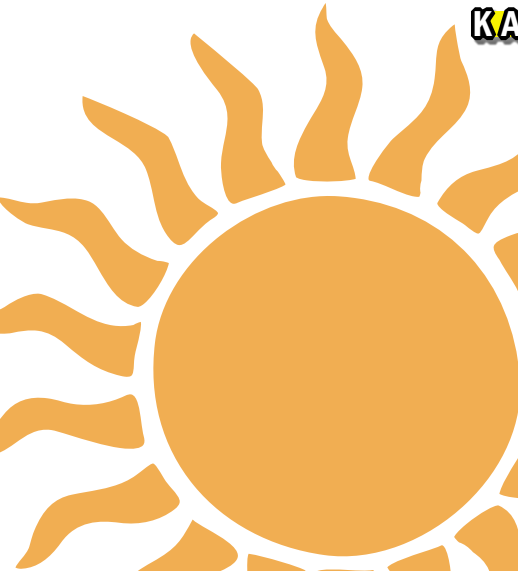




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'We're thrilled, totally thrilled'

Wooden railcar rumbles into Kalona, a significant piece for the Historical Village's next step forward

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

For any enterprise, whether for- or non-profit, stagnation is not a desirable thing. Everyone wants to grow and develop -- to reach their full potential -- and we want that for our businesses, organizations, and communities as well. If you're not growing, you're dying, as the Tony Robbins quote goes.

The Kalona Historical Village aims to grow. Even as the new Streetscape exhibit was being designed, fabricated and completed inside the Wahl Museum from 2022 to 2023, the historical board was conceiving ideas for what to create next.

The winner? A new railway exhibit that would tell more of the story of Kalona's founding as a railroad depot town in 1879, when the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway placed a stop there on a new route from Muscatine to What Cheer.

The new exhibit would build upon the existing depot building already a part of the Kalona Historical Village -- Kalona's original depot -- and expand around it with railroad tracks, a platform, and a boxcar.

Community-enhancing projects like this, which not only help preserve local history and educate the populace in an engaging way, but also draw tourists from all over, thus aiding the local economy and quality of life, are exactly the sort of things the Washington County Riverboat Foundation likes to fund with the millions of dollars in casino-sourced grants they award each year. And thus, they did; the Historical Society received a \$300,000 Riverboat grant for the project in Fall 2023.

One might think funding would be the greatest hurdle for a project of this sort, but in this case, finding an appropriate railcar proved to be a challenge.

"We didn't realize how hard it was going to be to find a wood railcar," Managing Director Nancy Roth said. "We wanted to stay with wood. We wanted it to be kind of a 1920's look."

When they found railcars that met that criteria, they tended to be rotting, falling apart, or missing wheelsets. Surprisingly, many of them had been converted into living quarters, complete with plumbing and electricity -- features that it would take considerable work to remove.

This spring, through a Facebook connection, the historical board found a gentleman in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin who was restoring a historic hotel-turned-meat processing plant. He also happened to collect assorted train cars, one of which was perfect for the Historical Society's plans.

"He's a generous man in general," Roth said, and "He ultimately donated the car, because he saw that it was going to be restored and preserved."

He also donated a set of tracks, leaving the Historical Society to simply pick up and deliver the items to Kalona.

Dean Anderson, of Fairfield, drove the oversize load from Prairie du Chien to Kalona on Friday, June 7, making such good time that those awaiting the railcar's delivery were surprised when it arrived more than an hour ahead of schedule. The Washington County Sheriff's department managed traffic in Riverside and Kalona as the railcar traveled its final miles down Highway 22 on the flatbed.

Now that it's here, attention turns toward restoration. Having the metal components sandblasted is the next step, and once the chipped and peeling paint is removed, they will be repainted. What to do about the wooden boards that make up the boxcar, however, is



It's going to take work to restore, but the Kalona Historical Society was beyond happy when they took delivery of a wooden railcar on June 6, destined for a new exhibit at the Kalona Historical Village.

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still a matter of discussion.

"Some boards are gone and there are gaps between them," Roth said. "We've talked about replacing the boards so we can have more of a watertight car, because in the end, we'll have an exhibit inside the car that's hopefully going to last beyond all of us."

Whether they work with the old boards or distress new ones to solidify the structure will eventually be determined. Then a cement foundation will be poured for the car, a platform built by it, and details added, such as a working signal.

Some work will also be done to rehab parts of the existing depot building that are not quite up to par.

"The depot we want to keep as authentic as possible," Roth said.

Preserving that authenticity is a challenge, as few photos of the interiors of railroad depots from the late 1800's exist. It is unknown, for example, how exactly the second story living space was used, and whether the wallpaper there was original or added later.

In terms of timeline for the railroad exhibit, Roth hopes the main pieces will

be in place in time for Fall Festival on September 27-28, 2024.

For now, however, simply the arrival of the boxcar is a moment to savor and celebrate.

"The car being here. . . we needed it in order to get the rest of the things rolling," Roth said. "A lot of what we're doing are unique things. Just anybody can't come and do some of the things we want to do."

"So it's just exciting that it's here," she said. "It was a big celebration on Friday, to get that here."

If you have a memory of the depot or railroad, please share your story with the staff at the Kalona Historical Village. They are also looking for artifacts to use in their exhibits to tell the history of the railroad in Kalona.

The Kalona Historical Village is located at 715 D Avenue, Kalona. Summer hours are Monday -- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit kalonaiowa.org to learn more about upcoming events, including kids' summer camp, Make It at the Museum, and Fall Festival.

'It's a passion, it's a labor of love'

The Water Shop celebrates 30 years of serving the community

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

Rigid things snap when faced with an opposing force. Flexible things bend and recover.

For Bruce Lee, a philosopher as well as martial artist, water was a most apt metaphor for that ability to bend and flow in the face of adversity.

"If you put water into a cup, it becomes the cup. If you put water into a bottle, it becomes the bottle," he said. "Be water, my friend."

Bud Miller, owner of The Water Shop together with wife Audrey, understands this idea. His love of water is "his passion," Audrey says, and for their business to have endured for 30 years, they had to be adaptable, like water.

"I just remember as a small kid, I was always fascinated by streams of water. After a rain, playing around, little puddles of water are running and streams are running," he says. "Most of that water was dirty. There are ways to

make it better."

Making water better has been their lives' work since the inception of their business in 1994. They, together with some 22 employees, including their three sons, offer a full line of water treatment services for homes, businesses, and farms.

Now, looking back through stacks of photos and newspaper clippings, Bud and Audrey feel a sense of nostalgia for earlier days, when Bud leaving his job to venture out on his own required a leap of faith.

Their boys were young when they started the business from their home. Brad, Kenton and Torey easily recall that time when the family discussed what the business should be named.

"Some of that stuff was always coming back to, what do you boys think?" Brad says.

They knew they wanted the name to be water-related; eventually they landed on The Water Shop.

Today The Water Shop's name and logo



L-R: Kenton, Bud, Audrey, Brad, and Torey Miller, the family behind The Water Shop.

CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

are familiar to those in the 13 counties they serve; those trademarks are so well done, they're "often imitated by others," Brad notes. The Millers didn't have to create their water conditioning business entirely from scratch; as Bud had worked first with a well-driller, then for another water conditioning business, he had contacts and was known in the Kalona and Iowa City area, where they lived.

The business launched when Home Gas, out of Wellman, offered them their rental water softener accounts. From there, they developed a reputation for honest, quality service, and the business grew.

As the business grew, so did the boys and the family golden retriever, who acted as a mascot. Although Bud thought he might just need one or two other people, he soon needed Audrey's help with the administrative aspects, and they started hiring others.

They outgrew their

home shop building in 1997, so they built a structure close by to house the operation. By 2008 they had outgrown that and needed to build again, this time a few miles away on farmland that was in Audrey's family, on 500th Street.

"We thought it was a really big building then, but now it's like we're packed in here," Audrey says. "We've had to really organize our inventory, supplies and office spaces."

The couple desires to flow where God has directed them, and it is Him they credit with their business growth.

"He's in control of it all, and it's not really us," Bud says. "We're just put out here as people, servants to do this type of work."

Their path has not been without challenges. They have been blessed with "wonderful employees," but losing their first hire to COVID after his being part of their work fam-

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Riverside dog breeder sentenced to probation

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

RIVERSIDE

Loren Yoder, a commercial dog breeder who maintained a facility on 540th Street SW, Riverside, entered a guilty plea with Johnson County District Court on Monday, June 10 to five counts of Animal Neglect with Injury. He was sentenced to one year of self-supervised probation.

Yoder was arrested March 6 and charged with 36 counts of Animal Neglect -- No Injury/Serious Injury or Death, all simple misdemeanors. This action was a result of an investigation following an August 24, 2023, incident in which 131 dogs were surrendered to Iowa City Animal Services, where they were briefly quarantined after two dogs tested positive for canine parvovirus.

The seizure of dogs occurred during a week of extreme heat. The previous day, the temperature in Riverside reached 100°; on the day of the incident, 99°. When Iowa City Animal Services and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office arrived at the breeding facility, many of the animals were found in distress. After the dogs were removed, one died, reportedly from heatstroke.

The event sparked a demand for stronger legislation and enforcement. During a legislative discussion on agriculture in Washington County on Dec. 19, 2023, Sen. Dawn Driscoll and Rep. Heather Hora fielded questions from the community about what might be



done to put an end to puppy mills, but no new bills were introduced in the following legislative session.

PAWS & More animal shelter in Washington responded to the situation by organizing a grant-funded dog breeder town hall meeting in Wellman on Dec. 13, 2023, at which animal licensing inspectors for the USDA provided education regarding dog kennel maintenance, safety standards and animal care guidelines. The meeting was sparsely attended.

Iowa is a national leader when it comes to regulatory violations committed by pet breeders. In the first quarter of 2024, the state ranked second with 19 federal regulatory violations. In the Human Society's "Horrible Hundred" report issued in April 2024, 15 Iowa breeders were on the list, including another Riverside dog breeder, BR's Dobermans, owned by Terry Yoder.

Loren Yoder himself landed on the "Horrible Hundred" list in 2022.

Yoder surrendered his commercial breeding license last year; he will not be able to obtain another as a part of the plea agreement.

4-H Seniors

Reese Good, of Kalona, was a student at Mid-Prairie High School and a member of the Highlanders 4-H Club. “I have learned a lot about caring for and raising animals, and I have really enjoyed meeting new people,” she said. She plans to attend Kirkwood Community College, then the University of Iowa to study sonography.



REESE GOOD



GWEN PIETTE

Gwen Piette, of Ainsworth, was a student at Highland High School and a member of the Highlanders 4-H Club. “Others should join 4-H because it gives you the opportunity to learn so many new things. There are resources for whatever you wish to do and you can carry these new skills throughout your life,” she said. She plans to attend the University of Iowa and study International Business.

Kalona Optimist Bicycle Giveaway

The Kalona Optimist Club will be giving away four bicycles and 2 Stryder bikes on Saturday, June 22 at 1 p.m. during Kalona Days. Kalona youth ages 2 to 13 can register to win a free bike (three boys and three girls) at the KCTC lot on Saturday. One entry per child permitted; child and a parent must be present to win.



Kalona Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

The Kalona Public Library kicked off their summer reading program on Tuesday, June 11 with Dinosaur Dimensions, a show by Curt Strutz of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. After letting his audience know where the exits were located should his dinosaurs become unruly, Strutz



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engaged them in helping shrink and expand one young man’s head before expanding the baby dinos inside their travel crates. Feeding and petting the dinos followed, and the kids and adults in attendance clearly enjoyed the show.



Beetles, and roaches, and tarantulas, ohmy!

BY CARRIE GENO
Library Director

Insects, arachnids, and more were on display at Parkside Activity Center brought in by the Iowa State University Insect Zoo.

As part of their Summer Reading Program, the Wellman Public Library hosted the Insect Zoo. It was a perfect program to fit with their environmental summer theme, “Read. Renew. Repeat.” Well over 100 people came out to learn more about the insects that live in the world around us.

Participants were able to see, touch, and learn about a wide variety of insects and arachnids, including tarantulas, scorpions, beetles, mantis, roaches, walking sticks, and much more. Children were able to touch and hold many of the animals while staff from the Insect Zoo shared more about the friends they brought along.

Most of the children said the tarantulas were their favorites, but one library regular said she loved seeing the hissing cockroaches. Whatever your favorite creature may be, the staff at the Wellman Public Library hope everyone had a wonderful time exploring the Insect Zoo.

The News Readers Visit the Acropolis

When Ruby Miller and her sisters took a trip to Athens, Greece this May, they brought along the April 4 issue of their hometown newspaper, The News. How cool! Ruby, center, is with sisters Karen Miller, left, and Susan Miller, right, in front of the Acropolis.



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Thursday
June 20

88° 70°

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Humid with a shower and t-storm

Friday
June 21

93° 72°

RealFeel® 99°

A couple of t-storms; hot, humid

Saturday
June 22

93° 66°

RealFeel® 94°

Hot; a t-storm around in the p.m.

Sunday
June 23

85° 64°

RealFeel® 88°

Partly sunny and beautiful

Monday
June 24

88° 70°

RealFeel® 90°

Some sun

Tuesday
June 25

94° 69°

RealFeel® 100°

Strong t-storms in the afternoon

Wednesday
June 26

85° 65°

RealFeel® 87°

Sunny and less humid

SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset		Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:33 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Thursday	8:03 p.m.	3:54 a.m.
Friday	5:33 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Friday	9:07 p.m.	4:40 a.m.
Saturday	5:33 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Saturday	10:02 p.m.	5:38 a.m.
Sunday	5:34 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Sunday	10:48 p.m.	6:47 a.m.
Monday	5:34 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	Monday	11:24 p.m.	8:02 a.m.
Tuesday	5:34 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	Tuesday	11:53 p.m.	9:19 a.m.
Wednesday	5:35 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	Wednesday	none	10:36 a.m.

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Jun 21

Last
Jun 28

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First
Jul 13

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
6	11	6	11	11	11	11

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Pollen Level Forecast

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

Fishing forecast

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Soil Moisture forecast

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Rating: 0-2: Poor, 3-4: Fair, 5-6: Good, 7-8: Very Good, 9-10: Excellent.

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

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

Arthritis forecast

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Asthma forecast

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Migraine forecast

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Sinus forecast

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Today's Details

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: KALONA AREA TOURISM GUIDE COVER

The News is working on its Fall 2024 tourism guide covering Kalona and surrounding areas and is looking for cover art. **Please submit photos you would like considered for the cover by Monday, June 24 to news@thenews-ia.com.** If your photo is chosen for the Fall 2024 tourism guide cover, you will receive \$100. We expect to decide by July 1 and will notify the photographer shortly after. All local subjects will be considered; photos of sunsets are encouraged.

Washington County Ambulance Service secures grant funding for video laryngoscopy equipment

The Washington County Ambulance Service has been awarded a total of \$12,311 to purchase four GlideScope Go2 kits. These cutting-edge tools will empower our ambulance staff to efficiently insert advanced airway adjuncts, ensuring swift and effective patient care during medical or traumatic emergencies.

Generous grant funds totaling \$12,311 were contributed

by the Washington County Riverboat Foundation (\$9,811), Wal-Mart (\$1,500), and Alliant Energy (\$1,000).

The Washington County Ambulance Service wholeheartedly appreciates the unwavering support of these esteemed organizations, as their commitment directly impacts the delivery of top-tier care to the citizens and visitors of Washington County.

COLLEGE HONORS AND GRADUATES

More than 10,600 **Iowa State University** students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 Dean's List.

From Kalona: Grace Catherine Mattes (Industrial Engineering) and Jackson Zahradnek (Civil Engineering).

From Lone Tree: Tyce William Alt (Software Engineering), Mitchell Dean Koedam (Animal Ecology), Nick Saltzman (Industrial Technology), Lindsay Ann Werbach (Pre-Interior Design), Ethan L. Willoz (Software Engineering), and Whitney Rose Willoz (Data Science).

From Riverside: Zane Dean Arnold (Animal Science), Gunnar Jack Gingerich (Finance), Jessica Kraus (Pre-Athletic Training), Leah Marie Marek (Biology), Olivia Jane Marek (Architecture-Professional Degree), Emily Brooke Stewart (Veterinary Medicine), Taylor Mae Sublette (Agricultural Communication), and Peyton K. Yeggy (Agricultural Systems Technology).

From Wellman: Ariana Jo Fleming (Graphic Design), Alexa Huber (Animal Science), Kina Marie Miller (Mechanical Engineering), Anna May Nafziger (Animal Science), and Jaden Ruth Yoder (Dietetics).

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Among those named to the Dean's List was Shawn Gilson, a Conservation Mgmt major from Elgin.

More than 7,650 undergraduate students at the **University of Iowa** were named to the dean's list for the 2024 spring semester. The total includes more than 1,200 students who also

qualified for Iowa's president's list, including Miranda Johansen of Elgin; Hannah Johnson and Abigail Westfall of Lone Tree; Amara Jones and Terra Richardson of Kalona; and Noah Oriano and Tristen Wendling of Riverside.

Undergraduate students at the **University of Iowa** named to the dean's list for the 2024 spring semester include Jack Friessen, Connor Grinstead, Ella Groenewold, Nicholas Kratzof, Kaitlyn Redden, Jacob Roling, and Mason Westerhoff of Riverside; Myah Lugar, Sierra Mathews, Makensie Rich, Emily Schlabach, Jason Schrock, and Shelby Zahradnek of Kalona; and Eric Slaught-er of Lone Tree.

Freed-Hardeman University conferred 377 degrees upon a talented group of students during FHU's 154th commencement exercises Saturday, May 11, 2024. Among the graduates was Bailey Pierson, of Lone Tree, who graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Pierson was also named to the Dean's List for Spring 2024.

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,666 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday May 10-11. Among them is Robert Den Hartog, Master of Science in School Counseling, of Kalona.

Tee up for Kalona Days this weekend

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

Kalona Days returns this Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, for the summer fun we look forward to all year. Headlining what's new: indoor mini golf at the Kalona Public Library and performances by the Ark School of Dance on Saturday afternoon.

The library debuted mini golf at Love Kalona, and it was such a hit, they're bringing it back for Kalona Days. Those interested in perfecting their putting game are welcomed to the library on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It's a nice indoor activity if it's hot," Kalona Chamber Director Tonia Poole said. "[You can] get into the air conditioning and support the library."

Poole and her team have been working hard to bring another Kalona Days weekend to the community. The event begins Friday night with wagon rides, food vendors, live music, and a farmers market downtown from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Everything is all together, kind of an easy flow, all right by each other," Poole remarked, which makes enjoying all the evening events convenient for friends and families with a range of interests.

Saturday morning starts early with the Fun Run/Walk, registration for which begins

at 7 a.m. and races beginning at 7:40 a.m. This year's Run/Walk will be a fundraiser for the Parkinson's Foundation; 50% of the \$35 registration fee goes to the organization, which aims to improve care and advance research toward a cure. Many in our communities live with the disease (see story in our June 13 issue), making this an especially meaningful fundraising event. When we talked with Poole, about 100 folks had already signed up, so you'll have some competition for those age group awards.

For adults who make a mean pie and kids 17 and under who bake a sweet cookie, the Pie & Cookie Baking Contests begin at 9 a.m. Entry forms and contest rules are available at the Chamber office and online; winners will be announced at 1 p.m. at the KCTC lot. For those who don't bake but appreciate the work of those who do, the tasty entries will be auctioned at 6:30 p.m. at Kalona City Park.

The farmers market and sidewalk sales also begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday downtown. Enjoy music by Pennies on the Rail while you support local businesses and make your purchases.

The pickleball tournament returns to the YMCA for its second year starting at 10 a.m. Once you've built up an appetite from the morning's activities, head over to the KCTC lot

for food vendors. Kid's activities will also be there, and be sure to register for the Optimist Club's Bike Giveaway and vote for your favorite pics in the photo contest before winners of those events are announced at 1 p.m.

In the past, Mid-Prairie's Alumni Award winners have been honored at Kalona Days, but that will not occur this year. The school is looking at a different date and venue for their presentation.

A highlight of Kalona Days is the parade, which will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday on C Avenue. For businesses interested in participating, there is no cost to enter; all floats are judged, and the winner this year will not only be rewarded with their name engraved on the Traveling Trophy, but also with one full week of free social media advertising by the Chamber. For spectators, remember hats, sunscreen, and buckets to collect that candy!

The day winds down at Kalona City Park. Starting at 5:30 p.m., food trucks will be onsite providing supper food, and Old Man Band will provide entertainment.

So much work by the Kalona Chamber committee and volunteers goes into Kalona Days each year, and this year is no different. Now your only job is to enjoy a beautiful weekend from the morning's activities, head over to the KCTC lot

Riverside woman sentenced for child porn

A Riverside woman was sentenced June 11 to 50 years in federal prison for two counts of Production of Child Pornography, following a plea of guilty on an earlier date.

According to public court documents and evidence presented at sentencing, Abigail Margaret Knight, 36, produced child sexual assault material of two minor victims between July 2020 and May 2023. Knight used photos and videos of minors and sent the child sexual assault material to two men, one in Texas and the other in Missouri, through the use of cellular phones and internet chats.

After completing her term of imprisonment, Knight will be required to serve five years

of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system. United States Attorney Richard D. Westphal of the Southern District of Iowa made the announcement. This case was investigated by the Washington County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations, and the ICAC Task Force.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/psc>. For information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the resources tab.

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A different kind of history book

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Can you believe that you ever looked like you do in your school yearbooks? Flat tops, DAs, “cat-eye” glasses, beehive hairdos.

I came across my old high school yearbooks recently and enjoyed examining them once again. I pulled up a chair and spent the better part of an hour leafing through several years of memories.

It’s difficult to believe that six decades have passed since those books were published?

You know how gals will sometimes call a friend to determine what they are wearing to a party or other function? I swear that the gals in my senior class got together and all decided to wear sweaters for their senior photographs.

Come to think of it, each of the guys wore a sport coat or suit coat, white shirt and narrow tie for their senior photo. I swear that wasn’t planned.

The photos brought back a flood of memories, mostly good. In many cases, I wondered what those old schoolmates are up to these days. I lingered on the photos of classmates who have passed away and remembered good times we had together.

The activity pictures recalled numerous events - school plays, pep rallies, homecomings, proms. While not documented in a year book, I even recalled the time my friend, Lyle, and I organized a successful student hot lunch strike. I was never a hippie but there was rebellion in my heart and Lyle and I paid a price for that rebellion.

It’s fun to see how we matured through the high school years. Our freshman, sophomore and junior school photos showed pimply-faced kids in cotton shirts and blouses. Then, in our senior photos, the zits have been air-brushed out, hair is neatly styled or combed and the guys discovered neck ties. Those senior photos where the gals bared their shoulders and were photographed in just a drape (hinting at the possibility of cleavage) caused us guys to develop a new appreciation for the hometown girls.

Photographs of the teachers brought back many memories, good and bad. I wonder if they ever knew the nicknames we had for them when they



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

weren’t around. One of our teachers frequently wore wide, painted pheasant ties which were popular a dozen or more years earlier. In his “honor” we named a day after him and encouraged all the guys to wear one of their fathers’ wide and wild ties. If he realized what was happening when half of the boys in the high school showed up wearing wide and wild ties with flannel and cotton print shirts he never let on.

I even felt a bit of remorse looking at some of the teachers’ and administrators’ photos. Hopefully, they had a forgiving spirit.

The photos of the school buildings were fun to see. Only a few of the buildings in which I attended classes still stand, so photos and memories are all that’s left.

Carrying even more sentimental weight than the photos are those crazy autographs on the blank pages at the front and rear of the books. We apparently wrote about what was dear to us at the time. From the autographs in my yearbooks, what was dear to us at the time were the times we got in trouble with the teachers, girls, the anticipation of graduation, girls, cars, girls, friendship and girls.

It’s interesting how quickly young women develop a motherly, nurturing attitude. While my male classmates wrote about having fun, “getting sprung from this joint,” getting in trouble with the teachers and girls, the female classmates wrote more poetically. The girls expressed friendship, recalled school functions, wished me well in the future, admonished me to study harder and to behave.

Our 60th class reunion will be held in two years. I’m looking forward to seeing the old gang again. We’ll compare photos of the grandkids and reminisce a bit. Many of us guys will have lost some (or most of) our hair, gained some pounds, developed some wrinkles. But, doggone it, I’ll bet every one of my classmates will still look better than we did in those yearbook photos.



Remembering Daddy

BY MIMI RITTI JACOBY

Even though I am a grown adult, he is still Daddy to me.

From as far back as I can remember, I cherished and worshipped my father. He was a handsome Frenchman who looked like Louis Jordan.

He was fun and enthusiastic, both a gentleman and a comedian. He could fix anything

and make any situation better. He saw things clearly and logically and was able to communicate that reality to you. He was a man of principle tempered by love. His views were concrete, but his solutions flexible.

He made me feel loved and safe. His routine was arriving at work early, not leaving until the work was done. When

home, he belonged to his family, an outstanding protector and provider, a guardian and a guider. He lived up to the title Father in every sense of the word.

Childhood doesn’t get any better than this. Fathers don’t come any better than this.

The forgotten value of front porches

It would be great if everyone could have a porch on their house, or a place similar to that space and size. Why do I talk of such a thing? Perhaps it’s because I have a porch, but that’s only a small portion of my reasoning.

Porches are a place to sit and relax and let your mind reset. In my day a house wasn’t considered a home unless it had at least one porch - sometimes even a wrap-around on two sides of the house—to catch the breeze as it changed.

But most important is that with a porch one can watch clouds rolling by, sometimes wildly tumbling and shifting clouds, ‘a mile or two south’ of where the weather forecaster had warned they might be soon right over your head. But now you can breathe a sigh of relief as you marvel at the quirky twists and turns being captured, and only within your safe viewing sight.

And there are other things to see: birds doing wheelies high among the treetops in search of tasty tidbits, and

sometimes a silvery gleaming jet plane passing over carrying mortals to distant places. You can’t help but wonder, to where (?), and laugh because they don’t know you see them up there so far above where you sit watching them.

There are other benefits of a porch in that you can watch people passing by, on foot or in vehicles, often not seeing you, and you can wonder what it would be like if they would just pause long enough to say, “Hi”. Maybe they’d have a problem you could help them with... maybe. People used to do that.

Everyone has a problem. That, in itself, is a problem. Especially when one can’t decide how to remedy it satisfactorily or, worse yet, one doesn’t know what the problem is exactly.

One of the main problems today is likely the new venue labeled AI: Artificial Intelligence. It’s being lauded as a grand new way to deal with the issues we are being faced with these days. So, what’s the problem? First, stop calling it by its new “made-up” name.



Lois Eckhardt
Shorts Stories
of Now & Then

In my day, AI was simply something called “lying with impunity” (through our teeth, free of blame), or if we wanted to be fancy about it we called it “fudging” ...the same thing, only cuter.

I’ve been around long enough to have heard not all, but a whole lot of, AIs in my lifetime. The usual results of their occurrences have been that they resolve themselves when given time.

Let’s just assume we can go back to a revolutionary time of rocking on the old porch. We might even swing up a solution or two.

If you wish to comment, write to: Lois Eckhardt, at P.O. Box 455, Wellman, Iowa 52356.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Swift House

For 25 years now, I have driven by the Swift House, wondering when it was built, who built it, what was its history, who were the families that lived there?

I was excited when renovation was finally begun by a father and daughter. The future looked promising for the home. Progress stalled and the Swift House remained a sorrowful maiden resting dejectedly by the side of Route 22. She rested shabbily surrounded by futile dreams.

The brush, bushes and weeds were cleared, and restoration began again. The Browns persevered and now the Swift House stands proud, resplendent and beautiful at her 191 Highway 22 address.

My dreams had come true. I was able to walk through the front door at the June open house and meet the home in person.

The dark, mellow original wooden staircase graces the

right side of the entrance. To the left is a spacious, airy living room; ahead, the farm kitchen and dining room, and off that a lovely office or front bedroom.

Upstairs the three bedrooms are spacious, light-filled, with intriguing closets of various sizes.

Thank you, Browns, for the completed restoration; The News for its excellent coverage and publicity; and all the interested folks who showed up to greet her - the Swift House.

By Mimi Ritti Jacoby
Kalona

Supervisors have not fulfilled their obligation to Jeremy Peck

This letter concerns the discussion and possible action regarding the open position of Director of Washington Co. Ambulance Services at the June 11 meeting of the Wash-

ington Co. Board of Supervisors.

It is important that Washington Co. taxpayers, the public and the person who will be hired to take over the position of Director of the Ambulance Service to know that the Wash. Co. Supervisors have NOT fulfilled their obligation to Jeremy Peck, the former Washington Co. Ambulance Director. The Supervisors have wasted a significant amount of taxpayer money to try to expose Jeremy for wrongdoing and found NOTHING. The Supervisors have not disclosed this to the public.

In a settlement agreement written by the Supervisors’ attorney and reached on February 26, 2024, the Supervisors agreed to rescind Peck’s suspension and Peck agreed to resign on Feb. 29, 2024. At the March 5th Supervisor Meeting, nothing was stated that his suspension was rescinded. It was reported that the Supervisors unceremoniously removed

Peck from the local government’s payroll. The written agreement also states that Washington Co. shall issue a commendation and supply job references to Peck after his resignation. This will be done no later than 2 weeks after Peck’s resignation. It is now over 14 weeks after the agreement was signed and still the Supervisors have not issued a public commendation as required. In the Cambridge dictionary, a commendation is a formal statement of praise for someone who has done something admirable.

Even after a financial audit and hiring an investigator from Des Moines, Supervisors were unable to find anything that Jeremy had done wrong. Not only did they violate his rights, but they also listened to rumors and unfounded accusations and now have breached the settlement agreement. The citizens of this county deserve to hear from the board, that Peck did no wrong and restore

his reputation. The Supervisors have not been open about the total cost of multiple professionals hired from out of the county to try to derail Peck’s career: Human Resources, Auditors, Investigators, Attorneys, etc. This is WRONG! The least they can do for Jeremy, who did everything in his power to make a top-quality Ambulance Service for Washington Co., is clear his name by formally rescinding his suspension and publicly give him his commendation.

I have included a copy of the specific portions of the agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Jeremy Peck that have been breached.

Dana Peck
Wellman

Eds. Note: This letter to the editor was read as a statement/objection at the June 11 meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors during public comments.

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OBITUARIES

Chantelle Danae Gingerich

1983 - 2024

Chantelle Danae Gingerich was born March 17, 1983, in Millersburg, Ohio, the daughter of Randall and Marilyn (Hershberger) Troyer. She graduated from Marantha Christian School in 2001.

Chantelle lived in Ohio, Indiana and ending up in Iowa. On May 17, 2014, Chantelle was united in marriage to Victor Gingerich at the Griner Church in Middlebury, Indiana. She was a member of the Cornerstone Community Church in Kalona.

Chantelle was known as a gifted, funny, vibrant, and inviting personality who loved to laugh. She enjoyed bringing beauty and order into spaces and events through her decoration and organizational skills. She used these skills in making her home an inviting and beautiful place. She also was involved in numerous events such as coordinating weddings, heading up Pathways yearly carnival, decorating her church and in general bringing beauty and vitality to everything she touched.

Chantelle loved to invest in the next generation and was a favorite counselor at Youth Fellowship Camp near Goshen, Indiana, for many years. She



led Bible studies for young girls and was also involved in the Restore girls' retreat. She also brought her organizational skills into the Gingerich Tiling & Earthmoving office as an office manager.

Chantelle was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive cancer in the beginning of April. She fought hard and loved her family right up to the end. Being a wife and mothering her little boys was one of her greatest passions and she will be deeply and profoundly missed.

Chantelle passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, California at the age of 41 years.

Chantelle is survived by her husband: Victor and two sons: Tucker and Nicholas all of Kalona; parents: Randall and Marilyn (Troyer) of Walnut Creek Ohio; parents-in-law: Reagan and Lynn (Thomann) Gingerich of Kalona; a sister:

Carissa (Troyer) Yoder and several nephews and nieces: Benjamin Yoder, Indigo Yoder, Zoe Yoder, Max Yoder, Mia Yoder, Eva Yoder, and Josiah Yoder of Sturgis, Michigan; sister-in-law: Heidi (Gingerich) and James Leezer and nieces: Autumn Leezer, Adelyn Leezer, and Lily Leezer of Wyaconda, Missouri; sister-in-law: Charity (Gingerich) and Jacob Snodgrass and nephews and nieces: Josiah Snodgrass, Mercy Ann Snodgrass, Seth Snodgrass of Keota, and brother-in-law: Benjamin and Tanisha (Stuzman) Gingerich and nephews and nieces: Verona Gingerich, Benaiah Gingerich, Micoma Gingerich, and Mishaela Gingerich of Reinholds, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law: Jon Yoder; and sister-in-law: Melanie Gingerich.

Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Cornerstone Community Church in Kalona. Burial was at the Upper Deer Creek Cemetery. The service was livestreamed on the Cornerstone Community Church website. A memorial fund has been set up for the Pathway Carnival.

Verton Yoder

1946 - 2024

Verton Yoder, 78, of Mishawaka, Indiana, passed away June 4, 2024. Verton was born Jan. 26, 1946, to Katie and Ray Yoder in Kalona, Iowa.

Verton worked for many years as a mechanic at Kenny's Marathon, then for the Mishawaka central motor pool and as a bus driver for Penn High School and as an antique dealer until he retired.

Verton met his wife Patricia while attending Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, and they wed in 1983. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. Verton was also a passionate gardener and bird enthusiast and could often be found outside working in his garden.

Anyone who knew Verton knew that he was the most loving father and husband a family could ask for.

Verton was predeceased by his parents; stepfather: Eli Swartzentruber; and his brother: Jim Swartzentruber.

He is survived by his wife: Patricia; daughters: Anita



Crawford, Shannon Snodgrass, and Michelle Wasmer; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; sister: Barb (John) Miller; brothers: Joe (Deb) Swartzentruber and Laben (Kathy) Swartzentruber; sister-in-law: Sherry Swartzentruber; and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that all flowers and notes are sent to Palmer Funeral Home – Bubb Chapel, 3910 N. Main Street, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Services for Verton were held Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at Palmer Funeral Home – Bubb Chapel.

Pastor Davey Troxel officiated the services with burial at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park in Granger, Indiana.

Online condolences can be made at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

Counting down to Lovina and Daniel's wedding day

Count down! Only ten days until daughter Lovina and Daniel's wedding day! This is shopping week—my least favorite job for a wedding. It takes lots of brain work to figure out exactly how many eggs, flour, milk, butter, sugar, and other ingredients you need for meals to feed one thousand. This isn't for one thousand people, but I count how many will be here at the noon meal, how many in the evening, then add those numbers together.

My friend Ruth is coming to my rescue once again. She's a great help with this job. She not only takes me to where I want to shop but also checks prices for me. If you are buying more than 40 pounds of butter, you see a big difference in the price. Or 40 loaves of bread, 500 pounds of chicken, 400 pounds of potatoes, and so on.

No, I still haven't sewn Lovina's wedding dress, cape and apron. My goal is to do that on Wednesday, then go shopping on Thursday. It will only take me a day once I get down to it. Today, some of Daniel's family is coming to help, so that will take more jobs off my list.

Last week, when sister Emma and her family, sister Verena, and all my daughters came, we accomplished quite a lot, and many items were crossed off my list.

We put over 12 dozen egg yolks into noodles, canned 28 quarts of rhubarb juice, and made four batches of strawberry jam that we put in the freezer. The basement and back porch windows and doors were cleaned along with my back porch (entrance area).

They all worked a little later than usual to help get the rest of the noodles done.

Late afternoon on Wednesday, sister Verena; sister Emma and sons Jacob and Steven; Joe and I; daughter Verena and Daniel Ray; son Joseph and Grace; and sons Benjamin and Kevin headed out for Kentucky. We arrived at the motel around 11:30 p.m.

Jacob, Steven, Kevin, and Verena all use mobility scooters, so it was a little challenge how to pack everything. We have a cargo hitch that hooks to the van, which held two-and-a-half of the scooters. The scooters come apart into four pieces, so we put some parts in the van as it was a 14-passenger van, and we were only 12 passengers.

We stopped once to eat supper, so we only unloaded the scooters one time before we arrived at the motel. On the way home, we did the same thing. By the time we arrived home Friday evening, Benjamin, Joseph, and Daniel Ray were pretty fast at loading and unloading everyone. I am glad they could all go along.

We had delicious meals at the wedding and saw quite a few friends and family there.

I will see if I can remember the full menu that was served... potatoes, gravy, buttered noodles, dressing, mixed vegetables, layered lettuce salad, chicken, cheese, bread and some kind of a peanut butter spread. For dessert, we had

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

pecan and custard pies, angel food cake with a glaze, and yogurt parfaits.

It took me a few seconds to catch on when cousin David told me they were having Kentucky fried chicken for lunch. It was fried, or rather deep fried, in Kentucky by the men in the family. In the evening, we had brats and wings.

Friday, June 14, will be our firstborn Elizabeth's 30th birthday. Happy birthday, dear daughter. You have now entered your thirties. It is so hard to believe! May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead. You are a great wife, daughter, and mother! May God bless you in the years ahead. I will never forget the moment you made us parents for the first time. How can 30 years have passed by so quickly?

When we dropped sister Verena off at her house Friday evening, the boys were so happy to see someone had come and mowed her grass and done all the trimming. It was nephew Ben and Crystal. This sure helped us out with all the extra work going on, so thank you!

Last night, neighbors Joe and Susie sent supper over for us. This was greatly appreciated. Also a few of the neighbor ladies have done what I usually do for church the last few times to help out. May God bless them and each of you as well! Take care!

Easy Homemade Noodles

Flour, about 4 pounds
2 cups egg yolks (from approximately 2 dozen eggs)
1 tablespoon salt
1 1/2 cups boiling water

Put enough flour in a storage container bowl (I prefer the Tupperware Fix-N-Mix) to weigh 4 pounds, including bowl. Beat egg yolks with salt and boiling water until foamy. Make sure water is boiling hot, then beat quickly. If you want yellow noodles, don't overbeat. Pour this mixture into flour and stir until stiff. Shape into ball with hands. Put the lid on and let stand 10 minutes. Knead a bit.

Flatten small balls of dough and feed through pasta maker, rolling out to desired thickness. Then using the cutter attachment, cut noodles from the rolled strips of dough. Air dry. Cook the same as you would other noodles. Makes 4 1/2 to 5 pounds of noodles. Noodles can be stored in airtight containers for up to 1 month at room temperature; 3 to 6 months frozen.

(Editor's note: The Illinois Extension recommends that noodles be dried at room temperature for no more than 2 hours to prevent possible salmonella growth. An alternative is to use a food dehydrator at 135o for 2 to 4 hours. For more information, consult your local extension office.)

Lovina's Amish Kitchen is written by Lovina Eicher, Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Her three cookbooks, The Cherished Table, 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.

Mary Pearl Underwood Wolf

1936 - 2023

With her children at her side, Mary Wolf died peacefully in her home in Prescott, Arizona on the evening of Nov. 23, 2023. She was 87 years old.

The youngest of four children, Mary Pearl Underwood was born Feb. 15, 1936, in Akron, Ohio, to William Alexander Underwood and Naomi Pearl Summerford Underwood. Tragically, Mary's mother died that same day.

In 1945, at age nine, Mary and her family moved to Bainbridge, Georgia. It was from Bainbridge High School that Mary graduated in 1954. After working briefly in Detroit, Michigan, 18-year-old Mary and Robert K. Wolf were married in Lone Tree, Iowa on Feb. 5, 1955. Bob was a US Air Force fighter pilot. He and Mary met the previous year in Bainbridge while learning the tango at a dance studio. In their eleven and a half years together, Mary and Bob had three children and they lived in three different states as well as France and Germany. Theirs was a happy, mutually supportive marriage full of love, shared intellectual pursuits, and an active social life.

In 1966 thirty-year-old Mary lost her beloved husband in an airplane crash. Now a widow with three young children, Mary moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she raised her children as a single parent. Somehow Mary found time to attend college at nearby Wright State University, and she graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree (Cum Laude) in Business.

Mary then went to work at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton as a civilian contract negotiator for the US Air Force. Her job was to negotiate with



defense contractors the price of items purchased by the Air Force. These included aircraft radar systems and upgrades, as well as entire fleets of airplanes such as the Fairchild A-10. As the sole woman in her office, Mary often encountered discrimination from her male supervisors and colleagues. Despite the hostile work environment, Mary was hard working and successful, and through her good work she saved US taxpayers millions of dollars. In her career spanning three decades, she reached the high civil service rank of GS-13. Mary's pioneering example inspired and paved the way for the female contract negotiators who followed her.

In 1989, when Mary's daughter, Stephanie, unexpectedly became a single parent with young children, Mary rose to the occasion. For many years she gave unstinting and loving support to her daughter and grandchildren by regularly making the two-hour drive to Indianapolis, spending the weekend there cooking, doing laundry, buying groceries and babysitting. Mary gave Stephanie much needed respite and she gave her grandchildren the special love that only grandmothers possess.

Now retired, in 2012 Mary moved to Prescott, Arizona to

be close to her son, Bill. But soon thereafter Mary's health declined and her daughter, Amy, moved from Texas to Prescott and became Mary's full-time caregiver. Amy dutifully remained her mother's caregiver for the next ten years, until Mary's passing.

Mary was devout Christian who read the Bible cover to cover several times. She had a love for learning and she was especially fond of Dickens, Shakespeare, Milton, and C.S. Lewis. Mary's many talents included oil painting, playing the piano, sewing, needlepointing, knitting, and embroidery. She also had superb taste in fashion and interior decorating. Mary excelled as a cook, and was renowned for her stuffed mushrooms, her unique lasagna, and her Black Forest cakes. Most of all Mary was loving and generous to a fault. Her passing is greatly mourned by her family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband: Bob Wolf; brother: Bill Underwood; and sisters: Betty Wright and Patricia Stewart.

She is survived by her children: Stephanie Baldwin, Bill Wolf, and Amy Wolf; sister: Shirley Swinney; grandchildren: Trevor and Will Baldwin, Chic Clark and Claire Dillon; step-grandchildren: Mike Penney and Kate Gunderson; six great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Snyder & Hollenbaugh Funeral & Cremation Services of Lone Tree, Iowa. Burial will be in the Lone Tree Cemetery.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please note the time difference for the library's program on Tuesday June 25 being in the evening. Join us in the Velma Skola program room at 6 p.m. for a performance with magician Jonathan May!

New to the library this summer for young adults (ages 13+) is a roleplaying game (RPG) hangout! Join us every Thursday at 2:30pm for a small-scale tabletop game. For one of these micro-roleplaying games, the only thing you need to bring with you is your imagination!

New Adult Fiction: "Mind Games" by Nora Roberts;

"With Each Tomorrow" (Jewels of Kalispell #2) by Tracie Peterson; "One Perfect Couple" by Ruth Ware

New Adult Non-Fiction: "The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook" by Hampton Sides; "Somehow: Thoughts on Love" by Anne Lamott

New Board Books: "All About Bluey"; "My First Book of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle"

New Juvenile Fiction: "The Best Worst Camp Out Ever" a graphic novel by

Joe Cepeda; "Dancing in the Storm" by Amie Darnell Specht; "Always Anthony" a graphic novel by Terri Libenson

New Easy Books: "Summer: A Solstice Story" by Kelsey E. Gross; "We Are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom; "The Wrong Book" by Drew Daywalt

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Summer reading has been a blast so far. We're so excited for our next big event!! Join us on Tuesday, June 25 for the magical talents and entertainment by Jonathan May at 10:30 a.m. in the Banquet Hall at Parkside Activity Center. This event is open to everyone.

Be sure to join us for our upcoming events:

Amazing Race: Library Edition – Saturday, June 22 from 10-1

Children's: In the Night Garden by Carin Berger; Every Bunny Dance by Ellis Sandall; Eleanor Wonders Why by Jorge Cham

Junior & Young Adult: Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best? By Stephen Shaskan; Stella Batts: Who's in Charge? By Courtney Sheinmel; Odder by Katherine Applegate; Where are the Great Pyramids? By Thomas Hoobler; Spy X Family 3 by Tatsuya Endo; Dark Parts

of the Universe by Samuel Miller; Baby-Sitters Little Sister: Karen's Sleepover by Ann M. Martin

Adult: This Summer Will Be Different by Carley Fortune; Confess by Colleen Hoover; Only the Brave by Danielle Steel; The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson; The Housemaid is Watching by Frieda McFadden

Large Print: Only the Brave by Danielle Steel

DVD: Paw Patrol

Regional 4-H Camp a success

4-H junior members filled two days and one night with outdoor adventures, fun in the sun and team building activities on June 4 and 5 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp in Washington. ISU Extension and Outreach team Region 19 (Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk and Washington Counties) work together to offer this camping experience annually to their 4th – 6th grade members. 60 campers and 16 high school counselors had a variety of activities, including canoeing, fishing, swimming, water slide, yoga, minute to win it, hydro-dipping craft, making paracord bracelets, archery, painting kindness rocks, danc-

ing and more. Special guest presenters Bows & Bullets 4-H Club, Tony Whitacre and extension staff from Washington, Johnson, Keokuk and Iowa county delivered the other programs. 4-H junior members enjoyed meeting other 4-Her's from neighboring counties and spending time together. The "magic" of camp was in full effect. One camper even said they



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couldn't pick a favorite moment, "Every minute was my favorite." "The learning, bonding, growing and fun that happens at 4-H Jr Camp is special," said Washington County 4-H/Youth Coordinator. "As staff, I love getting to spend time with these 4-Hers to see them in action and making new friends. They are brave to try new things and conquer fears. And then watching them grow for the next 7-9 years in our program is so rewarding." For more information about joining 4-H, summer camp opportunities or how to volunteer for Washington County 4-H, please contact the Washington County Extension Office at 319/653-4811. Follow "Washington County 4-H – Iowa" on Facebook.

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The VFW Post #6414 Riverside and Auxiliary would like to thank the following businesses for their support and donations for the Memorial Day luncheon held May 27 at the Post in honor of veterans and their guests:

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Ainsworth, Iowa

JW's Foods
Kalona, Iowa

Thank you to the VFW Post and Auxiliary members and the volunteers from the community who helped with the placement of the flags at the cemeteries in preparation for Monday's services and all of the volunteers who helped with taking down and folding of the flags at the end of the day.

A special thank you to our speaker this year, Jared Schneider, our vocalist Linda Krotz, Larry Tener for the playing of taps, and to the Riverside Scout Troops. The support and help from all of the volunteers helped to make this year's Memorial Day Services a success.

Around Town

Wellman Garden Club
The Wellman Garden Club will meet for their last meeting this season on Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m. at Barb Eash's new home on the east edge of Wellman. Those who would like to carpool, meet at Asbury UMC at 1:50 p.m. The club will tour Eash's indoor and outdoor gardens.

Kalona Optimist Club
The Kalona Optimist Club will meet on Thursday, June 20 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. \$10 catered meal; guests and prospective members welcome. Program will be by Chris Ciaslo with Impact Life regarding the Kalona Optimist Blood Drive on July 8.

Federation Bank Dairy Days
Visit the Wellman office of Federation Bank for free ice cream sundaes on Friday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is located at 813 Third St., Wellman.

Historical Village Summer Camp
The Kalona Historical Village will offer Summer Camp June 24-27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Kids ages 6-12 will enjoy fun activities, cooking, games, and more. For more information or to sign up, contact the Historical Village at 319-656-3232.

Kalona Farmers Market
The next Kalona Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Kalona. Music by Pennies on the Rail.

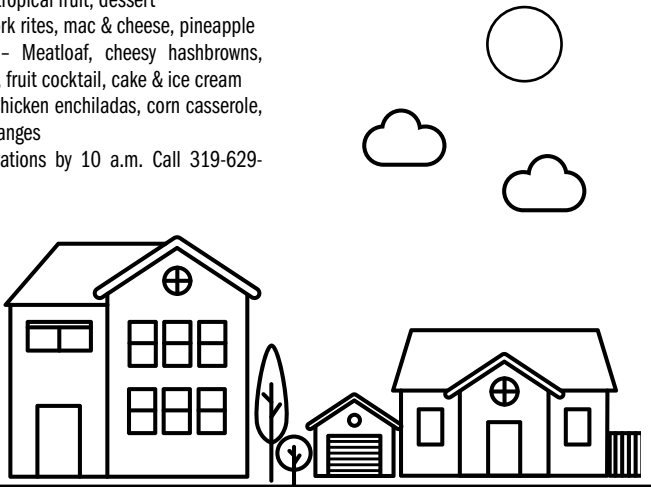
SENIOR DINING

June 20 - 27 Goodwin Senior Dining
Thursday – Tuna & macaroni casserole, peas + carrots, banana pudding, dessert
Friday – Homemade pizza w/meat, vegetable cheese, relish plate, scotch-a-roo bar
Monday – Pulled pork/bun, potato wedges, cole slaw, butterscotch surprise
Tuesday – Chili soup, corn bread/honey, rice crispy treat
Wednesday – Fish patty, sweet potato puffs, chop salad, apple snicker salad
Thursday – Ham balls, sour cream mashed potatoes, corn casserole, bishops pie
Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-2711. Cost for meal is \$8.

Lone Tree Senior Dining
Thursday – Lasagna, bread stick, mixed veggies, apricots
Friday – Smothered pork chop, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, blushing pears, ice cream
Monday – Legs & wings, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, tropical fruit, dessert
Tuesday – Pork rites, mac & cheese, pineapple
Wednesday – Meatloaf, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, fruit cocktail, cake & ice cream
Thursday – Chicken enchiladas, corn casserole, mandarin oranges
Make reservations by 10 a.m. Call 319-629-5144

Pleasantview
Thursday – Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, cucumber salad, fresh fruit, lemon blueberry bars
Friday – Turkey and rice casserole, green beans, bread, mixed fruit, cookie bars
Monday – Swiss steak with tomatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, cook's choice dessert
Tuesday – Honey garlic pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, chocolate lava cake, ice cream
Wednesday – Sweet and sour chicken stir fry, rice, fresh baked bread, cucumber tomato salad, cherry delight dessert
Thursday – Bacon cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, sweet and sour bake beans, pasta salad, pickled beets, cookies

Meals on Wheels, M-F, \$10 within city limits. Senior dining at Friendship Center, Tues., Wed., and Thursday, \$12 for non-Pleasantview residents; \$10 for residents. Call 319-656-2421 by 9 a.m.



Make It at the Museum
A new craft program begins at the Kalona Historical Village on Saturday, June 22. From 1 to 3 p.m., those ages 12 and up are invited to make a 4th of July bouquet. No experience necessary; pre-registration required; \$20 members, \$25 non-members. To register, visit kalonaiowa.org. More workshops to follow; all take place at the Kalona Historical Village Visitors Center, 715 D Avenue, Kalona.

Wellman Farmers Market
The next Wellman Farmers Market will be held on Tuesday, June 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. on 8th Avenue, downtown Wellman.

Iowa City Genealogical Society
The Iowa City Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, June 29 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Non-members who wish to attend must send a request to icgsnew@gmail.com for permission to attend. Cyndi Ingle, founder of Cyndi's List will present Cyndi's List in Practice. Sometimes overwhelming to beginners and sometimes underused by veterans, Cyndi's List is a research tool that is robust with resources helpful in everyone's research. Using specific examples for beginners, as well as more advanced researchers, we will explore the site and point out how to make the most of the categories and the links found within.

Washington County Relay for Life
The Washington County Relay for Life will be held Saturday, June 29 from 2-7 p.m. at the Washington Central Park Square. Entertainment

ment, food, craft/product vendors, dessert and silent auctions, raffles, and more will be available. Music by Abe Miller and Ken Kline. For more information, contact Joni McArtor at 319-461-5886 or washcorelayforlife@yahoo.com.

Sharon Center Bluegrass Festival
The Sharon Center Bluegrass Festival will be held on Sunday, June 30 starting at 12:15 p.m. at Sharon Center United Methodist Church, 2804 520th St. SW, rural Kalona. No admission charge; freewill offering; lunch food available starting at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy music by The Bluegrass Blondies, Sharin' Praise Unplugged, Mission Bluegrass, Pickled Beats, and The Great Bluegrass Herons. For more information, visit sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com or call 319-683-2564.

Hills Town & Country 4th of July
Celebrate the 4th of July with Hills Town & Country on Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 4. Wednesday events include Kiddie Tractor Pull and Music in the Park; Thursday events include bags tournaments, games, activities, parade, food trucks and fireworks. See "Hills Town & Country 4th of July 2024" Facebook event page for details.

KUMC Vacation Bible School
Kalona United Methodist Church will hold summer Vacation Bible School from Sunday, July 28 to Wednesday, July 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for ages 4 through 4th grade at the church, located at 302 4th St., Kalona. Use the registration link available on the KUMC Facebook page to sign up.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

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

HILLS
Atrium Village: 117 3rd St, Hills. www.atriumvillagehills.com/events-happenings. Mass & Rosary schedule: Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m. in Chapel located inside facility.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 J Ave. 319-656-2298; Pastor: Jeremy Gugel; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m.; fgrc@kctc.net

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

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Cos-

grove Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy.1; Ministry: James Swartzentruber, 319-683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 319-683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bontrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Bontrager; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: Rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 319-683-2564; Sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor Anita Johnson; On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a combined worship at 9 a.m., the remaining Sunday's will have casual worship at 8:30 a.m. and traditional at 10:30 a.m.

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

JOETOWN
Champion Hill: Sunday worship: 9 a.m. Oct. - May, Contact Suzanne Moffit, 319-664-3829

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

LONE TREE
St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Jayne St; Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg,

319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River City Church: Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schnoebelen St.; www.rivercityja.org; Pastor Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 10 a.m.

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

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Riverside: More rocks coming for boat ramp; more flatness for Kirk

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

A pair of ongoing Riverside improvement projects are headed for even more improvements.

The Riverside Boat Ramp will get more rocks.

The James T. Kirk birthplace monument will get more balance.

While the Riverside City Council approved a payment of \$4,200 to Bowker Pinnacle Mechanical of Cedar Rapids for work already done at the Riverside Boat Ramp, the Council also decided to expand the first phase of the project and directed city engineer Brian Boelk of Iowa City-based Axiom Consultants to have more rock placed on both sides of the entrance ramp leading to the English River.

“I think rock is going to keep it more uniform,” said Council Person Lois Schneider.

“It’s not an ideal situation, by any means,” said Council Person Kevin Mills, who examined the boat ramp, with mud on both sides, following the Council’s first June meeting two weeks ago.

“We spent \$130,000 trying to redo this boat ramp,” he added. “Give it your best shot.”

The additional work was expected not to exceed \$15,000.

The first phase of the project has included removal of some trees and other clearing, installation of a new storm sewer and new signage.

The ADA ramp work on the Kirk birthplace area, located just south of City Hall, will be partially redone to create a flat area for visitors on the west portion of the monument. Currently, the ramp and landing

area has an upward east-to-west slant due to the slope of the ground underneath.

The flat area is expected to be about 8 feet.

Budget Amendment

The Council approved the spring amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

A public hearing was held, but no comments were made.

Total expenditures are now budgeted for about \$7 million with revenues at about \$6.9 million. Increased spending is from building repairs, increased insurance costs and capital projects carried over from FY23.

Pickleball Request

A group led by Julie Shebek requested the city have four pickleball courts at Hall Park. The area is already lighted.

Updated Sirens

Chad Smothers, Riverside Fire Department Chief, reported to the Council that a new siren system being updated by Washington County will be more automated than it is now. The system is being set for the sirens to sound when winds hit 70 miles an hour.

The city is covered by two sirens, Smothers said. Another siren is scheduled to be installed near Highland High School.

Council Action

The Council approved a payment of \$5,747.50 to All American Concrete of West Liberty for work done on the Kirk ADA ramp.

The Council approved a resolution to accept the finished project at the city’s water treatment plant facility and approved a final payment.

The Council approved insurance renewals for FY25 with Southeast Iowa Insurance Services of Wellman at a cost of \$103,917.

Next board meeting: The City Council’s next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. July 1.

Wellman council discusses cat overpopulation; potential street projects

BY TJ RHODES
The News

WELLMAN

The Wellman City Council met on Monday, June 17 for a regular meeting. Here, the council approved a myriad of things while also raising city employee wages by 4% across the board. They also listened to a concerned resident during public forum.

This concerned resident spoke about his concerns regarding stray cats in Wellman. He claimed a neighbor feeds and houses many of these cats, exacerbating the issue. He also stated the cats have free range in and out of the neighbor’s house.

The resident then stated he captures stray cats on his property and releases them

elsewhere but is growing tired of doing so and wants the city to take action.

In the past, the city dealt with their growing cat population by passing an ordinance which places responsibility upon the shoulders of those who feed stray cats. This means damages and any other issue can be taken up with town residents who feed stray cats.

Despite this, neither the city nor the concerned resident can prove that his neighbor feeds the cats and thus, the city wasn’t sure what their next step would be.

After discussing the cat overpopulation issue in depth, the concerned resident shifted focus to another issue. He claims a different neighbor has a garage coated in lead paint. He claims the lead paint is chipping off and working

Johnson County considers rail service linking West Campus and North Liberty

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

A proposed rail service linking North Liberty and the University of Iowa’s West Campus may be established in a number of months.

While discussions of regional transportation have gone on for years, a proposal by Pop-Up Metro, a railway management company based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, would establish an 8.2-mile segment in just months. The system would utilize modular loading platforms and two-car sets remanufactured from trains used in London, England.

The proposal, which was presented to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at its June 12 work session, includes a three-year pilot program.

“It’s going to take a lot of coordination,” Supervisor Jon Green said. “I think this is really a neat opportunity. I hope we do champion it.”

The trains would go from Forevergreen Street on the North Liberty-Coralville border to Burlington Street in Iowa City with an estimated one-way travel time of 15 minutes.

“We have a historic opportunity here,” Supervisor Chair Rod Sullivan said.

Johnson County would coordinate efforts with the cities of North Liberty, Coralville and Iowa City for the CRANDIC line, which would be eligible for federal funding. County and city officials will actually see the trains on a planning trip to Pennsylvania in July.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County plans to release a rapid bus transit study during the summer.

Regional transportation plans have not included a link to areas south of Iowa City.

Sharon Center Road

Boomerang Corp., a construction firm from Anamosa, was awarded the construction project to rebuild a culvert on Sharon Center Road SW.

A northern portion of the road, which links Kalona to Highway 1 just southwest of Iowa City, is closed and detoured due to a failed culvert.

“We know this is closed and we are working as quickly as we can to get this back open,”

its way onto his property. He also claims he tested the paint, proving it is lead.

If true, the chipped paint could be a health hazard for the concerned resident, the owner of the garage, and the community as a whole.

The council pondered what their next step could be for this issue. They could not act on either issue during this meeting since neither was on the agenda. However, it seems the council will revisit one or both of the issues addressed by the concerned resident at a later date.

Sullivan said. “This is a fairly expedited project and we’re hopeful they’ll get it done ASAP.”

Boomerang was the low bidder at \$284,380, which was more than \$5,000 under the engineering estimate for the project.

The road begins at Highway 1 west of Iowa City and cuts through the middle of Sharon Township and down to Kalona, and is a frequently used route for motorists, farmers and others. The closure is just north of the Welsh Congregational Church of Christ and about half a mile south of the road’s intersection with Highway 1 in southwest rural Johnson County.

Juneteenth Tribute

As the Board recognized the Juneteenth holiday, June 19, with a proclamation at its formal session June 13, outgoing Supervisor Royceann Porter took the moment to show her appreciation for being selected as the first Black Supervisor in Johnson County history.

She finished fourth in the Democratic Primary June 4, meaning she will finish out her four-year term in December.

“Serving as the first African-American woman elected to a county seat in Johnson County has been one of the greatest honors of my life,” she said. “I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me the past 5 and a half years.

“While my recent Primary Election did not turn out as I had hoped, I am filled with immerse pride for the progress we have made together. We have worked tirelessly to create a more inclusive, equitable and just community. Our journey has not always been easy, but it has been profoundly rewarding. Juneteenth reminds us of the importance of freedom, equality and justice, values that we must continue to fight for every day.”

Supervisor Chair Rod Sullivan, Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass and Mandi Remington, all Democrats, finished one-two-three in the Primary voting for three seats. They will run unopposed in November.

Food & Farm Grants

The third round of the Community Food and Farm Grant Program drew 48 applicants

Council action

The council discussed a pavement project at 9th Avenue, south of Highway 22. This project is a necessity, according to City Administrator Kelly Litwiller. If the city does the project now, it could cost around \$300,000. If they wait, the price will double. If they wait more than a year, the cost becomes even more unclear, meaning action now will save the city in the long run.

The council asked Litwiller to continue looking into this project, hoping to make it a priority later on.

The council approved a

seeking a combined \$877,342 in funding. Of those, 17 have been recommended for about \$350,000 in funding; \$350,000 is the budgeted amount for Round 3, following grants of \$385,000 provided in the previous two rounds.

The awards in Round 3 will include \$25,000 each to Trowel & Error Farm, Garden Oasis Farm, Baladna Farm, Kanda-kat Sudan, 5M Emprendimiento Latino, Wild Woods Farm, and Yotopia Frozen Yogurt.

In addition to providing the funds, which benefit Johnson County farms and businesses, Sullivan is hopeful the program gets to be better known.

“It sure would be nice to get the word out a little bit,” Sullivan said. “I’m almost disheartened when I hear that people still don’t understand the support that we provide to the local food network.”

Board Actions

The Board approved the preliminary and final plats for Krueger Legacy, a one-lot farmstead split of 2.32 acres located south of 580th Street SE, northeast of Lone Tree.

The Board approved a resolution that clears the way for up to \$2.25 million to be used in loan agreements and bonds in conjunction with affordable housing apartment buildings.

The Board appointed HR Director Lindsey Jones as the bargaining representative for Johnson County.

The Board approved a professional services agreement with Impact7G to continue the implementation of the 7 Year Natural Areas Management Plan at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm.

The Board approved an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subrecipient agreement of \$686,000 with Johnson County Empowerment/ECIA for infant and toddler scholarships.

The Board approved memorandums of understanding with Social Services, totaling \$1.15 million, for wage enhancement and childcare assistance programs.

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of Juneteenth Freedom Day, June 19.

Next meeting: The Board’s next formal session is at 9 a.m. June 20.

quote from Kevin’s Concrete LLC to do minor road repairs. The council set a public hearing date for a proposed conveyance of right of way easement to Wapello Rural Water Association, Inc. on Monday, July 1.

The council approved a quote from Kay Park Recreation to replace picnic tables.

The council discussed a tree stump removal project with Kalonial Tree Services, but tabled the discussion as more could be added in the future.

Next council meeting: The Wellman City Council will meet again on Monday, July 1, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall for their next regular meeting.

HILLCREST ACADEMY PART THREE OF A SERIES

All eyes on the future

Hillcrest Academy’s full middle school program will begin this upcoming school year. This addition to Hillcrest has created many positive ripple effects throughout the school.

BY TJ RHODES
The News

KALONA

Hillcrest Academy experimented with a sixth grade program last school year, introducing a class of students who will end up being great ambassadors for the program. That is because next school year, all eyes will be on Hillcrest when they introduce a new group of sixth graders as well as a new seventh grade program and a class of eighth graders to boot.

The seventh grade class, sandwiched between the other two grades, will help integrate their fellow middle-schoolers as it’ll be their second year in the school.

This integration will lead to exciting, positive ripple effects felt throughout the entire building.

The first ripple effect is extracurriculars. Year one hosting just a sixth-grade class

allowed Hillcrest to carefully plan for the extra activities that will be taken on by the seventh and eighth grade classes.

Because of this preparation, the school already plans to offer cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, baseball and softball with some events already scheduled.

Another ripple effect is Hillcrest’s student population.

The Hillcrest student body used to be much larger. Because of declining/lower enrollment, parts of the building were underutilized in recent years. With the addition of middle school grades, more of the school can be used once more without the need to build on.

Many Hillcrest staffers, such as art and P.E. teachers, are moving from part-time to full-time to help accommodate the extra classes.

Despite these positive ripple effects, some concerns do

exist, like how will the middle school wing interact with the high school wing, if at all? Will the middle schoolers need to adhere to the high school bell schedule, or can they craft their own schedule? Will the middle schoolers need additional space for extracurriculars? What will athletic practices look like for the middle schoolers? How long will it take to fill new middle school staff roles? How will this new staff create a positive atmosphere/culture? Will this addition be a positive one for the entire school?

These are all questions being considered by the Hillcrest staff as well as Middle School Director Beth Swantz. Swantz understands not all questions can be answered in year two, noting this is a work in progress.

Whether it takes one day, one year, or many years, the Hillcrest staff is still excited to continue this process of growth and development.

“I’m excited to think and reflect about what went well this year, and what didn’t go well, [to] see how we can make the sixth grade [and] middle school experience at Hillcrest better next year, and have it continue to grow,” sixth grade teacher Megan Walsh said.

“[I am] thinking ahead to, what does the middle school look like? I am really looking forward to having my job only be the thinking part and not

the full-time teaching part because it’s enough of a job just to teach full time,” Swantz added.

Educational offerings

The Hillcrest staff made it abundantly clear that they will be offering a plethora of options for their middle school students.

The regular classes offered will not differ much from other schools. Hillcrest plans to offer science classes, language arts classes, reading classes, social studies classes, math classes and specials like music, art, family consumer science and physical education, to name a few.

“We are accredited. [Most] of the things we teach are [standard based] curriculum you’d see in a public school,” Swantz said. “We have made the decision that academics are a really high priority, so this is the path we’ve chosen to go down. [It] has worked well for the high school, and we will continue that path for the middle school.”

Of course, as a private Christian school, spirituality will play a major role within the curriculum as well. Hillcrest will offer Bible classes and chapel for their middle schoolers as well as daily activities that correspond with religion.

Hillcrest also gives their sixth grade class a daily recess monitored by Learning Sup-

port staffer Sheri Martin.

The high school wing benefits from the middle school as well. Interested high schoolers can volunteer in the middle school wing. If they complete all requirements, they’ll earn a silver cord that they can wear during graduation.

All of these educational benefits help Hillcrest stand out. Their staff is working hard to make sure the middle school is a desired program from day one.

Notes

This story is the third and final installment of the Hillcrest Academy mini-series documenting Hillcrest’s sixth grade and middle school programs.

For part one, see the Thursday, June 6 edition of The News. For part two, see the Thursday, June 13 edition of The News.

Hillcrest Academy is a private Christian school with a “Christ-centered” educational system, based in Kalona, IA. The school is accepting applications for the upcoming school year. You can contact Rebecca Beachy Miller, Director of Enrollment & Transportation, at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org if interested in enrollment, though any enrollment requests for the middle school will likely lead to a waiting list since the school, as of May 20, has hit their cap, though this could change with time.

Kalona council takes driving tour; Kwik Star looking at 2025 groundbreaking

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA
As the temperature peaked at 92° early Monday evening, the Kalona City Council spent the work session preceding their regular meeting on a driving tour that included a good portion of the city as well as Southtown. Dan Nisly drove the group that included Mary Audia of WEDG in the Kalona Byways tour bus.

A portion of the tour was focused on streets; City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh pointed out areas in need of repair, such as crack-filling, manhole resets, and curb and gutter additions. A teardrop-shaped cul-de-sac on 8th Street is especially in need of work and considered a high priority; a recently redone cul-de-sac on 13th Street was visited as a model for what is possible.

As the Yoder property enters development, a preliminary FEMA design calls for about 10 acres of land to be used as a retention pond for flood mitigation. The council stopped at the corner of J Avenue and 6th Street to view the area, where Schlabaugh explained that the pond would be “aesthetically pleasing” and water entering from the creek and English River would be controlled through a monitored floodgate.

The tour’s final stop was at the Southtown Recreation Area, where progress on building and installing amenities is occurring daily. The council walked the areas where bathrooms are being built, playground equipment will be installed, and land is being leveled and prepared for the splash pad. Completion is expected by spring 2025.

Kwik Star, WEDG Updates

Back at City Hall for their June 17 regular meeting, Schlabaugh was asked how plans for the Kwik Star convenience store proposed for the corner of Highways 1 and 22 were progressing. He said the company was still in the due diligence phase and working on the site plan, but very close to closing on the property. Groundbreaking would likely occur in 2025. Audia told the council that the WEDG (Washington Economic Development Group) office has returned to the Greiner Plaza after being displaced due to a fire in November 2022.

She also noted that WEDG held a presentation about FinCEN (Financial Crimes Enforcement Network) that attracted many small business owners. All businesses, including sole proprietorships and LLCs, are required to report information about the individuals who ultimately own

or control them to the federal government by Dec. 31, 2024.

The consequences for not doing so are “pretty serious,” Audia said, including fines and prison time. WEDG can help with more information on how to file a report for those who need it.

Council Action

The council waived the second and approved the third and final reading of the amended Fence and Hedge Regulations ordinance. The new ordinance requires Kalona residents to apply for a \$25 fence permit before installing fencing.

The council approved Pay App #1 for CJ Moyna & Sons LLC in the amount of \$261,840.90 for the Vista Park Project at the Southtown Recreation Area.

The council passed a resolution adopting and approving tax compliance procedures relating to tax-exempt bonds.

“The local option sales tax bonds that we took out and issued are tax-exempt,” Schlabaugh explained, “This is truly the last piece of paperwork that we have to submit.”

The \$2.1 million in bonds issued will be used to pay for development at the Southtown Recreation Area.

The Kalona City Council will next meet on Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Absolute Science comes to Wellman

BY CARRIE GENO
Library Director

Children and adults alike were captivated by the Wellman Public Library’s Laser Show provided by Absolute Science. Nearly 100 people joined the event held at Parkside Activity Center, as a part of the library’s ongoing Summer Reading Program.

There was fire. There was science. There was a laser. Need we say more?

Throughout the hour-long program, kids were surprised and awed with each new sci-

tific display, and a few brave volunteers from the crowd were able to help out.

The library’s children’s librarian, Megan Harris, joined in the fun. She spilled ink all over the scientist’s lab coat! Thankfully, it was a special disappearing ink, and the audience was able to learn a little about acids and bases from the “spill.”

All in all, it was a wonderfully engaging and entertaining show for the whole family, and the audience had the opportunity to learn along the way.



WATER SHOP/Continued from Page 1A

ily for 19 years was a profound loss they still feel. One of their sons faced a health challenge about that same time, and “it was a rough patch.” But still, the Millers are “just grateful every day for this opportunity” to work with their sons, their employees, and their customers.

Water is the source of all life, and that gives the Millers meaningful work.

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“Being able to serve the community,” is The Water Shop’s goal. “We just want to be there to help people improve their water,” Bud says. “Serve, serve, serve.”

“It’s always about service,” son Kenton confirms from his office. “The very nature of the service mindset, whether

it’s here or in the field taking care of customers, has kind of been our hallmark and also something that’s kind of been our DNA throughout the whole time.”

Continuing to serve their customers is exactly what Bud and Audrey hope for when they contemplate the future of The Water Shop. As the third generation – their grandchildren – begin to find places for themselves in the business, it seems to be flowing in the right direction.

“It’s a passion, it’s a labor of love,” Brad says as one of the second generation to propel the business forward. “When you’ve grown up and been spoiled with the best water, then you want to support that and provide that for other people too.”

To celebrate their 30 years in business, The Water Shop will hold a customer appreciation day on Thursday, June 27; stop by for lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and take advantage of other special offers running all day long. The Water Shop is located on 550th St. SW, just west of Hwy 1 in Frytown.



L-R: Greg Schmidt, Mary Audia, Craig Spitzer, and Ryan Schlabaugh stand in the circular area being prepared for the splash pad at Vista Park in Southtown.



ADA playground equipment arrived this week at Vista Park.



The Kalona City Council rode by the construction work in progress at Mid-Prairie East Elementary; council member Hank Beisheim in foreground.



Parking lots dug up at Mid-Prairie East Elementary.



A section of 4th Street that would benefit from curb and gutter definition, as viewed from H Avenue.

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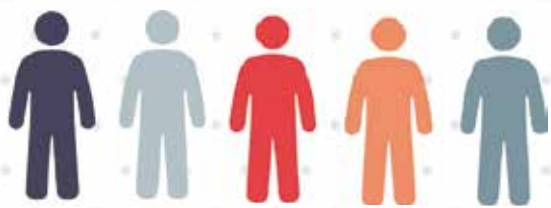
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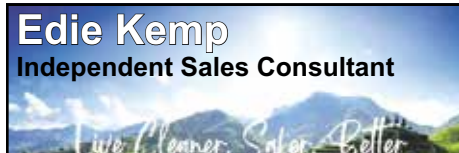
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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

New Golden Hawk Tatem Telfer brings power



Paul Bowker
Columnist

The rain and the thunder had finally disappeared overhead.

And that's when the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks went to work last Thursday at Iowa City Regina.

Luke Traetow, a senior, beat out an infield grounder for a single.

Brady Weber, a junior, walked.

They moved to second and third bases on a wild pitch.

At the plate was Tatem Telfer, an Arkansas State commit who is the leading home run hitter in the River Valley South during his first summer season with Mid-Prairie.

Perfect situation.

The swing came, bat met ball, and the grunt coming from Telfer was a quick sign. He had swung just a little under the ball and it went high up into the sky, chasing Regina shortstop Connor Nipcon only into short left field for an easy catch.

Another fraction of an inch, and the ball may have been soaring over the fence for Telfer's fifth home run of the season.

"He brings a good stick for us," Golden Hawks coach Kyle Mullett said. "One of our best hitters."

Telfer, a junior, is a new Golden Hawk. He arrived in Wellman at the same time that senior Karson Grout, a University of Iowa recruit, headed to Clinton to play in a summer college league as a preparation for a college career that begins in the fall.

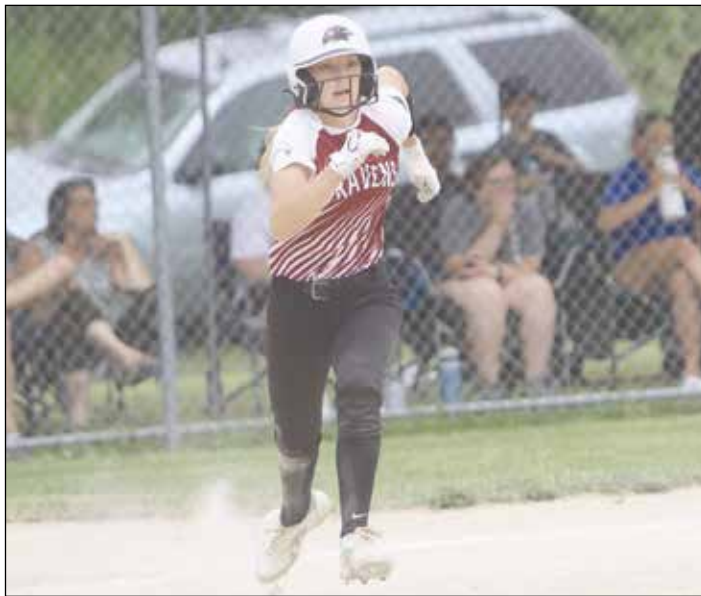
And the thing is, Grout is one of the reasons Telfer, a native of Hedrick, made a move to transfer to Mid-Prairie and open enroll. They're baseball buddies. And schoolmates. Telfer played for Mid-Prairie's basketball team this past season, mostly on the junior varsity, a squad on which Grout had played in 2023.

Even now, they keep in touch.

"It's been great," Telfer said.

"School is good. I played basketball. I'm having a good time."

The timing of Telfer's arrival was perfect for the Golden Hawks. He has filled not only a batting and a pitching spot previously held by Grout, but he became a Golden Hawk just a year after



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Hillcrest junior Malia Yoder connects with the ball (above), races towards first base (left), and rounds first on her way to second (right), during a home game against Keota on June 15.

Getting into the swing of things

Finding their rhythm, Hillcrest wins four of their last six games

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

KALONA

The Hillcrest Classic, a home tourney for the Ravens, took place this past weekend and in the first round it was a battle of the birds, the Ravens versus the Eagles.

In a high scoring fifth inning from both teams, Hillcrest (7-6) earned a walk-off 6-5 victory over the Keota Eagles (1-11).

The Ravens more than welcome this fourth consecutive win after they were previously on a five-game losing streak. Their seven wins on the season already matches their total wins from last year. Hillcrest took the lead when they

scored one run in the first after an RBI single from Kylee Statler.

Quickly responding, Keota tied it up in the top of the second until the Ravens broke the tie with another run in the fourth, brought in by Erin Bontrager with a base hit.

After two scoreless innings, the Eagles found a rhythm on offense, scoring four runs in the fifth to take their first lead of the game.

Not backing down, the Ravens also scored four in the fifth to nab a walk-off win. Bringing in the winning runs with a 2 RBI double was sophomore Adrienne Blauvelt.

With Statler, Bontrager, Blauvelt, Claire Withrow, Malia Yoder, Delaney Shaw, Stavia Miller all contributing a

hit the Ravens had seven hits as a team.

Getting the win on the mound was junior Malia Yoder, ending the game with nine strikeouts while giving up three hits.

In the fourth inning Yoder collected her 100th strikeout of the season, making it the second straight year she has reached this milestone, reaching the century mark in 20 games last year and this year reaching it in 13 games.

Later that day in the championship game, Hillcrest (7-7) was defeated, 6-3, by the English Valleys Bears (12-2).

The Ravens took an early lead by finding the home plate twice in the first,

Hawks topple No. 13 Wildcats in weather delayed contest



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie's Dakota Mitchell prepares to throw towards first base during a road game on June 17.

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

DURANT

A lightning delay and a rain delay made the contest go on longer than expected, but the Golden Hawk gals were not deterred in the slightest.

In what could be described as their most impressive win of the season, Mid-Prairie softball defeated No. 13 in Class 2A, the Durant Wildcats, with a final score of 8-5 on June 13.

This win for Mid-Prairie (5-8) broke a three-game losing streak while improving its record in conference play to 2-7. For Durant (12-9) this was its second consecutive loss, and it was its third loss within the conference.

Durant held a 3-1 lead after one but the Hawks put up two in the third to tie the game.

The first weather delay, lasting over an hour, occurred

at the top of the fifth, but when play resumed Mid-Prairie didn't miss a beat with senior Gabi Robertson connecting with the ball and reaching third thanks to an outfield error. Robertson eventually headed home on a wild pitch to give Mid-Prairie a lead they never let go of.

A second weather delay transpired after the fifth concluded, this time lasting 38 minutes. Building on their lead, Mid-Prairie scored two runs in each the sixth and seventh inning to arrive at their final score of eight.

Durant attempted to rally in the bottom of the seventh but only scored two runs before their third out ended the game in Mid-Prairie's favor.

Mid-Prairie had 11 hits as a team with junior Dakota Mitchell leading the way with three with one of those hits being a triple. Sophomore Sophie

Miller led the team in RBIs with two.

It was sophomore Kadence Grout who represented Mid-Prairie on the mound, and she got the win, pitching in all seven innings. She ended the game with one strikeout, giving up nine hits, and allowing four walks.

Mount Vernon 3, Mid-Prairie 0

After playing at home for their last six games, the Golden Hawks went on the road to battle a challenging opponent, the No. 4 Mount Vernon Mustangs.

Only giving up a single hit and no runs, the home Mustangs defeated the Hawks on June 11.

The Mustangs (16-4) scored a single run in the first, fifth, and sixth innings while pro-

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

ROWAN MILLER

HILLCREST SOPHOMORE

Miller had an outstanding day on the mound in Hillcrest's 11-0 home win over New London on June 12. Throwing a five inning no-hitter, Miller struck out eight batters and allowed two walks. Miller also went one for two at bat, producing a team leading three RBIs.

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Mid-Prairie senior Joe Hall.



Mid-Prairie junior Adrian Sanchez.

Academic All-State Soccer Team

Joe Hall, senior, and Adrian Sanchez, junior are Mid-Prairie soccer players named to the Class 1A Academic All-State Soccer Team for the 2024 season. They are listed as 2nd Team Academic All-State players.

Coming up:

Highland schedule

- Baseball vs Wapello (June 20, 5:30 pm)
- Softball vs Wapello (June 20, 7 pm)
- Softball @ Washington tourney (June 22, 9 am)
- Baseball @ New London (June 24, 5:30 pm)
- Softball @ New London (June 24, 7 pm)
- Baseball @ Sigourney (June 25, 5:30 pm)
- Softball @ Columbus (June 25, 7 pm)
- Baseball vs BGM (June 26, 5:30 pm)

Hillcrest schedule

- Baseball vs Pekin (June 20, 5:30 pm)
- Softball vs Pekin (June 20, 7 pm)
- Softball @ WACO (June 21, 7 pm)
- Baseball/Softball vs Danville (June 22, 10 am)
- Baseball @ Van Buren (June 24, 5:30 pm)
- Softball @ Holy Trinity (June 24, 7 pm)
- Baseball vs Louisa-Musc. (June 25, 5:30 pm)
- Softball vs Louisa-Musc. (June 25, 7 pm)

Lone Tree schedule

- Baseball @ Pekin (June 21, 5:30 pm)
- Softball @ Pekin (June 21, 7 pm)
- Softball @ Central City tourney (June 22, 10 am)
- Baseball @ W. Burlington (June 24, 5:30 pm)
- Softball @ W. Burlington (June 24, 7 pm)
- Baseball/Softball @ BGM (June 25, 6 pm)

Mid-Prairie schedule

- Baseball vs West Liberty (June 20, 7 pm)
- Softball @ West Branch (June 20, 7 pm)
- Baseball @ Durant (June 21, 7 pm)
- Baseball vs Durant (June 24, 5 pm)
- Softball vs Durant (June 24, 5 pm)
- Baseball vs Washington (June 26, 7:30 pm)
- Softball vs Washington (June 26, 7:30 pm)

Mid-Prairie baseball earns lopsided win over St. Albert

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Mid-Prairie's baseball team swung open its offense on the way to the College World Series last week.

The 2A ninth-ranked Golden Hawks, who were in Omaha to watch an opening-round game of the World Series last Saturday, began their trip Friday with a 14-3 win over St. Albert Catholic in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Brady Weber, a junior, had three hits in a 15-hit parade by the Golden Hawks, who scored their most lopsided win since an 18-0 victory over Tipton on May 28. Weber scored three times, stole two bases and drove in a run.

Brady's younger brother, Brooks, was one of four Golden Hawks to get two hits. Joining him were Bowen Burmeister, Landry Gingerich and Joe Hall. Burmeister, Gingerich and Brooks Weber each drove in three runs, and each had a double.

Burmeister also hit a triple. The Golden Hawks reached St. Albert starting pitcher Matthew Stile for eight runs and seven hits in 3.1 innings.

Carson Pence was the starting pitcher for the Golden Hawks, giving up five hits and two runs in three innings. Kurt Schneider and Conner Wiles finished up, each pitching two scoreless innings.

Owen Marshall led St. Albert (7-12) with two hits.

The next day (Saturday), the Golden Hawks were in Omaha to watch Kentucky defeat North Carolina State, 5-4.

Monday, the Golden Hawks were back in Iowa to begin a five-game week that includes a home game against West Liberty on Thursday night and the first of three consecutive games against Durant on Friday.

Mid-Prairie 2-6 IC Regina 13-5

The Golden Hawks scored six runs in the final two innings against Iowa City Regina Catholic, including the winning run in an extra inning, to defeat the Regals 6-5 and gain a split of a doubleheader June 10.

Regina, which had won the first game 13-2, took a 5-0 lead in the second game. Then, the Golden Hawks struck back with five runs in the seventh inning and one in the eighth.

Mid-Prairie senior Brock Harland had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run.

Carson Pence shut down Regina in the eighth inning for the win.

Tatem Telfer and Dylan Henry each had two hits and scored twice over the two games.

Regina freshman Savion Miller had four hits and scored three runs.

Bettendorf 11 Mid-Prairie 5

Brady Weber led the Golden Hawks with two hits and Tatem Telfer drove in two runs

with a homer, but a shaky opening inning led to an 11-5 loss for Mid Prairie on June 11 at Bettendorf.

The Bulldogs scored seven runs in the first inning to take control. Bettendorf's Ian Bell had a game-high three hits, drove in two runs and scored once.

Bowen Burmeister, Joe Hall and Brooks Weber added hits for Mid-Prairie.

Burmeister and Brooks Weber pitched for the Golden Hawks.

IC Regina 2 Mid-Prairie 0

Regina's Hudson Koch and Tate Lynch combined for a 4-hitter, leading the Regals to a 2-0 win over Mid-Prairie on June 13.

Luke Traetow had two hits for the Golden Hawks, and Tatem Telfer and Brooks Weber each had one. The Golden Hawks had two runners on base in the sixth inning, but could not score as they were shut out for just the second time this season.

"I'm really proud of the way that we played today," Mid-Prairie coach Kyle Mullet said. "I know it's a tough loss. We played good baseball today."

Mid-Prairie pitcher Brock Harland gave up just two hits and struck out 6 in six innings, but the Regals scored a pair of unearned runs in the fourth inning for the win.

Jack Clark and Drew Steb scored Regina's runs.



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Mid-Prairie senior pitcher Brock Harland gave up just two hits and struck out six in a start against Regina Catholic last Thursday.

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Luke Traetow of Mid-Prairie takes a lead off second base against Regina Catholic.



Mid-Prairie junior Tatem Telfer heads toward first base after connecting with a pitch.

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS
Hillcrest's Delaney Shaw sprints towards first base.



Hillcrest's Adrienne Blauvelt gives a shrug after a foul ball.

but the Bears snatched the lead by scoring three in the second. They added to their lead by scoring once in the third and two more times in the fourth. Hillcrest was only able to score one more run in the sixth before the game ended. Showing she can hit just as well as she can pitch, Yoder went three for three while up to bat with her hits being a single, a double, and a home run. She finished the game with a team high two RBIs. Yoder also pitched in all six innings, striking out nine and giving up five hits. Through 14 games Yoder leads the Ravens in hits (23) and strikeouts (112).

Hillcrest 10, Columbus 7
In a home game, the Ravens (4-6) snapped a five-game losing streak when they defeated the Columbus Wildcats (3-13) on June 11. Hillcrest took a 5-2 lead after the first inning. Columbus scored three in the fourth to break the tie. Both teams scored twice in the sixth to arrive at the final score.

Leading the team in hits with three was junior Malia Yoder. Fellow junior Lydia Beachy led the team in RBIs with three. Yoder also went the distance on the mound, recording 12 strikeouts and giving up eight hits.

Hillcrest 13, New London 4
In another home game, Hillcrest (5-6) earned back-to-back wins when they defeated the New London Tigers (1-8) on June 12. Through four Hillcrest held a 8-3 lead. The fifth was the last inning where either team scored a run with the Tigers scoring once and the Ravens adding to their lead by finding the home plate five more times. Going three for three at bat, junior Delaney Shaw led the team in hits with two being singles and one being a home run, her second of the season. She also led the team in RBIs with five. Also connecting on a home run in the win was Malia Yoder, her first of the season. Going two for four at bat, Yoder ended the game with four RBIs.

Yoder also captured the win on the mound, pitching in all seven innings. She retired six batters, gave up four hits, and allowed six walks.

Hillcrest 10, W-MU 7
Taking place at the Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, the Ravens (6-6) earned the season sweep over the Winfield-Mt Union Wolves (4-9) on June 13. Hillcrest took an early lead by scoring four in the first. The Wolves eventually responded by scoring three in the third. Both teams scored three more times each in the fifth before the Ravens outscored the Wolves, 3-1, in the sixth to firmly separate themselves from their conference foe to earn the victory. This was the second straight game where both Malia Yoder and Delaney Shaw hit the ball out of the park. Yoder went two for four at bat, hitting a single and a home run. She also had three RBIs. Shaw went three for four at bat, hitting a single, a double, and a home run. She also led the team with four RBIs.

Pitching in seven innings, Yoder earned the win on the mound. She struck out 13 batters, giving up two hits, and allowing three walks.

Van Buren 4, Hillcrest 3
In a close game that came down to the final inning, the Ravens were defeated on the road by the Van Buren County Warriors on June 17. Hillcrest scored a single run in the first to take the lead and this score remained consistent until the Warriors finally answered in the fourth, scoring twice to take the lead. The Ravens responded quickly, scoring once in the next inning to tie the game, but Van Buren's one run in the sixth gave them back the lead. Hillcrest tied the game once again with a run in the top of the seventh, but in the bottom of the inning the Warriors scored their own run to earn a walk-off victory. Up next for Hillcrest (7-8) is a home conference game against the Pekin Panthers (1-15) on June 20.

Huskies use late surge to overcome the Lions on the road

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

LONE TREE
A clash between cats and dogs took center stage at Lone Tree this past week when the Huskies paid a visit to the Lions' baseball diamond for their yearly conference contest. Saving their best for last, Highland exploded with 18 runs combined in the last two innings to defeat Lone Tree, 20-8, on June 11. Highland's (6-8) comeback makes it back-to-back wins, the second time they accomplished this feat this season. For Lone Tree (3-6) this loss marked the end of a two-game win streak. The Huskies scored once in the second before Lone Tree soaked thrice in the third to take their first lead of the game. As the game progressed the Lions added four more and the Huskies added one, leading to Highland facing a five-run deficit entering the sixth. With two innings remaining the Huskies found their groove on offense, scoring seven in the sixth. The Lions scored a single run in the bottom of the inning to only be down one run, but Highland put up an astounding 11 runs in the seventh to cement their comeback victory on the road. Highland had nine hits as a team with junior Colten Sypherd leading the way with two and he also had three RBIs. Logan McFarland recorded one hit, but it was a triple. He also

ended the game with a team leading four RBIs and scored two runs himself. Pitching duties for Highland was taken upon by McFarland and 8th grader Caleb Wheeler. McFarland, pitching in three innings, allowed four hits, and recorded one strikeout. Wheeler, pitching in four innings, struck out three batters and allowed four hits. It was a great day on offense for Lone Tree sophomore Emmett Burke. Burke went four for four while up to bat, with three of his hits being singles and one being a double. He also scored two runs. Finishing with two RBIs, the team lead, was Ethan Bockelman and Brock Nebergall. Getting the most work on the mound for the Lions was junior Jack Patterson. Pitching in four innings, Patterson gave up one hit, one run, one walk, and tallied a team high four strikeouts.

Burlington ND 17, Highland 5
A mighty opponent awaited the Huskies, who went on the road to battle No. 1 in class 1A, the Burlington Notre Dame Nikes on June 12. The Nikes (16-1) got the win over the Huskies (6-9), by shutting out Highland for all but one inning and by scoring big in the fourth and fifth innings. Highland scored five runs in the bottom of the second to tie the game, but it ended up being their only runs of the night

with the Nikes scoring five of their own in the fourth and then seven more in the fifth to put an official stamp on their victory. Connecting on a team high three hits on three attempts for the Huskies was junior William Dunbar. Ending with two hits and a team high two RBIs was fellow junior Logan McFarland. The loss on the mound went to freshman Presten Smith, pitching in four innings, giving up 11 hits and allowing three walks. Dunbar pitched in one inning and accounted for the team's lone strikeout of the game.

Highland 3, Pekin 2
Bouncing back from a double-digit road loss, the Huskies went back home and collected another SEISC victory, narrowly defeating Pekin on June 13. With this win, Highland (7-9) improved its conference record to 5-2 and for the Panthers (5-6) their record in the conference drops to 4-3. Pekin scored one run in the first and the fourth to take a 2-0 lead, but Highland rallied, scoring three in the fifth to snatch a slim one run advantage and kept the Panthers from scoring in the final two innings to secure the victory. It was Highland freshman Landon Rolling who led the team in hits (2) with the team total being six. Getting one hit and a team high two RBIs was

fellow freshman Garrett Beeson. Going the distance to get the win on the mound was junior Colten Sypherd. Sypherd has started the most games as pitcher for the Huskies this season and in this win, he put up seven strikeouts, gave up four hits, and allowed no walks. On the year, Sypherd is up to a total of 31 strikeouts in five games played.

West Burlington 8, Highland 7
Suffering a close loss on the road, the Huskies were defeated by the West Burlington Falcons on June 17. This was a back-and-forth game with Highland breaking through in the sixth, scoring four runs to take a three-run lead. The Huskies scored once more in the top of the seventh to add to their lead, but the Falcons rallied, scoring an inning high five runs in the seventh to earn a walk-off victory. Highland was led by juniors Colten Sypherd and Ryker Miller who both had a team high two hits. Sypherd also led the team in RBIs with two. It was eighth grader Caleb Wheeler who saw the most playing time on the mound for Highland. He pitched in five innings, striking out two and allowing three hits. Up next for Highland (7-10) is a home game against the Wapello Indians (3-11) on June 20.



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS
Highland's Hunter Seibel takes a swing during road game.



Highland's Logan McFarland pitches against Lone Tree.



Highland's Colten Sypherd gets ready to swing at a pitch.

Mid-Prairie soccer lands four on all-conference teams

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WELLMAN
An exciting season on the pitch, Mid-Prairie boys soccer did plenty for the players, coaches, and fans to be proud of and recognition was given to their impressive play when four Golden Hawks were chosen for all-conference teams. Led by a strong group of seniors, Mid-Prairie soccer put together a 10-8 season, one more win than the year prior. It also marks the third time in the last four years the Hawks reached double digit wins. "These seniors have done a great job all year motivating these younger kids, letting them know what they're doing well, encouraging them, telling them, hey, next year this is

you," Mid-Prairie coach Wyatt Cady said. Mid-Prairie won its first two playoff games, defeating Sigourney and Hillcrest, to advance to the substate final against conference foe Regina. With a state bid on the line, Regina ended Mid-Prairie's season by defeating them, 2-0. While on the road, Mid-Prairie went 3-5 and at home they went 5-2. As a team the Hawks scored 30 goals and their goalkeepers racked up 125 saves. The ever-reliable Joe Hall saw the most playing time as goalie for Mid-Prairie this season. Hall, a senior, was sensational for the Hawks all season long, tallying 107 saves for a save percentage of 82.3%. "All the time I've been coaching, this is the truest

goalie that we've had as a program," Coach Cady said about Hall after a playoff game. "This kid can do it all. He was making the saves, he was punting the ball past the circle in the air, he was commanding the defense. He's just a great player." Mid-Prairie had two talented players be selected for first-team all-conference, seniors Beau Flynn and Daniel Rodgers. Flynn finished his final year at Mid-Prairie with four goals, with three of them coming from a hat trick in a game against Columbus. He also had one assist. His goal total was a career high. As a freshman and a sophomore, he scored one goal each. Rodgers, one of three cap-

tains on this year's squad, scored a career high four goals as a senior. As a junior and as a sophomore he scored one goal each. When it came to assists, Captain Rogers ended with three, the second highest on the team. More Mid-Prairie senior talent found themselves on an all-conference team, with Tucker Miller being selected for second-team all-conference. Playing all four years for Mid-Prairie, Captain Miller ended his final season with Mid-Prairie with five goals and a team leading six assists. Overall Miller has scored 20 goals as a Golden Hawk and has accumulated 19 assists. His junior year is where he reached his career highs in goals (8) and assists (8).

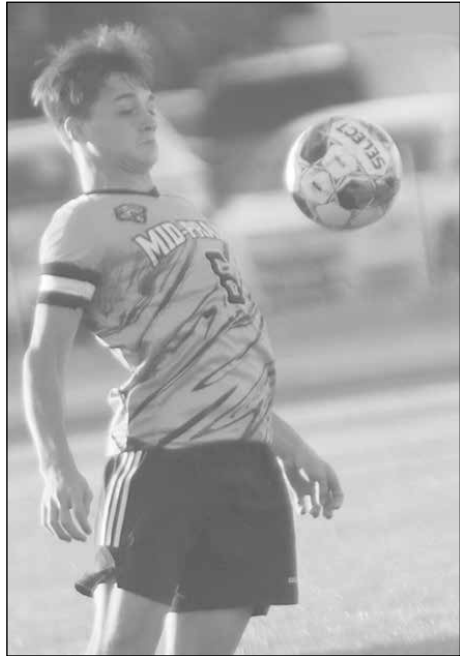
Earning honorable mention all-conference was sophomore Peyton Fox. In his first year playing high school soccer, Fox led the Hawks with seven goals. Three of his goals came when he completed a hat trick in a playoff game against Sigourney-Keota. He also had two assists. Mid-Prairie says goodbye to 11 seniors: Tucker Miller, Daniel Rodgers, Beau Flynn, Joe Hall, Drake Price, Hugo Banuelos, Sawyer Hough, Dylan Henry, Drew Schlabaugh, Anthony Culbertson, Jackson Miller. "It always hurts to lose one of your strongest senior classes ever," Coach Cady said after a playoff game. "But the way they're bringing up these other kids, I think they're still doing their job."



First-team All River Valley Conference selection: Mid-Prairie senior Beau Flynn.



First-team All River Valley Conference selection: Mid-Prairie senior Daniel Rodgers.



Second-team All River Valley Conference selection: Mid-Prairie senior Tucker Miller.



Honorable mention All River Valley Conference selection: Mid-Prairie sophomore Peyton Fox.



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Highland head coach Carrie Wieland directs Mayia Singbell at third base.

Highland softball goes 4-2 during busy week

BY TJ RHODES
The News

RIVERSIDE

Highland’s softball team played six games between Tuesday, June 11 and Monday, June 17, going 4-2 during the stretch, reaching a record of 10-6.

Their six games were filled with ample scoring. On Tuesday, June 11, the Huskies topped the Lone Tree Lady Lions 11-4; on Wednesday, June 12, the Huskies fell to the Davenport West Falcons 6-2; on Thursday, June 13, the Huskies beat the Pekin Panthers 15-3; on Friday, June 14, Highland completed the sweep against the WACO Warriors with a combined game total of 33-0 – 19-0 in game one and 14-0 in game two; and finally, on Monday, June 17, the Huskies lost to the Burlington-Notre Dame Falcons 10-6, concluding their busy stretch.

Highland 11, Lone Tree 4:

A quiet first two innings for the Huskies and Lady Lions translated into an explosive third inning where the Huskies scored a majority of their runs, six, as Lone Tree answered with one of their own.

Highland added four more runs in the top of the fourth inning, adding one more in the top of the sixth to bring home 11 runs.

Lone Tree tallied one run in the fifth, sixth and seventh inning, leading to the 11-4 conclusion.

Senior Sarah Burton, sophomore Mackenzie Davis and eighth grader Mayla Singbell led the Huskies with two hits apiece. Davis brought home four runs, Highland’s RBI leader.

Lone Tree junior Rylee Shield and Freshmen Olivia Magruder and Addison McCullough led the Lady Lions with two hits apiece.

Lone Tree dropped to 6-5 after the conference loss to Highland.

Davenport West 6, Highland 2:

The Davenport West Falcons jumped to a 2-0 lead after two innings and never looked back, adding two more runs in the third and fourth inning, entering the fifth with a 4-1 lead.

Highland would cut the lead in half when they scored in the bottom of the fifth. Unfortunately for the Huskies, this would be their last run of the night.

The Falcons added two more runs in the top of the seventh to earn a commanding 6-2 win. The Falcons rose to 4-12 after topping Highland.

Highland 15, Pekin 3:

Highland wasted no time, scoring three runs in the top of the first.

Pekin would score two runs

in the bottom of the second, keeping the Huskies on their toes.

An explosive fourth inning helped Highland pull away when they scored nine runs to take a 12-2 lead.

Pekin added their third run of the evening in the bottom of the fourth but Highland added three more of their own in the sixth inning, burying the Panthers 15-3.

Pekin dropped to 1-14 after the conference loss to Highland and are ranked eighth of nine teams within the SE Iowa super conference – North.

Highland v. WACO doubleheader:

Highland hosted a doubleheader against WACO on Friday, June 14, winning with a combined score of 33-0.

Game one was a landslide victory for the Huskies, scoring 19 runs in the first two frames, concluding the game prematurely.

Game two featured a similar fate: Highland scored two in the first two innings. Then, they scored 12 in the bottom of the third, breaking free once again to close the game out.

The WACO Warriors remain winless after the two losses to Highland, falling to 0-10. WACO is ranked last within the SEISC – North.

West-Burlington Notre Dame 10, Highland 6:

Highland concluded a busy stretch with a road matchup against the West Burlington-Notre Dame Falcons on Monday, June 17. The Falcons completed a late-frame comeback when they beat the Huskies 10-6.

Highland jumped to a 6-0 lead after three frames, commanding a comfortable lead.

The Falcons scored one run in the bottom of the third and added two more in the bottom of the fourth, cutting Highland’s lead in half.

In the bottom of the fifth, the floodgates opened as Burlington-Notre Dame scored four runs to take the 7-6 lead. They would add three more tallies in the bottom of the sixth to reach the final score.

With the win, the Burlington-Notre Dame Falcons rose to 14-5.

Upcoming schedule:

The Highland Huskies (10-6) are ranked second within the SEISC – North after their busy stretch of six games.

On Tuesday, June 18, the Huskies faced off against the No. 1 ranked SEISC – North team, the Louisa-Muscatine Falcons. The Falcons are ranked No. 15 within the state, making them a tough foe.

See “Leading off” on Page 2B for more information on Highland’s upcoming schedule.



Sarah Burton smiles as she makes a routine throw to first base.

Late inning magic lifts the Lady Lions past the Wildcats



LEFT: Abby Zaruba and Alex Dautremont celebrate a Zaruba strikeout at the mound against the Highland Huskies on Tuesday, June 11. RIGHT: Vivian Zaruba gets a running start after making contact with the ball against Highland on Tuesday, June 11.



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BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

LONE TREE

With only the bottom of the seventh left to play, it was looking bleak for the Lady Lions in their home conference game against Columbus.

After scoring twice in the first, Lone Tree was shut out for five straight innings. The Wildcats scored three in the third and twice in the seventh to take the lead and just needed to play solid defense to claim victory, but Lone Tree had other plans.

The Lady Lions put together their best inning on offense when they needed it most, scoring three in the seventh to force an extra inning and then scored a run in the eighth for a walk-off win, 6-5, over Columbus on June 13.

Lone Tree (8-5) makes it back-to-back wins with their comeback and they also improve their conference record to 4-3. For Columbus (3-14), they drop their 10th of their last 11 games and sees its conference record fall to 2-7.

In the pivotal seventh inning, Lone Tree got the spark they needed from Haley Bockelman. Bockelman chose a perfect time for her first triple of the season, sending the ball flying deep into the right field and using her speed to reach third base.

Up next to bat, Rylee Shield hit a fly ball and thanks to an error by the Wildcats, Shield reached second and Bockelman scored Lone Tree’s first run since the first inning. This led to a Vivian Zaruba RBI single that brought home Shield.

Still trailing by one, Lone Tree was at two outs with Hogan Eden stepping up to the plate. Eden, one of two seniors on the team, showcased her clutch factor by hitting an RBI

single to tie the game. This was her third RBI of the game, the team lead.

Going into an extra eighth inning, Columbus was up first, and they went three up and three down. With all the momentum on their side, Lone Tree now had a chance for an improbable comeback victory.

After a single and an out, Abby Zaruba was up to bat and grounded out at first, but her hit brought in Bella Pourry for the game winning score.

Abby Zaruba was the starting pitcher for Lone Tree, pitching in three innings and retiring four batters. Pitching in five innings and getting the win on the mound was Alex Dautremont. She ended with a team high seven strikeouts, allowing three hits and no walks.

Lone Tree had 10 hits as a team with Vivian Zaruba, Shield, Eden, and Bella Pourry all connecting on a team high two hits.

Lone Tree 9, VB County 3

Putting an end to a three-game losing streak, the Lady Lions handled the Van Buren County Warriors at home on June 12.

Lone Tree (7-5) was able to shut out Van Buren (7-6) in every inning except for one to secure the win. The Warriors put up three in the third for their only runs scored of the game.

After Van Buren scored three, Sami Branson kicked off Lone Tree’s scoring in the bottom of the third with a solo home run, her first of the year. In the same inning, Hogan Eden hit an RBI double to tie the game.

From there on it was all Lone Tree. They scored one in the fourth to take the lead, put up four more in the fifth, and then added an insurance run in the sixth.

Lone Tree had seven hits

as a team and those hits came from Branson, Eden, Rylee Shield, Vivian Zaruba, Lila Bell, Bella Pourry, and Abby Zaruba

The win on the mound went to Abby Zaruba, who pitched in four innings and had a team high four strikeouts. Alex Dautremont started the game as pitcher, going three innings and retiring three batters.

Lone Tree 17, W-MU 0
Lone Tree 11, W-MU 1

Going on the road to battle a conference opponent in a double header, the Lady Lions won both contests against the Winfield-Mt Union Wolves on June 15.

Lone Tree shut out the Wolves in the first game, earning the win in three innings. This is the second time this season Lone Tree has shut out their opponent.

It was a great outing for Lone Tree senior Hogan Eden. Eden went three for three at bat, bringing in two RBIs. Leading the team in RBIs with four was freshman Olivia Magruder.

Alex Dautemont collected another win on the mound for Lone Tree, striking out three and only giving up one hit.

The second game was different but the same, with the Lady Lions getting the win over W-MU in five innings.

Lone Tree had 10 hits as a team with junior Vivian Zaruba leading the way, going a three for three while up to bat. Fellow junior Rylee Shield led the team in RBIs with three.

This time the win on the mound went to freshman Abby Zaruba. She pitched in every inning, tallying seven strikeouts and only giving up one hit.

Up next for Lone Tree (10-5) is a road conference game against the Pekin Panthers (1-15) on June 21.

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tecting home plate all game long from Mid-Prairie (4-8). For Mid-Prairie, this loss was their third in a row.

Getting the Hawk’s lone hit of the game was eighth grader Tessa Bombei. This was Bombei’s 12th hit of the season, which is impressive enough to be tied for fourth most on the team through 12 games.

Going six innings on the mound in the loss was sophomore Kadence Grout, giving up 11 hits and one walk.

Fort Dodge Tournament

Over the weekend the Golden Hawks traveled to Fort Dodge to compete in a tournament against some tough competition. They played four games in total, winning once and dropping their other three contests.

Their lone win came against the Central Springs Panthers. The Hawks defeated the Panthers, 5-1.

In the win Mid-Prairie amassed eight hits with Olivia Swartzendruber and Gabi Robertson both connecting on two hits to lead the team. Third baseman Brenna Jehle led the team in RBIs with three.

Getting the win on the mound was eighth grader Alea Snider. She recorded three strikeouts, gave up four hits, and allowed three walks.

In Mid-Prairie’s game against No. 3 in Class 4A, the Fort Dodge Dodgers, they were defeated, 10-0.

The Hawks had one hit in this contest, coming from soph-

omore Kadence Grout. Grout was also the starting pitcher. She pitched in all five innings, ending with one strikeout, giving up 11 hits and eight walks.

Mid-Prairie also saw a familiar opponent at Fort Dodge, conference foe Regina. The Regals got the win in the tourney, defeating the Hawks, 7-6.

This was a close game where Mid-Prairie outhit their opponent, 11-10, despite the loss. One of those hits was a home run, hit out of the park by Mid-Prairie junior Kyla Karnes. Morgyn Bender led the Hawks in hits with three.

Snider got the starting nod at pitcher in this contest, allowing 10 hits and giving up four walks.

In their third loss of the tourney, the Clarksville Indians defeated Mid-Prairie, 7-6.

Mid-Prairie held a 6-4 lead after six innings played, but the Indians scored three in the seventh to earn a comeback victory.

Junior Dakota Mitchell led the Hawks in hits with three. She also recorded one RBI along with Brenna Jehle, Kadence Grout, Kyla Karnes, Morgyn Bender, and Tessa Bombei.

Grout was the starting pitcher, retiring one batter and allowing eight hits.

West Liberty 4, Mid-Prairie 2;
West Liberty 12, Mid-Prairie 2

Going on the road for a conference doubleheader against



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Kadence Grout delivers a pitch in the first inning of a road game on Monday, June 17.

the West Liberty Comets, the Hawks were defeated in both contests on June 17.

In the first game Mid-Prairie and West Liberty both scored one run each in the first inning to tie the game.

The Comets kept their momentum on offense, scoring three more in the second to take a lead they never let go of. Mid-Prairie scored once more in the third, thanks to an RBI single from Kadence Grout, but they would be shut out for the rest of the game.

In the second game West Liberty got on the board first with two runs. The Hawks scored once in the top of the second, but the Comets responded with three in the bottom of the inning.

West Liberty continued to build their lead, scoring twice in the third and adding three more in the fight. Mid-Prairie was not able to mount a comeback, scoring their final run of the game in the sixth.

Up next for Mid-Prairie (6-13) is a road conference game against West Branch (5-14) on June 20.

Slow and steady Ravens complete comeback at home tourney



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Left: Hillcrest’s Liam Schrock makes a dive while chasing a Keokuk baserunner during a home game on June 15; Right: Hillcrest’s Lawson Schrock makes a throw towards first base to record an out during the seventh inning.

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The News

KALONA

In their second game of a home tournament, the Ravens faced a less than ideal start. Their opponent, Keouk, got rolling in the first by scoring a quick six runs. The Ravens needed to trek the comeback trail for the win and in a slow and steady manner, that’s exactly what they did. By shutting out Keokuk (3-7) in the next five innings and scoring at least one run in the next four innings, Hillcrest (10-9) ended their weekend tourney with another victory, 10-9, on June 15.

“Not a great start, but, proud of the way the guys stayed composed and just kept chipping away and didn’t get down on ourselves,” Hillcrest coach Danny Hershberger said about his team’s ability to overcome adversity.

“Just kept fighting and kept fighting and we were able to get a couple hits there to get back in it and then had a big inning to take the lead.”

Every inning after the first, Hillcrest crept closer and closer to the Chiefs.

Scoring one run in the second, one in the third, and three in the fourth, the Ravens cut their deceit to just a single run and this set up a pivotal fifth

inning. Holding Keokuk to a goose egg once again in the top of the fifth, Hillcrest went to work when it was their turn at bat. Finding the home plate five times, the Ravens went through their entire batting lineup in the fifth.

The breakthrough came when the bases were loaded, and Lincoln Miller hit a 2 RBI single to give Hillcrest the lead. Also, in this inning Liam Schrock captured his third RBI of the game, the team lead.

“If we just continue to stick with it, we know we have an opportunity. We’re a good hitting team,” Coach Hershberger said. “Really proud of the way the guys stuck with it and were able to come out on top today.”

In the top of the seventh Keokuk had one last chance to turn the game in their favor. Getting close but just missing the mark, the Chiefs scored three in the seventh before Hillcrest shut the door by recording the final out.

As a team Hillcrest had 10 hits with Liam Schrock leading the team by going three for four at bat.

Going from one impressive Schrock performance to another, freshman Lawson Schrock got the win on the mound in his first varsity start at pitcher. Lawson pitched in six innings and one third of an inning, tal-

lying three strikeouts and giving up six hits.

“Outstanding job by [Lawson]. “That’s mental toughness there. You give up six runs like that, it’s easy to get down yourself,” Coach Hershberger said about Lawson’s performance in the win.

“I thought he did a great job of just settling in and making good pitches and letting the defense make some plays behind him. The defense stepped up and was able to get quite a few double plays to get out of some innings. Just a total team effort, but really proud of the way Lawson stepped up for us when we needed someone to step in and pitch and he did a great job of it.”

Looking at Hillcrest’s earlier game of the tournament, they defeated the winless English Valleys Bears in five innings, 12-2.

“Happy with the way we hit the ball, we gave up two runs early in that game to kind of get behind and then came back and that was all we gave up in the game,” Coach Hershberger said about the win over English Valleys.

Pitching in all five innings and getting the win on the mound was Liam Schrock, retiring seven batters and only giving up two hits.

“Liam did a great job on the mound for us. After the first

inning, only giving up one hit after the first inning. Just a really good performance from him.

Scoring one run or more in every inning, the Ravens ended the game with nine hits as a team. Both Rowan Miller and Bryce Bailey had two hits to lead the team. Phoenix Anderson’s triple brought in two runs, the team lead.

“Our lineup stepped up and everyone was contributing to hitting the ball and finding ways to get guys in,” Coach Hershberger said. “That’s what we need to continue to do. Hit the ball the way we’ve been hitting this week and continue to carry that, going forward.”

Hillcrest 11, New London 0

Earlier in their week, the Ravens earned a shutout home victory over the New London Tigers on June 12.

Hillcrest (7-2) ended this contest in five innings to capture their second shutout of the season and for New London (4-5) this was their second straight game where home plate eluded them.

Highlighted by a Liam Schrock home run, his first of the season, the Ravens had eight hits as a team. Bringing in a team high three RBIs was sophomore Rowan Miller.

Miller also showed his skills as a pitcher, throwing a no-

hitter in his second start of the season. Throwing a total of 69 pitches he allowed two walks and struck out eight batters.

Hillcrest 12, W-MU 5

Breaking out the brooms at home, the Ravens earned a season sweep of the Winfield-Mt Union Wolves when they defeated their conference foe on June 13.

With this win Hillcrest (8-2) stays at the top of the SEISC with a 6-1 record in conference play and W-MU (4-5) suffers their 12th connective loss to Hillcrest, with their last win over the Ravens coming in 2016.

Through five innings the Ravens built up a 10-run advantage, scoring their most runs in the first (6) and fifth (4). W-MU was shut out in every inning except for three.

Collecting 12 hits as a team, the Ravens were led by Lincoln Miller, Seth Ours, Rowan Miller, Phoenix Anderson, and Lawson Schrock who all recorded two hits.

Ours also went the distance on the mound, getting the win after pitching in seven innings. He struck out six, gave up nine hits, and allowed two walks.

Up next for Hillcrest (10-2) is a home conference contest against the Pekin Panthers (5-7) on June 20.

Hillcrest soccer brings in six all-conference and coach of the year honors

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

It was a soccer season full of achievements for the Hillcrest Ravens and the accolades came rolling in after their year finished, with six players earning all-conference honors and their head coach, Marcus Miller, being named the Southeast Iowa Super Conference Co-Coach of the year.

Showing the fruits of their labor, Hillcrest soccer made a six-game improvement from one year ago to reach their most wins since 2019 and for the first time since 2019 the Ravens sat atop the SEISC, winning the conference title out-

right.

Going 7-1 at home and 3-1 on the road, the Ravens ended with a 10-4 record. Overall, they scored 49 goals and on defense they accumulated 73 saves while giving up 32 goals.

After a first-round bye, Hillcrest’s season ended in the semifinals. A home game for the Ravens they fell to the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks, 2-1.

A healthy dose of offense and strong defense was the Raven’s calling card in many of their victories this year. Their season high in goals was 10 in a road win against Sigourney and they shut out their opponents on defense seven times.

“[Defense] has been our strength all season long,”

Coach Miller said. “Bryce Bailey, Mason Hellmuth, they’re in the middle and Lincoln Miller and Isaac Birky on the sides, they’ve just done a great job all season long. Our goalies have done well [too].”

Defensive anchors Lincoln Miller, Bryce Bailey, Seth Ours all earned honorable mention all-conference honors. For Mason Helmuth, a sophomore defender/midfielder, he was selected for second-team all-conference.

When it came to first team recognition, the junior duo of Micah Gerber and Mason Bender were the Ravens who earned this honor.

In addition to being an excellent defender, Bender also

found the back of the net five times, the third most on the team.

Gerber, a forward/midfielder, was Mr. Reliable for the Hillcrest offense this season, scoring a team high 14 goals, a career high. This was a tremendous jump for Gerber, who scored one goal the year prior after scoring seven goals as a freshman.

Gerber also had seven assists, the second most on the team, with Ours having a team leading 11.

In his 31st season of coaching, Marcus Miller was named co-coach of the year along with Danville head coach Eric Pealer whose team ended with a 11-4 record.

This accolade only adds to a special season for Coach Miller who also earned his 300th win as a coach when Hillcrest defeated Burlington Notre Dame.

“I’ve been here a long time,” said Coach Miller after collecting his 300th win. “I’ve been blessed to have good kids to work with, good assistant coaches, good administrators and ADs. Families that have been supportive. This made it much easier.”

Looking towards the future. Hillcrest can expect most of their team to return next year, having only one senior on this year’s squad, Mason Swartzendruber.



First-team All-Conference selection, Hillcrest junior Micah Gerber



First-team All-Conference selection, Hillcrest junior Mason Bender



Second-team All-Conference selection, Hillcrest sophomore Mason Helmuth.



Southeast Iowa Super Conference Co-Coach of the year, Hillcrest head coach Marcus Miller.



Honorable mention All SEISC selection, Hillcrest’s Lincoln Miller.



Honorable mention All SEISC selection, Hillcrest’s Seth Ours.



Honorable mention All SEISC selection, Hillcrest’s Bryce Bailey.

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the team’s graduation losses from a year ago included starters Cain Brown, Alex Bean and Collin Miller.

“We graduated a good core last year,” Mullet said. “We’ve kind of got a mix of veterans and obviously, Tatem being new, and a mix of guys stepping up to the plate a little bit.

“It’s a good mix. We like our guys, the guys that we’ve got.”

Telfer has stepped in powerfully at the plate, but also on the pitching mound. His 45 strikeouts lead the River Valley South and opponents are batting .019 against him. Yes, that’s .019. It means for every 100 batters, only one is getting a hit.

Telfer’s power pitching is so overwhelming that for most batters, it’s a strikeout or a walk because they’re not going to hit it. It’s that simple. He has hit 90 mph with his fastball. In four innings of hitless ball against Tipton, Telfer struck out 12, walked three and hit one batter. Against West

Branch, he struck out eight and walked eight. Against Regina, he struck out nine and walked nine. There are few, maybe nobody, in the state with these stats.

Don’t blink because the pitch will be past you, strike or ball.

He’s just one reason why, for the fifth consecutive season, the Golden Hawks are a state contender. They entered this week with a number nine ranking in Class 2A. Two years ago, the Golden Hawks made it to the state tournament; a year ago, they fell one win short.

The Golden Hawks lost three games last week, and all those missed seniors from a year ago is a big reason why. But they’re figuring it out. Good teams do that.

“It’s been a little rough spot here in the season. We have been playing good baseball,” Mullet said. “We’ve been lacking some leadership and guys stepping up. Going into this year, that was the biggest concern I had.”

“We’re starting to see some guys kind of stepping up to that role and hopefully they can continue that,” Mullet said.

The Golden Hawks are coming off a memorable weekend, an annual trip to the College World Series that Mullet has turned into a reward and a bonding memory for his team. And on the way to Omaha, they stopped off in Council Bluffs and drilled St. Albert Catholic by 11 runs.

“I’ve never experienced that, like with a whole team, a team field trip like that,” Telfer said. “It’s really a good bonding.”

And don’t be surprised. It’s not that crazy to think that both Telfer and Grout could be in Omaha playing in that College World Series one day.

Iowa versus Arkansas State? Sounds pretty good.

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Mid-Prairie junior Tatem Telfer sends out a pitch during game one of a road double header against West Liberty on June 17.

RIVERSIDE HORSESHOES RESULTS - WEEK SIX

	W	L
1. Standard Pest	9 1/2 -	2 1/2
Dee Simon & Wendy Boyse		
2. Simon Repair	9 -	3
Jenny Brand & Matt Hora		
3. La Chiva Loka	8 -	4
Matt Rittenmeyer & Jody Whestine		
4. Bud's Meats	7 1/2 -	4 1/2
Trey Brenneman & Don Edwards		
5. Mr. Gutter	6 -	6
Chris Ockenfels & Wally Walters		
6. Edwards Painting	3 1/2 -	8 1/2
Louie Kron & Dave Edwards		
7. Yoder Masonry	3 -	9
Jenna Delay & Nate Robinson		
8. VFW 6414	1 1/2 -	10 1/2
Jake Delay & Verlaine Ockenfels		

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Bud's Meats	vs.	Simon Repair
21		11

RIVERSIDE HORSESHOES RESULTS - FINAL WEEK

	W	L
1. Standard Pest	11 1/2 -	2 1/2
Dee Simon & Wendy Boyse		
2. Simon Repair	10 -	4
Jenny Brand & Matt Hora		
3. La Chiva Loka	9 -	5
Matt Rittenmeyer & Jody Whestine		
4. Bud's Meats	8 1/2 -	5 1/2
Trey Brenneman & Don Edwards		
5. Mr. Gutter	7 -	7
Chris Ockenfels & Wally Walters		
6. Edwards Painting	4 1/2 -	9 1/2
Louie Kron & Dave Edwards		
7. Yoder Masonry	4 -	10
Jenna Delay & Nate Robinson		
8. VFW 6414	1 1/2 -	12 1/2
Jake Delay & Verlaine Ockenfels		

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Yoder Masonry	vs.	Bud's Meats
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Kalona
Mrs. J.P. Jackson is very low with heart trouble. Her death is expected at any hour.

Dick Fry has had his barn decorated with lightning rods. He is also having the barn repainted.

Ed Well's dog showed symptoms of hydrophobia Sunday and Dan Donahey dispatched him with a gun.

Henry Farley brought us 15 strawberries not quite as big as pumpkins. If anybody can produce larger ones, we'd like to see their color.

All persons in English River township are hereby notified to remove at once all rubbish, brush, etc., along the roadside adjoining their properties, or the work will be done by the road workers and charged to the property owners. By Order of Trustees.

This community was pained to hear of the death of Mrs. J.A. Means, who passed away at her home north of Middleburg last Friday night.

Emma Alice Smith was aged 38 years, 3 months, and 22 days. She was the daughter of Jeremiah and Martha Smith. She married James A. Means and nine children have been born to them, all of whom are living. Mrs. Means was much devoted to her family. To her, her children and husband were her "Day Spring of Life," and much of her anxiety during her last illness was for them. Before the end came, she appeared to become reconciled and peacefully slept until she entered that sleep that knows no waking. Thus, has passed away a kind and loving wife, a sacrificing mother and a generous neighbor. She not only had the love and esteem of her friends and neighbors, but of all others who knew her.

Taxes are to be increased in England, so that the royal family may not have to discharge any of its help.

A woman calls herself a good housekeeper when she worries for fear if the house burned down the neighbors would talk about the state in which she left the ruins when she ran out.

From three important institutions of learning have come severe complaints about the illiteracy of the students, their inability to think clearly, to make correct sentences, to spell and punctuate. The charge of the older teachers seems to be that the present generation of youth is not, as a whole, up to a reasonable standard. The charge points to the lower schools. Perhaps there is too much "nature study" and "physical culture," too much painting and pasting of bits of colored paper. Certainly there is not enough reading aloud, spelling aloud, and committing to memory thought worth thinking. The boy who learns by heart Webster's Bunker Hill oration, speaks it aloud with proper emphasis, and can spell every word in it, is getting the right kind of education.

Women have for so long been accustomed to getting along without pockets that many of them will find themselves puzzled as to the uses for these receptacle's of odds and ends if the rumor, now current, that they are shortly to become fashionable proves true.

A young woman who considers pockets a necessity, defied her tailor and secured in her jacket, five depositories for such utensils and treasures as she felt constrained to carry daily. Within the fronts of the jacket two pockets hold her letters, notebook, pencil and checkbook. She felt as independent as any man, as there was a place for everything. On the outside, two other pockets invited her fingertips on cold days, as well as a fresh handkerchief, gloves, neatly folded, or a bit of a flat parcel. Above this pocket was a change pocket for car fare and incidental expenses. The larger pockets were sufficiently capacious to hold a vest pocket edition of a favorite book. Tiny pockets in the sleeve cuffs are useful for the miniature powder box so indispensable in some localities, owing to soot and dirt.

Already the noisesome firecracker and cap pistol are heard on the street. This nuisance should be prohibited until the Fourth. One day in the year of this dangerous sport should suffice. We believe in giving the youngsters a good

time at the proper time, but a limit should be effectually drawn.

If you are poor, people will say you are shiftless, extravagant, and squandering your money as fast as you can get it. If you commence to accumulate a little wealth, the same people will harp about you being a pincher and refer to you as a "tight wad" who never lets go of a cent, which goes to show that it doesn't make much difference what the people say, anyway. Every man should do right, keep a stiff upper lip, and attend to his own business.

A couple of fake doctors were in town Thursday, trying to sell a lot of notes which they had taken on farmers living about Wayland. They had over \$3,600 worth of notes to sell, but our banks were on to the situation and would not buy. The men are evidently a set of scoundrels who ought to be in the penitentiary. They had \$80 on John Pfeiffer of near Merri-mac. John was notified by phone that they were trying to sell his note and then he realized he was swindled. The men came to his house that morning and said they could cure his little girl who is threatened with consumption, for \$100, and do it within six months. They claimed to have an institution at Toledo, Iowa, for curing all such diseases, but would cure his girl by mail. Before leaving, they got \$20 in money and two notes of \$40 each from him. Mr. Pfeiffer came to town and then went back and gathered up a few of his neighbors and started after the swindlers, but they got wind of trouble and took the train at Lockridge about fifteen minutes before the crowd got there.

Jake Knepp's little girl, Sadie, while carrying a glass of water to the dinner table, let it fall, breaking the glass. In turning around, she stepped on the glass, cutting her foot quite badly. She was taken to Iowa City where the physician took eight stitches in the cut. She is getting along nicely, but is quite weak from the loss of blood.

Lone Tree

David Cline had the misfortune of losing one of his horses, Monday. Mr. Cline had just started for work, and when only a few hundred yards from the house, the horse fell and in a few minutes was lifeless.

The case of George W. Powell vs. Joseph Goetz went to the jury Tuesday afternoon. In the evening the jury returned a sealed verdict which was opened at 9 o'clock. The jury found for the defendant. Not only this, but the jury allowed the counter claim to Mr. Goetz for \$16.40.

The evidence showed that Powell had borrowed \$20 of Goetz, and later paid \$5 of it. In a subsequent argument regarding the payment of the money, plaintiff alleged that Goetz called him a thief. This the defendant denied but admitted that he did call him a deadbeat and could prove it. Mr. Powell later brought suit against Goetz for slander and demanded \$5,000 damages. Mr. Goetz came in with a counter claim of \$16.40 against Powell.

Tell your folks and all your friends Lone Tree will celebrate the Fourth and celebrate it in a manner that will make all former efforts look like thirty cents. From the views expressed by everybody, Lone Tree is full of pent-up patriotism that she will have to give vent to or bust.

There is strong talk among businessmen in Lone Tree of organizing an association to build and establish a permanent and comfortable public home for the loafers of the town. The loafers must have some place to loaf and the businessmen consider it cheaper to have a special place set apart for them than to have them scattered around through the business houses. If the loafer's paradise is established, it will be large, roomy and comfortable. Cushioned seats, smoking tobacco, cigarette papers, matches, daily papers, magazines and periodicals, as well as trashy literature will be supplied free of charge, but spittoons will be tabooed, for no loafer was ever known to hit a spittoon with anything but something that did not belong in it. Sticks for whittling will also be furnished. A flunky will also be hired to clean up

the place every morning and have it comfortable for the loafers at all times. Steam heat will make it cozy in the winter and electric fans will cool the torrid atmosphere during the heated term. Any loafer is eligible for membership. All he will have to do is to acknowledge he is a loafer, has never been guilty of working more than one day each week, and at not less than \$2 per day, and he will be furnished with a key and perpetual pass.

She sailed down the aisle just before the curtain rose for the matinee, an elegantly dressed woman of middle age, and more, wearing a broad, black hat with a long curving feather on it. She took a seat in front of two young women and gave not the slightest intimation of removing that marvelous tower of headgear.

"Pardon me, but would you mind removing your hat?"

This request apparently made not the slightest impression on the owner of the handsome plume, and a few minutes later the second young woman asked, in a tone somewhat louder than that of her companion.

"Would you please be so kind as to take off your hat?"

The offender moved her head slightly, but otherwise gave no response.

The victims of fashion were silent for a few minutes and then one of them was heard to say very distinctly to her friend.

"Oh well, perhaps she is a little bald. That, of course, explains it. Don't think of asking her again."

The woman with the hat started, and before the speaker had finished, the offense was removed.

There are some people in Lone Tree who are so neighborly that they really neglect their own business to attend to that of their neighbors.

This paper will reach our readers late this week owing to the absence of the editor. As this has never happened before, we trust you will not get angry.

Editor Carleton of a Cumberland newspaper and Miss Mary Connelly were driving near Cumberland when several thugs waylaid them and first abused them with vile epithets and then threw beer bottles and other missiles at them. Miss Connelly was struck in the face with such violence that one of the bottles broke and the jagged edge cut out her right eye and is believed to have destroyed the other. Carleton escaped without serious injury. The thugs have disappeared.

Wellman

A dispatch from P.A. Mulchy to Mrs. Glantz Monday morning stated that Mrs. M. was very bad again. Mr. Glantz went to Iowa City that evening to see her, and returned yesterday morning, reporting her very low, but resting a little easier, perhaps. A card today says she is about the same as yesterday. This is five months of suffering for Mrs. Mulchy, and many times during that time she has been so near death as to be considered unable to recover, but there has always been some hidden spark of vitality to come to her aid. She has been a real heroine and deserves many decades of healthful life for the misery of this year.

Some time between Sunday night and Tuesday morning, someone stole a set of double and a set of single harness from D.A. Feeler's barn. Stealing is a very uncommon thing in Riverside and we do not believe that there is a person here who would perform such work. However, the one who did the job seems to have thoroughly covered his tracks as there is no clue which would lead to the discovery of the thief.

Mrs. Joe Stump fell the other day and broke one of her ribs. She is better now.

Last Tuesday night, at about eleven o'clock, Mrs. John Watkins, hearing an unusual noise among her chickens, got up to look after them, and found the house on fire. The alarm was immediately given, but the angry flames had reached such headway that only a part of the household furniture downstairs could be saved, and everything on the second story was consumed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but there is thought that it might have been caused by the explosion of a lamp in an

incubator.

During a funeral at Seville, Ohio, a panic occurred when the floor of the church gave way, precipitating the entire congregation into the cellar. The funeral ceremonies were being conducted over the body of Herbert Secrest, and the little church building was crowded.

The body of Annie Jones, 18 years old, was found in a buggy five miles north of Wichita, Kansas. There were six bullet wounds in her body. William Ward, an intimate friend, with whom she had been driving, cannot be found. No reason is known for the murder.

Mrs. Morgan has been suffering with neuralgia since Monday night and has been unable to attend to her household duties. However, her good neighbor, Mrs. B.H. Taylor, came to her aid and has since been doing her work for her.

Amish's old time merchant C.C. Yoder is back in the harness again. He purchased all of the stock of R.L. Mason, with the exception of that recently moved to Amish from Nira and took possession this week.

Ed Whetstine, of the Salvation Army has a head that discounts that of any on record. Tuesday while working at the Lovelace building, he accidentally shoved his head through the big plate glass window on the east side of the building. The heavy glass was shattered, but Mr. Whetstine's head was uninjured.

Dr. Littig was down from Iowa City the other day, consulting with Dr. Wells in the case of Mrs. Homer Jackson, who has appendicitis. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Syl Sharp, are with their daughter, at the

home of J.P. Jackson. She is slowly improving.

Mrs. B.L. Saaders and daughter, Verva, and Mrs. John Greenwood went to Iowa City yesterday to consult Dr. Hobby, the eminent aurist, in regard to ear trouble Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Verva have each been suffering.

Mrs. W.H. Anderson, of Chetopa, Kansas, on hearing the sad news of her brother, Eric Davis' death, started immediately to get here for his funeral. But owing to the recent rains in Kansas, sections of the country over which the railroad ran, were in many places flooded, the track was under water and trains behind time. She reached Washington Saturday night at nine o'clock, too late for the funeral. Our sympathies are with the lady for we know how she would have prized a last look at the face of her brother.

Lightning struck the south chimney of Frank Safourek's house last Friday afternoon and knocked off a few bricks. The mirror in a dresser, that was standing against the opening in the flue in the bedroom on the second floor, was "smashed" all to pieces. No one was hurt.

The ball game Saturday on the local grounds between Washington and Wellman boys was a farce in every particular. The score was 20 to 1 in Wellman's favor. The only interesting part of the game was Wellman's desire to shut their opponents out and this they did until the eighth inning when one Washington man touched the home plate. The visiting team consisted of gentlemanly fellows, but they couldn't play the national game.



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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2024

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

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

*Denotes electronic participation. Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken with the following vote: Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Absent: Porter.

PROCLAMATION NO. 06-06-24-01
GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 7, 2024

Summary: Every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 48,000-gun homicides every year. Board Action: Proclaim June 7, 2024, to be Gun Violence Awareness Day in Johnson County, Iowa. We encourage everyone to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Proclamation No. 06-06-24-01. The following persons spoke: Johnson County Community Violence Prevention Coordinator Jessica Lang, County Sheriff Brad Kunkel, Moms Demand Action Representative Temple Hiatt, and Moms Demand Action Representative Monica Maloney-Mitros.

PROCLAMATION NO. 06-06-24-02
PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2024

Summary: June is recognized across the nation as Pride Month, a time when people come together to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) individuals. Board Action: Proclaim the month of June 2024 to be Pride Month and encourage Johnson County residents to join in celebrating the diversity and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community, and to work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Proclamation No. 06-06-24-02. Iowa City Pride Board President Joe Reilly and County Recorder Kim Painter spoke. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for June 6, 2024. 633 Partners..... 700.00 Abbe Center For Com..... 144432.21 Abbehealth Inc..... 93939.44 Advanced Electrical Se..... 730.36 Aging Services Dba Pa..... 2613.37 Alliant Energy..... 101.11 Amazon.Com Capital Se..... 1807.09 Anderson Roberts Porth..... 514.80 Apartments Near Campus..... 850.00 Applied Concepts Inc..... 7269.10 Arc Of East Central I..... 2708.70 Arc Of Southeast Iowa..... 9883.64 At&T Mobility..... 2695.81 B & D Services Inc..... 39946.30 Binns & Stevens Exp..... 172907.72

Blair & Fitzsimmons Pc.....	458.50
Bob Barker Company Inc.....	142.32
Bound Tree Medical Li.....	5959.10
Bradford J Houser.....	784.55
Brp Rentals Llc.....	850.00
Buchanan County Sherif.....	364.15
Caring Hands & More L.....	3309.46
Cedar Valley Communit.....	8237.47
Center Point Urbana C.....	5871.00
Central Iowa Detentio.....	1189.40
Chemsearch.....	438.05
Chris Downes.....	493.02
City Laundering Co.....	180.27
City Of Iowa City.....	13167.38
City Of Iowa City - Ut.....	481.68
City Of Iowa City-Ac.....	45402.37
Cj Cooper & Associates.....	200.00
Cleverbridge Inc.....	151.00
Cmp Holdings Llc.....	800.00
Community Crisis Ser.....	88232.33
Community Foundation.....	4000.00
Connor Tarvin.....	29.67
Cook Appraisal Inc.....	6400.00
Coralville Housing Gro.....	700.00
Coralville Lake Marina.....	228.00
Cr Signs Inc.....	84.00
Crystal Anne Beaman.....	80.50
Custom Hose & Supplies.....	417.35
Dan Willis.....	635.00
Dans Overhead Doors.....	481.70
David G Baumgartner.....	246.00
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Delta Dental Of Iowa.....	10698.33
Dennis La Grange Lisw.....	102.64
Derek E Johnson.....	412.84
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Dkc Real Estate Llc.....	700.00
Drone Works.....	1000.00
Dubuque County Sherif.....	3937.00
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Foundation 2.....	196798.66
Fresh Start Ministrie.....	2900.00
Full Circle Services.....	6611.90
Galls Llc.....	196.79
Gary E Jondle.....	700.00
Goodwill Industries O.....	7159.59
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Graham Township.....	27.50
Green Styles Erosion &.....	600.00
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Janice Binder Attorney.....	920.80
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Jennifer Masterson.....	149.89
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Johnson County Auditor.....	80.43
Johnson County Emer.....	255108.00
Johnson County Sherif.....	2366.38
Joint Emergency Com.....	255437.67
Jon Green.....	134.94
Joseph Wilensky.....	539.90
Joshua F Busard.....	557.93
Jude T Pannell.....	501.80
Judith Nicholls.....	600.00
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Lake Ridge Inc.....	478.00
Larrabee Center Inc.....	3500.00
Laura Debuhr.....	310.00
Lenovo (United States).....	4875.00
Life Assist Inc.....	552.50
Lighting Maintenance.....	9538.92
Linde Gas & Equipment.....	101.38
Lindeman Law.....	660.00
Linder Tire Service In.....	166.52
Linn County Access Cen.....	365.94
Linn County Lifts.....	210.00
Linn County Sheriff.....	477.41
Lisa Even.....	3500.00
Lisa Green Douglass.....	180.00
Lone Tree Preschool.....	150.00
Lutheran Services In.....	8779.33
M & A Properties.....	750.00
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Mary J Thomasson.....	216.00
Medical Associates Cll.....	359.00
Medline Industries Inc.....	738.00
Melissa Robert.....	180.00
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Rapids Reproductions I.....	250.00
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Rem Iowa Community S.....	23318.56
Rex Rae Llc.....	1600.00
Rod Sullivan.....	144.00
Samsara Inc.....	259.46
Schweitzer & Bajric.....	547.50
Scott County Sheriff.....	40.27
Sixth Judicial Distr.....	26654.95
Solon Public Library.....	15045.25
Southgate Property Man.....	850.00
Springville Community.....	3998.00
Steven Rosenberg.....	400.00
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Symmetry Health Llc.....	1216.80
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Us Cellular.....	33.36
Van Meter Industrial I.....	127.91
Verizon Wireless.....	136.10
Villa Garden Apartment.....	700.00
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	175000.00
Wendling Quarries Inc.....	1181.89
Western Dubuque Scho.....	15945.00
Western Hills Estates.....	700.00
Westwinds Trust.....	700.00
Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the approve the FY25 Emergency Hunger Relief Funding Agreement with the Coralville Community Food Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Abstain: Fixmer-Oraiz; Absent: Porter.	

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 Green-Douglass, to approve the application for alcohol license for Hy-Vee, Inc. as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the approve the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Johnson County Social Services Hunger Relief Grant Agreement with the Coralville Community Food Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$6,800. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Abstain: Fixmer-Oraiz; Absent: Porter. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the approve the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Johnson County Social Services Hunger Relief Grant Agreements with the following entities: CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank in an amount not to exceed \$58,995 Dream City in amount not to exceed \$4,000 Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development in an amount not to exceed \$23,805 Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the approve the FY25 Social Services Block Grant Agreements with the Coralville Community Food Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program in an amount not to exceed \$99,000. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Abstain: Fixmer-Oraiz; Absent: Porter. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the approve the FY25 Social Services Block Grant Agreements with the following entities: Aging Services Inc., DBA Pathway Adult Day Health Center, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 Community and Family Resources in amount not to exceed \$50,000 CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 4Cs Community Coordinated Child Care in an amount not to exceed \$122,000 Free Lunch Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 Horizons, A Family Service Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$42,180 Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County in an amount not to exceed \$742,424 Inside Out Reentry Community in an amount not to exceed \$33,694 Iowa City Free Medical Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$124,020 Iowa Legal Aid in an amount not to exceed \$31,007 Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity in an amount not to exceed \$11,500 Johnson County Visiting Nurses Association in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County in an amount not to exceed \$96,758 North Liberty Community Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 Our Kids, DBA Open Heartland, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 Shelter House in an amount not to exceed \$124,830 Table to Table in an amount not to exceed \$44,764 United Action for Youth in an amount not to exceed \$116,600 Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the approve the FY25 Emergency Hunger Relief Funding Agreement with the Coralville Community Food Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Abstain: Fixmer-Oraiz; Absent: Porter. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the approve the FY25 Emergency Hunger Relief Funding Agreements with the CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 and North Liberty Community Pantry in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the approve the FY25 Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Program Agreement Renewals, and the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement Renewals*, with the following entities: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, for Mentoring, in an amount not to exceed \$74,615 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, for the Sports Buddy Program, in an amount not to exceed \$39,744 * The Dream Center, for the Youth Leadership Academy Program, in the amount not to exceed \$45,000 Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, for the Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning (YELL) Program, in an amount not to exceed \$69,970 United Action for Youth, for Positive Youth Development Programming, in an amount not to exceed \$60,500 * United Action for Youth, for the Youth and Family Advocacy Program, in an amount not to exceed \$63,750 Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the FY25 Crisis Child Care Services Agreement with the 4C's in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the FY25 Agreement to Provide Juvenile Detention Services with Linn County, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Change Order No. 29-PR 29 the Johnson County Courthouse Second Level Courtroom Renovation Project with Tricon General Construction, Inc., Cedar Rapids, in the amount of \$6,963.80. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Change Order No. 30-PR 26 the Johnson County Courthouse Second Level Courtroom Renovation Project with Tricon General Construction, Inc., Cedar Rapids, in the amount of \$1,860.91. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the 2024 Youth Empowered to Serve (YES!) Agreement with Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County in an amount not to exceed \$33,000. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the proposal with Axiom Consultants, LLC, Iowa City in an amount of \$4,700, plus provisions for additional hourly charges, for structural assessment and report on condition of certain property being considered for acquisition. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the proposed Johnson County Ordinance Authorizing Director of the Johnson County Ambulance Service to Bill for Services and Collect Unpaid Amounts Due from Patients on second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Sullivan; Absent: Porter. Adjourned at 9:57 a.m. /s/ Rod Sullivan, Chair, Board of Supervisors /s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor On the 13th day of June, 2024 Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on June 13, 2024.

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MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER
MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356
JUNE 10, 2024 – 6:15 P.M.
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President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: Jed Seward.

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Stone, Board Secretary/School Business Official Jeff Swartzentruber.

Pledge of Allegiance
Read the School Mission Statement by Vice-President

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

Hawk Highlight – Kirkwood Culinary Educational Classes at MP – Glenda Seward, High School Family Consumer Sciences Teacher, shared about a new partnership with Kirkwood Community College to offer classes to the community in the High School Culinary lab in September, October, and November. If interest is strong, the partnership could continue with additional classes in February, March, and April. She described the program, the classes for community members, the use of the Lab and the coordination by Kirkwood staff while utilizing Seward as an instructor. The Board asked questions about the program and expressed excitement for this to be offered in the Mid-Prairie Community.

Public Forum
No one spoke.

Reports

There were no written reports for the Board at this meeting due to the start of Summer.

Summer Project Building Update – Brian Stone, Superintendent, updated the Board on the work being done in the Buildings not related to the construction projects. The Building Custodians have worked hard in the first week-plus of the Summer to clear rooms and begin cleaning and are doing a great job.

Fuel Bid Pricing Reports – Jeff Swartzentruber, School Business Official reported on the Fuel Bid and Pricing Reports received. The deadline for submission of proposals/bids was Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 3pm. At the designated time, there was only one submission for Propane Fuel by Home Gas, Inc. and one submission for Diesel Fuel/Gasoline/ and products by Agriland FS, Inc. Both of these vendors have been the providers of the services to the District for the past 5 years. Swartzentruber noted the analysis of each in the spreadsheet for each fuel type to compare pricing. As both proposals look very reasonable, the District will plan to move forward with the same vendor relationships.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of May 13, 2024, and June 8, 2024;

Finance Report
The Finance Report for Year to Date May 2024;

Payment of Bills
The bills as listed for June 10, 2024; Prepaid Bills;

Open Enrollment Requests
Open Enrollment In Requests total 14 students;
Open Enrolled Out Requests total 1 students;

Personnel Items

Contract issued to Madison Herschberger, Middle School Nurse, \$47,500 per annum;

Contract issued to Brock Moore, HS Head Girls Wrestling Coach, \$6,654 per season;

Resignation of Tracy Rusch, Middle School Counselor, \$61,902, effective end of 2023-2024 School Year;

Resignation of Diane Miller, Middle School Paraprofessional, \$16.03 per hour, effective end of 2023-2024 School Year;

Resignation of Aubrey Keaough, High School Paraprofessional, \$15.07 per hour, effective end of 2023-2024 School Year;

TLC Model Teacher Assistant Coach (\$2,000 Stipend) for 2024-2025 School Year – Jill Lundberg, East Elementary;

Fundraising Requests – No requests are presented;
Ryan Schlaubaugh seconded the consent items. Motion carried 6-0.

Student Learning
Second Reading of Changes to Board Policies in Chapter 200

Superintendent Stone noted the Board action on May 13, 2024 to approve on First Reading changes to Policies: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors, 202.4 Vacancies, 206.1 President, 206.2 Vice-President, 210.8 Board Meeting Agenda, 212 Closed Sessions, 212.1 Exempt Meetings, and 216.2 Board of Directors' Member Development and Training. It was requested that Policy 200.4 Board Member Social Media Engagement be added to a future work session at the May 13, 2024 meeting. A time for questions and additional conversation was provided. There were no additional questions.

Ryan Schlaubaugh moved to approve on Second Reading changes to Board Policies 200.3, 202.4, 206.1, 206.2, 210.8, 212, 212.1, and 216.2 with titles as noted above. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

High School Choir Request to Travel to Augustana College October 13-14, 2024

Superintendent Stone drew the Boards' attention to the request by Collette McClellen, High School Choir Director for a group of approximately 16 students to travel to Augustana College in Illinois to participate in Chamber Choir Festival. The High School Choir has not participated since 2019 due to COVID concerns.

Mary Allred moved to approve the out of state travel to Augustana College for a portion of the High School Choir on October 13 to 14, 2024, as presented. Randy Billups seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance
Superintendent Contract and Compensation Package for Fiscal Year 2024-2025/26

Gabrielle Frederick reviewed next steps subsequent to the Superintendent Evaluation that took place in closed session on June 8, 2024. The Board discussed the Superintendent compensation and wage package for 2024-2025. A 3% wage package increase would increase Mr. Stone's salary from \$156,000 to \$160,715 and his total package from \$204,948 to \$211,096 from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025. Additionally, a rolling two-year contract was discussed. Frederick proposes to extend the contract to a second year to go through the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. The Board discussed their comfort with moving ahead with the approval of the contract at tonight's meeting. The Board does not have consensus that the contract should be acted upon at this meeting.

Denise Chittick moved to approve the Superintendent Contract for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 School Year as presented and amended. Ryan Schlaubaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Denise Chittick moved to approve 3% compensation package as presented for total salary of \$160,715 and total package of \$211,096 for the 2024-

2025 School Year. Gabrielle Frederick seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Development and Inservice Activities

Tammi Drawbaugh, consultant with IASB will be providing a training event to the Board on July 29th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The Board discussed topics for Drawbaugh to address with the Board. Items mentioned include: Lane–Roles and Responsibility, Goals, Governance, and Changes to Open Meeting Laws. The Board discussed the meaning of some of these items listed and approach.

Announcements and Suggestions for Next Agenda

The next Work Session Meeting will be on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. Agenda items to include: Board Policy 200.4; and the 2024-2025 Handbooks reviews by building levels. The next Board meeting for business will be on Monday, July 8, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room.

Board Highlights

Ryan says it is great to see progress East and West Elementary Schools parking and traffic flows;

Denise Chittick is excited about Glenda Seward's presentation on adult learning partnership with Kirkwood;

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Tour of East Elementary and Middle School Construction Progress

The Board traveled to Kalona to visit the two buildings to see the current progress on the construction inside the buildings as the Summer schedule is underway.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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CITY OF WELLMAN

2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT
FOR
WELLMAN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	ND	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.02 (ND - 0.03)	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.2 (0.55 - 3.63)	03/31/2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Nitrite [as N] (ppm)	1 (1)	SGL	0.015	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
04 - S/EP FROM WELL 2						
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.2	10/10/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.21	01/11/2022	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	75	11/09/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.66	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [as N] (ppm)	1 (1)	SGL	0.015	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb – parts per billion.
- ppm – parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND – Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. WELLMAN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the sandstone and dolomite of the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer. The Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Cambrian-Ordovician well will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 319-646-2154

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact WELLMAN MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS at 319-646-2154.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

June 4

Caller in Riverside reports being scammed again. Out \$1000. Documentation.

Caller in the 3000 block of 160th St., Riverside, reports a vehicle with no front plates pulled into the driveway. Two males said they needed a welder for their semi that broke down. Responded. The drive shaft came off their semi. Will get it welded and drive to Kum & Go. Waiting for additional help to arrive.

June 5

Subject smashed a truck on the property in the 400 block of 7th St., Kalona. Burned a vehicle title and a crane. Also threatening to burn the residence if evicted. Documentation.

Caller reports a small girl, approximately 3 years old, riding her bicycle with training wheel up the middle of the road at 3rd St. and G Ave., Kalona. While on 911 the child returned to her residence. Responded and made contact with the mother.

Caller in the 900 block of 7th St., Kalona, reports receiving a notice of violation from the motor vehicle division out of Chattanooga, Tennessee, with his information including vehicle information and he has never been to Tennessee. Responded. This is a legitimate citation. The violation occurred in Buffalo, Iowa. The processing is through Chattanooga. Caller in Riverside reports she is the victim of a scam. Documentation. This occurred back in April.

Caller in Kalona requests a welfare check for an employee that was a no show and they are unable to make contact with her or her emergency contact. Responded to the residence. Unable to locate.

Caller in Wellman requests a welfare check on a dog who is tied up to a steel post and can't get to his water bowl or shade. Responded. Dog was not in distress when deputy arrived. He advised the owner of the complaint and told him to make sure he has adequate shade from the sun on warm days.

Caller in the 400 block of 9th Ave., Wellman, reports that the neighbor's dog is loose and is being aggressive towards her. Responded. Cited Jonathan Beckler of Wellman for allowing dog to run at large.

Caller in the 2400 block of 160th St., Kalona, reports finding a 4-wheeler wrecked into his fence. Caller did look around and did not find the driver. Officer and Kalona QRS responded. Bulltown responded to scene to tow ATV out of fence. ATV can be released with proof of insurance. Kalona QRS released from scene. Patient will go to the hospital

by private vehicle. Aaron Robert Kron, Kalona, was cited for failure to maintain control, no insurance, leaving the scene of an accident and operating an unregistered vehicle.

Caller in the 1000 block of 2nd St., Wellman, reports a domestic in progress. 911 disconnected during the call. Second caller reports neighbors loudly arguing and going in and out of residence. Responded. Arrested Andrew Noggle, 25, of Manchester for domestic assault 1st.

Caller in Riverside requests to speak to a deputy about an unruly customer causing issues. He has been by 3 times since the store closed wanting inside. Responded and spoke to the store manager. Documentation.

June 6

Report of a silent alarm from the cash register at 200 E 1st St., Riverside. Responded. No alarm, they were testing the system.

Caller in the 800 block of 7th St., Kalona, reports needing assistance at their residence. Alliant Energy responded also and assisted them.

June 7

Caller in Riverside reports getting rear-ended. Other vehicle is still in the road. No injuries. Operators: Jason Jenks of Lone Tree and Evelina Barber of Galesburg, Illinois. Female driver was given a ride to the casino. Citation issued to Barber for no insurance accident related.

Caller requests traffic control for a train car that is being delivered.

Caller in Kalona reports harassment/threats via phone calls. Documentation.

Deputy reports a vehicle stop at 6th St. and C Ave., Kalona. Arrested Travis Ray Flynn, 39, of Keota for driving while license revoked X9.

Caller reports two females in an altercation on the casino floor. Arrested Hedda Mestrado Smith, 51, of Le Claire for assault with intent to cause pain or injury and she was transported to the Washington County jail.

Caller report subjects he Ubered to the casino and a subject threw up in his car and he would like them to pay an extra fee. Responded and advised him he needs to file a complaint with Uber.

June 8

Caller in Riverside reports a cow walking down the middle of the road. Contact was made with the owner who was able to put the cow back.

Caller in the 600 block of E Ave., Kalona, reports a vehicle came up fast behind him while at a stop sign and almost struck his vehicle. Male driver gave

the caller a hand gesture then followed him to Casey's. While at Casey's the male driver almost struck the caller's vehicle with a sling shot. Just barely missing the window. Vehicle left east on Highway 22. Located the vehicle. Citation issued to Brian Rollins of Urbandale for disorderly conduct. Report filed.

June 9

Report someone tried to use her cash app card at the Riverside Casino this morning. Spoke with the caller on the phone. Documentation. Caller already spoke with the casino and made them aware. No money was taken.

Vehicle stop in Riverside. Arrested Larry Allen Morris Sr, 47 of Ottumwa for driving while barred and fraudulent use of registration.

Caller in the 1000 block of Blue Grass Dr., Riverside, reports they were woken up by 4 loud banging on their door. Deputies responded and were unable to locate anything suspicious.

June 10

Caller in Riverside reports his daughter was in a traffic accident. No injuries. Operators: Danielle Laughlin of Riverside and Charles Friese of Riverside. No citations. Information exchanged.

Caller in the 600 block of A Ave., Kalona, reports the smell of natural gas in the area. Kalona Fire responded and located a leaking LP tank attached to a grill.

Caller in the 300 block of 7th Ave., Wellman, reports the neighbor is working on his vehicles and keeps revving the motor. He did this yesterday as well. Caller asked him to stop and he said he would not. Spoke with the subject who will try to keep it down.

June 11

Johnson County requested Riverside Fire for assistance with a structure fire at 952 Springridge Dr., Iowa City. Riverside responded.

Deputy reports being at the Wellman park due to complaints of golf carts in the park. Advised golf cart violation. Vehicle has been removed.

June 12

Caller in the 3200 block of 170th St., Riverside, reports the neighbors cows are in the road and in her yard. On going issue. They have tried texting and calling the cows owner with no response. Dispatch left a voicemail for the animals owner to call in. Given a verbal warning for animals at large. All cows were put back in and the owner was also advised to fix the problem fence area.

Caller in Wellman reports a subject has a key to her van and will not return it. Says she owes money to him for the van. Spoke to the caller. Civil matter.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 1st day of July 2024, at 5:30 P.M., the City Council for the City of Wellman will hold a public hearing at Wellman City Hall, 316 8th Avenue, Wellman, Iowa, for purposes of obtaining public input on the proposed conveyance of a thirty-foot (30') wide Right of Way Easement over, upon, under, and through Washington County Parcel Number 0124254007 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water lines and appurtenances thereto. A copy of the proposed Right of Way Easement will be made available for inspection at City Hall.

All interested persons will be heard at this time.

Beth VanWinkle, City Clerk

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**JUNE 13, 2024
WELLMAN, IOWA**

The Wellman City Council met in special session via zoom at 5:30 pm. Mayor Ryan Miller presided with the City Clerk, and the following Council Members: Angela Stutzman, Fern Bontrager, Nathan Klostermann & Shannon McCain: Aaron Fleming absent. The consent agenda was approved by McCain, seconded by Stutzman. The consent agenda includes the agenda and Approval of The Well Liquor License (New Owner) with permission of the Clerk to Approve the Outdoor Services License for the July 6th Street

Dance once submitted to local authority.

With no further business to discuss Bontrager moved to adjournment at 5:34pm, Stutzman seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

Minutes transcribed by City Clerk are subject to Council Approval.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, the Washington County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Board's chambers located at the Washington County Courthouse, 222 W. Main Street, Washington, IA. At that time and place the Board's agenda will include discussion and possible action regarding approval of the plans of Vision Ag, Ainsworth, Iowa, to install an anhydrous ammonia storage tank at its facility located at 2952 Iowa Highway 92, Ainsworth, Iowa. Public comment, both verbal and written, may be delivered to the Board of Supervisors during the public comment portion of the

June 25, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. Written comment may be delivered to the Office of the Washington County Auditor, located at the Washington County Courthouse, 222 W. Main Street, Washington, IA, during weekday hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. but no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024.

Dated: June 17, 2024

For the Washington County Board of Supervisors

Daniel L. Widmer, Auditor

Washington County, Iowa

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HIGHLAND CSD

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024
5:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson. Roll call was taken with Joslin Schott, Rachel Longbine, Karen Fink, Monica Jepson, John O'Leary, Dan Ruth and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the May 13, 2024 regular board meeting minutes

Financial Report: Approval of the May financial reports

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following June bills

General Fund – \$85,346.13

Prepaid General Fund - \$12,472.79

Schoolhouse Fund - \$17,875.00

Activity Fund - \$9,602.59

Prepaid Activity Fund - \$13,796.71

Lunch Fund - \$15,868.64

Insurance Fund - \$1,095.00

Schott made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Bids were received for the 2024-25 school year. Bid tabulations are available in the office of the Board Secretary.

Ruth made a motion to accept the sanitation bid from Smith Sanitation Services for the 2024-25 school year. Seconded by Fink.

Motion carried 6-0

Robinson abstained

Longbine made a motion to approve the below gas bids. Seconded by Schott.

Motion carried 7-0

Ferrellgas - LP gas

Stewart & Sons - gasohol

Stewart & Sons - diesel

Longbine made a motion to approve the sale of obsolete equipment-school bus. Seconded by O'Leary.

Motion carried 7-0

Ruth made a motion to approve the purchase of 250 Chromebooks at a price of \$69,250. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Schott made a motion to approve the registration fees for the 24-25 school year. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Ruth made a motion to approve the computer tech services agreement between Grant Wood AEA and Highland in the amount of \$56,000 for 2024-25. Seconded by O'Leary.

Motion carried 7-0

Mr Crawford went over changes on board policies 404-R(2)-Employee conduct and Appearance-Code of Rights and Responsibilities Regulation, 507.09-Wellness, 507.09-R(1)-Wellness-Regulation, 405.01-Licensed Employee Defined, 405.02-Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection, 405.03-Licensed Employee Individual Contracts, 405.04-Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts, 405.05-Licensed Employee Work Day, 405.06-Licensed Employee Assignment, 405.07-Licensed Employee Transfers, 405.08-Licensed Employee Evaluation, 405.09-Licensed Employee Probationary Status. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

Schott made a motion to approve the below listed board policies. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

403.04 Hazardous Chemical Disclosure

403.05 Substance-Free Workplace

403.05-R(1) Substance-Free Workplace-Regulation

403.05-E(1) Substance-Free Workplace Notice to Employees

403.06 Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

403.06-E(1) Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Notice to Employees

403.06-E(2) Drug and Alcohol Program and Pre-Employment Testing Acknowledgment Form

404 Employee Conduct and Appearance

404-R(1) Employee Conduct and Appearance-Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation

403.7 Employee Vaccination/Testing For Covid-19-Rescind

403.7R1 Employee Vaccination/Testing For Covid-19 Regulation-Rescind

403.7R2 Required Notices to Employees-Rescind

403.7E1 Employee Personal Attestation of Vaccination Status-Rescind

403.7E2 Medical Accommodation Request Form-Rescind

403.7E3 Religious Accommodation Request Form -Rescind

Ruth made a motion to accept the following resignations, appointments and modifications. Seconded by O'Leary.

Motion carried 7-0

Resignations:

Clint Jones-JH Baseball Coach

Jennifer McClenahan-Secondary Vocal Music Teacher & Vocal Music Sponsor

Drake Brezina-Highland Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher

Appointments:

Karlee Hugg-Assistant High School Volleyball Coach-10%

Shannon Hills-Head High School Volleyball Coach-14%

Sara Sublette-Cook-5.5 hrs/day-\$14/hr

Mackenzie Streveler-Highland Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher-BA (0)

Emma Christensen-Highland Elementary 5th Grade Teacher-BA (0)

Jenny Litchy-Secondary Science Teacher-MA (7)

Jeremiah Carter-Secondary Vocal Music Teacher- BA (1)

Vocal Music Sponsor-14%

Modifications:

Jarrold Longbine-JH Baseball Coach to Assistant High School Baseball Coach

Selena Calderon-Cook to Elementary Special Education Associate-8.25 hrs/day-\$13/hr

Kelli Peck-.5 FTE Secondary English Teacher to 1.0 FTE

There will be a board retreat on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Ainsworth Fire Station.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Highland Board Room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Seconded by Jepson.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice

Notice of sale or disposition pursuant to Chapter 578.1 of the Iowa Self-Storage Facility Lien Act. The disposition or sale of the following tenant's property located at KMB Rentals LLC, dba Highway 1 Rentals LLC, 1597 Highway 1, Washington, IA, will take place at Highway 1 Rentals LLC, on or about June 27, 2024. A brief and general description of the tenant's property follows:

#13 Daniel Ramirez Household goods

#29 Larry Crockett Household goods

#34 Dave Birch Household goods

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Robert D Wide Estate, Janice K Wide Executor, grantor; Janice K Wide, grantee; court officer deed; SW SE 17-75-9
PennyMac Loan Services LLC, grantor; Herbert Gartzke, grantee; special warranty deed; Comm 22 FT S of NE Corn SE 35-74-7 Running Thence N 210 FT, Thence W, S & E: \$55,000
Aftan N Yutz, Aftan N Vanderzwaag, Aftan Yutz, Juston Yutz, grantor; Nancy Yutz, grantee; warranty deed; Unit 4B of Kalona Key Estate 2nd Add; \$220,000
Andrew Chafa, Summer Chafa, grantor; Miguel Angel Sosa, Maria Mabel Saldivar Martinez, Maria Mabel Martinez Saldivar, grantee; warranty deed; Beginning 247.51 FT W of SE Corn of WFR2 SW 18-75-7 Thence W of South Line; \$200,000
James W Reed, Arbadella A Reed, grantor; James W Reed Revocable Trust, Arbadella A Reed Revocable Trust, Mark W Reed, Sheila M Fisher, grantee; contract assignment; Part NE 09-75-9; N2 NW 09-75-9; SE SE 05-75-9; N2 NE 08-75-9
Jacob E Lampe, Jacob Lampe, Bailey K Lampe, Bailey Lampe, Bailey Kelsey, grantor; Ashley E Young, Devon M Young, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Maplewood Park Add #1 Lot 4 Block 4; \$260,000
Julie A Price, grantor; Ronald J Price, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Riverside Meadows SD Lot 9
Thomas W Melling, Loretta Melling, grantor; Kyla Wilkening, Zackary Bieri, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Vachas SD Lot 8; \$205,000
Gent Land LLC, grantor; Daniel John Gent, Brittney Nicole Gent, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B in SW SE 04-75-8
Belinda K Conaway, Belinda K Conaway, grantor; Jessica N Fox Forman, Jessica N Forman Fox, Brody Forman, grantee; warranty deed; Commencing at NW Corn NW 04-77-6 Thence SW Cont 5.31 Acres; \$285,000
Freeman M Beachy, Shaena E Beachy, grantor; Ronald A Susi, Lynda B Seiler, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Incline Grove SD Lot 3; \$165,000
Matthew L Johns Revocable Trust, Matthew L Johns CoTrustee, Carmen M Johns Revocable Trust, Carmen M Johns CoTrustee, grantor; Stanley R Bardelmeier, Norma J Bardelmeier, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm at NW Corn Washington Western Add Lot 5 Block 2 Thence N 48.00 FT
MMR Farmland LLC, grantor; James W Reed, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc C, 18.66 Acres in Part NFR2 NW 01-76-9
MMR Farmland LLC, grantor; Sheila M Fisher, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc D, 18.66 Acres in Part NFR2 NW 01-76-9
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Emma Shetler Estate, Stanwyn Shetler Executor, grantor; Allyson Mongrello, Max Mongrello, grantee; Kalona Harvest Hill 1st Add Replat Lot 4; \$266,500
Apple Grove Investments Inc, Stearns Bank NA Custodian, grantor; IAT 87 LLC, grantee; Part S2 SE NE 26-77-6
Reginald J Patterson, grantor; Den-

nis Miller, Verna Miller, grantee; warranty deed; S 75 FT Wellman OP Lot 1-2 Block 4; \$43,000
D&J Apartments LLC, grantor; Air Dr Rentals LLC, grantee; warranty deed; E 22 FT Brighton Original Town Brighton Lot 3 Block 7; \$47,000
Kenneth P Sieren, Kathy L Sieren, grantor; Kenneth P Sieren Trustee, Kenneth P Sieren Revocable Trust, Donald P Sieren Life Estate, Edna M Sieren Life Estate, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 1 in NW 35-76-9; Lots 1 & 2 in NE 35-76-9
Diane Stacy, grantor; Cola Blanca Farms LLC, grantor; warranty deed; NW NE 33-74-8; Part NE NW 33-74-8; \$431,500
Statler Construction Inc, grantor; Frederick D Leytham, Penny L Leytham, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona North Ridge SD PT I Lot 63; \$545,000
T to T Homes LLC, grantor; Noah C Noriega, Taylor D Janecsek, grantee; warranty deed; Ainsworth West Side Add Lot 1 Block 4; E 17 FT Ainsworth West Side Add Lot 2 Block 4; \$90,000
Rodney W Gibbons, Kimberley K Gibbons, grantor; Andrew Joe Guy, Kylie Nicole Guy, grantee; warranty deed; part NW 31-74-8; \$29,000
Holly R Ostertag, Derrick E Ostertag, Derrick Ostertag, grantor; Holly R Ostertag Trustee, Derrick E Ostertag Trustee, Holly R Ostertag Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Part NW 22-76-8; Part NE 22-76-8; S2 NW 22-76-8
Sachiko Graber, Sachiko Hijikata Graber, Noah Peter Fribley, grantor; Deer Run Farms LLC, grantee; warranty deed; S2 NW NW 17-74-6; SW NW 17-74-6; E 330 FT SE NE 18-74-6; \$352,000
Alexander Hijikata Graber, Mica Theodora Iddings, grantor; Deer Run Farms LLC, grantee; warranty deed; S2 NE NW 17-74-6; Part SE NW 17-74-6; \$252,000
James W Reed, Arbadella A Reed, grantor; James W Reed Revocable Trust, Arbadella A Reed Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc C, 18.66 Acres in Part Fractional N2 NW 1-76-9
Daniel K Zook, Rosanne K Zook, grantor; DRZ Investments LLC, grantee; warranty deed; S 80 FT Kalona Mulletts Add Lot 11 Block A
Air Dr Rentals LLC, grantor; Bryan P Murphy, Sonya J Murphy, grantee; warranty deed; E 22 FT Brighton Original Town Brighton Lot 3 Block 7; \$55,000
Diana I Hamilton, Diana L Ditrach, Diane L Hamilton, grantor; Washington State Bank, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Northeast Washington Lot 3 Block 5
Melinda L Hallett, Melinda Lea Hallett, grantor; Melinda L Hallett, Lee F Hallett, grantee; quit claim deed; Rural Subdivision Waters Edge SD Lot 7
Corbin W Remick, Shelbi M Swinscoe, Shelbi M Remick, grantor; Corbin W Remick, grantee; quit claim deed; Part Aud Parc A in SE 22-74-6; \$58,500
Ken Kepler, grantor; Karen Plank, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Millers 1st Add Lot 1-2 Block 3; \$58,500
Ten Key West LLC, grantor; Latta Harris RE LLC, grantee; warranty deed; W 30 FT Washington OP Lot 6 Block 8; Beg 22 FT W of SE Corn Washington OP Lot 6

Block 8 Running Thence E 14 FT & Intersect in Common Wall; \$325,000
Martin S Campbell, Rendee L Campbell, grantor; Mallory Carr, Colton Carr, grantee; warranty deed; S 57.6 FT Kalona Snider & Allen SD Lot 17; N 22.4 FT Kalona Snider & Allen SD Lot 16; \$255,000
Janice A Gibson, Teri Rae Gibson Agent, grantor; Mariana Castillo, Ramiro Castillo, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Miller Add Lot 9 Block 2
Sunset Investment Group LLC, grantor; Gregory Friestad, Shannon McMahon, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C in Lot 15 & 16 School Trustees SD in SE SW 16-74-9 & in Lot 13 School Trustees SD in SW SE 16-74-9; \$350,000
May 20-24, 2024
Michael D Wade, Mary French Wade, Mary Wade French, grantor; Michael D Wade Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Comm at NE4 of SW SW 09-74-7 Thence W Along Center Line of Co Rd 1134.0 FT Cont 12.49 Acres
Douglas C Bowes, Jonni Rose Luckenbill Jonni Rose Bowles Luckenbill, grantor; Samantha E Batterson, grantee; warranty deed; Unit D Washington Ashley Lynn SD Lot 4; \$205,000
Bradley D Tolsdorf, Kim M Young Tolsdorf, Kim M Tolsdorf Young, grantor; Kirk W Harder, Laura L Henson, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivision Stone Ridge Estates SD Lot 70; \$390,000
Mildred Beckler, grantor; Jeremy Beckler, grantee; contract; Noble Noble Lot 1-11 Block 2
Mildred Beckler, grantor; Jeremy Beckler, grantee; contract; Noble Noble Lot 1-3 Block 3
Derek W Miller, Rebecca Miller, grantor; Samantha Miller, grantee; warranty deed; E 55 FT Washington Smoues E Side Add Lot 64; W 30 FT Washington Smoues E Side Add Lot 63; \$130,000
Janice A Gibson, Teri Rae Gibson Agent, grantor; Mariana Castillo, Ramiro Castillo, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Millers Add Lot 10 Block 2; \$198,000
Michael A Lombard, grantor; Jeffery John Schlitz, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc N, Cont 18.79 Acres in E2 SE 04-76-6; \$300,000
Kyle Middle, Christina M Middle, grantor; Irma Johanna Hernandez, Irma Johanna Lopez Hernandez, Pedro Lopez Valasco, Pedro Valasco Lopez, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc D Part Washington Highland Park Add Block 14; \$27,500
AUG II LLC, grantor; Lexington Legacy LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc D, Cont 2.410 Acres in SW NW 38-75-9; \$700,000
Randall Graber, Shirley Graber, grantor; Ardell Kliever, Judy Kliever, grantee; quit claim deed; Part NW SW 15-74-6
May 27 - 31, 2024
Fredric D Wolinsky, Sally R Wolinsky, grantor; Fredric D Wolinsky Trustee, Sally R Wolinsky Trustee, Fredric Wolinsky Revocable Trust, Sally Wolinsky Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Rural Subdivisions Sunset Hills Estates Pt 2 Lot 23
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Franklin, Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF5, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2006-FF5, James W Bates, James Bates, grantor; T to T Homes, LLC, grantee; sheriff deed; Part W2 Wellman Varneys SD Lot 3; \$55,000
Reita S Humphreys Estate, Wendy Jo Sylvester Executor, grantor; Wendy Sylvester, Bryan Sylvester, grantee; court officer deed; West Chester OP Lot 4 Block 2; \$75,500
Cedar Bear Heritage LLC, grantor; Charles J Fladung, grantee; warranty deed; E2 SE 09-76-7
Fagen Family Farms LLC, grantor; D Larry Fagen, grantee; warranty deed; Part SW 10-76-9; \$1,727,000
Melling & Sons Construction Inc, grantor; Dixie Schlabaugh, Steve Schlabaugh, grantee; warranty deed; Unit A Kalona North Ridge SD Pt 2 Lot 79; \$399,000
Thomas C Thomas, Sharon Sprague Attorney in Fact, grantor; Sue Ann Thomas, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Comm at SW Corn NW NW 29-76-8 thence N 336.84 TT Cont 4.81 Acres
Thomas C Thomas, Sharon Sprague Attorney in Fact, grantor; Claire Wilson, grantee; warranty deed; Comm at SW Corn NW NW 29-76-8 thence N 336.84 TT Cont 4.81 Acres; \$50,000
MSJ LLC, grantor; David W Schweitzer, Tamara A Schweitzer, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Country Club View SD Lot 3; \$45,000
Cedar Bear Heritage LLC, grantor; Kerry J Fladung, grantee; warranty deed; SE SW 01-76-8; SW SE01-76-8
Kerry J Fladung, Nanette Fladung, grantor; Knotek Brothers Farms LLC, grantee; warranty deed; SE SW 01-76-8; SW SE 01-76-8
ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Luis E Vergara Espinoza, Vergara Luis E Espinoza, grantee; warranty deed; Washington NLW SD Plat 2 Lot 12; \$315,000
William C Orr, grantor; Tammy M Vasquez, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm at NE Corn NW 33-75-7; Thence S 160.0 FT Cont 1.01 Acres
Katie Friedhoff, Anthony Turnis, grantor; Karsen Jehle, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivision EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 6; Undivided 5% Interest in Rural Subdivisions EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 21; \$245,000
Jean H Wright Estate, Debora D Wright Executor, grantor; Debora D Wright, grantee; court officer deed; Comm 1097.17 FT

N & 45 FT E of SW Corn 30-76-9 Thence E 155 FT
Connor Michael Tarvin, Tanner Tarvin, grantor; Byron Yoder, Aubrey Yoder, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Spring Hill Park 1st Add Lot 2; \$205,000
Trinity Rose LLC, grantor; Lance Bohlen, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Country Club View SD Lot 14; \$48,000
Mahmoud Abdalla, Laura Jean Zaper, grantor; Nathan D Elder, grantee; warranty deed; Fractional Washington Northeast Washington Lot 19; \$144,000
Steven P Arnold, grantor; Jeanne K Arnold, grantee; quit claim deed; E 66 FT of S 132 FT of Washington East Washington Lot 2 Block 3
Mallory V Hinz, grantor; Elvin Z Martin, Rachel H Martin, grantee; warranty deed; Part Lot 2 in Aud SD of WFR2 SW 07-77-8; \$585,500
Ladora E Patterson Estate, Randal P Patterson CoExecutor, Randall P Patterson CoExecutor, Russell L Patterson CoExecutor, grantor; Rex A Peck, grantee; court officer deed; Wellman Stone Gate Estates SD Lot 6; \$230,000
Eric S Roberts, grantor; Emma Josephine Roberts, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc C, Cont 6.852 Acres in NE NE 24-75-6 & in SE NE 24-75-6
Keaton Jon Redlinger, Kelsey Ann Redlinger, grantor; Rick Laws, Tracy Laws, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Smoues 2nd Add Lot 1-3 Block 9; \$260,000
LMP Properties LLC, grantor; Zachariah E Weiss, Mary E Weiss, grantee; warranty deed; N 20 FT Vacated Randle Street on S Side Kalona Morningside Add Lot 4 Block 3; S 72.31 FT Kalona Morningside Add Lot 4 Block 3; \$50,000
Eileen Johnston, grantor; Floyd R Helmuth, Charlene S Helmuth, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Walnut Ridge Estates Lot 3; \$425,000
Marcella M Reed Trustee, Eugene P Reed Trust, grantor; Linda Mitchellree Life Estate, grantee; deed-other; Life Estate in: part W2 NW 26-75-7
Rayna J Danielson, grantor; Emily Caston, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc H-2, part Aud Parc H-1 in NW NW 36-77-7; \$163,000
Janet L Neal, grantor; Jason G Andersen, Jessica M Andersen, grantee; warranty deed; Unit A Kalona Valley View SD Lot 2; \$325,000

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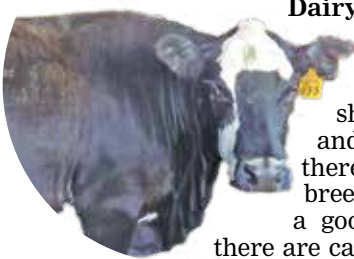
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Beef, meet Dairy

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA
If you're the sort of person who scans the Kalona Sales Barn's Market Report after each Thursday's Cattle Sale, you know that beef & dairy cross cattle are trending.
Also called dairy-beef, beef on dairy, or beef x dairy, beef and dairy hybrids originated in 2012, when they were first created by Wulf Cattle, a Minnesota-based cattle-breeding company. By 2017, they were able to evaluate the hybrids' success when it comes to both meat quality and milk production, and it seems they found a winning combination.
In the last three years or so, beef x dairy has become "a thing" in the beef industry. That is to say, good beef x dairy crossbreeds are in high demand.



Dairy vs. beef

For those who did not grow up in the shadow of 4-H and FFA ribbons, there are cattle breeds that make a good T-bone, and there are cattle breeds that make a good chocolate milk. The genetic traits that result in great meat or high milk volume seem to be mutually exclusive.
Meat cattle (beef) are those like the Black Angus: they're strong, muscular, and stocky, and they eat a lot of grass. These heavyweights spend their time grazing in the pasture, and their meat is lean with flavorful marbling. Milk cattle (dairy) are those like the Holstein: thin, lean, and angular, they eat grains and grasses. They don't wander around the pasture as much, but they produce a lot of milk – up to 10X as much as their beefy counterparts.
Why crossbreed?
If farmers had such a good system going, selecting certain genetics for meat-producers and others for milk-producers, why crossbreed these cattle?

For farmers to make a profit, they need to be as efficient as possible. That means they want to produce only the best beef cattle and dairy cattle and not waste time or money on those that aren't up to par.
That's tricky to manage in the dairy industry. To produce milk, dairy cattle must be female and have given birth to a calf (i.e. they must be cows). Not all cows produce the maximum amount of milk, so if farmers don't intervene, they're stuck feeding cows for a couple of years before they discover they are sub-par. On top of that, cows don't live forever, so new ones must take their places. Left to nature, half of the new calves born are male, and thus no milk is available from them at all. So, we're looking at a lot of useless dairy cattle, from the farmers' perspective.
That's overstating it a bit; the unwanted dairy cattle aren't actually useless. They just get relabeled "beef" and move on to becoming hamburger. About 20% of the U.S. beef supply has historically come from dairy cattle. But this isn't top-notch meat – notably, it is not the cherry-red color consumers expect – and it doesn't bring in much revenue.

Benefits of beef x dairy
This is where crossbreeding comes in. By breeding dairy cows with beef bulls, the male calves are a higher-quality meat animal; consumers enjoy the red-colored meat as much as conventional beef, and generally cannot tell the difference. This translates into real revenue for the farmer; a male dairy calf might only bring in \$50 at market, but a beef x dairy male calf might be sold for \$250.
Today, beef x dairy cattle are such that the cows still produce copious milk despite their partial beef genetics. In addition, the beef x dairy calves eat a bit less, which lowers their environmental footprint and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
The crossbreeds also allow more flexibility for the farmer when it comes to market and environmental forces. This year, milk prices have fallen but meat prices have risen, in part due to drought conditions in the Midwest shrinking conventional beef herds. With beef x dairy calves being born on dairy farms, dairy farmers can funnel them into the meat market and remain profitable.
So, beef x dairy? A win-win for cattle farmers.



A few of the cattle awaiting auction at the Kalona Sales Barn's weekly Cattle Sale on May 30.



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June Dairy Month was first established in 1937 as National Milk Month, with the aim of encouraging milk consumption. However, this observance has since been transformed into National Dairy Month. Initially dairy month was created to address the surplus of dairy production and stabilize demand; it has evolved into an annual tradition commemorating the dairy industry's invaluable contributions to society.

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Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm to hold field day June 26

Farmers and farm businesses in southeastern Iowa are invited to join Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association for the summer field day at Iowa State’s Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm on June 26.

The field day will feature the following topics:

- “Research Farm Update,” by Cody Schneider, farm superintendent.
- “Bioreactors, Edge-of-Field Practices, and the Whole Farm Conservation Best Practices Manual,” by Kay Stefanik, associate director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center; Matt Helmers, professor and director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center; Allen Brush, West Fork Crooked Creek and Long Creek watershed coordinator; and Evan Brehm, conservation agronomist, Iowa Soybean Association.
- “Soybeans and Sulfur: On-Farm Trial Tips for Success,” by Richard Roth, extension nitrogen specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The field day will provide farmers, landowners and ag retailers the opportunity to hear and talk to several people who are experts in their fields, and who will focus on some of the current issues or topics of agriculture in Iowa.

“We are excited to be highlighting two new projects that will be taking place at the Southeast Research Farm this year at our summer field day,” said Rebecca Vittetoe, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The first project will feature a new bioreactor being installed at the farm.

“We are very hopeful the installation will be taking place around our field day to showcase what this nutrient reduction edge-of-field practice looks like,” added Vittetoe.

The second project has two objectives – to demonstrate how farmers can use strip trials

on their own farms and to also look at sulfur requirements for soybeans.

Check-in for the field day begins at 12:30 p.m. and the field day is planned to start at 1 p.m. with the research farm update. The afternoon field day is free and open to the public. Certified Crop Advisers can earn 1.0 soil and water management and 1.0 nutrient management CEUs.

An additional three soil and water management credits can be earned in the morning during the Certified Crop Adviser and Agronomy Professional Workshop, which will be from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The workshop will begin with a classroom session providing an update on the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy and discussion on how to determine which nutrient reduction practices are a good fit for individuals. Following the classroom session, there will be a field session looking at different edge-of-field nutrient reduction practices including a wet land, filter strips and a bioreactor site.

The fee for the morning Certified Crop Adviser and Agronomy Professional Workshop is \$50, which includes lunch. Register by 11:59 p.m. on June 21 for the morning Agronomy Workshop and CCA Training at <https://go.iastate.edu/NTSQIE>, or by calling the ISU Extension and Outreach Washington County office at 319-653-4811.

Farm location

The Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm is located at 3115 Louisa-Washington Road, Crawfordsville. To reach the farm, follow U.S. Highway 218 one- and three-quarters of a mile south of Crawfordsville, then two miles east on County Road G-62, then three-quarters of a mile north. Signs will be posted near the farm.

For more information, contact ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists Rebecca Vittetoe at 319-653-4811 or rka8@iastate.edu, or Virgil Schmitt at 563-263-5701 or vschmitt@iastate.edu

Good biosecurity practices can help keep avian influenza out of Iowa herds

BY GRANT DEWELL AND SHERRY HOYER
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

AMES

Avian influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in dairy cattle in ten states to date. Yet, so far, there are two confirmed positive herds in Iowa.

This specific virus has been found in wild birds, which were the primary source of the virus in the Texas panhandle area. However, movement of dairy cattle is the most likely source of subsequent spread to other geographical areas.

It is believed that the virus is transmitted from cow to cow during milking, according to Grant Dewell, extension beef veterinarian with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

As of now, beef cattle have not been identified with the disease, and this is most likely due to the mammary gland being the primary involved tissue.

“Clinical signs of affected cows are reduced appetite and reduced milk production, as

well as thickened and discolored milk,” he said. “If you suspect HPAI in your cow herd, contact your veterinarian for appropriate diagnosis and testing.”

There is no specific therapy for infected cattle, and most will recover on their own. Supportive care can be beneficial. There is no vaccine for HPAI in the United States.

“The virus has been transmitted to cats and, in two cases, a dairy worker, but transmission to humans is considered a low health risk,” he said. “General personal protection such as gloves, coveralls and eye protection are recommended.” Dewell said good biosecurity practices should be implemented by beef producers to protect their herds.

If possible, beef producers should minimize access of wild birds to cattle, and not use unpasteurized colostrum or milk from dairy farms in beef herds. If receiving new cattle, producers should isolate those incoming animals for at least 21 days from the original herd.

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