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Dr. Yoder retires after 46 years as large animal vet



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Dr. Sheldon Yoder, large animal veterinarian since 1977, inside the lab at Kalona Veterinary Clinic.

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

Back in 1978, when Dr. Sheldon Yoder first began practicing veterinary medicine, he spent his days checking swine for crooked snouts and reaching his arm into cows to relocate their displaced stomachs.

For 12 years, he worked on his own, building his practice to serve over 80 dairies and 250 clients who farrowed pigs. Every third day, he found himself handling emergencies at odd hours, leaving his wife and young children on a moment's notice.

In 1984, he built the clinic we know today on the vacant lot located at 405 6th Street, Kalona, an ideal spot from which to serve Amish clients. He hired an additional vet; he expanded, updated, and evolved the practice over time.

"It was hard work," he acknowledged. "All of us large animal vets did it. That's what we were trained to do."

Now, after 46 years, that work has come to an end. On Monday, April 22, Dr. Yoder turned the keys to Kalona Veterinary Clinic over to new owners and enjoyed his first official day of retirement.

Aged 71, Dr. Yoder had been thinking about this moment for the last couple of years. His first order of business was to find new ownership for the clinic, which will retain its care team, including Dr. Marvin Slabaugh, who primarily sees small animals in the practice.

In a business environment where large veterinary chains

and global private equity firms are snapping up small practices, this task was something of a challenge.

"There must be 40 or 50 of those companies out there, and they're buying a lot of clinics," Dr. Yoder said. "I visited with one of them, but I would have been one of their only mixed animal practices. I just didn't feel comfortable."

That's good news for the community and the staff at the clinic. As stated in a March 31, 2024 Iowa Capital Dispatch story, vets who found themselves working for large chains felt pressured to put profit first when treating patients. For pet parents, that meant paying higher prices for less time with the vet. For vets, that meant more stress.

Rather than go this route, Dr. Yoder found a friend in Veterinary Medical Center in Williamsburg.

"Coming to an agreement wasn't a big problem with them," he said. "I highly respect them. They're a great mixed animal practice."

In addition to the Williamsburg clinic, the practice also owns veterinary clinics in Tiffin, Solon, and Mount Vernon.

"They've [bought clinics] several times and had a pretty good track record," Dr. Yoder said. "I like the fact that these guys are local. They understand the small town and they understand community activities. I feel good about that."

"I'm going to miss the clients, of course," he added.

The diminishing of large animal clients

Dr. Yoder isn't the last per-

son to leave the party, but in some ways his clients have preceded him out the door.

"Of course, at my age, some of them passed on," he said.

But more significantly, crises in agriculture have diminished the number of family farms in this area over time. Grave financial difficulty in the early 1980's put some farms out of business. Twenty years ago, PRRS caused reproductive failure in pigs, and "you just couldn't work your way out, and there were no vaccines for it. That put a lot of my producers out of business back then."

The many family farms have since consolidated, and their needs for veterinary services changed. Helping animals give birth gave way to maintaining the health of a herd.

"The clients that remained tended to get bigger, their systems were bigger," Dr. Yoder explained. "There were a lot of them that had farrowed sows, and you'd go out and help the sows farrow at night and things like that. They all went to the bigger sow farm systems, and then they would get pigs out of those systems. They'd own shares in them and get pigs out of them, and then have these bigger finishing barns that you see around the countryside."

The nature of large animal care

Today fewer veterinary students are choosing large animal medicine as a specialty, instead preferring to work with smaller family pets. But Dr. Yoder grew up at the right

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Gus Jones with her golden retriever.

TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Lone Tree native returns to offer area dogs a spa day

BY TJ RHODES

The News

LONE TREE

For people, a trip to the spa can be a full-day excursion to ease tensions and find relaxation.

Why not treat your furry best friend to the same level of care? With Gussie's Paw Spa, Lone Tree's locally owned and operated dog grooming service that caters to dogs large and small, you can.

Gus Jones, owner of Gussie's Paw Spa, officially opened the business in March 2024.

It did not take long for the community to take note. Jones joined the Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce in the beginning of April.

"The week before I opened, there are people stopping by, and it's really nice because a lot of the older community, they get curious about stuff and they'll actually come ask you about it instead of just walking by, wondering," Jones said. "I don't know how many people stopped in here and said, 'I don't even have a dog, I just wanted to stop and see what's going on.'"

Gussie's Paw Spa offers the essentials: baths, toenail clippings, haircuts, ear cleanings, glandular work and more. The spa houses a tub which can comfortably hold a dog up to 240 lbs, although Jones has yet to groom a dog of that size.

All grooming is done on a small, intimate scale.

Gussie's Paw Spa is housed in a small building fit for one dog at a time. This allows Gussie's to provide a quiet, calm, and comfortable environment for a shy or nervous pup.

The small sized operation also allows Jones to build more personable relationships with both the pets and their parents. "If you go to Iowa City or to a large grooming place, there's tons of dogs, it's not super private. Some dogs don't like that," Jones said. "I've already had a lot of people tell me, 'Oh my gosh, this is a much better situation for my dog than what I've been trying to do.' Then, you have time to actually make a connection with people. You're not just dropping your dog off and leaving."

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Fiery Friday in Kalona, Wellman

BY CHERYL ALLEN

The News

KALONA

Friday, April 19 began early for area firefighters, who were awakened by a call to an Amish farm on 540th Street, Kalona, east of Stringtown Grocery. Kalona, Riverside, Wellman and Hills fire departments responded.

"A call came in at 6:39 a.m. as a diesel shed on fire next to the barn. It had caught the barn on fire when we got there," Kalona Fire Chief Jerry Zahradnek said.

The firefighters were on-site within 10 minutes and set to work cooling the shed and barn. In about 15 minutes, the blaze was under control. Although the diesel shed was a total loss, only one wall of the sizable barn was destroyed.

"It was a very, very good save," Zahradnek said.

Amish farmers use diesel engines to provide cooling for perishables, such as milk. The farmer in this case told firefighters he had just shut off the engine and continued to other tasks, and when he turned back to glance at the shed, saw smoke coming out of the building.

The cause of the blaze is believed to be a mechanical malfunction.

Protecting the adjacent barn was a priority; animals had to be evacuated during the event, but there were no injuries to livestock, and animals were returned to the barn once it was safe.

"It was kind of a good day," Zahradnek said.

Nine hours later, at 3:47 p.m., area fire departments were called out to another fire, this time just east of Wellman city limits on 125th Street.

"The call came in as a chicken house, fully involved, but when we got there we just saw heavy, heavy smoke," Wellman Training Officer II Jared Kinsinger said.

"The caller said it was next to another garage and other structures were very, very close," he said; as a result, Kalona, Riverside, and Washington fire departments were summoned to provide mutual aid.

The burning was under control in about 15 minutes. A power line went down during the event, causing a loss of power, but the nearby structures were protected.

The chicken house, as well as its contents, which included a couple of boats and a lawnmower, were a total loss. No animals were involved in the event.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Dr. Yoder built the clinic on the corner of Hwy 22 and 6th Street in 1984 on a plot of vacant land.

4-H Seniors



Antone Larimer attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H club. “I learned hard work pays off when putting in the work!” he says. He plans to get a commercial driver’s license and drive semis.

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Jasper Larimer attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Riverside Ramblers 4-H club. “I learned from 4-H that it takes work and determination to accomplish your goal, and you also have to believe in yourself,” he says. He plans to join the workforce.



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Olivia Utzinger attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Lime Creek Limelights 4-H club. “Others should join 4-H because it teaches you great skills, such as leadership and communications. It also can bring you life-long friendships and connections. There are many opportunities for you even if you don’t come from an ag background,” she says. She plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study Nursing.

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Wellman Garden Club visits Pleasant Valley Greenhouse



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The Wellman Garden Club visited Pleasant Valley Greenhouse in South English; here, owner Dawn Bouslog inside the greenhouse.

On a rainy Thursday afternoon in April, a dozen Wellman Garden Club members headed west to tour Pleasant Valley Greenhouse, southeast of South English.

Seated at the back of the remodeled greenhouse, club members listened to Dawn Bouslog explain what led up to this sea of vibrant, brightly colored flowers.

Bouslog used to work at Pleasant Valley in Iowa City but was able to purchase the name and much of went with it to begin her own business. She began by rebuilding several hoop houses, but has recently improved by having more durable hard plastic roofs over the three merged sections. It’s now warmer, quieter, and easier to keep clean. The entry to the business is a room well stocked with unique and attractive garden art and supplies.

All plants are grown from plugs or seeds starting in February. Vegetables are started a little later. There are always lots of new colors of petunias introduced every year. The greenhouse is loaded with beautiful blooming annuals

now, but it isn’t time to put them outside just yet. Bouslog warns that if you don’t see farmers out planting in the fields, that’s a sure sign that it’s still too soon to set flowers out.

She spoke about the importance of moisture in potting soil, adding water during planting, how to keep water in fiber baskets, and overwatering. Plants are more forgiving of being too dry than of being watered too much. It was interesting for club members to learn that temperature and sun changes the color of blooms.

Bouslog walked the club members up and down the many rows of ravishing colorful flowers, commenting about details regarding the various plants. Then they explored on their own until it was time to leave. Half of the group went to DJ’s afterwards for refreshments.

The Wellman Garden Club’s next meeting will be their Spring luncheon. They are checking out location options, and members will be notified where the May 16 meal will be held.

Mid-Prairie FFA participates at state convention

Twenty members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter traveled to Ames for the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference April 14-16. Those attending from Mid-Prairie were Tate Bombei, Quinn Callahan, Brock Fisher, Peighton Ford, Dylan Humphrey, Adelyn Huston, Caedyn Huston, Averi Janecek, Stella Janecek, Sydney Knebel, Brynn Northup, Blake Peck, Gabi Robertson, Cuyler Rourke, Charlotte Sieren, Greta Sieren, Madelyn Sieren, Allie Whetstine, Madison Witthoft, and Brynn Younge.

One member participated in a leadership CDE. Peighton Ford received a silver for her Secretary’s Book.

Adelyn Huston and Caedyn Huston took the Greenhand Test about FFA knowledge.

Quinn Callahan, Brock Fisher, Brynn Northup and Brynn Younge competed in the Ag Sales Skills CDE and received a gold rating and 13th place by selling the service of chemical spraying utilizing a drone.

The Agricultural Biotechnology team of Sydney Knebel, Gabi Robertson, Charlotte Sieren and Greta Sieren received 6th place with a gold rating. Charlotte Sieren received 1st place in the Biotech Materials and Tool Identification section of the contest.

The Poultry judging team of Averi Janecek, Stella Janecek, Cuyler Rourke and Allie Whetstine received a bronze rating. They identified retail poultry identification, graded the exteriors of eggs, and practiced grading poultry carcasses and handling of birds for judging.

The Chapter Display showcasing the chapter’s community service project of help-



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Gabi Robertson, Charlotte Sieren, Brynn Younge and Adelyn Huston. 2nd row: Greta Sieren, Cuyler Rourke, Peighton Ford and Stella Janecek. 3rd row: Allie Whetstine, Madison Witthoft and Averi Janecek. 4th row: Madelyn Sieren, Caedyn Huston, Sydney Knebel, Dylan Humphrey, and Brynn Northup. Back row: Blake Peck, Brock Fisher, Tate Bombei, and Quinn Callahan.

ing plant trees in Washington County for tornado relief received a bronze.

Tate Bombei was a part of the Auditing Committee, which discussed the financial state of the Iowa FFA Association. Madelyn Sieren served on the Program of Activities (POA) Committee, which discussed the types of FFA activities the Iowa FFA Association offers to its members. These members were able to give their opinions on changes that need to be made to these areas.

Five members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter received their Iowa FFA Degrees. This is the highest degree the state can award. The members receiving their degrees were Quinn Callahan, Peighton Ford, Sydney Knebel, Charlotte Sieren and Brynn Younge. Blake Peck and Madison Witthoft represented the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter by serving as

the chapter’s delegates and voting for the new state officer team based on the candidates’ speeches.

Gabi Robertson participated in the Teach Ag Signing Day. Gabi will be continuing her education next year at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Education. Dylan Humphrey represented the Mid-Prairie FFA in the presentation of FFA flags during the 3rd Session of the Iowa FFA Association State Leadership Conference.

Additional time was spent at the career show. The sessions the Mid-Prairie members attended highlighted the achievements of Iowa FFA members throughout the past year and they had a chance to listen to inspirational speakers and presentations.

Members were chaperoned by Mid-Prairie FFA Advisor Elsa Schmidt.

Mid-Prairie students take home SSTFI awards

A Mid-Prairie High School homeschool student and Middle School student took home awards from the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa, held on April 4-5 in Ames. The fair is a part of the Iowa 4-H program and an affiliate of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

Benjamin Lothamer, a high school student in the Homeschool Assistance Program, took home five awards for his project, “Research and Development of an Open-source Myo-electric Robotic Upper Limb Prosthesis Using Additive Manufacturing,” including Reserve Champion; 1st place, High School Engineering; and three special awards: United States Air Force, 4-H Priority Area – STEM, and Zircous-Technology Award.

Lothamer’s research “focuses on addressing accessibility and cost-effectiveness issues in upper limb prosthetics, crucial for individuals facing amputation due to various causes. Through an iterative engineering design process encompassing anatomy, physiology, biomechanical engineering, and psychosocial factors, the project aims to develop a functional and reliable prosthetic device.”

Middle school student Rachel Lamb was awarded 1st place in the 8th Grade Physics & Astronomy category for her project, “Can You Cook a Steak by Slapping It?”

The State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa awards ceremonies are the celebration of a year’s worth of science research, learning and discovery

for over 450 students exhibiting over 350 projects from more than 50 junior and senior high schools that span the state of Iowa.

The program honors the top science fair projects by awarding certificates, medallions, prizes, scholarships, and all-expense paid trips to the top projects to attend the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California.

Benjamin Lothamer, a Mid-Prairie homeschool student, with his award-winning science and technology project in Ames.



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Forecasts for North Washington County

Thursday
April 25

65° 50°

RealFeel® 65°

Breezy in the morning; partly sunny

Friday
April 26

68° 62°

RealFeel® 51°

Thunderstorms, some severe; windy

Saturday
April 27

80° 62°

RealFeel® 80°

Windy with a shower and t-storm

Sunday
April 28

71° 48°

RealFeel® 68°

Not as warm with a t-storm or two

Monday
April 29

63° 46°

RealFeel® 59°

Clouds yielding to sun

Tuesday
April 30

75° 54°

RealFeel® 80°

Sunshine and warmer

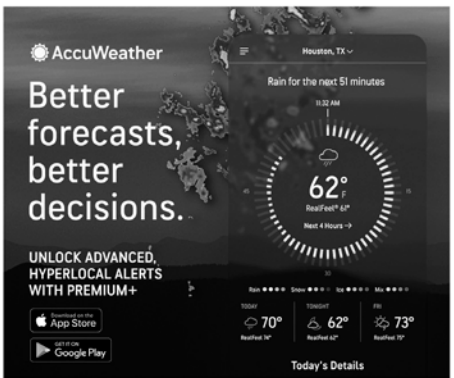
Wednesday
May 1

74° 57°

RealFeel® 76°

Mostly sunny

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SUN/MOON				DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS							DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS						
	Sunrise	Sunset		Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
				AccuWeather.com UV Index™							Arthritis forecast						
Thursday	6:12 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	Thursday	8	1	4	3	3	8	9	1	3	5	7	4	2	2
Friday	6:10 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Friday	Pollen Level Forecast							Asthma forecast						
Saturday	6:09 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	Saturday	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	5	4	0	1	2
Sunday	6:07 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	Sunday	Rating: 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very high, 11+: Extreme							Migraine forecast						
Monday	6:06 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	Monday	6	0	10	4	7	8	9	1	2	1	0	0	1	0
Tuesday	6:05 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	Tuesday	Fishing forecast							Sinus forecast						
Wednesday	6:03 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	Wednesday	10	10	10	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	4	3	2	1	2	2	1
				Soil Moisture forecast							Rating: 0-2: Beneficial; 3-4: Neutral; 5-6: at Risk; 7-8: at High Risk; 9-10: at Extreme Risk.						
				Rating: 0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.													

Operator Information

BY MIMI RITTI JACOBY

Lovina's column is a favorite of mine. Living alone, I delight in her numerous visitors, family, and friends, and salivate over the home cooked meals served up with camaraderie and love.

Rural living has always allowed me to be closer to my neighbors than I ever was as a working single with next door apartment neighbors. Rural neighbors live by the "code"; we are in this together and together we will get through this.

My memory of the early telephone system goes back far enough to include the plug-in switchboard, the personal operator, no area code or even the first three numbers, party lines, family rings, letters as part of the phone number, kitchen wall phones, rotary dials, and finally, the futuristic progress of push-button phones.

I remember pay phones on every city corner. I remember doing laundry for a neighbor in exchange for the use of their phone when we couldn't afford one.

I earned my way through college by working as the "plug-in" operator for the Sisters of Mercy convent and their Gwynedd University. My study and work periods found me faithfully at the switchboard; I often knew the news of both institutions before anyone else.

Once I arranged the transportation of my aunt, Sister Mary Jean, who was a Mercy nun, from the hospital to the convent when none of the family knew that she had surgery because she didn't want to worry the family. Family soon knew and responded generously.

However, the unbreakable "Code of the Operator" existed. You used discretion when deciding to indulge or inform, whom to connect to whom, and distinguishing between helpful and nosey. A "patient-privilege" existed between the operators, the callers, and the connection.

The Phone Operator always knows. Living in the small Canadian town of Arnprior, my three-year-old brother was able to pick up the phone and say, "I want to talk to my Daddy." Ruth, the local operator, would connect him to Dad's office. She knew if someone wasn't home, where they were, and when they'd be back. She was reliable, resourceful, discreet, and a real problem-solver. When the winter snows were heavy, she skied to work.

No progressive computer can replace the helpful, human, local operator. Computers can't use discretion, nor can they make decisions out of love. Progress is not always improvement; computers are not companions or compassionate.

However, our KCTC techs work hard to keep us effectively and constantly connected. 911 is truly a modern miracle.

We must remember the best of the past and work hard not to lose it, but to retain the best.

We must also count our blessings when the future, however different, arrives. "Try it, you might like it." Flexible should be our word for the eras ahead.

Thank you, Lovina, for the kaleidoscope of fond memories and hope for our future, hope for our families, and gratitude for the blessings of God.



The honor of being the last person who remembers



Lois Eckhardt
Shorts Stories
of Now & Then

Okay, OKAY! I'm listening! It's SPRING! The hummingbird is back, I hear it. Stupid bird! It's too early. And guess what ... I put its sugar-water feeder out last week. Stupid me!

The mushrooms are popping up, and so are the relatives—the graduates, the engaged, the expecting. No, wait, they are all expecting. It's just a matter of who you are and what they want.

I don't worry much about the mushrooms; they've always popped up behind me, for the next person. I've quit looking except on my doorstep—for a bread sack full. Yeah, right. Same luck there.

I've outlived most of my relatives and am basically the designated last person available to identify long lost things. But as often happens, I'm not as much help as expected. It's a deplorable situation inherited along with the "honor" (bestowed upon me) for having lasted so long.

I used to scoff at other people's ideas of it being hard to remember "things", but now it's not a good excuse for me either. Like so many others I often find myself needing help explaining

what defies explanation.

This brings me to the current problem I face trying to compare current events to those of past times. There is not so much a difference involved as there is an attitude involved. It requires one (me) to have lived during the search component's era to understand it, and there you go.

A friend, with a few more aging miles to travel before catching up with me, tried to help recently by suggesting I look back at the rough copies of columns I've written over the past fifty-some years and compare the differences occurring during that time.

I told her I thought that would be classified as personal plagiarism, an uncomfortable idea to think about, but suddenly I decided to take a second look. "Can I get away with that?" I thought.

The mind is a strange thing, the way it works.

There was that spring of 20—oops, I don't remember the exact date, but it had to be at least twelve or thirteen springs ago, being number 53 in a bundle of 500 and it was, of all things, about my mother.

I'd just memorialized her in my last column. How strange that my hand should suddenly drop into the file where it did. The mind is a strange thing, indeed.

Anyway, at that time, I was wondering if others had sensed a comparative similarity of themselves to their parents or grandparents upon approaching their elder's age.

Quoted verbatim from my former column is, "I'm finding a few traits or habits showing up that I never particularly liked or understood when they were my mother's. Now they are mine. Is that fair? One of her most annoying habits was to say, 'I'll think about it and get back to you—later.'"

Did she mean THIS later or...some other later?

At the age I am now, which is well beyond the one at which she was then, do I know what she meant? No, and she probably didn't either, and was just hoping I would go away and not ask again. The only difference would be that now I would have countered with, "Why?"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our student teachers deserve recognition

It has been fun cheering on the success of our college athletes and see them reap fame, praise, and of course NIL money. I've also enjoyed working with U of I students this semester who are not star athletes, but stars all the same, as they prepare to become teachers. These college students are talented in their own field but, regrettably, not rewarded like athletes for their hard work.

Not only do these student-teachers attend class at the U, they go to their "school-job" each day, spend personal hours preparing lessons and reviewing papers, and often stay late after school to work with students. In addition, they work at jobs outside of their practice-teaching to earn money for tuition, room and board, and gas to drive to their respective schools each day.

As their supervisor I am proud of their professional growth. They treat their students with respect and encourage them to become thoughtful life-long learners. They are becoming fantastic teachers that any district will be fortunate to hire.

Since there are no contracts to offer them for the marketing of their name, image or likeness, we must recognize and appreciate the fact that student teachers are the future of education in Iowa.... if they stay here despite a state that is failing education. In addition to insufficient funding, by mandating their own political version of social studies curriculum, this legislature intends to guide children down a limited path of knowledge and deny teachers the ability to do the work they have studied and prepared for. This legislature has devastated special education services for children who have unique needs, like coping with grief, or learning with behavior issues. They are even refusing to offer professional security for schools, instead delegating teachers to do the job themselves.

If your school has a student teacher, please recognize their dedication to the job and let them know that most Iowans appreciate their commitment to our kids and their willingness to help this "village" raise its children. And, if they ever get NIL rewards, buy a t-shirt with their picture on it!

Jeanie Redlinger
Lone Tree

Volunteers are essential at Compassus hospice

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and I want to attest to the incredible impact that caring volunteers make in the lives of others in our community. Compassus is an organization that cares for individuals experiencing life-limiting illnesses, and the kind words, warm smiles and other efforts of the volunteers who generously give their time to bring comfort to others is something we should all take time to recognize and celebrate.

Volunteers are an essential extension of the Compassus hospice care team. From directly interacting with patients and families to working with care team members behind the scenes to help operations run smoothly, they provide a vital service. The nationwide impact of hospice volunteers is just as significant. According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Association, volunteers care for more than 1.5 million hospice patients each year, totaling millions of hours of care annually.

This month and every month, we are thankful for

volunteers. Please join us in showing gratitude for the people who give of themselves to improve the lives of patients, families, teammates, and our community. We are grateful to have their support and proud to recognize their efforts.

If you're interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, please call our Iowa Volunteer Coordinator, Jill, at 928-899-8546 to learn more about this rewarding role.

Jill Venden
Compassus Volunteer
Coordinator

Thank you, Washington County 4-H volunteers

During this important National Volunteer Week, I cannot help but stop and be so thankful for the countless people who give to Washington County 4-H.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the village of people who volunteer their time, offer their skills, and donate financial contributions to the Washington County 4-H program. My time as the 4-H/County Youth Coordinator has been extremely rewarding and in part due to the dedicated and caring volunteers in this county.

There are currently 527 youth in kindergarten-12th grade who are involved in Clover Kids/4-H in Washing-

ton County. The 4-H program would not and could not thrive in this way for so many young people without the commitment of our volunteers.

Thank you to all our 4-H club leaders, 4-H & Youth Committee members, Extension Council members, Fair Board members, superintendents and project committees, project leaders, short-term volunteers, fair helpers, and numerous other volunteers throughout the year.

I have no doubt that our volunteers enrich the lives of these youth in Washington County in ways they will always remember. The talents, skills and interests our volunteers share have a lasting impact on all of us. They spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as organizing special events,

helping members with 4-H projects, leading community service projects, educating, having fun with, and encouraging our youth. They work to make the best better for our young people.

The work of 4-H volunteers is constant and isn't always glorious with many details, deadlines, and changing needs of youth. Please be sure to celebrate National Volunteer Week by recognizing those who volunteer their time and energy in our youth – our future.

Thank you, once again, to all of those who generously give of themselves to help the youth of Washington County 4-H! You are the best!

Amy Green
Washington County 4-H/Youth
Coordinator



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The wedding date for daughter Lovina and Daniel’s wedding is announced

Forty-three years ago, on April 16, my oldest sister Leah and Paul united hands in marriage. I was in third grade at the time, and for some reason, I always remember that Good Friday was the next day. I remember sitting beside my mother as Leah and Paul were being married. I couldn’t figure out why my mother would cry at a wedding. Now, as my own children marry and move away from home, I understand what her tears were about. I wish Paul and Leah a happy anniversary and many more happy, healthy years together. Now, another of our children will be leaving home and starting a life together with her friend.

Daughter Lovina and Daniel’s wedding date was announced at church on Sunday. Lord willing, they will be united in marriage on June 21 (Friday). Daniel is living in the place where daughters Susan and Verena had lived, so that is where they will make their home.

We have a few busy months ahead preparing for this wedding. I haven’t started with sewing for the wedding yet. Hopefully, in the next week or so I can get that done.

Last night, we had our first asparagus for this season. Rhubarb looks like it is ready to use, and Joe keeps reminding me that we need a rhubarb custard pie on the table soon.

Son Benjamin mowed our grass for the first time this week. He had his stitches taken out and seems to be doing okay. The doctor said to watch for infection yet since it was a deep

LOVINA EICHER’S AMISH KITCHEN

wound. Benjamin is good with pain, so he doesn’t complain much.

My husband Joe planted 100 sweet onion plants on Saturday and also some radishes. We would like to get some potatoes, lettuce, and peas in the ground as well. Verena’s special friend Daniel Ray tilled our garden and the garden beds for us on Saturday. Lovina’s special friend Daniel was also here helping with the new pole barn. It is ready for cement now.

Our plans are to set the tables for their wedding in the new pole barn. The wedding services will be held in the other pole barn, so everything will be here on our farm.

Daniel and Lovina are planting their garden too, so they will have plenty of vegetables to use after they are married. I want to can some rhubarb juice for us and them. They are excited to start their life together as one.

May God always be their guide. We will miss Lovina when she moves out, but we look at it as gaining another son. Daniel is a nice loving and respectful man, and we welcome him into our family.

Brother Albert was released from the hospital and is still very weak from the surgery. I would like to go visit him soon.

I wanted to give him time to adjust being home. It sounds like he has had a lot of visitors. I hope he gets plenty of rest and doesn’t overdo it. Although visitors mean well, it is sometimes good to check with the patient to see if they are up for visiting.

Albert’s son-in-law (their oldest daughter Elizabeth’s husband) Amos is in a hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has also been diagnosed with cancer. He is 43 years old. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families as they are going through these trials. May God comfort and heal them. Thank you for all the prayers! God’s blessings to all!

Asparagus Egg Scramble

1 dozen eggs
seasoned salt and pepper, or your preferred seasonings to taste
2 cups diced asparagus, cooked until tender
1 pound bacon, fried and crumbled
1/2 cup mushrooms, canned or fresh
3 ounces shredded cheese or soft cheese (like Velveeta)

In a bowl, add seasonings to eggs and beat lightly. Transfer to a skillet with a small amount of bacon grease and scramble the eggs until just set. Add asparagus, bacon, and mushrooms. Cook until eggs are done. Take off heat and stir in cheese; cover until cheese is melted.

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

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

This month’s young adult (13+) program is on Friday, April 26th. Join us in the Velma Skola Program Room for a Shrinky Dink keychain craft!

The library is asking for donations in the form of old, round, incandescent light bulbs! We will use these for an upcoming young craft program.

New Adult Fiction: “Set in Stone” (Treasures of the Earth #2) by Kimberley Woodhouse; “In Sunshine or in Shadow” by Rhys Bowen; “Wandering Stars” by Tommy Orange;

“The New Couple in 5b” by Lisa Unger

New Adult Non-Fiction: “Youtube Channels for Dummies” by Rob Clampa; “Slow Productivity: The Lost Art of Accomplishment Without Burnout” by Cal Newport

New Media: “Jonah” DVD; “Ponyo” DVD

New Juvenile Fiction: “Scaredy Squirrel in a Nutshell” a graphic novel by Melanie Watt; “The Bard and the Beast” (The Kingdom of Wrenly #9) by Jordan Quinn; “Evil Spy School” a graphic novel of

the book by Stuart Gibbs

New Easy Books: “Alphabuddies: G is First” by Beth Bacon; “Cranky” by Phuc Tran; “My Brother is a Avocado” by Tracy Darnton; “The Book That Almost Rhymed” by Omar Abed

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WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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New Children’s: “Spanish is the Language of My Family” by Michael Genhart; “Dot” by Randi Zuckerberg

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IDRIS CLUB

Idris Club met April 16 at the Kalona Historical Village. Refreshments were served by Pam Kral and Karen Plank.

Anna Hochstetler presided at the business meeting where new officers for the 24-25 season were named: Ruth Hershberger president, Doris Greiner vice president, Karen

Plank secretary, and Ruth Hershberger treasurer.

Next meeting will be May 21.

Those in attendance were Ruth Hershberger, Anna Hochstetler, Pam Kral, Karen Plank, Mary Jo Smith, Jeannie Jones, and Brenda Miller.

SENIOR DINING MENUS APRIL 25 - MAY 2

Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday – Cheeseburger/bun, French fries, butterscotch surprise dessert

Friday – Meat & vegetable pizza, toss salad, chocolate chip bar

Monday – Chili soup/crackers, corn bread w/honey, fruit

Tuesday – Beef & noodles, hot vegetables, cottage cheese, peaches

Wednesday – Cheese manicotti with meat sauce, toss salad, watergate salad

Thursday – Chicken alfredo with broccoli, fruit, bread sticks, butterscotch pudding

Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-2711. Cost for meal is \$8.

Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday – Broccoli cheese soup, dinner roll, pineapple

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OBITUARIES

Mary Lou Yoder 1939 - 2024



Arnold, Zach (Rachel) Yoder; 16 great-grandchildren, with another on the way; a brother: Claude (AnnaMae) Freeman; and a sister: Ruth Franklin.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters; three brothers; and three great-grandsons: Simon, Noah, and Henry.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2024, at West Union Mennonite Cemetery near Wellman. Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona is caring for Mary Lou and her family. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Iowa City Hospice, Inc. 1526 Sycamore St. Iowa City, IA 52240.

Esther Viola (Beachy) Zook 1932 - 2024



Esther committed her life to Christ in her youth. She was a member of the Salem Mennonite Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her six children: Ella (Mike) Walker of Kalona, Larry (Jewel) Zook of Kalona, Joyce (Jerold) Martin of Wagener, South Carolina, Alan (Jean) Zook of West Chester, Jason (Louise) Zook of Marengo, and Leon (Emma) Zook of Villisca, Iowa; son-in-law: Gareth Gingerich; 48 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Henry Ray Zook; two sisters: Mary and Fannie; seven brothers: Ray, John, Glen, Earl, Jonas, Jesse, and Joe; and three infant grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Fairview Mennonite Church in rural Kalona. Ministers from Salem Mennonite Church officiated. Burial was in East Union cemetery.

Edith E. Borntrager 1948 - 2024

Edith E. Borntrager was born Nov. 2, 1948, in rural Kalona, the daughter of Emanuel and Barbara (Swartzendruber) Borntrager. She died at her home in Kalona following a short illness on Monday, April 15, 2024, at the age of 75 years 5 months and 13 days. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in the Old Order Amish church. She remained a faithful member until her passing. Edith enjoyed quilting and

all her nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews were a special highlight to her.

Surviving are her siblings: Magdalena (Jerry) Schrock, Ivan and (Mary Lou), Clayton and (Anna Mae), Wilma and (E. Dale) Miller all of Kalona; 33 nieces and nephews; and 37 great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one great nephew: Samuel Brennehan; and one great-niece: Jewel Miller.

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Proposed Johnson County budget set at \$169.8M

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will vote Thursday on a Fiscal Year 2025 spending budget of \$169.8 million, a record amount that is \$22.9 million more than this year's budget.

The budget includes more than \$66 million for staff salaries and benefits, \$36.3 million for capital expenditure projects and \$9.8 million for road projects and maintenance.

The Board settled on pay increases of 8% for county attorney Rachel Zimmermann Smith, 7% for county sheriff Brad Kunkel, and 5.5% for five supervisors, and the county auditor and county recorder. Supervisors will now earn \$3,818.95 in biweekly salary payments. Zimmermann Smith is the highest paid, at \$7,546.79 per biweekly paycheck, with Kunkel just behind at \$7,432.97. Among the road projects is a \$2.4 million improvement on 540th Street SW, just north of Kalona.

The proposed budget includes more than 19 new hires, a budget increase that Supervisor Jon Green voted against. Projected revenue in property taxes will increase more than \$10 million to \$113 million. The county's rural property levy is going down 7 cents to \$3.61 per \$1,000 of assessed property, but the county-wide levy rate is increasing 37 cents to \$6.43.

Dana Aschenbrenner, Johnson County Director of Finance, said Johnson County ranks 66th out of 99 Iowa counties in property tax levy rates.

A public hearing was held April 17, but the actual board vote is Thursday, April 25.

The FY25 budget year begins July 1.

The proposed budget can be viewed at: johnsoncountyia.gov.

Naples Ave. Bridge

Peterson Contractors of Reinbeck was awarded a contract to construct a bridge replacement over Crooked Creek on Naples Avenue SW. The Board approved the contract at its

April 18 formal session.

Peterson Contractors was the low bidder, at \$325,790, for a project estimated at \$400,000.

Sharon Center Culvert

A portion of Sharon Center Road SW might come under a weight restriction, or even a closing, while a culvert replacement is worked on over the summer.

As a part of that project, the Board will vote Thursday on approving a \$4,580 right-of-way agreement with Edward and Katherine Ruppenkamp.

Once the bidding process is completed, county staff expects construction to begin in July.

Growing Food

Grow: Johnson County reported to the Board at its April 17 work session that more than 40,000 pounds of food was distributed in the past year. The program, which is a part of Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development, partners with a number of nonprofits and school districts.

Volunteer hours in 2023 topped 600 hours.

"Any time we've got an organization that produces upward of 40,000 pounds of food a year for charitable distribution, I'm behind it," Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass said. "It's getting there, and it's getting into the right places and the right tummies."

Board Action

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the county, Johnson County Historical Society and eJay Creative Works for the Lulu Merle Johnson eponym exhibit project.

The Board set May 9 as the monthly evening formal session to consider a number of zoning and platting applications. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Board issued proclamations honoring Earth Week, April 21-27, and Fair Housing Month.

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. April 25.

Lone Tree addresses public purpose policy, approves teacher contracts

BY TJ RHODES
The News

LONE TREE

Lone Tree's School Board will meet with the Iowa Association of School Boards – IASB – to receive training and guidance for policies 705.4 and 705.4 R1, "Expenditures for a Public Purpose," during their July board workshop meeting.

This will cover memorial flowers, student fundraising and more to help tailor the policy to better suit school clubs such as FFA, whose members expressed a feeling of "unfair" treatment due to the public purpose policies.

The FFA chapter fund-raised and then asked to use said funds for a rodeo which would have met curriculum requirements. Administration declined use of funds for the rodeo as they didn't initially know the rodeo was a required event rather than a leisure activity for the club.

Additionally, the club was denied access to their funds for the purchase of memorial flowers, further making the public purpose policy an undesirable one for the chapter.

Administration intends to continue implementing the public purpose policy in regard to memorial flowers: they will only be purchased for the loss of immediate family members.

But the board may change the way public purpose is perceived after their meeting with IASB.

Before that meeting, Superintendent Tyler Hotz is meeting with FFA advisor Payton Lorack as well as the FFA of-

ficers to further discuss public purpose, implications and possible amendments.

Board Action

House Bill 2612 officially passed through the Iowa legislature on March 27 and will be fully implemented on July 1, 2024. This bill affects teacher salaries in Iowa along with myriad other regulations like those pertaining to AEA funding and implementation.

Once the bill passed, Lone Tree could move forward with contracts for the 2024-25 school year, which they did at their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17.

Following House Bill 2612, Lone Tree teachers with 11 years or less of experience will start at \$47,500. Teachers with 12 years or more of experience will start at \$60,000. Next year, both salaries will rise to \$50,000 and \$62,000, respectively.

Seven Lone Tree teachers will see raises ranging from \$50 to \$2,400 a year.

The minimum starting salary for teachers in Iowa was previously set at \$33,500.

Because of the increase in wages, the state is providing \$22 million for experienced teacher pay increases and an additional \$14 million for paraprofessionals and other non-salaried employees.

The board also approved their 2024-2025 budget and an agreement with Mid-Prairie CSD to share their Transportation Director for the 2024-25 school year.

Principal Report Highlight

Elementary Principal Am-

ber Jacque and Middle School/High School Principal Andrew Koshatka give principal reports at virtually every Lone Tree school board meeting, with most of their report available for review on the school website.

These reports give insight to what is happening in and around Lone Tree CSD.

At the April 17 meeting, Jacque gave a shoutout to fourth grade teacher Katherine Leibold.

Lone Tree welcomed a new student who only speaks Spanish. The student was placed in Leibold's class as she holds a minor in Spanish.

After a quick turnaround from enrollment to being in class, Leibold wasted no time and labeled everything in her classroom in Spanish to help the student feel welcome.

"I feel like although that's something we would think that people would do, I don't think it's like off the top of their head the next day to be completely prepared for him walking in," Jacque said. "That was really nice. Being able to just step into that the next day was really great for him and her."

Now, Leibold speaks with the student in English and Spanish. Additionally, the school's math curriculum is provided in Spanish, ensuring the student can receive proper attention.

Next board meeting: The Lone Tree School Board will next meet on Wednesday, May 1, for a board workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the district office.

Mid-Prairie board approves GO bond sale, FY24-25 budget

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

The Mid-Prairie school board approved the sale of \$8,700,000 in General Obligation bonds Monday night to winning bidder Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Local Hills Bank participated with the financial services company, Matt Gillespie of Piper Sandler told the board; the 3.9144% true interest rate offered by the winning bidder was the lowest of the seven bids received.

Gillespie provided the board with statistics from other recent bond sales for comparison, noting, "Your result today was right in line with what has been happening over the last two weeks. . . We see that the market is performing correctly."

The district will receive \$8,743,587.85 from the sale of the bonds, not including interest earnings.

Baker Group and Federation Bank of Washington, also local, were the runner-up bidders.

After a public hearing during which no comments were made, the board approved the FY24-25 Certified Budget at their April 22 business meeting.

No comments were made at the public hearings held for proposed contract documents for parking and traffic flow projects at East and West Elementary schools.

Instructional coaching

District curriculum leader Kristan Hunter, alongside instructional coaches Emily Zehr (West Elementary), Kelsi TeBockhorst (Middle), and Erin Cavanagh (High) gave a presentation about their student-centered instructional coaching program, which is new this year. Each building in the district has a dedicated instructional coach (Sarah Ihde, who was not present, is the coach at East Elementary) who works with teachers if desired.

"Our district coaching goal is empowering all teachers to continue to advance student achievement through collaborative efforts, including collegial partnership, co-teaching, co-planning, and instructional strategizing," Hunter said.

What the coaches do with teachers is, "We increase their competence, we provide individualized support, and we empower one another – us with the teacher – through a shared partnership," she explained.

The coaches shared the growth in student achievement that has resulted from this program, as well as the positive feedback received from teachers who took advantage of the optional coaching. Thirty-eight teachers and over 400 students have been impacted in this first year.

Superintendent Brian Stone remarked that the program is "a significant savings to the district, on top of a better product" than what is offered by the AEA. "We have our people working with our people on a

very routine or normal basis, in comparison to somebody coming into the district twice a month or whatever."

First- and second-year teachers receive an average of 90 minutes of weekly support as part of the induction coaching program, for example.

"That really makes Mid-Prairie stand out as an employer," board Vice President Gabrielle Frederick agreed.

Superintendent evaluations

During the board's work session, members considered the district's superintendent performance evaluation policy.

"We're just talking about what we want our evaluation process to look like going forward," Frederick said. "I think it's our job to make sure that we're always communicating with our superintendent."

Board members discussed the inadequacy of the formal year-end evaluation required by law, which asks whether the superintendent "meets" or "does not meet" 10 general standards, such as "Superintendent acts ethically according to professional norms to promote each student's academic success and well-being," and "Superintendent manages school operations and resources to promote each student's academic success and well-being."

"Anybody could do a half-assed job and still check every one of those boxes," board President Jake Snider pointed out.

"We want to have more meaningful conversation," Frederick said.

After more than an hour of discussion, the board concluded that they should have a more informal mid-year evaluation at their first meeting in November, as well as the formal, required year-end evaluation at their second meeting in April. The evaluations would be conducted in closed session as requested by the superintendent and allowed by law.

The board anticipates having a revised draft of the superintendent performance evaluation policy available for a first reading at their next meeting.

The Mid-Prairie school board will next meet on Monday, May 13 at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room.

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DR. YODER

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place and time to excel at being a large animal vet. Raised on a dairy and hog farm that also raised chickens and turkeys, he understood that lifestyle.

“That made it easier to communicate with the clients,” he said. “There’s just a deeper understanding of that lifestyle when I’ve lived it.”

Unlike when dealing with people and their household pets, “it’s an entirely different mentality” with large animal clients, Dr. Yoder said. “They absolutely care about their animals, but there’s an economic issue. So we have to do more herd medicine, where we’re helping the health [of the herd] in general and unable to spend a lot of their money on an individual animal.”

“A lot of [my work] was teaching clients how to recognize and respond to things,” he continued. “It was a lot of education, which I enjoyed that part, teaching clients things.”

‘Retirement’ means retirement

Now Dr. Yoder is looking forward.

It’s an open secret that he recently purchased the former Kuenster Plumbing, Heating & Air building in downtown Kalona. Although some may



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

The Kalona Veterinary Clinic has changed much over four decades, as information and technology improved veterinary medicine. Here’s how it looks today.

have speculated about him expanding or continuing his veterinary practice, he is clear that that won’t happen.

Instead, the building will serve as office and storage space. His son, a professor who works remotely, currently has an office upstairs from the vet clinic, and he will relocate to the former Kuenster building. Beyond that, final decisions for the space have not been made.

Dr. Yoder’s plans for the future are easygoing and light-hearted, as they should be for someone who has put so much

heart and soul into his community for so long.

“I’m planning some vacations, planned some work around the house and projects,” he said. “I like golf and woodworking and have got grandkids here. They’re a lot of fun.”

The honest truth

As he takes a few moments to look back, he makes some observations about what he has learned from life as a small-town veterinarian.

“When we went to school,

Sheldon Yoder DVM Retirement Announcement

I want to thank all of my clients and staff for making my forty-six years of practicing veterinary medicine in Kalona so rewarding.

To my clients, words cannot express my humble gratitude for you entrusting me with the care of your livestock and pets. It has been an amazing time, with many changes in the veterinary field for care of livestock and companion animals.

Over the last 46 years I have had many staff members, veterinary technicians, and Dr. Marvin Slabaugh, who have contributed so much to the culture and growth of our clinic. Your attention to our clients and their needs is what has made my job easier.

I am pleased to announce that Veterinary Medical Center of Williamsburg has purchased my practice effective April 22nd. The new name of the clinic will be Veterinary Medical Center Kalona. They will continue with Dr. Slabaugh and the current staff. The practice will continue to provide livestock and companion animal services and products.

- Sheldon Yoder DVM

they said, “This business is probably going to change pretty dramatically every 15-20 years.’ I’d say it’s true,” he said. “We’ve probably had three or four major changes over the years, and you’re just fortunate enough to be able to adapt, and you’ve got a community of people that support you and work with you. That’s been great.”

If there is a secret to his suc-

cess, he says, “I think, to me, the biggest thing is just totally being honest with your clients. If you don’t know, you don’t know.”

He pauses, thoughtful. “Just treating people honestly, that goes a long way,” he concludes. “The trust from clients means a lot to me.”

Surely this community feels just as warmly toward him.

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Gus Jones with her golden retriever, showing how grooming is done at Gussie’s Paw Spa in Lone Tree.

TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Building the Gussie’s Paw Spa brand took a community effort.

First, Jones’s husband, Jake, spent his winter remodeling the building, replacing the flooring, and knocking out a wall for the water heater.

Then, her friend, Sarah Hedlund with Sarah Hedlund Design, designed the logo based on Jones’s golden retriever, Benny. Another friend, Lindsey Mills with Are you Shirting Me, made stickers featuring said logo, one for the building along with a bunch of smaller ones.

Finally, a close friend, Jen Schluttenhofer with Dixie’s Doggie Spa in Riverside, gave Jones ample advice to help jumpstart the business.

The road to Gussie’s

Opening Gussie’s Paw Spa is a homecoming for Jones, who is from the area and is a Lone Tree graduate.

“[They’re] people I’ve known forever,” Jones said. “I worked at the grocery store when I was in high school, so I know practically everybody here, and I tell them that since they haven’t seen me in almost 20 years.”

Where was she in that 20-year gap?

After high school, Jones joined Kirkwood Community College’s small animal science program with the hopes of becoming a veterinarian. Jones later shifted focus to the vet tech program but never completed it. This did not stop her from joining the veterinary workforce.

“There are other jobs that you can do besides being a veterinarian, and they don’t really tell you about that when you’re a kid. I kind of figured that out my senior year in high school,” Jones said. “You don’t [need] any schooling. You can be a kid; high school is prob-

ably the best [time to] start doing kennel work or something small at veterinary clinics. And then they teach you as you go.”

Jones’s career path may look different than most.

“I’m not saying [vet schooling programs are] not good programs, it’s just if you don’t have the means to do that sort of thing, you can just start getting into work right away,” Jones said. “It’s not exactly the best paying job always, but we don’t usually do it for pay. That’s not what we get into it for.”

This led Jones to Wilton’s Sunset Pet Hospital where she was a veterinarian assistant.

“Wilton was awesome because it’s like a real hospital,” Jones said. “We did a lot more and had a lot more clientele. That was a really great experience.”

After six years in Wilton, Jones left to work at the Kalo-

na Vet Clinic, where she stayed for 11 years.

“Kalona was a great experience,” Jones recalled before admitting it didn’t quite compare to her experience in Wilton. “We did basic, annual exams and basic surgeries. Some of the stuff was a little bit more extensive, but we did way more extensive stuff in Wilton.”

Something inside Jones told her she had accomplished what she wanted, freeing her to try something new.

“It’s just not something that I wanted to retire into. [After] 17 years, I think I had enough,” Jones said. “There’s a lot of young kids that are going into that profession, and I feel like I had done what I needed to do.”

Contact Jones

Gussie’s Paw Spa, situated at 118 N. Devoe, is open for appointments from Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (319) 629-4252 – leave a mes-

sage if Jones does not answer – or message Gussie’s Paw Spa’s Facebook page to set an appointment for your furry friend.

The larger the dog, the longer the appointment. Some large dogs may take up to three and a half hours to groom.

Pet parents can provide previous grooming photos to give Jones a visual for what they would like done. But photos of other dogs won’t cut it, as Jones notes each dog is unique, making it hard to replicate one style on another dog.

Jones thanks the community for welcoming her with open arms, the small businesses that stock her inventory, her family and her three close friends who gave direction and the Gussie’s brand it’s look.

Hills council changes garbage pickup date, approves FY24-25 budget

BY TJ RHODES
The News

HILLS

In an effort to provide faster, more consistent service, Johnson County Refuse asked the Hills City Council to move their garbage pickup day to Wednesday instead of Tuesday at the April 22 city council meeting.

Johnson County Refuse originally had an unbalanced workload between Tuesday and Wednesday and is trying to evenly distribute work between the two days. Lone Tree also approved to move their pickup date to Wednesday to help ease the Tuesday workload.

The move was approved and will be implemented beginning Wednesday, May 8.

The council also approved their budget for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2024, and ends June 30, 2025.

Additionally, the council approved their contract with the Johnson County Sheriff department, which provides a set number of hours providing

sheriff presence in Hills each week.

Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel visited Hills in December 2023 to propose the town remain at 15 hours a week at a rate of \$53 – an increase of \$4 to set Hills on a path to cover 100% of the department’s cost to operate in Hills.

Hills Coalition 2.0

The Hills City Council met with the Hills Coalition 2.0 at their April 8 City Council meeting.

The Hills community originally had a Hills Coalition in the early 2010s and this is a revival of said coalition with some of the original members.

Hills Coalition 2.0 decided to reunite after the closing of Hills Elementary School. They’d like to work with the community, gathering insight to help guide the council.

“We would like to coordinate our efforts with both city and business leaders,” Hills resident Jody Bailey presented to the Hills council on April 8. “We want to have good communication, we’re not here to

step on the city’s toes. We want to know how we can assist the city.”

Hills Elementary School update

Hills Coalition 2.0’s insight should help the council make a decision about Hills Elementary School, namely if they’ll stay in ICCSD, leave, or solely retain the property to use differently.

But this future of Hills Elementary School is a waiting game.

Hills Mayor Tim Kemp recently met with ICCSD Superintendent Matt Degner to express interest in retaining the Hills Elementary property.

According to Kemp, Degner believes the Iowa City School Board will address future plans for the site sometime in May during their board meetings.

Thus, the town of Hills must wait for this information.

Next council meeting: The Hills City Council will next meet on Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

CBI Bank & Trust completes technology update at former SENB Bank locations

Last October, Central Bancshares, Inc. of Muscatine, Iowa, parent company of CBI Bank & Trust, completed the purchase of McLaughlin Holding Company, parent company of SENB Bank, based in Moline, Illinois, and merged SENB Bank into CBI Bank & Trust.

A technology update occurred this past weekend, and all former SENB Bank client accounts are now part of CBI Bank & Trust computer system and operations.

“We’re pleased to announce the successful completion of our plan that was put in motion last year and would like to extend a warm welcome to clients in the Quad Cities and

Stateline (Illinois/Wisconsin) areas,” said Bob Howard, Regional President of CBI Bank & Trust. “The fact everything went so smoothly is a testament to months of planning, coordination, and hard work by many talented individuals throughout our organization. I’m extremely proud of their efforts.”

“Starting today, clients of the former SENB Bank can enjoy the convenience of banking at twenty-four locations, plus access to a wider array of services such as wealth management, investments, and treasury and cash management services,” said Howard.

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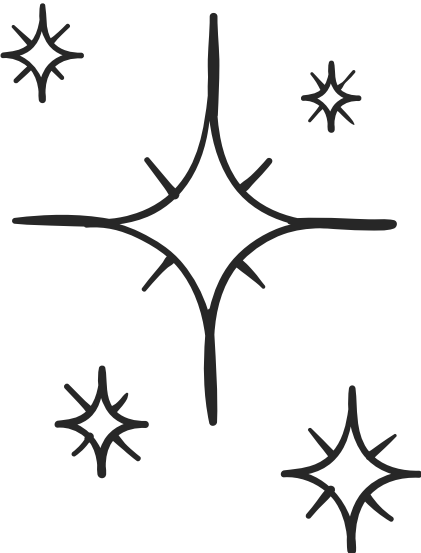
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Highland Prom

Highland hosted their prom on Saturday, April 20. Students lined the halls for a professional photo shoot before walking the stage for the Grand March beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Some pairs displayed intricate handshakes while others simply posed for their collective photo. One pair sprayed bubbles, creating a unique background for their photo, while another pair sprayed out play money before exiting the stage.

Highland community members packed the school gymnasium to watch the Grand March before the dance began at 8 p.m.



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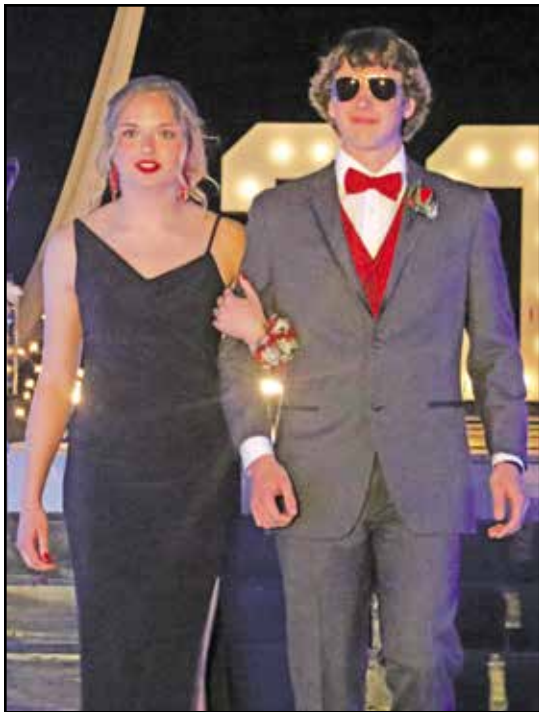
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Moeller looking for success in first year at Highland

BY BRENDAN SCHNOEBELEN

The News

RIVERSIDE

In what is now their third coach in as many seasons, the Highland boys track and field team is hoping to strike gold with their new head man, Logan Moeller. In fact, this season will be Moeller's first full season coaching any high school sport.

"I got my coaching certification this past year and was fortunate enough to be selected for the Highland position," Moeller said.

Moeller, married to his high

school sweetheart and a father of three young boys, picked Riverside as the spot to raise his family less than three years ago.

"Our kids are involved in the school system. Our oldest is going to be in Kindergarten at Highland," Moeller noted.

Moeller admits that his life path wasn't necessarily intended to take him to coach a Highland team that hasn't seen a state qualifier since the 2022 season. Less than a decade ago, Moeller was studying in healthcare and business to pursue a career in one of those fields. After awhile, it became

apparent to Moeller that coaching didn't seem like too far-fetched of an idea.

"I've taken a nonchalant path to get to where I am now. [Coaching] was something I always had an inkling for, but never thought was going to be a possibility," Moeller remarked.

A lot of college students end up changing their minds about what career they would like to pursue for various reasons. For Moeller, the joy and passion he had towards his work in the business field started to fade into a focus on a career in education and coach-

ing. Moeller vividly recalls this part of his life in what he called "an aha moment."

"That was where the cards came together. I've always loved the sport of track. I was heavily involved in it. It was my favorite sport to do in high school," Moeller began.

"I did some digging, and was able to go about getting a substitute license. It was about a month after I got integrated that I was fortunate enough to get selected for the position [of coaching the Highland boys team]."



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Highland boys track and field coach Logan Moeller.

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GIOVANNI CORONEL / THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie senior Danielle Hostetler runs her leg of a relay race during a home track and field meet on April 18

SOARING ON SENIOR NIGHT

Golden Hawks celebrate seniors with team championship

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

WELLMAN

It was time for the Golden Hawks to honor their accomplished senior class and what better way for those seniors to celebrate their last home meet than by collecting a commanding victory.

Mid-Prairie stood head and shoulders above the competition at the Golden Hawk Girls Relays, finishing with 207 team points to win the team championship on April 18.

It was a dominant perfor-

mance for the Golden Hawks, the only team to earn more than 200 points. Pekin was the runner-up with 103 and Fairfield captured third place with 96.

After the 100m event Mid-Prairie took the time to honor their seniors: Abby Fleming, Ashley Harmsen, Danielle Hostetler, Emma Lueck, Kali Miller, Nora Pennington, Annika Poll, Behla Schmidt, Phoebe Shetler, and Greta Sieren. Paige Safly was also acknowledged but since she was at home sick she was honored

by her parents and sister, Alaina Safly.

Among eight event titles Mid-Prairie won, three of those came from relay races.

In the 4x100 they won with the team of Myli Hershberger, Emma Lueck, Jovi Evans, and Dakota Mitchell, in the 800m relay they won with the team of Geta Sieren, Evans, Lueck, and Mitchell, and in the 1600m they won with the team of Danielle Hostetler, Sieren, Lueck, and Mitchell.

Evans and Lueck also excelled in individual events.

Lueck once again showcased her outstanding leaping ability, placing first in the long jump with an impressive distance of 17-01.50.

Evans, a standout sophomore, outraced the competition in the 100m and the 200m dash to take the gold in 13.16 and 27.32 respectively. Both Evans and Lueck were the top gold medal earners, with both finishing with four.

Fitting for senior night the

Miller brings out the Liverpool in Ravens



Paul Bowker
Columnist

If you listened real closely last Thursday night in the rolling hills of southwest Johnson County, where Hillcrest Academy is located, you just may have heard the singing of "You'll Never Walk Alone" echoing through those hills. Just like Liverpool.

Football. On this special night, outfitted in red Liverpool FC uniforms, Hillcrest's boys soccer team delivered a memorable win for a coach who loves Liverpool FC and certainly celebrated Liverpool's Premier League championship four years ago.

Marcus Miller, whose soccer passion with Hillcrest and Iowa Mennonite School goes back to the 1970s when he played a starring role in the school's only unbeaten season, captured his 300th coaching victory last Thursday in the Raven's 2-1 win over Danville.

Ravens players surrounded and mobbed their coach and posed for photographs.

They didn't break into a song, but if they had, it would have been the famous anthem of Liverpool football, "You'll Never Walk Alone," by Gerry and the Pacemakers.

Miller taught the song to his players aboard Hillcrest's bus during a road trip. And it stuck.

The song isn't all that Miller has taught over the years. After the win over Dan-



TJ RHODES / THE NEWS

Hillcrest's Mason Bender celebrates scoring a goal in a home win against CVC on April 19

Ravens sit atop conference in first place

BY TJ RHODES

The News

KALONA

The Hillcrest Ravens have taken the Southeast Iowa Super Conference by storm, owning a 4-0 record against conference foes and an overall 6-0 record after toppling Danville 2-1 on Thursday, April 18 and Cedar Valley Christian 5-0 on Friday, April 19.

Leading the Hillcrest storm are forwards Micah Gerber and Rowan Miller who scored a combined four of seven Hillcrest goals, leading the flock to victory.

The Ravens have four more regular season games remain-

ing - they took on Wapello (0-6) on Tuesday, April 23 but the game came after a print deadline, preventing it from making this week's edition of The News - before the playoffs begin, seeing a path to an undefeated season.

First, they'll take on Columbus (1-6) on Friday, April 26. Then, on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m., the Ravens will compete against Washington (4-2). This was meant to be Hillcrest's opening night game but was postponed due to weather.

On Monday, April 29, the much-improved Highland Huskies (4-3) will travel to Hillcrest. Finally, on Tuesday, April 30, the Ravens will close

their regular season with a matchup against Mediapolis (5-2).

These final games will give Hillcrest a taste of the playoffs; good teams hungry to hand Hillcrest their first loss in a fleeting season.

Hillcrest 2, Danville 1, Thursday, April 18, 2024

Micah Gerber net both of Hillcrest's goals, one in each half, lifting Hillcrest above the 6-2 Danville Bears.

Gerber scored on his only two shot attempts of the night. The Ravens had eight total shot

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ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

EMMA LUECK

MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR

Lueck celebrated senior night in style, taking first place in the long jump event during Mid-Prairie's home track and field meet on April 18. She claimed gold with a jump of 17-01.50. Lueck was also a part of three relay teams that finished in first.

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3-time state champ Jayden Stafford of Mid-Prairie is the top qualifier for the HS 400m wheelchair race for the Drake Relays.

Mid-Prairie track and field

Mid-Prairie will be well represented in the upcoming Drake Relays. In addition to a 4x100m relay team the Golden Hawks will have Danielle Hostetter in the 1500m, Emma Lueck in the long jump, and Jayden Stafford in the 400m wheelchair race. The Drake Relays will take place in Des Moines from April 24-27.

Mid-Prairie boys golf

The Golden Hawks traveled to the Stone Creek Golf Club to compete in the first annual TaterTough Invitational on April 17. The hosting school, Williamsburg, won the team title with a score of 323. Mid-Prairie finished in 5th with a team score of 343. Leading the Hawks was Drew Schlabaugh who shot a 78 to tie for 3rd place.

Lone Tree girls track and field

The Lady Lions picked up a pair for 3rd place finishes in their last two track and field meets. At the Panoke Relays in Winfield on April 18 they placed 3rd with a team score of 89. At the Belle Plaine Invitational they captured 3rd place by collecting 82 team points.

Hillcrest girls golf

The Hillcrest girls competed in their first ever 18-hole invite at Wapello on April 17. It was a sixth place finish for the Ravens and they were led by sophomore Claire Withrow who placed 19th with a score of 134. Other finishes for Hillcrest was Brynna O'Rourke who placed 25th with 142, Ava Miller placing 28th with 152, Natalie Meganathan placing 30th with 157, and Maria Portillo placing 33rd with 163.

Coming up:

Highland schedule

- Boys/Girls golf vs Columbus (April 25, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls track @ WACO (April 25, 4:30 pm)
- Boys soccer @ Notre Dame (April 25, 7 pm)
- Girls golf @ Washington (April 29, 9 am)
- Boys/Girls home track meet (April 29, 4:30 pm)
- Boys soccer @ Hillcrest (April 29, 5 pm)
- Boys soccer @ Danville (April 30, 5 pm)

Hillcrest schedule

- Boys/Girls golf @ Cedarcrest Country Club (April 25, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls track @ WACO (April 25, 4:30 pm)
- Boys soccer vs Col/WMU (April 26, 5 pm)
- Boys soccer @ Washington (April 27, 2 pm)
- Boys soccer vs Highland (April 29, 5 pm)
- Boys soccer vs Medapolis (April 30, 5 pm)

Lone Tree schedule

- Boys/Girls golf @ Twin Lakes Golf Course (April 25, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls track @ WACO (April 25, 4:30 pm)
- Boys golf @ Marengo (April 26, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls @ Wapello (April 29, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls track @ Columbus (April 29, 4:30 pm)

Mid-Prairie schedule

- Boys golf vs Wilton (April 25, 4 pm)
- Girls golf @ Stone Creek (April 26, 10:30 am)
- Boys soccer @ Maquoketa (April 26, 5 pm)
- Girls golf @ West Liberty (April 29, 4 pm)
- Boys golf vs West Liberty (April 29, 4 pm)
- Boys/Girls track @ Highland (April 29, 4:30 pm)
- Girls soccer vs Regina (April 29, 5 pm)
- Boys soccer @ Regina (April 29, 5 pm)
- Girls golf @ Muscatine (April 30, 10 am)
- Boys golf @ Muscatine (May 1, 10 am)

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Moeller told me that he has since rekindled his lost joy and passion through coaching. “It’s been awesome. These kids have a lot of drive. They are looking to get better and they want to see progress,” Moeller said. Once the small indoor portion of the track and field season is over in early March, all of the attention is turned towards the bulk of the season at outdoor meets. The weather this year seems to be always hit-or-miss, with some meets having to unfortunately be canceled due to bitter cold wind chills, rain, sleet, snow, or whatever mother nature’s ugly spring transition decides to throw at coaches across the state of Iowa. The beginning of this season was no exception as multiple outdoor meets were wiped out due to weather. Moeller’s roster has a whopping eight athletes in his inaugural season at the helm. Jackson Schneider is the only senior, and the team returns only four members from last season. “You’ve got to be able to roll with the punches. There’s late nights and long days. When you have competitions, that can be mentally and physically exhausting as well,” Moeller answered about the challenges of being a coach. One of the more recent punches landed on Moeller was an injury to one of his eight athletes, making relay teams more difficult to arrange. “It’s hard, taxing, and sometimes it can seem monotonous too. Some people that aren’t accustomed to certain events or certain aspects of the sport are all of a sudden thrown into an event that they are maybe new

to. Again, that mental toughness comes back into play,” Moeller explained. Mental toughness. One of the biggest hurdles to overcome for every runner. Moeller mentioned mental toughness previously when talking about the challenges he has dealt with to this point in the season. “You could be the fastest kid in your school or most athletic, but if you’re not mentally prepared for competition and to do your best day in and day out, then you’re not going to see the results that you want,” said Moeller. Moeller puts an emphasis on building a culture too. “I want to instill in the athletes that yes, track is a social sport that can be fun, but at the same time we are here to get better, do a job, and we’re here to compete. I want the culture to be inviting, welcoming, and fun,” Moeller emphasized. “I think the kids do a really good job of doing that [following the culture]. They’re able to have fun, but at the same time they know that we have a plan we’re going to follow and we’re going to meet that plan from start to finish,” Someone that has aided Moeller through his first season is Highland girls track and field coach Angela Strobel. Strobel’s tips and tricks have helped Moeller navigate his first season. “Right from the get-go she was very helpful in walking me through the general structure of practices and the general routine of meets. Anytime I have a question she’s always been a great resource for me and took me right under her wing. I wouldn’t feel as comfortable as a first year

coach without her beside me,” Moeller said. In terms of what he would like to see this season, Moeller discussed a few goals he had for his team. “We just want to see improvements every single week. We’re not expecting to have meet wins or conference and district titles by any means because we are such a small group. Our expectations are to simply have a PR every single week and improve. If we are fortunate enough to have somebody that’s on the cusp of potentially being a state qualifier, then that would be awesome. I’d love to see that in my first year, as any coach would,” Moeller stated. Oftentimes, the coaches that see the most success in their career are the ones that stay in one place to build up a program. I decided to close my conversation with Moeller by asking him if he was planning on sticking around in his job as the Highland boys track and field coach, something that hasn’t been a recent theme for the Highland boys team. Moeller’s response should be a good sign for the Highland community. “That’s my hope [to stick around]. I would love to be here long-term and see this program grow. There hasn’t been a consistent, at least for the boys team, coaching figure in the last couple of years, so that’s hard for the kids to have to deal with that turnover and inconsistency of expectations in the culture and environment. I want to be in it for the long haul. That’s the goal and that’s the plan. I hope that they [Highland] will have me long-term.”



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Highland boys head coach Logan Moeller (left) and Highland girls head coach Angela Strobel compare notes during a track and field meet at Medapolis on March 28.

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attempts. The combined goaltender duo of Mason Helmuth and Andrew Kauffman made eight saves, giving Danville nine shots on goal. Senior Kadu Garcia would score Danville’s lone goal in the second half. Hillcrest cemented a 5-0 record after this win while Danville dropped to 6-2. **Hillcrest 5, Cedar Valley Christian 0, Friday, April 19, 2024** On the second half of a back-to-back, the Ravens were prepped to play Cedar Valley Christian. Four Ravens combined for five goals against the Huskies. Rowan Miller had two, giving him eight goals on the year, a team-high despite playing one less game than most of his teammates.

Additionally, Mason Bender, Gerber and Jesse Blossom, juniors all, netted a goal of their own to give the Ravens a 5-0 win. And the Ravens wasted no time. Bender scored the opening goal just 4:06 into the game. Gerber then added a goal 22:53 into the first half. At the time, this gave Gerber the team-lead in goal scoring. But Miller would add two of his own before the half ended, giving him the one goal edge over Gerber. Nearly identical to the first half, Blossom scored just 4:13 in. The rest of the game remained scoreless. Despite goaltender Kyle Neuschwander facing just four shots on goal, the Huskies continued marching forward the entire game, gaining ample chances to enter Hillcrest’s side of the pitch.

Whenever the Huskies did venture toward Hillcrest’s net, the Raven defense swarmed, keeping most action outside of the goalie’s box and eventually breaking free with an offensive rush of their own. Hillcrest mustered 18 shots on goal and if not for Cedar Valley Christian’s goalie, Josiah Steen, the Ravens likely walk it off in the first half where they did the most damage: four goals. The prolonged game allowed Hillcrest to field players who don’t see much game time, giving everyone an equal chance to play. The win lifted Hillcrest to a 6-0 record, their most wins since the 2021-22 season and their best start since the 2017-18 season when the Ravens went on a 12-0 run to kickstart the year, ending 18-2.



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Micah Gerber (5) sprints towards the ball during a home game against CVC on April 19. Hillcrest won the game, 5-0.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

The Ravens, in alternate home uniforms inspired by Liverpool FC, dogpile junior Micah Gerber after Gerber scored two goals in Hillcrest’s 2-1 home win over Danville on April 18.

Golden Hawks hold on to tame Tigers in penatly kicks

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

TIPTON

Heading into the Tiger’s den last Monday to battle Tipton, the Golden Hawks’ road trip turned into a defensive battle but this was something they were prepared for.

“We knew it was going to be kind of a scrappy game,” Mid-Prairie coach Truman Shetler said after the game. “That’s just kind of how Tipton is, always scrappy games against them, same thing as last year. We knew that there was going to be some physicality. We had to just kind of stay composed and play our game and not get

hot heads.”

For such a competitive game it seemed destined for the winner to be decided by penalty kicks after the score stayed tied at 1-1 after two overtime periods.

After making three PK’s and blocking three of Tipton’s shots, the Mid-Prairie girls shouted in celebration, claiming victory with a final score of 4-2.

Scoring the PKs for the Golden Hawks was Elise Gingerich, Lydia Beachy, and Evangeline Marner.

Standing strong in the goal for Mid-Prairie was sophomore Niva Helmuth. Helmuth

gave all the momentum to the Hawks by blocking back-to-back PKs from Tipton. Her third and final denial signaled the win for Mid-Prairie. She ended the game with six saves.

“I told my girls after the game, it’s nice to have one of the best goalies in the state,” coach Shetler said about Helmuth, “And I truly believe that. Niva is great in goal.”

For such a defensive game it was appropriate that Mid-Prairie’s only goal in regulation came from a defender.

Coming up from the defensive line, freshman Samantha Wunderlich found herself with the ball and sent it towards the net, it was a bit of a knuckle ball that went up and over the Tiger goalkeeper and plummeted into the goal.

“Before the game I was trying to tell her how to do clear balls, but I didn’t expect her to score a goal on a clearance ball,” coach Shetler said about Wunderlich’s goal. “With the short field we always just tell our girls that when you’re coming up on the ball, if you have full momentum behind it, go ahead and put a shot on and then we’ll crash. It was good to see that happen.”

Wunderlich’s wonderful goal, the first of her high school career, gave the Hawks the lead but the Tigers were eventually able to respond with an equalizer with less than 11 minutes left in the second half.

With this win Mid-Prairie improves their record to 6-3 while Tipton sees its record drop to 2-4.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie goalkeeper Niva Helmuth finished the game against Tipton with six saves.

Anamosa 3, Mid-Prairie 1

The Blue Raiders came to town and ended up handing the Golden Hawks their third loss of the season on April 19.

Anamosa scored twice to enter halftime with a lead over the scoreless Golden Hawks. Mid-Prairie was able to respond by scoring one goal in the second, but the Blue Raiders matched them with a score of their own to maintain their two-point lead.

Leading the Blue Raiders was senior Chloe Breitbach who scored two goals and the remaining goal for Anamosa was scored by fellow senior JJ

Christensen. Their goalkeeper, Leah Whitson, ended the game with three saves.

Mid-Prairie’s goal was scored by Elise Gingerich. Gingerich, a sophomore forward, now had a team leading 10 goals on the year, already a four-goal improvement from last year.

Sophomore Niva Helmuth spent most of the time in goal for the Hawks, recording 17 saves and freshman Ruth Whitthoft also saw time as goalkeeper, finishing with two saves.

Up next for Mid-Prairie (6-3) is a home contest against the Regina Regals (5-2) on April 29.



The Mid-Prairie girls celebrate after a succesful penalty kick against Tipton on April 22.

Huskies captures Wapello team championship, outduals Hillcrest

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WAPELLO

Keeping up their stellar play, the Highland girls golf team hit the road to compete in the Wapello Invite at the Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club on April 17 and left with the team championship

Among the seven schools who competed at Heritage Oaks, only six had enough golfers to post a team score.

With an even score of 400, the Huskies finished on top of the standings. Louisa-Muscatine ended with 423 for runner-up honors and Columbus placed third with 476.

The meet medalist came from the second-place school with senior Madison Bieri being the only golfer to shoot under 90. She carded an 87 to place first in the individual standings.

While the top spot in the in-

dividual standings eluded the Huskies, the next three spots did not.

Highland was led by junior Danika Kraus who was the runner-up medalist with 96 and not too far behind was Adisyn Prottzman and Adeline Krotz who both shot a 99 to finish third and fourth respectively.

The next top performing Huskies also placed one spot away from one another. Senior Kelsi Cerny shot a 106 to place seventh and Emersyn Schultz ended up in 8th place with a score of 107. The last Highland golfer in the standings was Haley Sands who carded a 116 to place 13th.

Highland 208, Hillcrest 303

Taking on the Ravens in a dual meet at Blue Top Ridge on April 19, the Huskies turned up victorious yet again against a conference opponent this sea-

son.

It was a dominant effort for the Huskies who had all their golfers place in the top five with Hillcrest top performer placing sixth.

Highland sophomores Emersyn Schultz and Adisyn Prottzman earned medalist and runner-up medalist honors respectively. Schultz shot a 50 to place first and Prottzman earned second place with a score of 52.

Not too far behind their sophomore teammates were three seniors. Haley Sands and Halle Hazelett both carded a 53 while Kelsi Cerny shot a 55.

Leading the Ravens was sophomore Claire Withrow who placed 6th with a score of 67 and teammate Ava Miller finished with 68 to place 7th.

Up next for Highland is a dual meet against the Columbus Wildcats on April 25 at Blue Top Ridge in Riverside.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Highland senior Haley Sands tees off at Blue Top Ridge during a dual meet against Hillcrest on April 19.

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other two gold medal performances belonged to Fleming and Schmidt.

Fleming won the 1500m with a first-place time of 5:22 and teammate freshman Averi Janecek was right behind her, placing second in 5:28. In the 100m hurdles Schmidt claimed the top spot with a time of 16.85. She also earned a runner-up finish in the 400m hurdles in 1:12.

Up next for Mid-Prairie is competing in the Drake Relays in Des Moines taking place

from April 24-27.

Results

- 100m: 1, Jovi Evans, Mid-Prairie, 13.16; 5, Izzy Kite, Mid-Prairie, 14.69; 8, Myli Hershberger, Mid-Prairie, 14.81; 15, Emma Hendricks, Mid-Prairie, 15.78; 21, Brylee Miller, Mid-Prairie, 17.03; 22, Greta Hintermeister, Mid-Prairie, 17.13
- 200m: 1, Jovi Evans, Mid-Prairie, 27.32; 5, Laurin Fay, Mid-Prairie, 31.14; 7, Izzy Kite, Mid-Prairie, 31.32; 19, Greta Hintermeister, Mid-Prairie, 36.34
- 4x100m: 1, Mid-Prairie (Dakota Mitchell, Emma Lueck, Jovi Evans, Myli Hershberger), 52.27; 6, Mid-Prairie, 56.55

- 400m: 1, Lexi Skay, West Branch, 1:06.38; 2, Hannah Rodgers, Mid-Prairie, 1:10.09; 5, Annika Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:14.42; 11, Kyrie Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:21.55
- 800m: 1, Grace Hamann, West Branch, 2:27.76; 2, Danielle Hostettler, Mid-Prairie, 2:28.21; 4, Greta Sieren, Mid-Prairie, 2:33.49; 8, Averi Janecek, Mid-Prairie, 2:57.73; 13, Alaina Saffly, Mid-Prairie, 3:08.19
- 1500m: 1, Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 5:22.70; 2, Averi Janecek, Mid-Prairie, 5:28.88
- 800m relay: 1, Mid-Prairie (Greta Sieren, Dakota Mitchell, Emma Lueck, Jovi Evans), 1:56.09

- 100m hurdles: 1, Behla Schmidt, Mid-Prairie, 16.85; 4, Sophie Miller, Mid-Prairie, 17.62; 10, Olivia Schlabach, Mid-Prairie, 18.71; 11, Nora Pennington, Mid-Prairie, 19.02
- 1600m medley relay: 1, Mid-Prairie (Danielle Hostettler, Greta Sieren, Dakota Mitchell, Emma Lueck), 4:36.83
- 400m hurdles: 1, Hayley Reinier, Fairfield, 1:12.35; 2, Behla Schmidt, Mid-Prairie, 1:12.79; 3, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:14.65; 9, Kyrie Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:33.12
- 3000m: 1, Grace Hamann, West Branch, 10:54.12; 2, Brooklyn Stutzman, Mid-Prairie, 11:01.37; 3, Phoebe Shetler,

- Mid-Prairie, 11:27.41
- Long jump: 1, Emma Lueck, Mid-Prairie, 17-01.50; 3, Nora Pennington, Mid-Prairie, 13-08.75
- High jump: 1, Kayse Miller, Pekin, 5-02; 2, Myli Hershberger, Mid-Prairie, 4-08
- Shot put: 1, Alyssa Piece, West Branch, 38-04; 3, Harper Pacha, Mid-Prairie, 32-04; 4, Ashley Harmsen, Mid-Prairie, 31-05; 10, Taylor Pence, Mid-Prairie, 24-06.50
- Discus: 1, Anna Hadley, Pekin, 115-02; 2, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 102-02; 4, Harper Pacha, Mid-Prairie, 94-03; 6, Ashley Harmsen, Mid-Prairie, 89-02; 14, Hallie Waldron, Mid-Prairie, 65-01



Mid-Prairie senior Ashley Harmsen.



Mid-Prairie senior Nora Pennington.



Mid-Prairie senior Greta Sieren.



Mid-Prairie senior Danielle Hostettler.



Mid-Prairie senior Abby Fleming.



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Mid-Prairie senior Kali Miller.



Mid-Prairie senior Behla Schmidt.



Mid-Prairie senior Phoebe Shetler.



Mid-Prairie senior Annika Poll.

Ravens hand the Wolves their first loss of the season

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

The Wolves hoped to keep their spotless season rolling when they arrived at the Kalona Golf Course for their conference dual against Hillcrest, but the Ravens proved to be too formidable of a foe.

A perfect record no more, Hillcrest gave Winfield-Mount Union their first loss of the season, 180-197, on April 22.

Medalist honors belonged to Hillcrest sophomore Rowan Miller who shot a three over par, 39. Liam Schrock was the next highest placing Raven, carding a 44 to tie for second place.

The other golfer to tie for second place was W-MU senior Carter Loyd who also shot a 44. Justin Knipfer, a W-MU freshman, placed 5th in the individual standings with a score of 50.

Seth Ours and Ethan Yoder also gave the Ravens some strong performances. Outs placed 4th with a 46 and Yoder, with

his best score of the season, shot a 51 to place 6th.

Freshmen Rylan Good and Matthew Chalupa round out Hillcrest's scoring by ending with scores 53 and 55 respectively.

With this win the Ravens improved their record to 8-8.

Wapello Invite

It was a runner-up finish for the Ravens at the Wapello Invitational taking place at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club on April 17.

Winning the team championship was the Winfield-Mt Union Wolves who ended with a score of 348. Hillcrest captured second place with a final score of 357.

Despite not coming out on top in the team standings the Ravens did have a golfer claim meet medalist honors.

Shooting a three over par 75, standout sophomore Rowan Miller placed first overall at Wapello.

Seth Ours and Liam Schrock also gave Hill-

crest a couple of top ten finishes. Ours finished with 88 to claim fourth and Schrock carded a 90 to tie for sixth place.

The Bob Schmadeke Invitational

Making the long trip to the Town & Country Golf Club in Grundy Center, Hillcrest competed in the Class 2A Bob Schmadeke Invitational on April 20.

Eight teams competed and with this event taking place so early in the morning it was a cold one. Despite the cold all golfers showed tremendous grit to stick it out and play all 18 holes.

Taking the team championship was Grundy Center with a first-place score of 330. The Ravens ended with a score of 375 to place 5th.

Leading the Ravens was Rowan Miller and Liam Schrock. Both Miller and Schrock shot a team best 86 to tie for 10th place. Ser Ours was the next top performer for Hillcrest, carding a 92 to place 22nd.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie's Daniel Rodgers (10) aims to steal the ball from Tipton during a road game on April 22.

Golden Hawks trounce Tigers, route Raiders

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WELLMAN

Stringing together back-to-back wins, the Golden Hawks went on the road and defeated the Tipton Tigers, 2-1 on April 22.

The Tigers struck first in this contest. With under 15 minutes left to go in the first half, junior Miles Christian got past the Mid-Prairie defense and sent the ball into the back of the net.

Mid-Prairie did not let this deficit last long.

Ten minutes later senior Hugo Banuelos scored his first goal of the season to tie the game. It was looking like the score would stay knotted up going into halftime, but the Hawks had different plans.

With only 27 seconds left in the half, senior Dylan Henry smashed

the ball into the goal to give his team the lead. This ended up being the winning score with both teams going scoreless in the second half.

This was also Henry's first goal of the season, and his score propelled the Hawks to victory, improving their record to 6-4. For Tipton this loss drops their record to 5-2.

Mid-Prairie 4, Anamosa 1

Getting back to their winning ways, the Golden Hawks broke a two-game losing streak when they defeated the Anamosa Blue Raiders on April 19.

Mid-Prairie got on the board first in front of their home crowd, scoring a goal to head into halftime with a one-point lead.

Despite the Blue Raiders answering with a goal of their own in the sec-

ond, Mid-Prairie scored three more goals to put the game out of reach and claim victory.

It was a two-goal night for Mid-Prairie senior Tucker Miller. Miller was also responsible for one assist. Also recording an assist was senior Beau Flynn. Thanks to his two-goal performance Miller is now up to three goals on the year, one shy of the team lead.

Scoring their first goals of the season were sophomore Hudson Ehrenfelt and senior Drake Price.

Golden Hawk goalkeeper Joe Hall only gave up one goal and recorded seven saves. Scoring Anamosa's lone goal was freshman Eli Breitbach.

Up next for Mid-Prairie (6-4) is a home game against the Regina Regals (5-1) on April 29.



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Hillcrest's Lawson Schrock makes his way to the green during a dual on April 19.



Mid-Prairie's Beau Flynn (11) looks to pass the ball while Tipton tries to stop him.

Mid-Prairie seniors lead the way in home invitational



Left: Mid-Prairie senior Madison Witthoft watches the ball fall back down to the ground after teeing off at Golden Hawk Girls Invitational on April 19; Right: Gabi Robertson a Mid-Prairie senior, putts on the green during a home invitational.

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

With rain coming down like cats and dogs last Thursday most golf meets in Iowa were postponed but the show must go on and it did.

After waiting a day for the weather to cooperate more, Mid-Prairie welcomed eight teams to their home course in Kalona to battle it out in the Golden Hawk Girls Golf Invitational on April 19.

"Kids had another great showing today at home for our rain delayed invitational," Mid-Prairie coach Tracy McArtor said about his team. "Was a bit chilly and breezy but seeing the sun sure made up for some of the other issues."

With the difference between

first and second place being decided by three strokes, Williamsburg won the team championship with a score of 376.

The top golfer for the first-place team was senior Jaisel Bott who carded an 87. West Branch senior Claire Jarrett golfed her way to the top of the standings, shooting an 85.

Mid-Prairie earned runner-up honors at their home invitational with a team score of 379 and having three golfers placing in the top ten in the individual standings.

"The girls continue to play well and doing so having only gotten three competitions under their belt before today. The weather has just not been cooperating," coach McArtor said.

"We can practice and practice but having that head-to-head competition is really what

you're looking for, especially this time of year with Conference meets and Regionals just around the corner."

The Golden Hawks were led by three seniors: Gabi Robertson, Madi Davidson, and Elliot Debler. Both Robertson and Davidson shot a 91 to tie for third place while Debler carded a 97 to enter a three-way tie for eighth place.

Junior Addison English was the next highest scoring Hawk with 101 to place 14th and freshman Olivia Swartzen-druber was not too far behind, shooting a 103 to take 15th place.

"What I really like is that as good as the kids are playing, it's obvious where we're leaving some strokes on the course that are easy fixes," coach McArtor said. "Most of

our missteps seem to be coming early in the round and if we can just get off a little better in the first few holes, I think the scores the kids are capable of shooting might even surprise them."

Mid-Prairie 198, Wilton 213

It was a windy day for golf when Mid-Prairie traveled to the Wahkonsa Country Club to battle Wilton in a dual, but the Golden Hawks still came out on top with an impressive win over the Beavers on April 22.

"The kids did really well today in shooting a 198-team score given the conditions," Mid-Prairie coach Tracy McArtor said. "They really fought hard to save every stroke."

Leading the way for the Hawks was Gabi Robertson. Robertson was the meet medal-

ist with a 48. Teammate Elliot Debler was the runner-up medalist with a score of 49.

The next top two performing Hawks were Madi Davidson and Addison English who carded a 50 and 51 respectively.

Rounding out the varsity scoring was Morgyn Bender shooting a 53 and Olivia Swartzen-druber shooting a 55.

"I don't think these scores are indicative of how well the kids played. Many of them had holes where they played awesome from tee to green and then nasty pins took over," coach McArtor said. "I give them credit for keeping their composure when they could have really let frustration get the best of them."

Up next for Mid-Prairie is a road dual against West Liberty on April 29.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Diaz’s hat trick highlights Huskies win over Sigourney

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News
RIVERSIDE

Jared Diaz scored three goals and Logan McFarland scored twice Friday, leading Highland to its second soccer victory over Sigourney Keota

in a week. The Huskies won 7-0, capturing their first shutout win since 2019. The victory was the fourth in five games for the Huskies, including a 2-1 win over Sigourney Keota on April 12. Angel Avendano and Jose

Ramirez also scored for Highland. Both had a pair of assists. Junior goalkeeper Ayden Haven had 4 saves to record his first career shutout. Highland scored three times in the first half, then added four more goals in the second half.

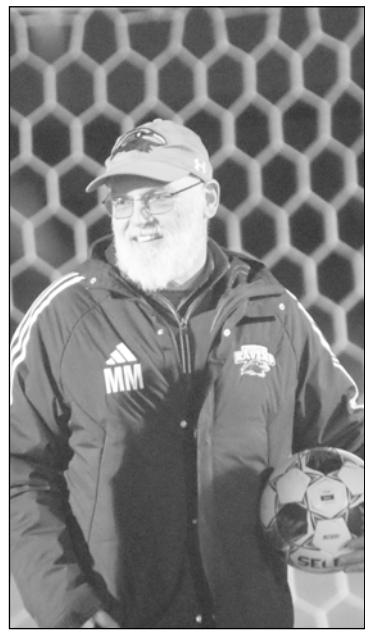
Central Lee 3 Highland 0
Dante Merschman, Landon Crank and Ayden Kent each scored for Central Lee, giving the Hawks a 3-0 win over Highland on Monday. Central Lee (2-2) scored one

goal in the first half, then added two more in the second half. Highland had two shots on Central Lee goalkeeper Hunter Gregory. The Huskies (4-4) play at Burlington Notre Dame on Thursday and at Hillcrest Academy next Monday.



Left: Highland senior Jack Peiffer clears the ball with a strong kick during a home game on April 15; Right: Jared Diaz battles for control of the ball against Mediapolis.

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS
Hillcrest soccer head coach Marcus Miller.

ville, comments from former players were read over the public-address system. Among those listening were Ledru Miller and Noah Hughes, his assistant coaches, and Truman Shetler, the girls soccer coach at Mid-Prairie who played for Miller. The words hit the coach deeply. “You see these kids grow up and have success,” he said. “I’ve been here a long time,” said Miller, whose 31st year of coaching has seen the Ravens win their first six games. “I’ve been blessed to have good kids to work with, good assistant coaches, good administrators and ADs. This made it much easier. Families that have been supportive.” “Marcus has earned the respect of his players,” said Dwight Gingerich, Hillcrest’s principal and boys basketball

coach. “Built a great relationship with the guys, works hard at it. You can tell his passion for the game is real.” But where did he learn this game? It happened in phys ed class, when the teacher wanted to teach his students this “new sport.” “He made us put our hands in our pockets because you can’t use your hands,” Miller said, laughing. That’s where the passion began. “The soccer field was like home to me,” he said. “It seemed like I knew where to go.” He played at IMS for three years and was joined in 1976 by Gingerich when the team won all 14 games it played to post an unbeaten season. “He was a great player,” Gingerich said. “He was a star. He was one of our key play-

ers.” Even now, Miller shrugs off such a compliment. That’s his style, a quiet demeanor that somehow pulls the best out of his players, both on the field and in the classroom where he teaches social studies. “It’s just been fun to see this team be strong through the years. He’s just really good with the kids,” Gingerich said. “Very dependable. Reliable. Helps me so much across the board in school. He’s a great human being.” But a 300th career win was quiet. Too quiet. Hughes was pushing Miller to look at those 31 years of coaching records. Finally, after a 1-0 win against Burlington Notre Dame on April 12, Miller did the math. He was just one win away. “I knew it was getting close,” he said. “But I didn’t want to look. After we beat

Notre Dame that weekend, I looked.” And he didn’t tell the team. No pressure. As the final minutes ticked off on Thursday’s milestone victory, everyone on the Hillcrest bench stood. A final defensive clearing clinched it. Soon, the 300 wins banner was unfurled and Marcus Miller’s 31st team celebrated with him in front of the home bleachers. Yes, you never walk alone. Those Liverpool-style jerseys are put away now. But not forever. “We’ll probably pull them out some other time this year,” he said. Liverpool would be proud. News columnist Paul Bowker can be reached at bowkerpaul1@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter: @bowkerpaul

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FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2024

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

Subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors at a subsequent meeting. Chairperson Sullivan called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Boardroom at 5:30 p.m. **Members present:** V Fixmer-Oraiz*, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

*Denotes electronic participation. Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller spoke about Empower Johnson County Day offered by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and Staff. He thanked the Committee and the Board for the opportunity and encouraged the County to continue offering training opportunities to employees.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for April 11, 2024.

1201 Gilbert Lic.....	700.00
Aaron R Hammes	151.95
Abbe Center For Com.....	182515.85
Abbehealth Inc	84354.92
Action Sewer & Septic.....	110.00
Adam Grier.....	100.35
Advanced Electrical Se	201.30
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Brandon D Richmond.....	328.26
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Bruce D Reynolds	285.00
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Buchanan County Sherif.....	311.80
Candelina S Helmut.....	800.00
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Cdw Government Inc.....	509.85
Cedar Valley Mental H.....	9920.17
Central Petroleum Equi.....	821.63
Chad Bolen	152.94
Charm Homes.....	7857.61
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Chris Wisman	155.01
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Cozy Corner Adult Day.....	2744.69
Daida	2152.66
Dans Overhead Doors.....	420.69
David W Broll	112.83
Dawn Alam.....	181.00
Delaware Dubuque Jacks	215.20
Dell Marketing Lp	267.48
Delta Dental Of Iowa	5530.23
Demetrius A Marlowe.....	151.26
Dennis La Grange Lisw	547.90
Discovery Living Inc.....	15579.59
Doran A Williams	180.00
East Central Iowa Cou.....	5175.00
Eastern Iowa Tire Inc.....	2383.13
Ecolab	2992.50
Economy Advertising Co/.....	70.00
Emerald Court Apartmen.....	850.00
Eric Grimm	180.00
Esjay Creative Works.....	5200.00
Fast Trans	1150.00
Fayette County Sheriff	39.18
Fbi-Leeda Inc	795.00
Finkbine Aber Rentals.....	800.00
First Judicial Distr.....	21459.15
Foster Coach.....	721.15
Foundation 2.....	190637.85
Fresh Start Ministrie	8406.46
Frog Hollow Kid Campu.....	1568.00
Gabriel Stutzman	142.16
Galls Lic	440.62
Gatr Truck Center	145.12
Gay & Ciha Funeral Ho.....	2200.00
Gazette Communications	495.38
Good Shepherd Center	11500.00
Goodwill Industries O.....	6425.60
Gray Law Pc	214.40
Gregory J Downes.....	800.00
Hands Up Communication.....	350.00
Hartig Pharmacy Servic	122.63
Hawk Wash Lic	294.00
Hawkeye Weld & Repair.....	120.00
Hawthorne Apartments 22.....	86.00
Heartland Business Syst	90.00
Heartland Shredding In.....	144.00
Henderson Truck Equipm	129.20
Henry County Sheriff	5580.00
Hillcrest Family Se.....	152784.98
Hills Bank & Trus.....	13155119.58
Hr-One Source	560.55
Hy-Vee #1080	159.42
Imagine The Possibilit.....	838.17
Ines Beltre	42.35
Inside Out Reentry In	1000.00
Insight Public Sector	127.90
Integrated Telehealt	10834.17
International Assoc Of.....	190.00
Interstate Power Syst	1177.29
Iowa Chapter Apwa.....	235.00
Iowa City Masonic Foun.....	850.00
Iowa City Mhp Lic	530.00
Iowa Northland Region	4456.00
Iowa Paper Inc.....	1661.50
Iowa State Prison Indu	125.00
Isaca	250.00
Jacquelyn Langenhorst.....	48.71
Jake Loux	151.08
Janice Binder Attorney	270.10
Janus Investments Llc	850.00
Jeffrey Lavrenz.....	185.00
Jeffrey M Gingerich.....	151.95
Jerald Stimmel	151.95
John D Good	180.00
Johnson County Audit	18249.70
Johnson County Histor.....	5000.00
Johnson County Refuse	325.60
Johnson County Social.....	3002.60
Johnson Enterprises Jo.....	292.80
Jon C Folman	10.72
Josh Rice	152.40
Joshua S Gersten	120.00
K Plaza Corp	700.00
Katrina Rudish.....	136.32
Kelly Schneider.....	28.15
Kent L Geffe.....	117.00
Kiecks Career Apparel	227.45
Kirkwood Community Coll.....	20.00
Kmb Property Manageme.....	2150.00
Kristine Elizabeth Grav.....	85.15
Law Offices Of Jeffre.....	1336.20

Leadsonline Llc	5866.00
Lemus Rentals Llc	1300.00
Lepic Rentals Lic	800.00
Lindeman Law	165.00
Linder Tire Service Inc	47.50
Linn County Access.....	101618.71
Linn County Rec	513.52
Lj Pelling Co Inc	215.00
Logan Contractors Supp	235.48
Lori Canul.....	159.00
Mac Real Estate Llc	700.00
Marshall County Sheriff.....	31.00
Matheson Tri Gas	554.75
Matthew J Hendricks.....	169.65
Mechanical Service.....	197.00
Medical Associates Cl.....	2045.50
Medline Industries Inc	123.00
Menards - Iowa City.....	703.39
Mercy Pscyh Group/Mer	3150.00
Meridian People Deve.....	29440.00
Michael Hons	137.97
Michael Lintz	538.00
Mid American Energy.....	568.32
Midwest Frame & Axle	73.22
Mike Hynes	180.00
Moxant Financial Llc	1184.65
Muscatine County Sherif	63.30
Mutual Wheel Company.....	475.73
Nami Dubuque	1120.99
Nami Of Johnson Count.....	5000.00
Natasha Lash	25000.00
North Star Community.....	2907.31
Office Express Office.....	115.50
Olivia Edwards	16.42
Origin Design Co.....	8702.50
Ottsen Oil Co.....	2552.77
Pace Property Managem	1700.00
Patricia D Desjardins	729.97
Patti Treibel Leeds.....	1025.30
Pb Body Shop Inc Db a	2575.15
Phelan Tucker Law Lip	897.90
Progressive Rehabilitat	78.00
Psc Distribution	731.21
Pye Barker Fire & Safe.....	125.00
Randall A Lamm	151.41
Rapids Reproductions In	97.74
Reach For Your Potent	2314.62
Rebecca C Simon	114.69
Reece Hoffman	151.41
Regency Heights Senior.....	700.00
Regency Of Iowa Inc	1295.00
Reimer Lohman Reitz &	219.00
Rem Iowa Community Se.....	6046.49
Resources For Human D.....	2344.86
Rexo Equipment Iowa.....	11766.53
Robert Hall Technolog	2581.60
Routematch Software	11012.11
Rundell Investments	700.00
Ruth Andersen Trust	233.33
Ryan Roy Nesbit	244.22
Scott Pharmacy Inc.....	308.99
Scott Rentals Lic	740.00
Seidl & Seidl Plc	1190.00
Shive Hattery Inc	5000.00
Sixth Judicial Distr	26441.46
Solon Community Schoo	7144.88
South Iowa Area Crime	434.76
Spee Dee Delivery Servi	20.30
Spire Property Manage	1000.00
Spraysync.....	840.00
Staples Advantage	1190.85
State Of Iowa Judicial.....	360.00
Stericycle	159.95
Stevan Nachazel.....	42.88
Steven Nash	151.95
Steven Rosenberg.....	400.00
Storey Kenworthy Corp.....	445.67
Streichers.....	951.89
Student Publications.....	1030.69
Successful Living.....	410.00
Summit Fire Protectio	2772.30
Sycamore Apartments Li	850.00
Symmetry Health Llc	365.04
Tailwind Iowa City Li	1820.00
Tanager Place	118.81
The Lodge Apartments.....	700.00
Thompson Truck & Trail	111.98
Titan Machinery.....	44.14
Tms Inc	428.40
To The Rescue	6302.49
Town Of Lone Tree	85.04
Tractor Supply Credit P.....	63.96
Travis J Weipert	651.25
Treasurer State Of I.....	29333.04
Tripspark Technologi.....	15081.50

Tyler F Schneider	139.68
University Of Iowa De	2103.25
University Of Iowa Ho	3718.43
Unlimited Services In	6803.98
Van Meter Industrial I.....	101.48
Verizon Wireless.....	309.31
Water Shop Inc	79.50
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	175000.00
Wendling Quarries In.....	15842.32
Westwinds Real Estate	530.00
White Cap Construction	98.58
William A Lansing Pc.....	690.37
William Wagner	179.76
Windstream It-Comm.Lic	86.65
Wright House Of Fashi	6112.50
Wyatt Glasnapp	150.00
Zhu Properties	750.00

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of April 4, 2024.

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

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to receive and place on file the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$93,802.83, as submitted by County Auditor Travis Weipert.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to receive and place on file the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March, 2024, in the amount of \$34,856.25, as submitted by Clerk of District Court Alison Meade.

Convened **Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-24-28483** of Helga Soave, requesting rezoning of 1.43 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 5169 210th St NE, approximately 740 feet west of Peters Ave NE, in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 81 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Cedar Township, Johnson County, Iowa. PDS Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C. was present to answer questions. No one from the public spoke. **Public Hearing closed at 5:36 p.m.**

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-24-28483. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-24-28483 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

Convened **Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-24-28484** of Helga Soave, requesting preliminary and final plat approval of Helgas Place. The property is located at 5169 210th St NE, approximately 740 feet west of Peters Ave NE, in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 81 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Cedar Township, Johnson County, Iowa. PDS Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C. said the applicant subdivided the lot to ensure suitability for agricultural purposes down the line. There were no further public comments. **Public Hearing closed at 5:41 p.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-24-01
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUB-DIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF HELGAS PLACE, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA
Summary: Application PZC-24-28484, the preliminary and final plat of Helgas Place, Johnson County, is submitted for

approval. **Board Action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed, and named the documents to be recorded. **Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 04-11-24-01.

Convened **Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m.** on a proposed amendment to the Johnson County 2018 Comprehensive Plan, to add a third volume containing a mid-term update. Said Volume 3 would address changes to the plan's key issues and priorities and add goals, strategies, and action steps in the four existing topic areas of Sustainability, Local Economy, Infrastructure and Amenities, and Land Use.

PDS Director Josh Busard, Assistant PDS Director Nate Mueller, PDS Assistant Planner Maya Simon, PDS Sustainability Coordinator Becky Soglin, and PDS Planner Joseph Wilensky presented information related to the proposed amendment to the Johnson County 2018 Comprehensive Plan, to add a third volume containing a mid-term update as detailed above. Resident Jim Dane, Megawatt Inc. (Megawatt) President Sean Kennedy and Megawatt Partner Karen Sherman spoke in favor of the proposed amendment. There were no further public comments. **Public hearing closed at 6:59 p.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-11-24-02
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE JOHNSON COUNTY 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD A THIRD VOLUME CONTAINING A MID-TERM UPDATE

Summary: The Board has initiated an update to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan to add a third volume containing changes to the plan's key issues and priorities, adding goals, strategies, and action steps. The County Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the proposed amendments be approved. **Board Action:** Resolved that the amendments to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan attached hereto, and included in the online agenda packet for the meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on April 11, 2024, copies of which can be obtained at the Johnson County Planning, Development and Sustainability Office, the Johnson County Auditor's Office, or at www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov, are hereby adopted, and the Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director is directed to update the 2018 Comprehensive Plan accordingly. **Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 04-11-24-02.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to appoint Dawn Alam as the Transportation and Fleet Director.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Axiom Consultants, LLC, Iowa City, to provide structural condition monitoring of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Jail, in the amount of \$27,000.00.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve an Application for Fireworks Permit for Andy Neuzil/Stump-town Shooters PGI Safety Class, for display at 6090 River Junction Road Southeast, Lone Tree, on April 27, 2024, with a May 11, 2024 rain date. Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

/s/ Rod Sullivan, Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor

On the 17th day of April, 2024

Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board

These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on April 18, 2024.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY,
APRIL 2, 2024

At 9:18 am Chair Richard Young called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: public hearing re: proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement; Res. 24-13 re: the taking of additional action on a proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement, authorizing the use of preliminary official statements in connection with sale of General Obligation County Purpose Bonds, Series 2024A, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same; renewal of Awe Winery LLC dba Revasser Winery Class C Retail Alcohol License including Living Quarters and Outdoor Services; Tenant Estoppel Certificate for Sharon Telephone Company/Xcell Towers III, LLC; acknowledgement of K-9 fund donation; canvass of March 26, 2024, City of Brighton Special Election. Supervisors Jack Seward Jr., Marcus Fedler, Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

The Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

The Board voted to open a public hearing regarding a proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement. Auditor Dan Widmer shared that notice of the public hearing had been published as required and added that his office had received no comments from the public. There was no public comment and the Board voted to close the public hearing.

The Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Res. 24-13 and author-

ize the Chair to sign Res. 24-13.

The Board voted to approve an application from Awe Winery LLC dba Revasser Winery, 1749 Yucca Avenue, Ainsworth, for a Class C Retail Alcohol License including living quarters and outdoor service, with an effective date of May 9, 2024, and an expiration date of May 8, 2025. Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues with the application.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a Tenant Estoppel Certificate for Sharon Telephone Company/Xcell Towers III, LLC. Washington County currently leases space on a communications tower owned by Sharon Telephone Company and located at 3054 220th Street, Ainsworth. Sharon Telephone Company is currently in the process of selling the tower and related assets to Xcell Towers III, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The present terms of the tower lease agreement call for monthly payments of \$400.00 with the lease expiring on April 20, 2030.

The Board voted to acknowledge a donation to the Washington County Sheriff's K-9 fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Kalona Sales Barn, Kalona.

The Board voted to accept as official the results of the March 26, 2024, City of Brighton Special Election as canvassed.

At 9:45 am the Board voted to adjourn.

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

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Washington Chamber of Commerce at 205 West Main St, Washington, IA.

Washington County Board of Review
Mary Ann Knupp
Charla Howard
Mark Wood

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Alma M. Hershberger, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR008181

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Alma M. Hershberger, Deceased, who died on or about March 29, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on April 15, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Alma M. Hershberger, deceased, bearing date of December 14, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Ronnie Hershberger was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated April 19, 2024.

Ronnie Hershberger
Executor of Estate
1375 Highway 1
Kalona, IA 52247

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA, Washington County ss. Docket No. (Sale No.) 24-0520(1); Court Case No. EQEQ007201. SPECIAL EXECUTION

Plaintiff: **DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF5, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF5; VS**

Defendants: **JAMES W. BATES AKA JAMES BATES AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION**

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) rights, title, and interest in Real Estate Property to satisfy the judgment.

The property to be sold is:

THE WEST HALF (W ½) OF LOT NUMBER THREE (3), IN BLOCK NUMBER ONE (1), IN VARNEY'S SUB-DIVISION IN WELLMAN, IN THE NE ¼ OF THE NE ¼ SECTION NUMBER TWENTY FOUR (24), IN TOWNSHIP NUMBER SEVENTY SEVEN (77) NORTH, RANGE NUMBER NINE (9) WEST OF THE FIFTH (5TH) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL E. YODER, DECEASED.
PROBATE NO. ESPR036268

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

To all persons interested in the estate of DANIEL E. YODER, deceased, who died on or about February 25, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on March 7, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of DANIEL E. YODER, deceased, bearing the date of January 4, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Lowell G. Yoder and Jane Hershberger Widmer 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.

CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
APRIL 15, 7:00 PM

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

Council members present: Bender, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim. J Schmidt was absent.

Motion was made by Beisheim and seconded by G Schmidt approving the minutes of the meeting from April 1, 2024, with all voting yes, the minutes were approved and published.

On a motion by Beisheim and seconded by Spitzer, the following bills were allowed with all voting yes. (See below list of bills)

A Tech/Freeman Alarm, Library Board.....	156.00
Access Systems, Monthly.....	131.59
Acna, Pool chemicals.....	957.40
Albert Schwartz, WCR - Library Teen Area.....	1,000.00
Amazon, Library Memorial/Library Teen Area.....	2,082.59
Amazon, office.....	25.99
Automated Logic Contracting, Library Board.....	1,780.50
Chem-Sult, Water Chemicals.....	694.00
City of Kalona, Library Board.....	11.76
City of Kalona, General to Water - ACH.....	14,545.56
City of Kalona, Final Water Bill - Rent Deposit - Whitaker.....	49.92
C's Oil, Fuel.....	1,337.07
Dave Whitaker, Refund Water Rent Deposit Balance.....	50.08

Delta Dental, Vision Insurance.....	82.60
Delta Dental of Iowa, Dental Insurance.....	688.78
Demco, Library Board.....	207.14
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Street Lighting.....	32.25
Golden Delight Bakery, Street Cleaning.....	70.00
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll Taxes).....	2,207.99
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Budget).....	7,090.04
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Budget).....	4,348.96
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll).....	5,954.50
Itech, Monthly.....	271.35
Johnson County Refuse, Yard Waste Container.....	75.00
Kalona Builders Supply, supplies.....	80.36
Kalona Coop Technology, WCR-Library Teen Area.....	5,022.77
Kalona Historical Society, WCR-Matching Funds.....	458.87
Kuenster Heating & Air, rec repairs.....	287.25
Lakeshore, WCR-Library Teen Area.....	2,663.40
Maple Avenue Nursery, Downtown Flower Baskets.....	2,139.50
Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment, Street Sweeper Parts.....	1,047.60
Office Express, Library Board.....	296.32
Our Iowa Magazine, Kalona Chamber Match.....	686.50
Principal Life Insurance, Life Insurance.....	310.41
River Products, Rock.....	1,472.67
Schumacher Elevator Company, Annual Rec Elevator Maintenance.....	2,050.50

Standard Pest Control, Monthly.....	85.00
State Hygienic Laboratory, Water/Sewer Testing.....	140.00
The Appliance Barn, C Avenue - Student House.....	6,492.00
The News, Publications.....	975.88
The Northway Corporation, Well #4 Service.....	3,905.60
Thrapp Electric, Campground Electrical Service.....	827.60
Ulyne Technologies, Quarterly Utility Notices.....	27.20
Uline, WCR - Library Teen Area.....	409.08
UMC Bank, Rec Bond Principal/Interest.....	233,382.50
Washington County Auditor, Sheriff Contract-April/June.....	59,854.25
Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Health Insurance.....	7,819.51

WITHDRAWALS:	
Transfer Funds.....	\$ 19,601.49
General Fund.....	83,309.57
Washington Co. Riverboat Fd.....	18,046.11
Library Memorial Fund.....	82.60
Library Board Fund.....	2,570.00
Local Option Sales Tax Fund.....	75.00
Road Use Fund.....	2,384.67
Trust & Agency Fund.....	2,944.90
Debt Service Fund.....	233,382.50
Water Fund.....	7,090.04
Sewer Fund.....	4,348.96
DEPOSITS:	
Transfer Funds.....	\$ 47,588.64
General Fund.....	363,519.19
Library Memorial Fund.....	250.00
Library Board Fund.....	11,232.01
Garbage Fund.....	16,227.55
Storm Sewer Utility Fund.....	3,652.17
Trust & Agency Fund.....	64,203.22
Tax Increment Finance Fund.....	121,896.81
Debt Service Fund.....	20,322.92
Water Fund.....	17,082.82
Sewer Fund.....	4,044.72

Public Form:
1) Chad Ellis with Washington County Sheriff's Office was present to share calls for service in March and general discussion.
7:00 PM Public Hearing for the proposed 2024-2025 Budget, was open with there being no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed.
Resolution 2024-M, a resolution approving the Budget for 2024-2025. The tax levy proposed was \$10.36 per \$1,000.00, which is the same as last year's levy. A motion was made by G Schmidt, and seconded by Bender, au-

Visa, Skate Supplies/Merchandise for Resale.....	\$723.97
Washington Co. Auditor, April-June Law Enforcement.....	\$28,991.75
Wellman Auto Parts, Shop/Water Supplies.....	\$153.34
Westrum Leak Detection, 2nd St/4th Street Detection.....	\$890.00
Yotty's, Shop Supplies.....	\$43.91
Total.....	\$120,677.05
March Financials:	
Fund.....	Expenses
001 General Fund.....	\$18,415.72
003 Aid to Public Library.....	\$530.15
004 Liability/Prop Ins.....	\$2,183.40
005 Flood Insurance-Fire Dept.....	\$0.00
006 Street Assessment.....	\$5,722.22
007 Tax Credit Reimbursement.....	\$4.46
008 Community Beautification.....	\$0.73
050 Comm Dev Grant/Housing.....	\$0.00
054 Comm Dev Grant/Sewer.....	\$0.00
110 Road Use Tax.....	\$12,426.22
112 Employee Benefit.....	\$2,443.01
121 Local Option Sales Tax.....	\$14,118.52
125 Tax Increment Financing.....	\$2,217.94
127 Housing & Urban.....	\$1.53
131 Library County.....	\$0.00
133 Library Local.....	\$73.05
134 Library Sittler Trust.....	\$0.00
135 Library Fines & Fees.....	\$0.00
136 Library State.....	\$0.00
137 Library Savings.....	\$0.00
138 Library Capital.....	\$0.00
151 Skate Rink.....	\$8,209.96
152 Parkside.....	\$1,850.00
153 Parkside Maintenance.....	\$0.96
154 Parks Playground Project.....	\$0.00
156 Riverboat Municipal Grant.....	\$32,172.82
182 Sr Dining Waiver.....	\$0.00
183 Sr Dining Donation.....	\$4,271.72
184 Sr Dining Project CD.....	\$0.00
185 Sr Dining CD.....	\$0.00
200 Debt Svc 2012 A.....	\$1.28
205 Debt Svc 2012 B.....	\$0.00
210 Debt Svc 2011 Infra.....	\$0.00

thorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. J Schmidt was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration of Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division License Renewal for the following:

Timeless Charm - Special Class B Retail Native Wine License.

The motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by Beisheim. With a 3-1 vote, the motion was carried.

Discussion of entering a facility master plan for water treatment plants with Garden & Associates was held by the council. Garden & Associates would evaluate the existing water systems and water plants to make immediate and future recommendations to the council for operations. The cost of \$26,000.00 would be paid out of the water fund. Motion was made by Bender, and seconded by Spitzer, giving city staff the direction to proceed. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion of receiving a grant award with Enhance Iowa for \$400,000.00, for the Southtown Recreational Area, was held by the council. The awarded amount will go towards the bonding to complete the recreation area. Motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by G Schmidt accepting the grant. With a voting yes, the motion carried.

Discussion of receiving a grant award with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security, and Emergency Management for Flood Mitigation funds

220 Debt Svc Parkside.....	\$0.00	\$2,532.00
301 Cap Equip Reserve.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
303 Cap Project Bridge.....	\$0.00	\$1,539.67
304 Cap Proj Parkside.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
305 Cap Proj Parks & Trls.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
500 Perm Funds/Library.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
600 Water.....	\$57,176.87	\$31,994.17
601 Water Capital Projects.....	\$0.00	\$4,613.00
602 Water Sinking.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
603 Water CD/RO Filters.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
604 Water RO Project.....	\$0.86	\$0.00
610 Sewer.....	\$33,994.51	\$21,636.67
611 Sewer Capital Projects.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
612 Sewer Sinking.....	\$0.57	\$0.00
640 Gas.....	\$105,341.21	\$60,547.38
670 Landfill/Garbage.....	\$5,894.38	\$5,643.75
700 Cable TV.....	\$0.03	\$0.00
740 Storm Water.....	\$3,156.55	\$0.00
TOTAL.....	\$310,208.67	\$184,655.69

No one spoke in public forum.
Ellis indicated that we received 52 calls last month with nothing out of the ordinary.

A public hearing to receive comments on FY25 Budget was opened by Stutzman, seconded by McCain and upon roll call the vote was 3 ayes; Bontrager & Fleming absent. There were no oral or written comments. Klostermann made a motion to close the public hearing, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes.

Resolution No. 24-15 A resolution authorizing and directing the City Clerk to write off certain utility accounts as uncollectible was introduced and caused to be read. McCain moved to approve Resolution No. 24-15, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 3 ayes; Bontrager & Fleming absent.
Resolution No. 24-16 A resolu-

tion adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025, was introduced and caused to be read. Klostermann moved to approve Resolution No. 24-16, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 3 ayes; Bontrager & Fleming absent.

Resolution No. 24-17 A resolution setting a public hearing to amend provisions of Chapter 160 (Floodplain Management) of the City of Wellman Code of Ordinances was introduced and caused to be read. McCain moved to approve Resolution No. 24-17, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 3 ayes; Bontrager & Fleming absent.
The council discussed the options for Culpepper & Meriweather Circus Contract.

McCain made a motion to approve water meter pit installations (Trailers), Klostermann seconded and all present voted ayes.

McCain made a motion to approve Certificate of Deposit (Goodwin Dining Center), Stutzman seconded and all present voted ayes.
With no further business to be discussed Klostermann moved for adjournment at 5:55pm, Stutzman seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF RIVERSIDE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City of Riverside, Iowa, Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 60 N Greene Street, Riverside, Iowa, on the variance on setbacks due to lot width and depth request from Kari Ford, 20 E 2nd Street. The proposed request is available for review at the City Clerk's Office at Riverside City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to offer comments, orally or in writing, in support of, or in opposition, to the proposed variance. Written comments may be submitted to the Riverside City Clerk, P.O. Box 188, Riverside, IA 52327-0188, in advance of the public hearing. Any questions regarding the Ordinance may also be directed to City Hall.

This notice is published at the direction of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Riverside, Iowa.

Becky LaRoche
City Clerk

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HIGHLAND CSD

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
5:15 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with John O'Leary, Rachel Longbine, Monica Jepson, Dan Ruth, Joslin Schott, Karen Fink and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Bill Zwienc, Dean of Students and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Ruth made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by O'Leary.

Motion carried 7-0
Longbine made a motion to hold a closed session as provided in Section 21.5 (1) (e) of the open meetings law to discuss whether to conduct a hearing, or conduct a hearing for suspension or expulsion of a student, unless an open meeting is requested by the student or the parent of the student. Seconded by Schott. Roll Call Vote-All Ayes.
5:18 pm.
Motion carried 7-0
Ruth made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Longbine.
5:52 pm
Motion carried 7-0
Longbine made a motion to expel Student A according to the agreement. Seconded by Fink. Roll Call Vote-All Ayes.
Motion carried 7-0
Ruth made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Seconded by Longbine.
Motion carried 7-0
Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2024

The Riverside City Council meeting started at 6:01 PM in the Riverside City Council Chambers. Mayor Allen Schneider called the meeting to order, with Kevin Kiene, Lois Schneider, Tom Sexton, Kevin Mills, and Ryan Rogerson present.

Motion made by Schneider, second by Sexton to approve agenda, removing 9(i) Closed Session, Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Rogerson, second by Kiene to approve consent agenda of minutes, expenditures, and March Fire Department update. Passed 5-0.

Lieutenant Chad Ellis presented the Washington County Sheriff's call report for March.

Jed Wolf, PeopleService, Inc. presented March water and wastewater reports.

Brian Boelk with Axiom Consultants, reviewed reports on Water Plant, Boat Ramp, Cherry Lane, Hall Park Plan, Birthplace ramp, Community Center, and Northern Heights Phase 2.

Sexton moved, second by Mills to pass Resolution 2024-31, approving pay request #7 to Bowker Mechanical Contractors, LLC for work completed on the Water Treatment Plant through 3-31-24 in the amount of \$2375.00. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by Kiene to open Public Hearing on FY 25 budget at 7:06 pm. There were no written or oral comments. Schneider moved, second by Sexton to close Public Hearing at 7:06 pm. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Rogerson, second by Schneider to pass Resolution #2024-32, adopting City Budget for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Passed 5-0.

Schneider moved, second by Rogerson to pass Resolution 2024-33, approving Hotel/Motel grant application for the Riverside History Center in the amount of \$22,000. Passed 5-0.

Rogerson moved, second by Sexton to pass Resolution 2024-34, approving Hotel/Motel grant application for the Riverside Area Community Club in the amount of \$25,000. Passed 5-0.

Council set a Community Center work session for April 24th at 6 pm.

Schneider moved, second by Kiene to pass Resolution 2024-35, approving transfer of \$22,000 from Storm Water Fund and \$84,000 of LOST Fund to the Capital Projects Fund, per certified FY24 budget. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by Schneider to pass Resolution 2-24-36, transferring \$500,000 from General Fund, WCRF Municipal Grants, to the Capital Projects Fund. Passed 5-0.

City Council reviewed March financial and billing reports.

Sexton moved, second by Rogerson to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Passed 5-0.

Full content of city council meetings can be viewed on the city website www.riversideiowa.gov.

Community Center Work Session, April 24th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Next Meeting- Monday, May 6th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

ATTEST:
Becky LaRoche, City Clerk
Allen Schneider, Mayor

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

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President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: Randy Bil-lups.

Staff Present: Superintendent Brian Stone, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jeff Swartzentruber

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

School Finance
2024-2025 IBB Wage Negotiations Update and Action

Superintendent Stone brought the recommendation to settle the Teacher and Support Staff Package Increase of 3.0%. The associations (MPEA and MPRESSA) approved the package via bal-lot last Friday, April 12, 2024. The summary document used with the IBB in the negotiation's steps were shared with the Board to provide additional detail. The Iowa Legislature set 2024-2025 State Supplemental Aid increase at 2.5%. Be-

cause of the 101% Budget Guarantee new money to the District is \$46,213 for 2024-2025. The package brought to the Board is before the minimum salary provisions set by the legislature for teachers with less than 12 years of experience to at least \$47,500 and teachers with 12 or more years of experience to at least \$60,000 for 2024-2025. For 2025-2026 those minimums will rise to \$50,000 and \$62,500, respectively. The minimum salary requirements are being funded by additional Teacher Salary Supplement funding of \$265,000. Approval of the 3% package will allow the Business Office to issue Contracts and Work Agreements, more than al-most 3 weeks later than last year. The Board asked questions for clarification and understanding.
Jed Seward moved to approve the proposed compensation package in-crease of 3.0% for Teachers and Hourly staff for the 2024 2025 School Year as presented. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 (Ryan Schlaubaugh abstained).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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EXPENDITURES 4-15-2024
UNPAID BILLS:

ACCESS, COPIER.....	\$381.99
AIRGAS, EMS OXYGEN.....	\$390.71
ALTOPFER, LS #3,4,5.....	\$5,301.60
BIG IRON WELDING, SHOP.....	\$361.18
CITY OF KALONA, BLDG. INSPECT.....	\$1,648.52
CUMMINGS, FO SUPPLY.....	\$98.91
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IOWA PAPER, PARKS.....	\$163.06
IOWA SOLUTIONS, SUPPORT.....	\$1,945.50
J&M FIREWORKS, TREKFEST 2024.....	\$7,000.00
J&S PLUMBING, FO- BOILER.....	\$268.45
JAMES WATERHOUSE, LOAK WATER.....	\$2,800.00
JOHNSON CO REFUSE, SERVICE-MARCH.....	\$7,356.50
KALONA AUTO, FO-SHOP.....	\$744.81
KALONA TIRE, FO-211725.....	\$343.05
MARTIN FLAG, 8X12 FO FLAG.....	\$249.32
MARTIN GARDNER, DTR GRANT.....	\$4,281.79
MAXWELL, LEAR FIELD WATER.....	\$5,250.00
MENARDS, SHOP.....	\$187.55
MORNING VIEW G-HOUSE, SPRING 2023.....	\$792.00
OFFICE EXPRESS, SHOP.....	\$140.44
PAWS & MORE, 1ST QTR.....	\$237.00
PSC, PARKS.....	\$277.59
REC, SERVICE.....	\$8,791.34
RIVERSIDE GRAIN, SEED/HAY/OC.....	\$78.55
SCHNOEBELE INC, UPS.....	\$101.06
SCHNOEBELE INC, MOWER SERVICE.....	\$8.85
SINCLAIR, FO-BULK HOSE/CLAMPS.....	\$56.62
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, SERVICE.....	\$75.00
THE NEWS, PUBLICATIONS.....	\$294.08
VISA, SUPPLIES.....	\$4,334.23
WALSH DOOR, CORE/CYLINDERS.....	\$487.60
WASH CO RECORDER, RECORD GALILEO.....	\$7.00
TOTAL BILLS.....	\$55,109.45

LONE TREE CSD
APRIL 2024 BOARD BILLS

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CAMBIA ASSESSMENT INC, IOWA ASSESSMENT	95.00
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO., SUPPLIES	107.55
CITY OF LONE TREE, WATER/SEWER	1,194.98
CLEARLY, SUPPLIES	306.09
COBB OIL COMPANY, DIESEL, GAS	2,126.28
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FOAM PHONICS, SUPPLIES	2,600.00
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JOSTENS, SUPPLIES	17.00
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KOSHATKA, ANDREW, REIMBURSEMENT	31.02
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RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC, TECHNOLOGY	1,284.00
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR, ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	444.12
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LONE TREE CSD

LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 6:30 PM SCHOOL LIBRARY

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

1. Public Hearing: Board President Sladek opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. He asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak on the 2024-2025 School Year Proposed Property Taxes.
a. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:32 PM with no public comment.

2. Call to Order: Sladek called the regular meeting to order @ 6:32 PM

3. Roll Call: Gordon Viers, Robert Sladek, Michael Hotz, Jenni Eden, Alex Ogren-remote.

4. Approval of Agenda: Viers motioned to approve the agenda, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Principal's Report
a. Nutrition Director: The food service Director Erik Isenhour reported on the food service department. Adjustments have been made to help drive down costs, creating more meals from scratch, one service line, and applying for a grant for local produce. Isenhour would like to create a head cook position for the 2024-25 school year.
b. MS/HS Principal: Principal Koshatka reported on NHS inductions, Kirkwood Construction Apprenticeship Career Fair, Middle School SEISC performance at Highland, Senior Class receiving the Carrie Chapman Catt Award, Office Referrals, ISASP, update on cell phone testing.
c. Elementary Principal: Principal Jacque reported on the success of the elementary science fair, solar eclipse (thanked the parents that donated eclipse glasses for the students), UFLI Literacy Foundations for k-2, office referrals, end of the year communication, staff/student attendance, elementary carnival Friday, April 19th.

7. Consent Agenda
a. Previous Meeting Minutes: Viers motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
b. Finance Report: SBO Tharp reported on the March financials.
c. Payment of Bills: M. Hotz motioned to approve the payment of bills, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Open Enrollment Requests: Viers motioned to approve the open enrollment requests, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

i. Open Enrollments In:
1. 2023-2024 School Year: Rogan Menzer (K), Mayah Lamb (5th), Alice Alden (6th), Serenity Schjodt (8th),
2. 2024-25 School Year: Cole Jones (K), Tenlee Ronan (K), James Ronan (K), Kaislyn Hudson (K), Crew Kile (K).
ii. Open Enrollments Out: None
e. Personnel Items: Viers motioned to approve the personnel items, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
i. New Hires: Misty Soukup- Instructional Coach (Half-Time), Rhonda Lacinia- Mentor Teacher, Donda Nebergall- Mentor Teacher, Katherine Leibold- Teacher Leader, Brittney Dvorsky- Teacher Leader, Sierra Floura- Teacher Leader.
ii. Resignations: Lora Sieverding- Co-Head Volleyball Coach, Sonda Prybil- Co-Head Volleyball Coach, Tanya McCarty- Speech, Elyssa Mills- JH Softball Coach.

8. Old Business
a. Board Policy: 705.4 & 705.4R1- The board discussed some of the community members concerns regarding policy 705.4 & 705.4R1. Supt. Hotz is scheduled to meet with the FFA Chapter on Thursday, April 18th to go over public purposes and to answer any questions the members may have. Board Secretary Williams reached out to the Iowa Association of School Boards to set up a workshop in July to review these policies. The board discussed moving the July workshop to the 10th of the month.
b. Board Policy: 300 Series (Second Reading)-
i. Viers motioned to approve the second reading of the 300 series, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
c. Registration Fees-
i. Viers motioned to approve the 2024-25 school registration fees, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
d. FY 2024-25 Budget- SBO Tharp gave a brief overview of the FY 2024-25 budget.
i. M. Hotz motioned to approve the 2024-25 school year budget as presented, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
e. FY 2024-25 Budget Guarantee-
i. Viers motioned to approve that the Board of Directors of Lone Tree Community School District will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.15, Code of Iowa, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
f. Resolution levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the future optional redemption of General Obligation School and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, approving related documents and directing the partial optional redemption of such bonds.
i. M. Hotz motioned to approve the Resolution levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the future optional redemption of General Obligation School and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, approving related documents and directing the partial optional redemption of such bonds, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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i. M. Hotz motioned to approve the Resolution levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the future optional redemption of General Obligation School and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, approving related documents and directing the partial optional redemption of such bonds, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9. New Business
a. Board Policy: Policy Primer (First Reading):

i. Eden motioned to approve the first reading of the policy primer update, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. LTEA Agreement
i. M. Hotz motioned to approve the agreement between the LTEA and LTC-SD as presented, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Certified Contracts
i. Viers motioned to approve the 2024-25 certified contracts, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Classified Contracts
i. Viers motioned to approve the 2024-25 classified contracts, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Admin/Director Contracts
i. Viers motioned to approve the 2024-25 contracts for Directors, Principals, and Superintendent, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Coaches/Sponsor Contracts
i. Eden motioned to approve the 2024-25 contracts for coaches and sponsors as presented, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

g. 28E Agreement: Transportation Director

i. Viers motioned to approve the 28E agreement with Mid-Prairie to share the position of Transportation Director for the 2024-25 school year, M. Hotz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Superintendent's Report: Supt. Hotz gave a brief update on the start of the 2024 summer project: (track, SIAC, electrical system for the wellness center generator)
a. Future Agenda Topics: general school ranking lists.

11. Adjourn: Viers motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, Eden seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:49 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1st @ 6:30 PM in the Superintendents Conference Room

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Kalona Co-operative Technology Company will be held at the KCTC Meeting Room, 514 B Avenue, Kalona, Iowa on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. local time for the following purposes: (i) to elect two (2) directors to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors; and (ii) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The record date for the determination of Members entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof has been set as the close of business on March 20, 2024.

All Members are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting In accordance with Kalona Co-operative Technology Company's Bylaws, the election of directors will be conducted. All Members as of March 15, 2024 have been given notice of the Annual Meeting and voting. In order for a Member's vote to be counted, the completed ballot must be received by Kalona Co-operative Technology Company by mail, digitally, or personal delivery by no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 19, 2024. The election of directors will be conducted by ballot, and Members will not vote for director nominees in person at the Annual Meeting.

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