, 12-1. She ends the season with a 15-19 record.

Bose (145) began regionals with a win by fall in 1:29. She was defeated in her quarterfinal match by fall in 3:58. In her final match she lost by fall in 3:13. She ends the season with a 11-23 record.

"Abbie and Jenna had a ton of growth this year. Both

fought through some tough tournaments and stayed positive throughout the year," coach Stewart said. "We focus a lot on the mental side of the sport and how it can benefit the student athlete long term and these girls really embodied that concept."

Miller (155) won her first match by fall in 1:26 but was defeated in her next match by fall in 2:00. Miller's final match ended with her opponent, Solon's Kendall Jenson, winning by sudden victory, 6-4. Miller ends the season with a 25-18 record.

"Peggy this year just showed a lot of toughness. To improve on the level she did this year is really exciting to see. I don't think she had over five wins last season so for her

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Leading Lady Lions take control of the conference

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

COLUMBUS

A pivotal conference contest that had been previously postponed finally came to fruition when the Lady Lions made a road trip to face the only team that has beaten them this season, the Columbus Wildcats.

In a rematch that could very well decide the conference champion, Lone Tree avenged their only loss of the season by defeating Columbus 52-33 on Jan. 25.

With this win the Lady Lions claim sole possession of first place in the Southeast Super Conference-North with few games remaining on the schedule. Now in first place the Lady Lions control their destiny on the path to a conference championship.

With something to prove to the team that gave them the only blemish on their record this season, Lone Tree opened this contest by scoring 27 in the first quarter.

While the scoring for Lone Tree cooled off as the game progressed this burst of points gave the Lady Lions a lead they never gave up.

The Wildcats faced a 13-point deficit at halftime, but the Lone Tree defense stood tall in the second half, limiting Columbus to just nine points for the rest of the game.

It was quite a night for Lone Tree senior Avery Lisk. Lisk looked comfortable from three-point range, going 6/7 from three to end the night with a team high 20 points. She also accounted for five steals and five rebounds.

Junior Vivian Zaruba also entered double figures, scoring 10 points to go along with a team high seven steals and six rebounds.

Lone Tree 53, Louisa-Muscatine 21

Before taking on Columbus, it was a home sweeping success for the Lady Lions as they grounded the Falcons for the second time this season on Jan.

23 to improve their impressive winning streak to 11, their conference record to 9-1, and their overall record to 14-1.

Lone Tree opened this game up by going on a 19-0 run and their defense, just like it has been doing all season long, made life tough for their opponent's offense. With less than two minutes left Louisa-Muscatine scored their first and only field goal of the first quarter.

Throughout the whole game the Lady Lions limited the Falcons to single digits in every quarter. Coming out of half-time Lone Tree scored 20 to head into the final frame with a 34-point lead, a lead that only decreased by two by the time the game ended.

Leading the Lady Lions in points was junior Vivian Zaruba, scoring 13. Sophomore Ava Christofferson had a team lead-

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The Lone Tree bench celebrates after their team takes a big lead over Columbus during a road game on Jan. 25.

ATHLETE of the WEEK AVERY LISK LONE TREE SENIOR



Lisk found a rhythm from the three-point line, sinking in six three-pointers to lead the Lady Lions with 20 points in a road conference win over Columbus, 52-33 on Jan. 25. She also ended the game with five steals, five rebounds, two steals, and one block.

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Mid-Prairie 2023 graduates (L to R): Tabitha Evans, Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Alex Bean, Collin Miller, and Cain Brown.

Mid-Prairie Hall of Fame

At halftime of a boys home varsity basketball game against Wilton on Jan. 26, Mid-Prairie inducted six Mid-Prairie 2023 graduates into their Wall of Fame. Those six people were Tabitha Evans (Track), Madeline Schrader (Track), Amara Jones (Track and Soccer), Alex Bean (Baseball), Collin Miller (Baseball), and Cain Brown (Football, Baseball, Track). To earn this honor a student athlete must be named all-state or place in the top eight at a state event.

Highland and Lone Tree boys wrestling

The Huskies and the Lions boys wrestling teams traveled to Notre Dame High School to compete in a SEISC Tournament on Jan. 27. Lone Tree had two wrestlers place fifth, Brock Nebergall (113) and Brody Magruder (175). As a team the Lions placed 10th in the final standings. Highland was led by Luke Guseman (120) claiming first place. Other notable finishes for Highland was Jack Peiffer (157), Jose Ramirez (165), and Brock Thomann (126) all taking third place. As a team the Huskies placed fourth in the final standings.

Mid-Prairie boys wrestling

The Golden Hawks competed in a River Valley Conference meet at Bellevue High School on Jan. 27. As a team Mid-Prairie placed ninth with 65 team points. Burke Berry (285) placed third to give the Hawks their top finish at this tournament. Other notable finishes were Quinn Callahan (215), Jarron Thomas (175), Tucker Miller (138) all placing fifth.

Coming up:

Highland schedule

- Boys basketball @ Columbus (Feb. 1, 7:30 pm)
- Girls basketball SEISC Shootout @ TBA (Feb. 1, 6 pm)
- Girls wrestling State Tourney @ Xtream Arena, Coraville (Feb. 1, 9 am)
- Girls basketball @ Columbus (Feb. 2, 7 pm)
- Boys wrestling tourney @ WACO (Feb. 3, 10 am)
- Boys basketball @ Keota (Feb. 5, 7:30 pm)
- Boys basketball vs Holy Trinity (Feb. 6, 7:30 pm)

Hillcrest schedule

- Girls basketball SEISC Shootout @ TBA (Feb. 1, 6 pm)
- Boys basketball SEISC Shootout @ TBA (Feb. 2, 6 pm)
- Boys basketball vs Columbus (Feb. 6, 7:30 pm)

Lone Tree schedule

- Girls basketball SEISC Shootout @ TBA (Feb. 1, 6 pm)
- Boys basketball SEISC Shootout @ TBA (Feb. 2, 6 pm)
- Boys wrestling tourney @ WACO (Feb. 3, 10 am)
- Boys basketball vs WMU (Feb. 6, 7:30 pm)

Mid-Prairie schedule

- Boys/Girls basketball doubleheader vs Williamsburg (Feb. 1, 6 pm)
- Girls wrestling State Tourney @ Xtream Arena, Coraville (Feb. 2, 10 am)
- Boys/Girls basketball doubleheader vs Regina (Feb. 2, 6:15 pm)
- Boys wrestling tourney @ WACO (Feb. 3, 10 am)
- Boys/Girls basketball doubleheader vs Tipton (Feb. 5m 6:15 pm)
- Boys basketball @ Fairfield (Feb. 6, 7:30 pm)

Mid-Prairie girls wrestling compete in super regionals, send three to state

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

DES MOINES

The Golden Hawks are no stranger to having wrestlers qualify for the state tournament and this year was no exception, as last Friday in Des Moines three Mid-Prairie girls qualified for state at super regionals.

Taking place at HyVee Hall in this state's capital, the Mid-Prairie girls competed in region four, along with 24 other teams, with tickets to state on the line. To reach state a wrestler must place fourth or higher.

Senior Ellie Brenneman punched her ticket to state, for the third time in her high school career, by ending regionals with a third-place finish.

“[Brenneman] wrestled very well at regionals, she was very aggressive on her takedowns and stayed in good position,” Mid-Prairie coach Randy Billups said. “Her greatest strength is that she works hard and is in great shape and is mentally strong.”

Leading up to her final match Brenneman, wrestling at 135 lbs, only lost once to Raccoon River-Northwest's Ellie Hancock by fall in 3:51, but the match for third place ended up being a rematch between Brenneman and Hancock.

Getting retribution for her previous loss, Brenneman defeated Hancock by fall in 3:14 to take third place. Overall Brenneman went 5-1, all her victories were fall, at regionals and she will enter the state tournament with a 27-11 record.

Also placing third to reach state was junior Ashlee Farrier. Farrier (135) wrestled in six matches, only losing once. Her lone loss came in the quarterfinals, being defeated by Indiana's Andrea Taylor decision, 3-2.

Getting a chance to amend her only loss of the night, Farrier battled Taylor again but this time with third place on the line. Not letting her chance for revenge slip by, Farrier defeated Taylor by fall in 3:16 to place third.

In the five matches Farrier won she won them all by fall. She will enter state with a 26-4 record. This will be the second time she will compete at state.

The third and final Golden Hawk to advance to state was sophomore Elle Callahan, who placed fourth.

Callahan (170) won her first two matches by fall, in 1:44 and 3:13, but suffered her first set back when she lost her next match by fall in 45 seconds.

She rebounded by winning the consolation semifinal

round by fall in 52 seconds, but she lost the third-place match by decision, 7-5.

In her last contest of regionals, a fourth-place match, Callahan won by no contest over Liana Krell of Valley, West Des Moines.

This will be Callahan's second trip to state, and she will enter the tournament with a record of 22-14.

“[Farrier and Callahan] both work extremely hard in practice which carries over into their competition,” coach Billups. “We work on wrestling for six minutes the entire match and try to always score points and they do well at that.”

As a team Mid-Prairie had 12 wrestlers compete at regionals and they ended the night with 110 team points to place seventh in the team standings.

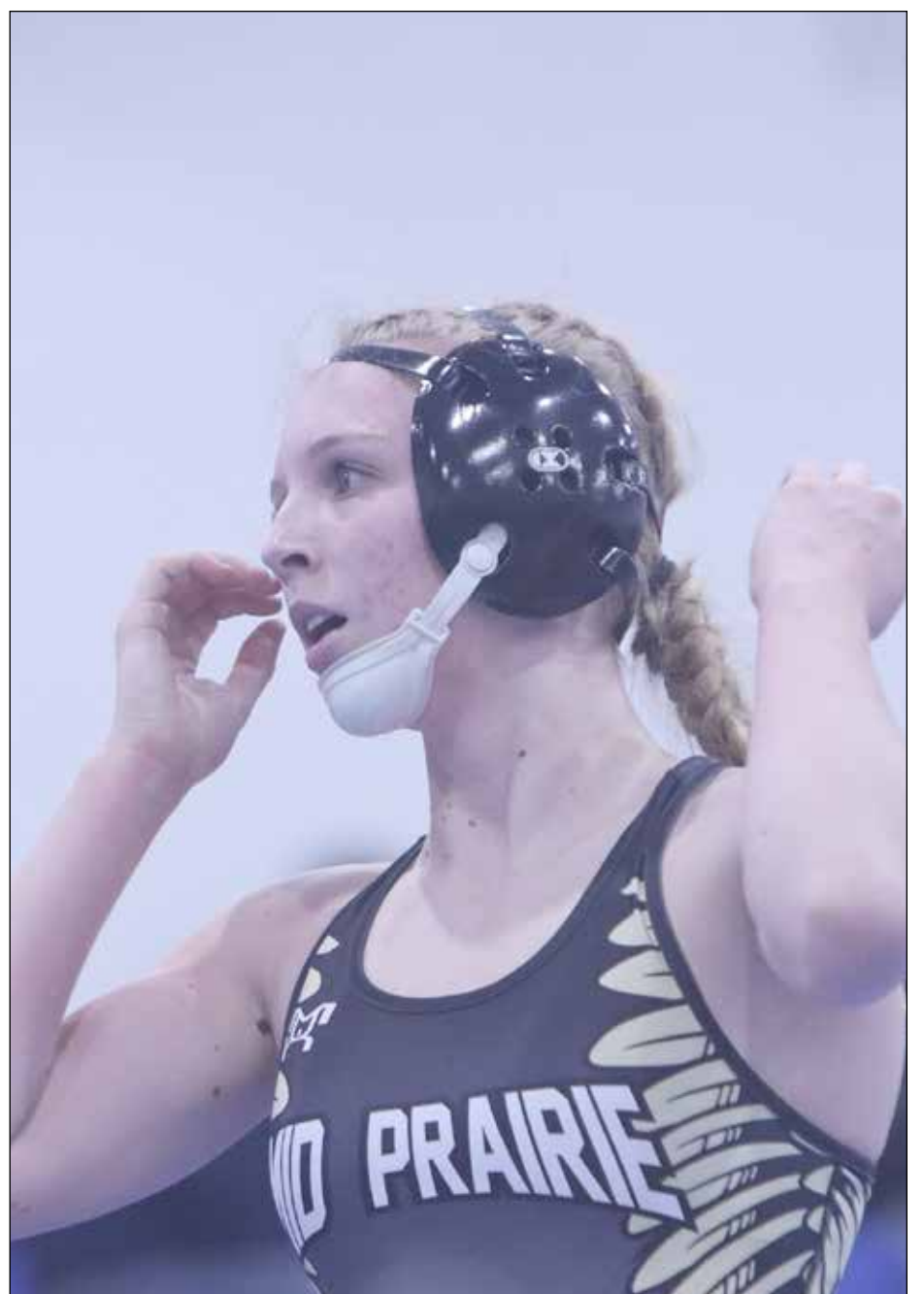
“As far as the team I felt like we all wrestled well at regionals. We had a couple of girls who were close to qualifying but came up a little short,” coach Billups said. “We had a very good season and we feel that all of the team had a lot of growth from the beginning to the end.”

Up next for Mid-Prairie will be traveling to the Xtreme Arena in Coralville to compete in the IGHS AU state tournament taking place from Feb. 1-2.



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Mid-Prairie sophomore Ellie Callahan during a match at Anamosa on Jan. 19. Callahan qualified for the state tournament at super regionals for the second time in her high school career.



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Junior Ashlee Farrier (left) and senior Ellie Brenneman (right) both qualified for the state tournament after competing in the super regional meet in Des Moines. Farrier placed third at regionals to advance to state for the second time and Brenneman also placed third to advance to state for the third time.

Mid-Prairie basketball teams topple Washington

BY TJ RHODES

The News

WASHINGTON

After tough losses to the Wilton Beavers, both Mid-Prairie basketball teams bounced back against the Washington Demons on Monday, Jan. 29.

The girls' team won 47-32 and the boys' team won 62-59.

Leading the girls' team was freshman Brooklyn Schneider with 15 points. Behind her was junior Callie Huber with 13 and senior Nora Pennington with seven.

For the boys' team, it was their first victory over the Demons since 2019.

Energetic comebacks highlight Golden Hawk vs. Beaver doubleheader, 1/26

Both a devastating loss.

Both tied to an energetic comeback.

The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks hosted the Wilton Beavers in a girls/boys varsity doubleheader on Thursday, Jan. 26.

The Hawks girl basketball team fell 42-41 after consistently holding a lead throughout.

The Hawks boy basketball team lost 72-61, watching their energetic comeback fall short.

Mid-Prairie girls' basketball vs. Wilton

After starting with a 4-0 disadvantage, junior Callie Huber opened the Golden Hawk scoring with a field goal, battling under the net. Huber finished with nine points, eight rebounds and two blocks.

Later on, the Hawks had offensive possession with the

game clock leaking below 30 and a shot clock that was just above. Moments like these are where the Hawks struggled.

With the ability to run out the clock while taking one more shot, Mid-Prairie instead played with urgency.

This urgency resulted in a turnover, allowing Wilton to score before the quarter ended.

After one, the Hawks held a slim 13-10 lead, carried by sophomore Jovi Evans who scored seven. Evans would conclude her night with a team-high 13 points, two rebounds and two assists.

The second quarter was not much different. Each squad had answers for the other. Mid-Prairie held the lead throughout, up 23-21 at halftime.

But just because either team did not pull ahead does not mean neither had chances.

With the seconds draining fast, the Hawks were rushing once more. Another turnover allowed the Beavers to gather offensive possession with nine seconds left. The Wilton shooter called for the ball while in the corner, just missing the shot to end the half. A lucky Hawk bounce kept the ball out.

Wilton began the second half as they did the first, scoring four straight to pull ahead.

Swiftly, Mid-Prairie reclaimed the lead. Additionally, freshman Morgyn Bender hit a three-pointer. She was threatening the Beavers all night long but only made one of four shot attempts.

After three, the Hawks led 33-29.

The fourth quarter featured a great sequence which started

with senior Nora Pennington.

She laid out for the ball near the sideline, keeping it alive for Evans who passed to freshman Brooklyn Schneider who banked a three, giving the Hawks their largest lead of the night, 39-29.

Pennington scored seven points, had four assists and four rebounds. Those seven points gave Pennington a career total of 500 on the dot.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, their momentum was short-lived. It was the Beavers who went on a 10-0 scoring run to tie the game at 39.

Evans would score a layup by her lonesome to reclaim the lead, but the Beavers were not rattled. They hit an explosive three to regain the lead with seconds now waning quickly.

Again, Evans streaked down the court for yet another layup attempt. This one bounced away from the net but Mid-Prairie controlled possession with 10 seconds left.

The Hawks executed a perfect pass-in to Pennington who was all alone. She passed inside to Huber who passed it back to Pennington. From here, Pennington was unable to shoot as players from both teams collided.

The collision resulted in a whistle that came with what appeared to be one second remaining, despite the game clock showing zeros. Wilton celebrated while Mid-Prairie asked referees to put time back on the clock. After a huddled discussion by officials, the game was ruled over with the final score of 42-41.

Mid-Prairie boys' basketball vs Wilton

Eerily, this game between the Wilton Beavers and Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks mirrored their previous outing, a 71-60 Wilton victory. It is also similar to their playoff appearance in which Wilton also won 83-61 last Winter.

The final score in this one: 72-61 in favor of Wilton.

This game was jumping from the first second of action. Wilton won the tip-ball and scored three immediately. Mid-Prairie's Dylan Henry answered with a three on the Hawk's first possession as well. Dylan finished with 13 points and eight rebounds.

After one quarter, the Hawks were only down by three, despite the team's leading scorer, Bryce Henry, starting slow. Bryce scored six in the opening frame, both threes, and the second came with under 10 seconds on the clock. He finished with a team-high 29 points, four rebounds and two assists.

The Wilton squad, devised with a hearty mix of tall and short athletes who work tirelessly, displayed an impressive second quarter, pulling ahead 46-25.

But the Hawks are no strangers to playing strong after halftime. They came out swinging, going on a 16-3 run, pulling to within eight, 49-41. It seemed the Hawks could not miss and would surely mount an energetic comeback.

But momentum was a shaky ship entering high tide; it teetered back and forth with no

true rhythm.

After a buzzer beater from Bryce Henry, the Hawks remained down 56-45 entering the final frame.

The fourth featured senior Brock Harland diving for the ball, maintaining possession which led to points; the Henry brothers displaying a tight level of chemistry with their passes to one another; and a crowd that played their part, building the energy. But the Hawks lost their third quarter touch, missing shots that could have put them right back in.

Both squads scored 16 in the fourth to reach the final verdict.

Juniors Ace Peck and Brady Weber were tied at third in team scoring with six. Both also had four assists, a tie for the team high.

Up next

Mid-Prairie girls' basketball: the Hawks have three remaining regular season games.

All three are home games. First, they'll host Williamsburg on Thursday, Feb. 1. Next, they'll compete with Regina on Friday, Feb. 2. Finally, they'll play Tipton on Monday, Feb. 5.

Mid-Prairie boys' basketball: Mid-Prairie has a slew of remaining games in the regular season. Their next three games follow the girl's games above, all at home.

Following, they'll travel to Fairfield on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and finish their season at home against West Branch on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Huskies complete busiest week of season

BY BRENDAN SCHNOEBEL

The News

SIGOURNEY

Sigourney Recaps

The Highland Girls and Boys Basketball teams had not taken the court since January 11th, but that all changed last Monday night in Sigourney, as the Huskies hit the road west on Highway 92.

Weather cancellations and delays can make it hard on any basketball team, and that seemed to be the case for the Huskies, as things got off to a slow start in the girls game.

Facing a 14-point halftime deficit that grew to 17 points heading into the fourth quarter, Highland was forced to make a late rally.

Even though Highland's 16-point fourth quarter was the most points all night in a quarter from either team, the comeback fell short, and the Sigourney Savages held on to win by a final score of 46-39.

Senior Sarah Burton had 14 points and 16 rebounds, both team-highs. Freshman Katelyn Thomann had four assists, a team high. Future UNI Panther Carly Goodwin had 16 points for the Savages.

In the boys game, the success from the girls game was kept up by the Sigourney boys team, as they hammered Highland 64-29.

As the theme has gone this year, the Huskies found themselves in an early hole, down 19-5 after one quarter, which swelled to 37-13 at halftime.

Leading the Huskies was Junior Guard Logan McFarland with 10 points. Senior Nicolas Oriano had six rebounds. The Savages were led by the trio of Isaac Bruns, Solon Yates, and John Berg with 19, 13, and 10 points respectively.

WACO Recaps

As of late, whenever the Highland Girls Basketball team has played at home, the contest is usually a thriller that comes down to the very last shot. Last Tuesday night in Riverside was no exception.

With a two-point contest heading into the fourth quarter, many fans took a breath before the crucial final frame began. With four minutes remaining, Highland's lead was cut to one single point after the lead swayed back-and-forth between two and three points in the direction of the home Huskies.

But then, with 2:08 left on the clock, Junior Katie Herrig launched a massive three-point missile that hit its target, giving the Huskies a 50-46 advantage. The Warriors could not erase the gap, and the Highland Girls Basketball team came away with another tight victory by a final score of 52-49.

The aforementioned Katie Herrig splashed in six three-pointers on her way to a standout 20-point night that was far-and-away a team-high. Sarah Burton fouled out of the contest late in the fourth quarter, but still managed to pile up eight points.

However, the good vibes in Riverside did not stick around for the boys game. In an absolute mauling, the WACO boys beat the Huskies by a final of 65-23.

WACO led by as much as 48 points in the fourth quarter and led by 40 at halftime. Nicolas Oriano led Highland with seven points, and Logan McFarland had six points.

WACO Senior Hunter Hughes scored 16 points on his way to completing a milestone achievement of scoring 1,000 career points. Hughes's 16 was a team high.

Louisa-Muscatine Recaps

For the second time this season, the Highland Girls and Boys Basketball teams met up with the Falcons of Louisa-Muscatine, this time in Riverside.

Fueled by a 22-1 run 12 minutes into the game, the Highland girls provided themselves plenty of cushion en route to a 49-36 home victory that pushed them to 12-4 on the season.

Highland held Louisa-Muscatine scoreless until almost two minutes into the second

quarter.

Individually, it was Sarah Burton with a team-high 17 points. Senior Stella Slaymaker had six points, with fellow Senior Kylie Allen, Sophomore Mackenzie Davis, and Katie Herrig each having five apiece.

Nine Huskies cracked the scoresheet in a quality team performance. Morgan Stecher led the Falcons with 16 points.

The theme of the 2023-24 season for the Highland Boys Basketball team was unchanged as the Huskies fell to Louisa-Muscatine once more by a final of 64-36.

The Huskies came out of the gate well in the first two minutes with a bucket down low from Nicolas Oriano, followed by a three-point-play by Junior Louis Horak to open a 5-2 lead.

Unfortunately, it went the way of the Falcons from that point on. Nicolas Oriano led Highland with 12 points, Louis Horak had nine, and newcomer Jared Diaz, a junior, provided seven points in the fourth quarter. Star Senior Guard Ty Northup paced Louisa-Muscatine with 22 points.

Wapello Recaps

For the second time in a week, the Highland Girls and Boys Basketball teams traveled away from home to take on the Arrows and Indians of Wapello.

It was a steady first half of the girls portion of the doubleheader for the Huskies that saw them take a 10-7 lead after one quarter to only push ahead further by halftime 20-13.

The matchup was still well within reach, but Jody Fink's team came blazing out of the locker rooms in the third quarter. Highland blossomed their seven-point lead into a 23-point advantage heading into the fourth quarter. The strong quarter was all the Huskies needed to beat the Arrows for the second time this season by a final of 54-22.

Sarah Burton had an 18-point outing to lead her squad. Burton also had 14 rebounds.

Off the bench, Mackenzie

Davis provided nine points and six rebounds. Stella Slaymaker, Senior Kerra Longbine, and Freshman Hailey Brun each had two assists. Senior Jacie Hoeg led the Arrows with eight points.

The law firm of Wapello Seniors Jackson Lanz and Carson Belzer was at work and lethal in the boys game, combining for 59 total points, as Wapello scored a 73-27 victory over a Highland team that has still not found a way to win a conference game in almost two seasons.

The shots fell like rain from a summer thunderstorm all night for both Lanz and Belzer. Lanz had 19 of his 24 shots fall, while eight of Belzer's 13 shots dropped in. Lanz nearly completed a triple-double, collecting eight boards and dishing out 10 assists to go with his 42 points. Belzer had 17 points and four assists.

The Huskies were led by Nicolas Oriano with 12 points, followed by Louis Horak with nine points. Horak led the team in rebounds with eight, followed by Junior Ayden Havel with six. Junior Colten Sypher had three assists.

Lone Tree Recaps

Conference implications were on the line in Lone Tree late last Saturday afternoon as the Highland girls clashed with the rival Lady Lions in a game that was postponed twice due to wintry weather earlier in the month.

The Huskies would have to win to keep their hopes of a SEISC North crown alive. For the Lions, it was simple; just win. Win, the Lady Lions did.

Outscoring Highland in all but the fourth quarter, Lone Tree held firm under the pressure, and took down their rivals by a final score of 54-39.

Sarah Burton scored 14 points to lead the team. Highland also saw contributions from Katie Herrig with nine points, and Stella Slaymaker with six, all from the free throw line.

Sophomore standout Finley Jacques led the Lady Lions with

16 points.

Without the stakes of winning the SEISC North, the Highland boys took the court hoping to steal a win over a struggling Lone Tree team that had lost its last seven games.

The Lions were able to scoot out to a comfortable halftime advantage of 16 points. Bill Zywiec's team did not go away quietly, though, as the Huskies responded in the third quarter to chip away the Lion lead by seven going into the fourth quarter.

Lone Tree was able to manage the Highland run, and even added on 10 more points to complete a 61-42 rivalry win.

Logan McFarland dropped 13 points, including one from beyond-the-arc to lead Highland. Nicolas Oriano finished with 10 rebounds and nine points, one shy of a double-double. Sophomore Bryce Hazelett had eight points. Sophomore Reece Holbrook splashed in 19 points for Lone Tree, a career high.

What's Next?

Both the Highland Girls (13-5) and Boys (1-14) have completed their toughest stretch of the season to date, but more action awaits. The Highland boys traveled to Thornburg and took on the Trojans of Tri-County on Monday, January 29th. Then, action returned to Riverside on Tuesday, January 30th in a conference doubleheader with the Winfield-Mt Union Wolves.

Tuesday was also Senior Night for both Highland teams. The Highland girls will welcome their opponent from the SEISC South Division to Riverside in the annual SEISC Conference Shootout game on Thursday, February 1st, while the Highland boys will be in Columbus in a game rescheduled from January 18th.

To complete another loaded week, the Highland girls play in Columbus on Friday, February 2nd.

Lions battle L-M Falcons in high scoring home contest

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

LONE TREE

There was no shortage of scoring in this contest between Southeast Iowa Super Conference foes, as both the Lions and the Falcons ended the night posting a season high point total.

Despite a valiant comeback by Lone Tree in the second half, the Falcons' offense proved to be too potent as they defeated the Lions, 88-75 on Jan. 23 to secure the season sweep.

This is the second time this season Louisa-Muscatine has scored over 80 points and with this win they improve its conference record to 6-5.

For Lone Tree this is the most points they have allowed this season, but it was the first time they surpassed 70 points in a game.

Louisa-Muscatine took control of this game early, taking a 23-11 lead after the first quarter. They continued to put up points, scoring 21 in the second frame, but the Lions were able to win the quarter by scoring 24 to keep themselves within striking distance of a comeback.

In the second frame the Lions faced a deficit as great as 17 but a strong run to end the quarter plus a 9-0 run to open the third quarter managed to tie the game at 44-44 a piece.

This was Lone Tree's chance to take their first lead of the contest, but the Falcons shut the door on that possibility, ending the quarter by outscoring Lone Tree 18-10.

With the lead in hand the Falcons scored 26 in the final frame, their quarter high. Lone Tree also scored over 20 in the fourth quarter, but not being able to slow down Louisa-Muscatine's offense proved to be the difference in this contest.

The Falcons' offensive explosion was led by two players scoring over 20.

Leading all scorers was senior Ty Northup who scored 28 and led the team in assists with five. Procuring a double-double was junior Finnegan Cline who scored 21 and collected 11 rebounds.

The Lions had four players hit double digits in points. Leading the way was senior Ethan Bockelman who scored a team high 16 points.

Columbus 70, Lone Tree 61

The Lions went on the road with an opportunity to complete a season sweep of the Wildcats, but Columbus stood tall on their home court and collected a conference win on their senior night on Jan. 25.

The 70 points the Wildcats scored was their season high.

Fitting for senior night, Columbus senior Tim Hill-Carrier led the Wildcats with 22 points while also collecting eight rebounds and dishing out a team high seven assists.

At half this was anybody's game with Columbus leading Lone Tree, 27-26, but the Wildcats scored a quarter high 26 points in the third frame to enter the final frame with a 13-point lead, a lead they were able to hold until the final buzzer.

Pekin 66, Lone Tree 55

Continuing to battle conference opponents on the road, the Lions paid a visit to Packwood to face off against the Pekin Panthers on Jan. 26.

After defeating Lone Tree earlier this season the Panthers were able to sweep the Lions with this win at home. For Lone Tree this defeat extends its losing streak to eight in a row.

Pekin nearly scored 20 in

the first two quarters leading to the Lions facing a 20-point deficit at the half. While Lone Tree won the second half by scoring 19 in the third and fourth quarter the deficit was too great for the Lions to overcome.

Sophomore Reece Holbrook ended the game with 20 points to lead Lone Tree in the scoring department.

Fellow sophomore Emmett Burke secured a double-double in this conference game, scoring 16 and securing 13 rebounds.

Wapello 75, Lone Tree 64

In their final road game of the regular season the Lions were defeated by the Wapello Indians on their senior night on Jan. 29.

Both teams got off to a hot start offensively in this game with Lone Tree and Wapello both scoring over 20 in the first frame. After another closely contested quarter, the Lions found themselves trailing by six at halftime.

Wapello scored 22 in the third frame to push their lead to 17 with only one quarter left to play. The Lions were able to outscore Wapello in the final frame, but their comeback came up short.

Leading Wapello on senior night was senior Jackson Lanz. The first time these two teams played each other this season Lanz scored 41 but he was able to one up that performance by scoring 47 this time around. He also collected 16 rebounds to secure a double-double.

The Lions stayed home to battle the WACO Warriors (12-4) on Jan. 30. Up next for Lone Tree (6-13) is a home matchup against the conference leading Winfield-Mt Union Wolves (14-1) on Feb. 6.



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Senior Ethan Bockelman (3) pulls up from three-point range during a home game against the Falcons on Jan. 23.



Emmett Burke, a Lone Tree sophomore, makes a layup against the Falcons.

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to have the success that she did shows how hard she worked throughout the season," coach Stewart said.

Sexton (190) caps off her freshman season by going 2-2 at regionals. She won her first match by fall in 34 seconds, but she lost her second match by fall in 1:10. In the consolation round she won her second match by pinning her opponent in 3:36.

Her final match was a defeat by fall in 4:39. She ends the season with a 20-13 record.

"Chloe being a freshman the expectations were just getting better and working hard," coach Stewart said. "She far exceeded that with her attitude and effort on the mat. She won some tough tournaments and I think her love for the sport is going to carry her pretty far."

Up next for Highland is for

Rolling to compete at the IGH-SAU state tournament taking place at the Xtreme Arena in Coralville from Feb. 1-2.

Lone Tree results

It has been a historic season for Lone Tree as this was the first time they have had a girls wrestling team. With their sights set on state, the Lady Lions had juniors Kayleigh Rundlett and Alex Dautremont represent them at this regional

qualifier event.

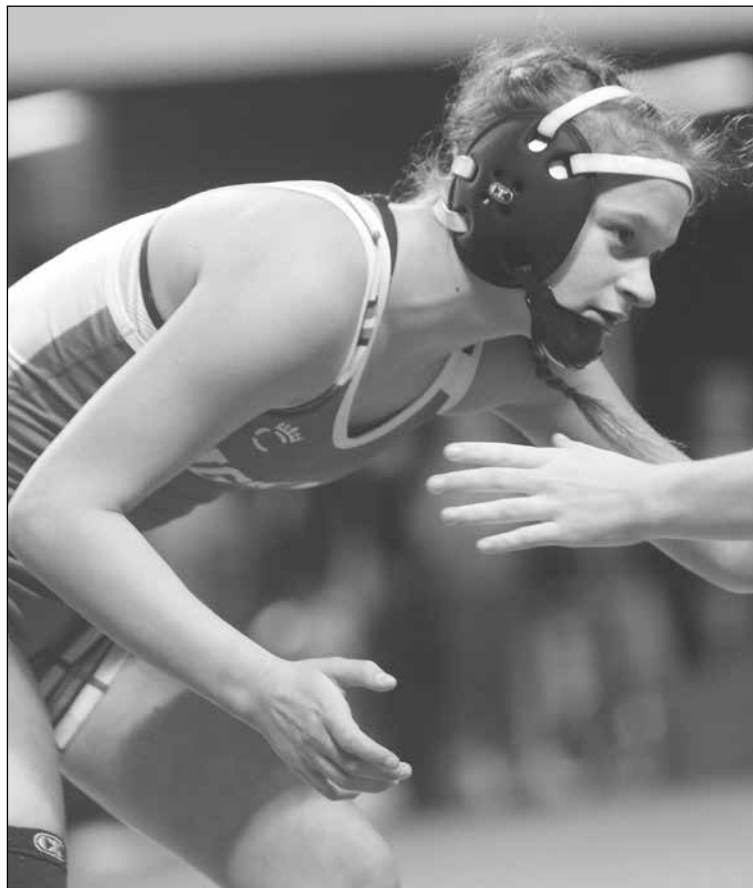
The Lady Lions ended regionals with 13 team points to finish 23rd in the final standings.

Rundlett (135) won her first match by fall in 3:11 over Muscatine's Mallory Bruhn. In her next two matches she lost by fall in 51 seconds and 2:40 respectively. Her second loss marked the end of her season and she finished her first year wrestling for Lone Tree with a

6-21 record.

Dautremont (145) began her regional run with a loss by fall in 35 seconds, but she showed great resilience by winning her next two matches. Her two victories came by fall in 46 seconds and 3:13 respectively.

Her run and season came to an end when she lost to Vinton-Shellsburg's Haylee Karr by fall in 1:25. Dautremont ends her junior year with a 7-20 record.



Left: Highland's Abbie Grout gets ready to take down her opponent from Wapello at super regionals in Cedar Rapids on Jan. 26; Right: Lone Tree's Alex Dautremont gets her hand raised after she pinned her opponent at super regionals in 3:13.



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Left: Highland's Jenna Bose puts her opponent in a headlock at super regionals.



Right: Lone Tree's Kayleigh Rundlett performs a bridge to avoid getting pinned during a quarter final round at super regionals.

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ing seven steals. Sophomore Alyson Ford and junior Rylee Shield both ended the night with seven rebounds to tie for the team high.

Lone Tree 50, Pekin 30

Defense and offense were clicking in high gear for Lone Tree when they went on the road to defeat the Pekin Panthers for the second time this season on Jan. 26.

Lone Tree's defensive prowess was on full display in this win, holding the Panthers to just a single point in the second and fourth quarters. The Lady Lions scored a quarter high 20 points in the second frame, eventually leading to a win by 20 points.

The Panthers were led by sophomore Anna Hadley who scored 11 points and collected nine rebounds.

Sophomore Finley Jacque scored a team high 14 points for Lone Tree while also securing seven rebounds.

Lone Tree 56, Wapello 39

It was senior night for Wapello but the Lady Lions were

able to put a damper on their celebration as they collected their second win over the Arrows this season on Jan. 29.

With this win Lone Tree increased their winning streak to 15, improved their conference record to 13-1, and their overall record to 18-1. Their win total is the most for the Lady Lions since their 2016-17 season where they also recorded 18 wins.

Another more significant result of this win is that the Lady Lions now claim at least a share of the SEISC Championship. They can win the championship outright if they win their final games of the season but no matter what happens from this point forward they are locked in as conference champions. This is the first conference title for Lone Tree, in female sports, since the 2003-04 season.

Lone Tree (18-1) stayed home for senior night and battled the WACO Warriors (10-8) on Jan. 30. The Lady Lions will also take part in the SEISC Shootout on Feb. 1.

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"We go in with the mentality, we're gonna win," Jacque said.

"It's been super exciting and honestly, with the momentum we've got, I'm not surprised that we keep winning," Zaruba said. "We all work really well together as a team. I'm just so proud of all of us. I think we're doing amazing."

The Lions are the conference leaders in both offense and defense, winning games by more than 24 points each time out.

And they have just one senior in the starting lineup, Avery Lisk, who was honored along with teammate Bailey McGrew at Senior Night on Monday. So you'd better get used to this.

"I think I knew that we were capable of this," Lions head coach Ryan Shelman said. "I didn't know if it would quite happen this year or not. Our girls have really responded well. It starts with our girls just really being committed to playing and listening and being coachable. They listen. I really enjoy coaching our girls."

Actually, it began last summer when this team from a small 1A school in rural southeast Johnson County went up to Tiffin, where Clear Creek Amana, the top-ranked team in Iowa 4A, hosted a camp featuring teams from larger schools.

"We played all kinds of bigger schools," Shelman said.

"We were, by far, the smallest school there. It was all in preparation for us to hopefully play this type of season. I think it's going to help us down the stretch."

And when the holiday week rose up in late December, a time usually devoid of games, Shelman came up with his own money to pay for referees for a day of scrimmages.

Against Highland and senior forward Sarah Burton, a four-year starter who is one of the top scorers and rebounders in the state, that extra work showed. Burton scored 14 points, but Lone Tree's fast-paced game forced 27 Highland turnovers and established a 22-point lead before it was over.

"It wasn't an easy task tonight," Shelman said after Saturday's game. "They have one of the premier girls in not only southeast Iowa, but the state. Heck of an athlete. We think the world of her. We respect her and that entire Highland team."

The Lions ran against the Huskies. And ran some more. Three of the runners on last year's school-record sprint relay teams are on the basketball team: Zaruba, Rylee Shield and Ava Christofferson. They know only one speed: fast.

Shelman calls it "controlled chaos."

"You have to handle the pressure and you have to handle the length and the speed that we have," Shelman

said. "We try to turn things into a track meet as much as we can."

The track success, led by head coach Chad Shield, helped lead the Lions to this spot.

"I think so," Zaruba said. "I think it gave us a lot of motivation going into the next season's sports, but the winning we did during track, it transferred over to here."

Lone Tree won 13 games last year, equaling its highest win total in four seasons. It set the stage for this season and beyond.

"Last season we knew we had the talent, we knew we had the skill," Jacque said, "I think this season, we're just really putting everything together and getting all the pieces to work. It's really fun to play with these girls."

What now? The Lions finished up their regular season Tuesday against WACO. Now they await their assignment in the 1A postseason tournament, where they lost an opening-round game last year against Midland.

This year's tournament could be so different.

"I do feel we're a tough out for anybody," Shelman said.

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Left: Vivian Zaruba (21) takes a long shot against Louisa-Muscatine on Jan 23; Right: The Lady Lions celebrate a home victory against the Falcons.



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Hoffmann, Robert P.	6,511.91
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Hynes, Michael P.	101,937.81
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Innis, Shannon J.	70,460.00
Isaacs, Thomas F.	6,499.00
Jackson, Lakeshia M.	47,784.55
Jacoby, Lynette A.	120,005.31
James, Timothy R.	61,166.80
Janes, Michael J.	5,000.39
Jaramillo Guayara, Paola	66,661.60
Jarvis, Samuel P.	93,182.85
Jasa, Matthew J.	30,491.63
Jenn-Cox, Tina K.	93,671.04
Jensen, Roger W.	362.22
Jensen, Ryann J.	22,121.68
Jensen, Zoey L.	43,391.24
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Jiras, Austin S.	91,470.09
Jiras, Jason P.	68,899.36
Johanns, Isabel A.	62,323.62
Johnson, Cameron D.	74,756.60
Johnson, Fiona M.	116,136.33
Johnson, Jordan S.	60,940.24
Johnson, Paul D.	876.58
Johnston, Harris P.	9,228.16
Jones, Jane D.	355.94
Jones, Shafona L.	58,122.97
Jordan, Tessa N.	12,955.98
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JOHNSON COUNTY

Table listing names and amounts for Johnson County, including Stutzman, Gabriel W., Suchomel, Christopher A., Suder, Emil R., etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Johnson County, including Thumm, Michael D., Tibbetts, Richard S., Tiags, Richard P., etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Johnson County, including Vanderhorst, Roger F., Vanhoozer, Cynthia A., Veltrean, Bogdana M., etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Johnson County, including Wells, Allison M., Wenger, Jill S., Werner Jr, George R., etc.

Table listing names and amounts for Johnson County, including Wisman, Christopher W., Wittau, Paul R., Wolfmeyer, Erick A., etc.

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Cost of this publication: 272.94 Fiscal year to date cost (as of 7/1/23): 9648.49 THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FORMAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2024

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.johnsoncountyia.gov.

Chairperson Sullivan called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Boardroom at 9:01 a.m. Members present: V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, and Rod Sullivan. Members absent: Royceann Porter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Temple Hiatt spoke about gun violence and promoting secure gun storage. She requested the Johnson County Public Health and County Attorney offices partner with the Be Smart for Kids Program.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for January 18, 2024.

Table listing various companies and their amounts, including 2430 Muscatine Llc, Abbe Center For Comm, Access Technologies Inc, etc.

Table listing various companies and their amounts, including Greater Ic Housing Fe, Greater Iowa City Inc, Growmark Dba Agvantage, etc.

Table listing various companies and their amounts, including Sadler Power Train Inc, Sandra Redmond, Scott Pharmacy Inc, etc.

ZONING APPLICATION PZC-23-28446

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 ordinance 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 Lincoln Township and comprised of approximately 1.17 acres to wit: DESCRIPTION A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE EAST ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA; THENCE N00°29'10"W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 214.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N84°25'58"W, 237.56 FEET; THENCE N00°08'14"W, 204.00 FEET; THENCE S89°59'13"E, 235.00 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 35; THENCE S00°29'10"E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 227.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.17 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-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of January 11, 2024.

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

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to receive and place on file the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month of December, 2023, in the amount of \$30,225.21, as submitted by Clerk of District Court Alison Meade. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to receive and place on file the Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$34,913.66, as submitted by County Sheriff Brad Kunkel.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-18-24-01 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 February 8, 2024, 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 applications filed by Rudy L & Shannon L Velky (PZC-23-28462), and Hugh Everette Weis Estate, as signed by Kasey Brecht (PZC-23-28463). Authorize the Johnson County Auditor to publish the official notice of the above public hearing. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 01-18-24-01 effective January 18, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-18-24-02 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE 2024 OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

Summary: Johnson County shall select three newspapers to publish the official proceedings for the ensuing year. Board Action: Select and designate the Iowa City Press Citizen, Solon Economist, and The Kalona News as the Official County Newspapers for calendar year 2024, subject to meeting all requirements as stated in Iowa Code §618.3. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 01-18-24-02 effective January 18, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-18-24-03 RESOLUTION AWARDING PROJECT

Summary: Mr Crawford was awarded the 4-Day School Week at lengthly. He shared lots of data and frequently asked questions. There was much discussion by the board members. Crawford stated that at the February board meeting he would like to have the board decide whether we should develop a 4 day school week calendar for the 2024-25 school year.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION MONDAY - JANUARY 22, 2024 5:05 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM

The work session was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

John O'Leary, Monica Jepson, Dan Ruth, Joslin Schott, Karen Fink and Nate Robinson were present. Rachel Longbine was absent. Also present were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Jepson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Fink. Motion carried 6-0

Motion carried 6-0

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PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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HIGHLAND CSD

agenda as presented. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Ruth made a motion to approve having 4 year old preschool be all day for 4 days for the 2024-25 school year. Seconded by Schott.

Motion carried 6-0

Schott made a motion to approve the disposal of the obsolete phone equipment in the tech rooms to anyone for \$0 to be picked up by 1/31/24. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

No Personnel to be approved at this meeting.

Jepson made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by Fink.

Motion carried 6-0

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CITY OF KALONA

CITY OF KALONA GROSS WAGES 2023

Table listing names and gross wages for City of Kalona, including Mason Badtram, Alexander Bean, Henry Beishelm, etc.

Table listing names and gross wages for City of Kalona, including Olivia Kahler, Angelina Kazakov, Michael Martens, etc.

Table listing names and gross wages for City of Kalona, including Greg Schmidt, Joe Schmidt, Jackson Schneider, etc.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

At 9:00 am Chair Richard Young called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: HACAP Annual Report and FY25 funding request; approval of Quit Claim Deed for real estate located in Richmond; Washington County Solar Project Road Use Agreement; Main Street Washington Annual Report and FY25 funding request; Quarterly Report-General Assistance; Quarterly Report-Veteran Affairs; Quarterly Report-Recorder; Quarterly Report-Auditor; Washington County Wind Ordinance. Supervisors Jack Seward Jr., Marcus Fedler, Stan Stoops, and Bob Yoder were also present.

All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

On behalf of Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. (HACAP), Renella Crawford and Kim Guardado addressed the Board and described some of the various programs in Washington County that HACAP provides which include local housing assistance, emergency social services, Head Start early childhood education, and energy assistance. Before concluding their remarks Crawford and Guardado requested financial support from the county in the amount of \$120,000.00 for FY25 in order to maintain HACAP's Washington County base of operations. This amount is equal to the annual amount of funding assistance provided by Washington County for the past several fiscal years. The Board took no formal action. The HACAP report is available in the Auditor's office.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a Quit Claim Deed to Charles A. Rogness and Jody R. Rogness for a vacated alley adjoining Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Dawson's First Addition to the Town of Richmond. The Board's action corrects an oversight that resulted when the ally was vacated by the County but not deeded to the adjoining land owners.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that numerous meetings have taken place with regard to the plans of Goldfinch Solar to construct a utility-scale solar energy generation facility on a site located north of Ainsworth. According to the company's website the planned facility will provide 200 megawatts of locally generated clean electricity which is an amount sufficient to power approximately 33,000 local homes for one year. It is estimated that the facility will generate \$10.1 million in property taxes over the life of the project and during construction provide employment for over 400 individuals. The facility, slated to begin operations in 2025, will result in a \$250 million investment in Washington County. Thorius presented to the Board for its consideration a draft Road Use Agreement for the planned Goldfinch Solar project and recommended that the Board take appropriate action to require the Road Use Agreement to be completed not only by Goldfinch Solar but by any and all future solar companies wishing to do business in Washington County. Thorius also encouraged the Board to consider adopting an ordinance to address building location and decommissioning among other things. The Board voted to approve a road use agreement related to regulating the placement of solar energy conversion systems on property located in the unincorporated areas of Washington County, Iowa. The Board voted to direct the County Engineer to develop a draft ordinance related to road use agreements for solar powered electric generating facilities in Washington County.

Main Street Washington (MSW) Executive Director Samantha Meyer addressed the Board and shared that the duties and missions of MSW are accomplished by a "Four Point Approach" to downtown revitalization. The four

components include Design, Organization, Promotion, and Economic Vitality. Meyer also shared the goals of MSW include creating and maintaining a robust media campaign, creating a climate that encourages the growth of public events, continued improvements to directional signage in order to increase convenience for pedestrians, and finally to continue to grow MSW's social media following. In closing Meyer requested funding from the County in the amount of \$6,834.00 for FY25. The Board took no formal action. The complete report is available in the Auditor's office.

Washington County General Assistance Director Sue Rich presented the General Assistance report for the 2nd quarter of FY24. She reported that during the quarter two applications for benefits were received with one of the applications being approved and one application being denied. The application that was approved was in the amount of \$200.00 and was for rent assistance. The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY24 2nd Quarter General Assistance report. The complete report is available in the Auditor's office.

Washington County Veteran Services Officer Sue Rich presented the Veteran Affairs report for the 2nd quarter of FY24. She reported that during the quarter a total of four applications for benefits were received with one application for rent assistance in the amount of \$300.00 being approved and three applications totaling \$362.25 being approved for utility assistance. The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY24 2nd quarter Veteran Affairs report. The complete report is available in the Auditor's office.

The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Recorder's report for the 2nd quarter of FY24 and to authorize the Chair to sign the report on behalf of the Board. The report, presented by Recorder Teresa Mangold, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$103,499.99 with the county retaining \$40,616.96. A total of 1,001 documents were recorded during the quarter and Mangold added that her office processed 14 marriage applications, 129 passport applications, 147 passport photographs, and 1,523 boat, ATV and snowmobile renewals and/or registrations. A total of 373 certified copies of birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses were provided to various individuals during the quarter. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Recorder.

The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Auditor's report for the 2nd quarter of FY24 and to authorize the Chair to sign the report on behalf of the Board. The report, presented by Auditor Dan Widmer, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$1,760.00. Of this total, \$1,750.00 resulted from transfer fees and \$10.00 resulted from one fireworks permit. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

The Board held a brief discussion but took no action regarding a Washington County Wind Ordinance.

Thorius briefed the Board regarding the current condition of county roads after the previous week when two storms dumped a combined total of approximately two feet of snow with the storms followed by high winds and record-setting sub-zero temperatures. Thorius stated that the preliminary costs of his department's response to the two snowstorms and low temperatures to be approximately \$80,000.00 with more costs still coming in. He also expressed gratitude to his staff for their tireless efforts. Auditor Dan Widmer thanked the members of the Building and Grounds staff for their dedicated efforts in keeping County property clear of snow despite the severe winter weather.

At 10:17 am the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST: s/DANIEL L. WIDMER, Washington County Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Clara Gingerich, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR008130

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Clara Gingerich, Deceased, who died on or about January 3, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 16, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Clara Gingerich, deceased, bearing date of January 18, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Lynn D. Gingerich and Cheryne G. Yoder have been appointed Executors 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 January 18, 2024.

Lynn D. Gingerich Executor of Estate 1507 Oakcrest Avenue Iowa City, IA 52246

Cheryne G. Yoder Executor of Estate 5014 Sharon Center Road SW

Iowa City, IA 52240

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

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING For Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

At a meeting of the Communications Commission of Washington County, Iowa, held on January 18, 2024, the proposed budget for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, was approved as summarized below for hearing at the Washington County Board of Supervisors Room, Courthouse, Washington, Iowa beginning at 6:00 p.m., on February 14th, 2024. Copies of the supplemental detail of revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection in the Office of County Auditor. Any resident or taxpayer may appear at the hearing and present objections to, or arguments in favor of, the proposed budget.

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Table with 4 columns: Category, Actual FYE 30-Jun-23, Estimated FYE 30-Jun-24, Proposed FYE 30-Jun-25. Rows include BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, REVENUES (Cities Contribution, County Contribution, Other Revenue), EXPENDITURES (Administration & Operations, Capital Outlays, Other Expenditures), and ENDING FUND BALANCE.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Washington County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/14/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors room, Courthouse, 222 W Main St, Washington, IA At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

Table with 9 columns: Fund, FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed Expenditures, Transfers Out, Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025, Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024, Estimated Other Receipts, Transfers In, Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge. Rows include 1. Surcharge Fund, 2. Operating Fund, 3. TOTAL.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Washington County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/14/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors Room Courthouse, 222 W Main, Washington, IA At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

Table with 4 columns: Category, Actual FYE June 30, 2023, Estimated FYE June 30, 2024, Proposed FYE June 30, 2025. Rows include BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, REVENUES (County Contribution, Other Revenues), EXPENDITURES (Administration and Operations, Capital Outlays), and Total Ending Fund Balance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 WASHINGTON COUNTY AG EXTENSION

The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/19/2024 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Washington County Extension Office 2223 250 St., Washington, Iowa 52535 or by zoom at https://instate.zoom.us/j/96451262486?pwd=UjBjM0U1L2dkkV3NnZEB5Sj0GRGRCd09 At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.

Table with 8 columns: FUND, FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures, FYE June 30, 2025 Budget Expenditures, Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025, Estimated FY 2025 Beg. Balance, Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation, Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars. Rows include 1. County Agricultural Extension Education, 2. Unemployment Compensation, 3. Tort Liability, 4. TOTAL.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FUNDS - FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Large table with 7 columns: Beginning Treasurer's Balance, Total Revenues, Beginning Balance + Total Revenues, Total Expenses, Change in Outstanding, Ending Treasurer's Balance, Outstanding Bank Items, Ending Auditor's Balance. Rows list various fund categories from 0001 to 8520.

I, Jeffrey A. Garrett, Washington County Treasurer, hereby certify the above report to be a true and accurate account of transactions during the period specified.

Jeffrey A. Garrett County Treasurer

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ADVERTISING DEADLINES Every Monday Week of Publication DISPLAY ADS: 10 A.M. CLASSIFIEDS: 4 P.M.

MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER
MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE
COMMUNITY ROOM,
WELLMAN, IA 52356
JANUARY 22, 2024 – 6:15 P.M.
WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Mary Allred, Randy Billups, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Ryan Schlaubaugh, Jed Seward, and Jake Snider.

Board members absent: None.
Also Present: Superintendent Brian Stone, Board Secretary/School Business Official Jeff Swartzentruber.

Read the School Mission Statement by Vice-President

Mary Allred moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ryan Schlaubaugh. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Forum

A parent of students in the District expressed deep concerns about course handbooks and grading practices at the High School. The parent provided a handout with the language in use. The parent read the description under learning supports, then commented on the wording of weakness and concerns. The parent asked for the wording to be changed and stated the concern had been mailed to the Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE).

A teacher from the High School read a statement of support of the staff members and administrators at the High School and spoke specifically of different teachers as positive examples. The teacher also commented on the positive culture in the High School in the past as strong and expressed concerns for the present happenings.

Work Session Administration Reports and Board Dialogue

The Board reviewed the Administrators' written reports to the Board. Time was allotted to ask questions and discuss the reports. A question was asked about the doubling of numbers for Virtual Academy and the source of this increase.

2024 General Obligation Bond Amortization Scenarios – SBO Swartzentruber referred to the four Bond Principal and Interest payment schedules provided by Piper-Sandler. This was brought again from last meeting to assure that all Board Members had a chance to review the Scenarios. Scenarios C and D were discussed as preferred over Scenarios A and B as the potential to pay the bond principal balance more quickly is desired in order to potentially move more quickly to another, possibly larger, future bond issue should the Facilities Committee Master Planning process call for this to be considered by the Board. The Board discussed the Pro's and Con's of Scenario C and D in terms of timing and size of any future bond referendums. The Board lean towards Scenario C and asked SBO Swartzentruber to move forward with the Bond Advisors, Piper-Sandler.

2022 Revenue Bond Savings and Interest Uses Discussion – Potential Usages List – SBO Swartzentruber reviewed the potential savings and interest from the current Revenue Bond projects and that it is estimated to be between \$335,000 and \$400,000. Superintendent Stone introduced Collette McClellan, High School Music Teacher, and Christine Meader, Play/Musical Director and Speech Coach. They shared a list of potential projects as requested at the January 8th meeting. The Board reviewed the list and discussed various items and possible actions.

Grade-like Attendance Center Modifications Questions and Discussion – Superintendent Stone, reviewed the documents provided at the previous Board Meeting to seek additional input and thoughts on process for this change. The Board discussed the Facilities Committee previous conversations on modification to the current grade-like attendance center structure at the elementary schools and as it relates to space needs at both West Elementary and East Elementary. The discussion included items on floor space current usage and future usage with varied question areas and ideas.

New School Board Member Orientation – President Snyder, and Superintendent Stone talked about the Orientation Process for New Board Members. With two new members the Board wants to discuss the process for orientation to include Finance, on-boarding, and status of various projects and situations faced by the Board. The Board made suggestions on different ways to gather and hold the data for sharing and training purposes. Stone thanked the Board for the suggested the questions and interest items can be added to this resource and that resources would be worked on.

Business Meeting Consent Items

Mary Allred moved to approve the following consent items.

Minutes of Previous Meetings
 The minutes of January 8, 2024;

Finance Report
 None presented at this time;

Payment of Bills
 The bills as listed for January 22, 2024, and prepaid bills;

Open Enrollment Requests

DOCUMENT 02152401 NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Flexibility Account Spending Mid-Prairie Community School District In the County of Washington, State of Iowa

You are hereby notified Pursuant to Chapters 21 and 298A Code of Iowa, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by Mid-Prairie Community Schools, on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mid-Prairie Central Office Community Room at 1636 Highway 22 East, Wellman Iowa. This hearing is on a resolution to expend funds from district's Flexibility Account stated as, "Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for the purpose of maintaining educational services including new textbooks, instructional materials, student health services, technology personnel, software, equipment less than \$500, funding ongoing programs, meeting standards of accreditation of Iowa school districts, and implementing generally accepted accounting prin-

Open Enrollment In Requests total 3 students;

Open Enrolled Out Requests total 0 students;

Personnel Items
 Contract issued to Aaron Coghlan, Assistant 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, \$1,938 per annum;

Contract issued to Aaron Coghlan, 8th Grade Track Coach, \$2,713 per annum;

Randy Billups seconded the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

Student Learning
Second Reading to Change Policy 407.1 Licensed Employee Resignation

President Snider and Superintendent Stone noted that the proposed change to move the notification dates from the third Friday in February and the third Friday in March to the First Monday in February and the First Monday in March passed on First Reading at the January 8th meeting. Again, these dates are two weeks earlier than is currently in the policy. The Board was asked if there are additional questions or discussions.

Jed Seward moved to approve Board Policy 407.1 Licensed Employee Resignation on Second Reading with changes as presented to the first Monday in February and the first Monday in March. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Update Policy 210.2 Regular Meeting

President Snider and Superintendent Stone discussed the changes to the policy if the Board goes to a Work Session in one meeting each month and a Business Session in the other meeting of the month. The Board, Superintendent and SBO discussed preferences for which meeting is Business and which is Work Session. The First Reading will be brought to the February 12, 2024 meeting.

Finance Second Reading to Change Policy 405.2 Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection

Superintendent Stone brought a proposed change to the policy due to the change from Teach Iowa to IowaWorks as the State's on-line application tool. The change is to remove "Teach Iowa" in favor of "IowaWorks".

Jed Seward moved to approve Board Policy 405.2 Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, and Selection on Second Reading with changes as presented. Ryan Schlaubaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Set a Public Hearing for the Flexibility Transfer of HSAP Funds

Business Manager Swartzentruber noted that a Public Hearing for the transfer of Flexibility Funds from the Home School Assistance Program to the General Fund needs to be set. The amount to be transferred from the Home School Assistance Program is \$215,767.95. These are unspent funds available after the HSAP has completed the program expenditures for the prior year. The Public Hearing is proposed for Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mid-Prairie Central Office Community Room.

Jed Seward moved to set the Public Hearing on Flexibility Fund Transfer for February 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mid-Prairie Central Office Community Room. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Development and Inservice Activities

No items were noted at this time.

Announcements and Suggestions for Next Agenda

Safety issues were discussed at the last meeting. Superintendent Stone reported on some additional steps that are considered and taken for the security in buildings and interface to local law enforcement.

Superintendent Stone reported on snow issues on the roofs at the buildings and noted steps being taken to mitigate some of the problems with snow, thawing and freezing at the roof drains.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: Resolutions for the Early Payment of the 2014 GO Bonds; Pre-Levy for the remaining amount of 2014 GO Bonds; 2024 GO Bonds Actions and Resolutions to move the process forward on the Timeline; Concurrent Enrollment trends and discussion on developments—next Work Session; Discuss a policy for protection of staff; Review our policy on Public Forum; Public Hearing on the Flexibility Transfer; and First Reading of 210.2.

Board Highlights

Frederick and Billups appreciated the Teacher Statement in the Public Forum.

Schlaubaugh – Pleased to see Brian Stone, Teresa Hartley and others working on buses during this time of bad weather.

Seward – Expressed appreciation on the Virtua Academy growth in numbers of students.

Adjournment
 The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

President, Jake Snider
 Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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principles, including maintaining adequate spending authority and cash reserves." These funds proposed to be transferred are from the Home School Assistance Program in the approximate amount of \$215,767.95 and are unexpended and unobligated from the Home School Assistance Fund categorical funds. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to Jeff Swartzentruber, Board Secretary on or before February 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mid-Prairie Central Office for Office at 1636 Highway 22 East in Wellman between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday, or by contact via phone at (319) 646-6093, and email jswartzentruber@mphawks.org. Published on order of the Mid-Prairie Community School District Board of Directors.

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LONE TREE CSD

LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
SCHOOL LIBRARY

Superintendent Tyler Hotz
SBO, Sheila Tharp
Board Secretary, Renae Williams

1. Call to Order: Board President Sladek called the meeting to order @ 6:33 Pm.

2. Roll Call: Alex Ogren, Michael Hotz, Robert Sladek, Gordon Viers, Jenny Eden.

3. Approval of the Agenda: Viers motioned to approve the agenda omitting the school nurse report, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment: Stakeholder Christina Magruder spoke on the topic of the 2024-2025 school calendar agenda item.

5. Athletic Booster Club: Booster Club representatives, Ashley Zaruba and Gina Burke, proposed updates for the school weight room. There are concerns about outdated and run down equipment. The Booster Club would like to apply for the Riverboat Casino Grant that would require resolution approval from the school board. The equipment would be used for sports as well as gym/strength and conditioning. The proposal would be for the school to match (25%) of the Booster Clubs (25%) and the Riverboat Casino Grant would cover the other (50%) for the updates.

6. Consent Agenda:
a. Previous meeting minutes: Viers motioned to approve the previous meet-

ing minutes, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Finance Report: Sbo Tharp reported on the finances.

c. Payment of Bills: M. Hotz moved to approve the board bills, Ogren seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Open Enrollment Requests: M. Hotz approved the open enrollment requests, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

i. In: McKenzie Tharp- Kindergarten 24-25 school year

ii. Out: Theodore Klemp- Kindergarten 24-25 school year

e. Personnel Items: None

7. Old Business:

a. 2024-2025 Registration Fees: M. Hotz motioned to approve the increase of the 3 year tuition to \$90 a month for 10 months, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. HVAC Update: A representative from Shive Hattery updated the board on energy efficiency, grants and the benefits of utilizing a general contractor or construction manager on large construction projects.

Supt. Hotz provided feedback from the HVAC community group, Maintenance Director Scott Feldman and Larson Construction. The general consensus was to move forward with the Geothermal option sooner rather than later.

c. School Calendar
i. 2023-2024: Viers motioned to approve the May 3rd, 2024 teacher inservice day as a school make up date for students, Ogren seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ii. 2024-2025: The board discussed the feedback and questions from the public forum. Ongoing discussions will be had at the February 7th Board Workshop. The board recommends having 2 more public forums before the final deci-

sion is made.

8. New Business a. Board Policy- Policy Primer (First Reading)

Viers motioned to approve the first reading of board policies 401.1, 503.1, 503.1.R1, 503.2, 605.3.R1, and 701.5.R1. M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Board Policy: 409.4-414.9 (First Reading) Viers motioned to approve the first reading of the board policies 409.4-414.9, Ogren seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Modified Supplemental Amount: At-Risk/Dropout: This provides the district more spending authority for at risk and dropout.

M. Hotz motioned to approve the modified supplemental amount for at-risk & dropout in the amount of \$120,480, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

d. 28E Agreement: Food Procurement Activities: Viers motioned to approve the 28E Agreement for food procurement activities, Eden seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 Hotz abstained.

e. March and April Public Hearings: Sladek motioned to set the first public hearing on April 3rd and the second public hearing on April 17th, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Superintendent Report: Supt. Hotz reported on new legislation, feedback from the Calendar/Handbook committee, feedback from the new website and SIAC committee.

10. Adjourn: Viers motioned to adjourn the meeting, Eden seconded. Motion carried 4-1 M. Hotz Nay.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30 Pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in the Superintendent's Office

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LONE TREE CSD JANUARY 2024 BOARD BILLS

OPERATING FUND
 AHLERS & COONEY PC, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES2,173.50
 ALLIANT ENERGY, GAS & ELECTRIC11,828.73
 BLICK ART MATERIALS, SUPPLIES57.90
 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., MISC PURCHASES801.31
 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., MISC PURCHASES745.64
 BUSINESS RADIO SALES & SERVICE INC, EQUIPMENT/SERVICE450.00
 CITY OF LONE TREE, WATER/SEWER1,000.00
 CLEARLY, SUPPLIES303.85
 COBB OIL COMPANY, DIESEL, GAS1,623.63
 DAN'S OVERHEAD DOORS 1, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES55.00
 HDC BUSINESS FORMS, COMPUTER SUPPLIES224.04
 HY-VEE #1281, SUPPLIES728.37
 IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BRD, GENERAL SUPPLIES/SERVICES440.00
 IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, ICM FEES478.00
 IOWA PAPER, SUPPLIES497.97
 JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR, ELECTION EXPENSES973.88
 JRS CAR AND TRUCK REPAIR, BUS REPAIRS3,208.38
 KALONA NEWS, SUBSCRIPTION135.07
 KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, REGISTRATION/TUITION1,890.00
 LONE TREE TIRE AND SERVICE, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES24.74
 LRS/JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC, GARBAGE SERVICE781.00
 MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC, SUPPLIES638.53
 MENARDS, SUPPLIES158.43
 MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, TUITION/ENTRY FEES9,991.79
 NESPER SIGN ADVERTISING, INC, SERVICE390.00
 PIPE PRO INC, EQUIPMENT REPAIR SERVICES552.31
 PSC DISTRIBUTION, INC, SUPPLIES199.98
 QUADIANT INC, POSTAGE INK315.69
 QUADIANT, POSTAGE MACHINE450.40

SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR, ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE444.12
 SCHWAB ELECTRIC, ELECTRICAL WORK1,580.89
 UNITED ART AND EDUCATION, SUPPLIES683.18
 WEST MUSIC COMPANY, INSTRUMENTAL SUPPLIES225.50
 WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE302.47
 Fund Total:43,854.30

MANAGEMENT FUND
 IOWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK POOL, NATURAL GAS RISK POOL23,364.43
 Fund Total:23,364.43

LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX FUND
 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., MISC PURCHASES194.36
 GRANT WOOD AEA, SERVICES3,083.00
 INTRADO INTERACTIVE SERVICES, WEB HOSTING/SCHOOL800.00
 IOWA SOLUTIONS, COMPUTER SERVICES20.00
 LEAF, COPIER LEASE1,350.17
 LIFE TIME FENCE CO INC, EQUIPMENT25,590.00
 MYPROJECTORIALMPSISA, SUPPLIES111.91
 SHIVE-HATTERY INC, ARCHITECT6,165.00
 Fund Total:37,314.44

WELLNESS CENTER
 ALLIANT ENERGY, GAS & ELECTRIC1,630.19
 FIELDS, ROBIN, WELLNESS CENTER CLASS56.25
 TREADMILL HEROES, SERVICES520.00
 Fund Total:2,206.44

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., MISC PURCHASES235.97
 BMO HARRIS BANK N.A., MISC PURCHASES453.89
 CORRIN, CALVIN, OFFICIAL170.00
 DARYA, TRISHUL, OFFICIAL115.00

HAACK, RYAN, OFFICIAL130.00
 HAMMES, RICHARD, OFFICIAL115.00
 HANSEN, SCOTT, OFFICIAL115.00
 HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIST, TUITION/FEES20.00
 HY-VEE #1281, SUPPLIES361.00
 IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION, DUES280.00
 LENZ, KEITH, REFUND100.00
 LORIA, JOSEPH, OFFICIAL115.00
 MCLAUGHLIN, ADAM, OFFICIAL80.00
 MCWHIRTER, SHANNON, OFFICIAL130.00
 MICHAEL, CHRISTOPHER, OFFICIAL170.00
 MIDLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL, REGISTRATION FEES90.00
 MIENE, THOMAS, OFFICIAL130.00
 MILLER, LILIAN, ACTIVITY WORKER100.00
 NEW LONDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ENTRY FEES90.00
 OBERMANN, BENJAMIN, OFFICIAL130.00
 PEPSI-COLA, BEVERAGES553.20
 PHELPS, SUPPLIES220.00
 SERBA, DUES/REGISTRATION5.00
 SOUKUP, KYLE, ACTIVITY WORKER125.00
 SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY, OFFICIAL217.67
 SWINTON, MITCHELL, ACTIVITY WORKER50.00
 UNIV OF IOWA HEALTH CARE, TRAINING SERVICES360.00
 VANDEGRIFF, ANTHONY, OFFICIAL130.00
 WAPELLO FFA, REGISTRATION/MEALS562.40
 Fund Total:5,354.13

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO, MILK1,207.66
 MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC, SUPPLIES7,594.34
 Fund Total:8,802.00

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DUANE H. GINGERICH, Deceased. Probate No. ESPRO08139

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of DUANE H. GINGERICH, deceased, who died on or about January 21, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of DUANE H. GINGERICH, deceased, bearing the date of June 13, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Evelyn S. Smith and Kevin D. Gingerich were appointed Co-Executors 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 said 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 later to occur of four months from 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.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Brian T. Ball, Deceased CASE NO. ESPRO08132

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Brian T. Ball, Deceased, who died on or about December 19, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on January 18, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Brian T. Ball, deceased, bearing date of August 8, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Hannah Ball 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

Dated this 25th day of January, 2024.

s/Evelyn S. Smith
 Co-Executor of the Estate
 2309 Franklin Avenue
 West Liberty, IA 52776

s/Kevin D. Gingerich
 Co-Executor of the Estate
 505 8th Street
 Sheldon, IA 51201

Richard S. Bordwell
 Attorney for Co-Executors
 206 West Main Street
 P.O. Box 308
 Washington, IA 52353

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(unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 23, 2024.

Hannah Ball
 Executor of Estate
 912 7th Street
 Kalona, IA 52247

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

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

Jan. 23
 Report of a student in possession of a vape product at the high school, Wellman. Student cited for possession of a vape product 1st offense.
 Caller in the 800 block of 2nd Place, Kalona, reports someone keyed her car. Documentation.

Caller reports a vehicle parked in the middle of the road in the 1200 block of 7th Ave., Wellman. Made contact with the owner who moved the vehicle.

Caller in the 1100 block of 8th St., Wellman, report his neighbor's gas is leaking. He can hear and smell it. Wellman Fire, Wellman QRS were paged. Wellman gas responded and shut off the gas. All other units were disregarded.
 Johnson County requested Kalona Fire for vegetation fire at Highway 1 and 560th St.

Jan. 24
 Caller in Riverside reports an attempted break in. Responded. Entry was not gained.

Report of a commercial burglary alarm in Riverside. Responded and checked the building with keyholder.

Jan. 25
 Caller in the 2200 block of 133rd St., Kalona, reports his truck was parked at his dads shop and all of the DeWalt

tools are missing. Report to be filed.

Caller in the 2100 block of 140th St., Kalona, reports needing a welfare check on her husband. He is not answering his phone. Responded. Subject was fine and will make contact with the caller.

Caller in the 1000 block of 2nd St., Wellman, reports his ID and his daughter's ID have been stolen. Responded. Subject did not want to talk about the IDS and wanted to leave the residence for the night. He will call in another day to have a civil standby to get his belongings at the residence.

Vehicle stop in Riverside. Callie Armstrong Bryan, 33, of Riverside cited into court of driving under suspension, no insurance and expired registration.

Jan. 26
 Caller in the 1500 block of 140th St., Wellman, reports his daughter had a verbal altercation with her mother. Nothing physical and they would like to speak with an officer.

\$7 minimum for first 15 words **GARAGE SALES** **SUBMIT YOUR** **PO Box 430** **319-656-2273**
30¢ each additional word **\$10 for 40 words** **CLASSIFIED** **419 B Ave., Kalona, Iowa 52247** **Admin@TheNews-IA.com**

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Richard L Simon, Barbara Simon, grantor; Richard L Simon, Barbara A Simon, grantee; warranty deed; S 457.6 FT of Lot 2, Cont 13.95 Acres in NW 20-77-6

Jacqueline E Knupp Trustee, Jacqueline Knupp Trustee, Jacqueline E Knupp Revocable Trust, Jacqueline Knupp Revocable Trust, grantor; Jacqueline E Knupp Irrevocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; S2 SE N2 SE 13-76-8

Jason W Collier, Christina M Collier, grantor; Rebecca Castillo, grantee; contract; Brighton Mealeys 1st Add Lot 1-2 Block 20 & E2 Vac Alley

Belgica Hernandez Ramirez, Belgica Ramirez Hernandez, Eligio Canales, grantor; B & E Blue Homes LLC, grantee; warranty deed; S2 SW4 Washington Denny's 2nd Add Block 20

Scott Jones Trustee, JMW Eurovest Trust, grantor; Randall I Martin, Dana R Martin, grantee; warranty deed; W 30 Acres of NW NW 15-77-9; \$275,000

Pedro Vazquez Gonzalez Estate, Pedro Gonzalez Vazquez Estate, Kassandra M Vazquez Administrator, grantor; Angela Sheldahl, grantee; court officer deed; N 67 FT Ainsworth Erdice Add Lot 9-10 Block 4; \$126,000

Phyllis Ann Graber Estate, Burdean B Graber Executor, grantor; Burdean B Graber, grantee; court officer deed; Comm 20 FT N & 20 FT W of SE Corn 26-74-7 Thence N 10 Rods

Maxine Pribanich, Gary Pribanich, Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, Dudley d Graber, grantor; Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm 20 FT N & 20 FT W of SE Corn 26-74-7 Thence N 10 Rods

Susan A Gilmore, grantor; Alexis M Kleese, Brandon L Kleese, grantee; warranty deed; N 66 FT Washington Millers Add Lot 7 Block 2; \$145,000

Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantor; Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantee; quit claim deed; Undivided 2/3 Interest; E2 NW 30-74-6; SE SW19-74-6; Comm at SE Corn SW SW 19-74-6 Thence N 20 Rods

Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantor; Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantee; quit claim deed; Part Lot 8 of SD SE 26-74-7

Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantor; Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantee; quit claim deed; NW NE 35-74-7; NE NW 35-74-7; N2 SE NW 35-74-7; SE SE NW 35-74-7; W 3/8 SW NE 35-74-7; Part Lot 5 in SE SE 26-74-7; Comm 20 FT N & 20 FT W of SE Corn 26-74-7; Thence N 10 Rods

Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantor; Burdean B Graber, Christine H Graber, grantee; quit claim deed; NW NE 35-74-7; NE NW 35-74-7; N2 SE NW 35-74-7; SE SE NW 35-74-7; W 3/8 SW NE 35-74-7; Part Lot 5 in SE SE 26-74-7; Comm 20 FT N & 20 FT W of SE Corn 26-74-7; Thence N 10 Rods

Greta G Wells Estate, Elizabeth Bruty Paul CoAdministrator, Kristene Bruty CoAdministrator, grantor; Elizabeth Bruty Paul, grantee; court officer deed; Washington Wilsons Add Lot 12 Block 4

Barbara R Thomann, grantor; Jeffrey D Thomann, grantee; contract; 1/2 Interest in W2 SW 26-76-8

V Donald Thomann Trust, Barbara R Thomann, grantor; Jeffrey D Thomann, grantee; contract; 1/2 Interest in W2 SW 26-76-8

Pamela A Hazell, Patrick J Hazell, grantor; ASH Rentals LLC, grantee; warranty deed; E 20 FT Kalona OP Lot 18 Block 2 & Undivided 1/2 Interest in & To S 70 FT of 12 Inch Wall on West Line Lot 18; \$95,000

Robert J Bennett, grantor; Michael A Patton, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington South Washington Block 17; \$175,000

Suzanne J Schmidt, grantor; Charles A Rogness, Jody R Rogness, grantee; warranty deed; Richmond Dawsons 1st Add Lot 3-4 Block 3 & All Int in N2 Vacated Alley Adjoining Lots; \$15,000

David K Murphy Trustee, David Murphy Living Trust, Susan K Murphy Trustee, Susan Murphy Living Trust, grantor; Keegan J Gingerich, Karsen E Gingerich, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc P, Cont 1.45 Acres in Lot 3 Aud SD of S2 SE 31-77-7

Marcy Free Administrator, Robert L Livezey Estate, grantor; Virginia A Jacob, grantee; court officer deed; S 10 FT Wellman Heights Add Lot 6 Block 1; N 40 FT Wellman Heights Add Lot 7 Block 1; \$48,000

Jan. 1 - 5, 2024

Aline G Hesselstine Estate, Larry Hesselstine CoExecutor, Glenn Hesselstine Co-Executor, grantor; Glen Roy Hesselstine, Larry Joe Hesselstine, Diana R Brentlinger, Richard Hesselstine, Jane Moore, Sandra Smith, grantee; court officer deed; Lot 5 in NW SE 22-74-6; 1/3 Int in: SE SE 21-74-6; S 5 Acres of NE SE 21-74-6; Part W4 NW 22-74-6; Part NE NW NW 27-74-6; Part W2 NW SW 27-74-6; N4 NE NW 27-74-6; E2 NE 28-74-6; S2 SW NW 22-74-6; N4 NW SE 22-74-6; W 3/8 NE SW 22-74-6; Part Lot 3 in SE NW 22-74-6; N2 SW SW 22-74-6; Part S2 NE 22-74-6; Lot 2 in NW NE 22-74-6; Lot 4 E2 NW 22-74-6; Part NE NW 22-74-6; S 1/4 NW SW 22-74-6; S2 SW SW 22-74-6; Lot 2 SE SW 22-74-6; E 50 Rods of NE SW 22-74-6; Lot 3 SE SW 22-74-6

Kaye C Stewart, grantor; Kaye C Stewart Trustee, Kaye C Stewart Trust, grantee; E 75 FT of W104 FT Washington Western Add Lot 1 Block 6

Farm & Home Storage LLC, grantor; KMB Rentals LLC, grantee; contract; Aud Parc A, Cont 4.46 Acres in SE SE 36-77-8 & In NE NE 01-76-8; Aud Parc F, Cont 1.54 Acres in SE SE 36-77-8

J&R Homes LLC, grantor; Nathan L Repp, Abby E Repp, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Incline Grove SD Lot 8; \$819,000

Washington County Sheriff, County Bank, Clinton Allan Shalla, Michelle Lynn Shalla, grantor; Douglas W Shalla, Connie M Shalla, grantee; sheriff deed; Land in: 32-77-7; 33-77-7; 28-77-7; 29-77-7

Cody D Bontrager, Olivia A Bontrager, Olivia A Lugar, grantor; Kimberly Gingerich, grantee; warranty deed; N 20 FT Kalona Snider & Allen Add Lot 7 Block 5; Kalona Snider & Allen Add Lot 8 Block 5; \$187,500

Philip G Guy, Philip Guy, grantor; Carlos Lee Wilson, Danell A Wilson, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E, Cont 55.56 Acres in Part S2 20-74-8; NW SE 20-74-8; \$143,000

Cindy Jo Messener, Thomas D Messener, grantor; Cindy J Messenger Trustee, Cindy J Messenger Revocable Trust, Thomas D Messenger Trustee, Thomas D Messenger Revocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; E2 NE 15-75-6; E2 SE 10-75-6

Mary Clarice Bell, grantor; Ryan Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-75-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8; \$51,500

Lisa Hardy CoTrustee, Barry E Plunkett CoTrustee, B Plunkett CoTrustee, Hardy Plunkett Living Trust, grantor; Ryan Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-74-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8

Jon Bell, Mary Bell Attorney in Fact, Mary Bell, grantor; Ryan Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-75-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8; \$5500

Jeffrey Bell, Janice Bell, grantor; Ryan Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-75-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8; \$5500

Justin Bell, JJ Bell, Lynn Bell, grantor; Ryan Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-75-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8; \$5500

Ryan Bell, Logan Bell, Logan A Bell, grantor; Ryan A Bell, Logan A Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in Part Lot 1 of E2 NE 24-75-8 & In Part Lot 4 of S2 SE 13-75-8

Jewel A Schultz, Jewell A Schultz, grantor; Steven J Schultz, Jewell A Schultz, Jewell A Schultz, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Crawfordsville OP Lot 6 Block 5

Jewel A Schultz, Jewell A Schultz, grantor; Corbin J Schultz, grantee; warranty deed; Crawfordsville OP Lot 6 Block 5

Daniel J Luers, Tara J Luers, grantor; Daniel J Luers Trustee, Daniel J Luers Revocable Trust, Rose Mary Luers Life Estate, grantee; special warranty deed; NEFR4 NE 04-74-9; E2 SE SW 28-75-9; Part 3 Aud SD of NE SE 33-75-9; S2 SE SW 28-75-9

Daniel J Luers, Tara J Luers, grantor; Daniel J Luers Trustee, Daniel J Luers Revocable Trust, grantee; special warranty deed; WFR2 NW 03-74-9; Lot 1 SD of NEFR4 NW 03-74-9; SWSW 34-75-9; Part Lot 2 SD of N2 SW 34-75-9; Aud Parc Din Lot 2 Aud SD of N2 SW 3475-9

James R Miller, Janice M Miller, grantor; James R Miller Trustee, Janice M Miller Trustee, James R Miller Revocable Trust, Janice M Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Part Commencing 326.40 FT N of SW Corn Kalona Snider & Allen SD Lot 4 Thence N 110.20 FT

JHK Investments LLC, grantor; Letha D Yoder CoTrustee, Letha D Yoder Trustee, Sheldone E Yoder CoTrustee, Sheldone E Yoder Trust, grantee; warranty deed; N 44 FT Kalona Millers 1st Add Lot 7 Block 3; \$165,000

ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Stephen Pim, Kaci Greenleaf, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Northern Heights SD Lot 15; \$320,000

Virginia L Kerr Trust, Virginia L Kerr Trustee, grantor; Megan D Hoyle, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington AW Chilcotes OL Add Lot E Block 1; \$120,000

Pamela L Holz, grantor; Juan Cano, grantee; warranty deed; Washington

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Dec. 11 - 15, 2023

Nisland Asset Investment LLC, grantor; Joshua Trettin, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Millers Add Lot 8 Block 1; \$153,000

Loren E Helmuth, Lisa E Helmuth, grantor; Timothy R Rusch, Kellie A Rusch, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Hill Crest Estates SD Lot 6; \$365,000

Matthew T Greiner, Ashley N Greiner, grantor; Greiner Property Management LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc A, 5.864 Acres in SW 31-76-6

Whisler Enterprises LLC, grantor; Lindsay Kay Crawford, grantee; warranty deed; part Washington AW Chilcotes Add Lot 2 Block 1; \$135,000

Warren D Rhodes, Karen H Rhodes, grantor; Samuel Stoll, Magdalena Faye Stoll, grantee; warranty deed; part comm at Point Where S Boundary of RR Row Intersects with N2 Kalona 77-7-17 NW Thence E 876 FT; \$403,000

Regina M Sexton, Regina M Brackin, Regina M Ossman, Cory A Sexton, grantor; Regina M Sexton, Cory A Sexton, grantee; quit claim deed; Ainsworth OP Lot 4-5 Block 7

Timothy S Howard, Tammy L Howard, grantor; Tammy L Howard, grantee; quit claim deed; E 56 3/4 FT of Washington Smouses E Side Add Lot 49

T To T Homes LLC, grantor; Mitchell Trotman, grantee; warranty deed; S 95 FT Washington Breeds SD Lot 6; \$130,000

Robert C Johnson Jr, Julie A Johnson, grantor; Barry R Johnson, Heidi N Johnson, grantee; warranty deed; Beg at SE Corn NW 15-74-8 running thence W on Half Section Line 1.41 Rods

Mary Ellen Wright, Craig E Wright Agent, grantor; Wright Family Farms LLC, grantee; quit claim deed; Undivided 1/2 Interest; NESW 23-74-9; Part W2 SE23-74-9; S 60 Acres of E2 SW 28-74-9; E2 NE 33-74-9; Part W2 NW 34-74-9

Federation Bank, grantor; Baldemar Trevino, grantee; warranty deed; S 77.35 FT Washington Smouses E Side Add Lot 5; \$21,500

Mayflower Mobile Home Park LLC, grantor; Mayflower MHP LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Part Kalona 77-7-18 NE NW; \$1,340,000

Amanda Lee Kron, grantor; Brett R Kron, grantee; quit claim deed; N2 NW NE 26-77-7; Aud Parc A in Part NW SE 22-77-7; NE NW 26-77-7; S2 NW NE26-77-7; S2 NW NE 26-77-7; Part 1 Acre Tract Consisting of E 1 Rod of SW 23-77-7; Aud Parc D, 20.00 Acres in Part NW SE 22-77-7

Brett R Kron, grantor; Greg J Thomann, Janice L Thomann, grantee; warranty deed; Amended Aud Parc F, 39.74 Acres in NE NW 26-77-7 & In NW NE 26-77-7; \$397,500

Pamela Jo Sanger, Pamela J Murphy, grantor; Cheyann M Adamson, grantee; warranty deed; N 60 FT of Lot E in Aud SD Washington AW Chilcotes Add Lot 1; \$134,000