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FANS CELEBRATE JAZDIA'S HOMECOMING AT TREKFEST 39

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An overcast morning with temperatures in the 70's created perfect conditions for Trekkies to cosplay at TrekFest 39 on Saturday, June 29. Cedar Rapids native Terry Farrell, who played Jazdia Dax in Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, was present and available to fans who gathered for "Jazdia's Homecoming," the theme of this year's event.

CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Welcome to Wellman

Downtown assessment finds the good, the bad, and the quirky

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

It takes guts for a city to subject itself to a downtown assessment by the Iowa Downtown Resource Center (IDRC). When the professionals come in, they don't pull any punches, and that means city planners need to have a thick skin.

The city of Wellman subjected itself to such scrutiny on Wednesday, June 19 as part of "The Power of the Sign" forum held at City Hall. The city was one of four chosen to host the forum, to which community leaders throughout the state were invited to learn how to optimize the use of signage in their downtowns.

Why Wellman?

"Part of the reason why we wanted to come here was, here's a city that really stepped up and said, 'We're going to buy this building for a buck [the Starbeck-Miller building] and we're going to invest the money that we were going to tear it down with and ask, Is anybody interested in applying for this Catalyst Grant?' And it worked," Jim Thompson, Downtown Economic Development Specialist, said. The city is proud of how the historic building turned out. Spearheaded by Patrick and Karmen Cady, the half-million-dollar reha-

bilitation project resulted in a new retail business on the lower level and an Airbnb rental unit on the upper level. A state Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant and \$100,000 from the City of Wellman helped make it happen.

On the downtown tour led by Mayor Ryan Miller and City Administrator Kelly Litwiller, the retail shop, Simple Happiness, elicited compliments from attendees. "Gorgeous," and "I wish they were open more," were comments people made.

Other aspects of the downtown attendees liked: the great burgers at Bender's Bar & Grill, the cool clock in the park, and the fact that the city has its own grocery store, "a huge asset."

There were features visitors were not so keen on, however: the empty storefronts, weeds in front of businesses, and the use of vinyl siding on brick commercial buildings.

In addition to the tour, the morning portion of the forum was dedicated to a review of the purposes, types, and best usage of signs in a community. Ben Muldrow, a graphic artist and partner at Arnett Muldrow in Greenville, South Carolina, led the

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Complaint leads to investigation of 3 Mid-Prairie admins

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

The Mid-Prairie school board met for a two-hour closed session Monday night in response to notification that the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) "found probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics" upon investigation of complaints filed against Superintendent Brian Stone, Special Education Director Amy Shalla, and Middle School Principal Rob Hruby.

The alleged violations pertain to "unethical practice toward other members of the profession, parents, students, and the community," specifically "Delegating

tasks to unqualified personnel," "Failure of a school official responsible for assigning licensed practitioners holding contracts under Iowa Code section 279.13 to adjust an assignment if the practitioner discloses to the official that the practitioner is not properly licensed for an assignment," and "Failure of an administrator to protect the safety of staff and students."

On May 17, 2024, the BOEE ordered this case set for hearing. Hearings rarely occur, however, as most cases are eventually settled. Should a hearing take place, it may take over a year to schedule.

On Tuesday, July 2, the Mid-Prairie Community School Dis-

trict Board of Education released the following statement:

"The Mid-Prairie Community School District Board of Education acknowledges that there has been a finding of probable cause from the Board of Educational Examiners regarding Superintendent Brian Stone, a former middle school principal, and a former special education director. The Board is of the understanding that there is no substantive basis for this finding and will work with the Board of Educational Examiners and counsel to ensure a fair and just resolution.

"Regarding inquiries about

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Camp crafts: not just for kids anymore

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

Every year, the Kalona Historical Village hosts two sessions of a week-long day camp for kids where hands-on activities take center stage. This year's camp sessions took place June 17-20 and 24-27.

When I arrived at the Visitor's Center on Monday, June 24, I found groups of kids busy creating at the round tables where meetings and social events are often held. I asked a group of young girls about the rocks they were painting as Heather Kemp read a story to another group of kids. On the other side of the room, Grace Tully was winding cards of yarn, and older kids were absorbed in

weaving on the looms.

One young lady told me it was her third year attending the summer camp. I asked her what aspect of camp she enjoyed the most.

"Weaving," she replied.

I let the kids get back to work and asked Heather Woodin about how the camp was going so far this year. Unlike Kemp and Tully, I hadn't met Woodin before, as this is her first year as a camp leader. I was told that she was leading some new activities not done at camp before.

She showed me giant quilt blocks that campers had painted the previous week, which will be on display during Fall Festival in September. Science experiments involving Skittles candies and a

scavenger hunt in the Wahl Museum would be up next for the kids I had just observed.

"We're making journals like this," Woodin said, holding up an example of another craft the campers would create. She leafed through, showing me the prompts the kids could write to and ways the journal could be embellished with other papers and materials. "It's simple enough they can add to it when they get home," she explained.

I was fascinated by the journal, by how it was both simple and personal.

"I like projects like this be-

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Painting rocks at KHV summer camp.

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Hello! My name is Madelyn Johnson, and I am so excited for the opportunity to intern for this publication! I am an incoming senior at Liberty High School, located in North Liberty.

In my free time I enjoy running track and cross country for my high school, as well as writing for my school newspaper. You can usually find me hanging out with my friends, reading, re-watching my favorite rom-coms, and exploring different coffee shops in the area.

I am an aspiring journalist, and plan on majoring in journalism at the University of Iowa. I love meeting new people and learning about their passions and interests. I look forward to getting to know the Kalona community and being able to share your stories!

Madelyn Johnson



Paint-along and Amazing Race at Wellman Library

BY CARRIE GENO
Library Director

In the evening of Monday, June 24, the Riverboat Room at the Wellman Public Library filled with a dozen teens and adults ready to channel their inner artists at the library's "Painting with the Pros" event. Each attendee was given a canvas and palette of paint. They followed along with a serene video tutorial, painting joyful clouds and cheerful trees. Everyone had a blast and walked away with a beautiful artistic creation. The library hopes to offer a similar program again this fall.

On Saturday, June 22, the library challenged participants to race to complete a variety of tasks at stations throughout the library dedicated to each conti-

nent. Each stop on their travels around the "world" featured a challenge inspired by that continent, including recreating a renaissance masterpiece in Europe, creating an origami butterfly in Asia, throwing a boomerang in Australia and more. Four teams completed the challenge, with much laughter and fun along the way.

Things were buzzing Thursday, June 27 when James Miller came to speak to Summer Reading participants about bees. James shared about the jobs bees have, how they find pollen and nectar, and more. He brought in a small crate with 5,000 bees to show the children what a colony looks like and honey for them to have a taste. At the end, the kids created their own antennae to take home with them.



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60th Anniversary

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Larry and Wanda (Mullet) Rediger were married June 20th, 1964, at East Union Mennonite Church. Their marriage has blessed them with seven children; Monica (Daniel) Robeson, Tonya (Shawn) Powell, Brenda (Troy) Utzinger, Joshua and Cassandra Rediger, Justin and Melissa Rediger, Naphtali and Abby Rediger, Jonathan and Danelle Rediger. They are further blessed with 27 grandchildren along with 18 great grandchildren. Larry is the owner of Rediger Construction for 58 years and Wanda has been a homemaker.

On your diamond anniversary we send you our love. Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked!
We pray for many more years of love and health together.
Thanks for all you have done in each of our lives.

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Longest Lone Tree American Legion Post member honored

John "Jack" Larew, 97, was presented a certificate for 75 years of continuous membership in John L Mumm Post 457 of the American Legion in Lone Tree. Jack and his twin brother Jim enlisted in the US Navy and shipped out December 25, 1944, two days before their 18th birthday. Jack is the oldest member with the longest continuous membership of the Post. L-R: Commander Richard Wollrab, John "Jack" Larew, and Adjutant Terry Boyd.



Future Problem Solvers win International Awards

Eighteen homeschooled Future Problem Solving students participated in the 2024 International Competition, and all eighteen ranked in the top ten in at least one competition. The students traveled to Indiana University in Bloomington and joined other problem solvers from 29 U.S. states and 12 countries from June 5-9.

In the Global Issues Problem Solving competition, teams and individual competitors had two hours to analyze a futuristic scenario on the topic of Air Quality. The specific future scenario involved domed structures where people with severe respiratory conditions had to live in 2046.

Using the FPS process, teams of four students write sixteen possible problems that may occur as a result of the Air Quality scenario, determine the most significant problem, create and write sixteen solution ideas, decide relevant criteria, evaluate the solutions using the criteria, and write a detailed action plan describing the team's best solution. After the written competition, teams prepare and perform a Presentation of Action Plan that demonstrates the effectiveness of the team's top-ranking solution idea.

In the junior division (grades 4-6), the team of Ann-Marie Cotner, Jeremiah Hay, Josiah Hay, and Zachariah Hay placed 13th in the written competition out of 54 teams. The team's Presentation of Action Plan skit qualified for the final round of competition, where the team placed 4th internationally. Team alternate Tehila Oyeyiola joined the team for the oral presentation.

Ella Chiang, Hanna Fritz, Lily Newton, and Elizabeth Snyder in the middle division (grades 7-9) placed 9th out of 64 teams in the difficult written competition. This team also qualified for skit finals

and are the International Champions. As a result, the team performed their 1st place presentation for all 1,263 participants on stage at the IU Auditorium.

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In addition to placing 17th with his team in the written competition and 4th with his team in the Presentation of Action Plan competition, Sam Snyder participated in the senior division storytelling competition. Sam performed his futuristic story with six voice changes to the delight of the audience members and four judges; two of the four judges awarded Sam perfect scores. Sam is the 2024 World Champion senior division FPS storyteller.

The homeschooled problem solvers also joined students from Wisconsin, South Carolina, and Kentucky for a fun act in the FPS Variety Show.

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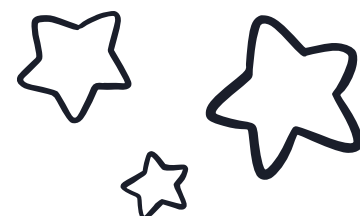
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M-P ag educator elected IAAE secretary



Elsa Schmidt of the Mid-Prairie Agricultural Education department recently joined more than 200 secondary and post-secondary instructors from across Iowa at the Iowa Agricultural Education Summer Conference held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, June 23-26. The purpose of the conference was professional

development and to foster sharing of ideas from agriculture programs across the state. The conference was organized and facilitated by the Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE).

Speakers, programming and activities focused on fostering professionalism and communication among agricultural educators. Mini-workshops were held on topics including Working with Officer Teams, Technical Skills Development, Industry Updates and Connections, and many other topics relevant to today's Agricultural

Education. Learning activities included new teacher mentoring and training, career development events and time to interact with agricultural education professionals from all corners of the state.

IAAE professional organization activities were also conducted during the conference, including policy making, the election of new officers, and the recognition of outstanding Iowa agricultural instructors and programs. Schmidt was re-elected for a two-year term as the Secretary for the IAAE.

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Thursday July 4	Friday July 5	Saturday July 6	Sunday July 7	Monday July 8	Tuesday July 9	Wednesday July 10
84° 65° RealFeel® 87°	78° 61° RealFeel® 78°	81° 64° RealFeel® 88°	83° 63° RealFeel® 88°	80° 61° RealFeel® 88°	81° 63° RealFeel® 90°	84° 64° RealFeel® 86°
Shows and a heavier thunderstorm	Breezy; a passing p.m. shower	Beautiful with clouds and sun	Humid; a t-storm around in the p.m.	A stray morning t-storm; sunshine	A couple of afternoon showers	Mainly cloudy with a t-storm or two

SUN/MOON		Moonrise Moonset	
Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday 5:39 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Thursday 3:53 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Friday 5:39 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Friday 4:51 a.m.	9:09 p.m.
Saturday 5:40 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	Saturday 5:56 a.m.	9:51 p.m.
Sunday 5:41 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	Sunday 7:04 a.m.	10:24 p.m.
Monday 5:41 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	Monday 8:11 a.m.	10:51 p.m.
Tuesday 5:42 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	Tuesday 9:17 a.m.	11:13 p.m.
Wednesday 5:43 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	Wednesday 10:19 a.m.	11:32 p.m.

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AccuWeather.com UV Index™	4	6	10	8	10	9	3
Pollen Level Forecast	7	0	2	3	3	4	3
Fishing forecast	9	10	10	9	9	9	9
Soil Moisture forecast	10	10	10	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
Arthritis forecast	4	4	2	3	3	3	2
Asthma forecast	5	4	3	3	5	5	5
Migraine forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sinus forecast	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Construction of paved shoulders to begin on G36

Beginning the week of July 8, construction of four-foot asphalt paved shoulders, with rumble strips, will begin on G36 (220th St) from IA 1 to US 218. This project is being constructed by Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC of Ottumwa, who was awarded the contract for \$2,220,839.81 earlier this year. Depending on the weather, it is anticipated the project will take approximately five weeks to complete. During the duration of this project, G36 will be open to thru traffic; however, traffic will be restricted to one lane while the contractor is working. The contractor will utilize pilot cars and flaggers to help facilitate the flow of traffic through the work zone, which will change daily as the contractor progresses through the project. The public

is urged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and should obey all directions from the contractor. This work is being done as a safety improvement project as a result of the high volume of commuter, truck, and agricultural traffic consistently causing edge ruts to form along the existing pavement. To address this safety concern, Washington County applied for and was awarded a \$500,000 Transportation Safety Improvement Program grant as well as a \$1,166,000 Highway Safety Improvement Program grant, both from the Iowa Department of Transportation, to help construct these safety improvements. For more information about this project, please reach out to the Washington County Engineer's Office at (319) 653-7731.

Barn tour returns to Johnson County

After a four-year hiatus, the Johnson County Historical Society is bringing back their beloved Johnson County Barn Tour, sponsored by Hills Bank, on Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Johnson County Historical Society's Museum at Xtream Arena, 200 E. 9th St. STE 101 in Coralville. This year the selection of barns to be explored in Johnson County includes Colony Acres Family Farm, the Schwab Round Barns, the Secrest 1883 Octagonal Barn, and the Johnson County Historic

Poor Farm. The half-day bus tour is \$60 for Historical Society members and \$65 for non-members. Transportation, lunch, and a goodie bag is included in the price of the tour. To register or for more information, contact the Johnson County Historical Society at 319-569-4502 or jaci@johnson-countyhistory.org. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://givebutler.com/7h14K7>, in person at the Johnson County Historical Society inside the Xtream Arena, or by phone as given above.

EveryStep hospice team urgently needs volunteers

Volunteers play an important role in EveryStep's ability to live out its mission in southeast Iowa. Without dedicated volunteers, EveryStep would not be able to provide care and support to their patients, clients, families and staff. The EveryStep Hospice team in Mount Pleasant urgently needs volunteers to support its work Washington county, including in Kalona. Some of the hospice-focused volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing companionship to patients by reading, playing cards or offering a comforting presence.
- Assisting patients and their families with chores and outdoor yardwork.
- Transporting patients to doctors' appointments, delivering essentials or running errands.
- Singing, playing musical or instruments or playing CDs for patients' enjoyment.
- Providing companionship to hospice patients who have served our country as Veteran-to-Veterans volunteers. These specialized volunteers talk, read and sit with patients and assist

with honorary veteran recognition ceremonies.

- Offering a quiet, supportive presence during the final hours of patients' lives as an 11th Hour volunteer
- These specially trained individuals also offer companionship and support for family members.

To learn about volunteering opportunities in the communities served by the EveryStep Hospice team in Mount Pleasant, please email hospice volunteer coordinator Guendolyn Norton at gnorton@everystep.org or visit <https://www.everystep.org/volunteer/get-started>.

Trial date set for Keegan Gingerich

BY MARY ZIELINSKI AND CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WASHINGTON
A pretrial conference was held for Keegan Gingerich on June 21, the result of which was the setting of another pretrial conference for August 22 at 9:15 a.m. and a jury trial date of September 10 at 9 a.m. in Washington County District Court. This action postpones the jury trial originally scheduled for July 9.

Gingerich entered a not guilty plea on March 22 to four felony charges, including Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Stalking (two counts) and Purchase/Possess Depiction of Minor in Sex Act. He was arrested Feb. 2 on charges stemming from alleged incidents in January. Gingerich is represented by Jeffrey Powell of Keegan, Tindal & Jaeger criminal defense attorneys of Iowa City. Every person accused of any crime is considered innocent until proven guilty.

WCHC welcomes Dr. Malhar Goré, MD to Kalona Clinic

Washington County Hospital and Clinics (WCHC) is pleased to announce the addition of Malhar Goré, MD, as one of the primary care providers at WCHC's recently acquired Kalona Clinic. Dr. Goré earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, Florida, and completed his residency in Family Medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where he served as Co-chief resident. With over 33 years of diverse healthcare experience, Dr. Goré has served in various capacities, including as the team

physician for Iowa State University Sports and in roles at private clinics and emergency departments across Iowa. "We are excited to welcome Dr. Goré to the WCHC family," stated CEO Todd Patterson. "His extensive experience and dedication to patient care will be a tremendous asset to our team and the community." Dr. Goré's professional journey includes significant tenures at Eastern Iowa Health Center, MercyCare Physician Services, and Broadlawns Medical Center. His expertise encompasses office procedures such as joint injections, minor surgical, and dermatological

procedures. Additionally, Dr. Goré has a strong background in mentoring and teaching medical students, residents, and physician assistant and nurse practitioner students. WCHC is thrilled to enhance its healthcare services with the introduction of Dr. Goré. A warm welcome is extended to Malhar Goré, MD, and community members are encouraged to join in welcoming him to the WCHC family. Together, WCHC looks forward to continuing to provide exceptional healthcare services to the Kalona community.

EV History Center presents 'The Lincoln Hwy in Iowa: A History'

The English Valleys History Center invites you to "The Lincoln Highway in Iowa: A History," a presentation by Darcy Dougherty Maulsby, on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. The EV History Center is located at 108 N. Main, North English. The Lincoln Highway became the first coast-to-coast highway in the U.S. in 1913, connecting New York City to San Francisco. It passed through Iowa from Clinton to Council Bluffs. As much as 85% of the original highway is

still drivable in Iowa, according to the Lincoln Highway Association. Better known as Highway 30, the Lincoln Highway revolutionized Iowa and America when it was developed over a century ago. Its legacy today reflects a story of American innovation, community spirit, freedom, and an unshakable belief in a brighter future. Maulsby is a fifth-generation farmer as well as business owner, author, marketing specialist, historian and speaker.

Passionate about Iowa tourism, food, farming, and history, she holds a journalism/communications degree and MBA from Iowa State University. After working for the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and AgWeb.com, she started her own marketing/communications company, Darcy Maulsby & Co., which she has run full-time since 2002. All are invited to attend the presentation at no charge. Donations are accepted.

COLLEGE HONORS AND GRADUATES

Goshen College recently recognized 182 graduates as a part of the Class of 2024 during its commencement ceremony on April 28, 2024, including Mia Brenneman Graber of Wellman.

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Farewell

Hello, everyone. I am both excited and sad to share this news: my time as a full-timer with The News has come to an end.

I've learned and grown a lot since starting this journey with The News and now I am ready to leave Iowa for the first time on my own to start a completely new adventure, continuing down this path of growth and progress.

This new adventure leads me to Northern Minnesota – yes, I know it will be cold; I prefer the cold! – where I will take on the Managing Editor position at the Farmers Independent, a small, community newspaper, owned by the Farmers Publishing Company in Bagley, MN.

I am very excited to make this northern trek! I start on Tuesday, July 2 – as I write this, July 2 is approaching fast! But as you read this, July 2 will have already passed!

But I should let you know that my time working for The News is not over.

I will continue covering the Hills City Council meetings as well as Lone Tree's City Council and School Board meetings. I will keep covering these meet-



Tj Rhodes
News Reporter

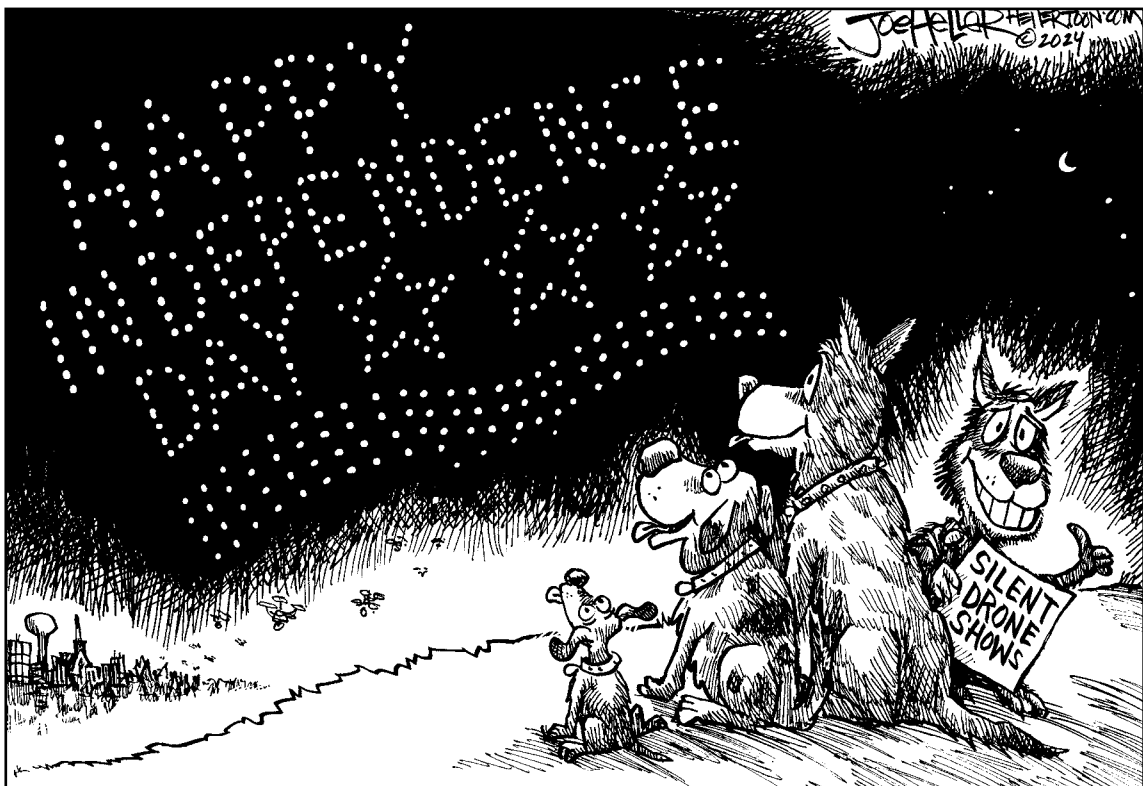
ings remotely until The News and I find a solution allowing the meetings to be comfortably covered in person again.

Anyway...
It's been a pleasure serving The News and this area. I want to thank the advertisers, the subjects of stories, and the readers, for making all of this possible!

Of course, I'd also like to thank the amazing staff at The News for always being there for me and pushing me to be better every day. They're an amazing ensemble that puts together a visually-pleasing and content-dense newspaper each and every week and they deserve much praise!

If, for whatever reason, you need/want to reach out to me following this move, please contact The News' office at (319) 656-2273 letting them know your purpose and they will connect us as I will no longer be in possession of the reporter@thenews-ia.com email address.

Peace, peace – TJ.



Democracy rests on our shoulders

BY MIMI RITTI JACOBY

In 1776 our Declaration of Independence proudly and resolutely declared our new-found freedom:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

The June debate between President Joe Biden and Donald Trump was a disaster. Neither candidate stressed how he would solve problems, what he would suggest for solutions, or what he would do to take action. We learned nothing about either man or his plans for the country and our future. Don't tell me what's wrong, convince me what is right.

Don't tear down an opponent or his ideas.

Build up your platform and your ideas.

Don't quote the past, boldly step into the future.

Don't spout criticism, affirm optimism.

Build on the inspiration of hope and the foundation of truth.

Our Declaration of Independence sets forth why we remember and celebrate the 4th of July. We pay homage to the ideas and ideals that formed our country. We hope for continued freedom and prosperity. Our choices are important. They count. Our plans are vital.

The debate should have been called the deb-. Negative comments and criticism pervaded. It was a "body bash." We need hope for the future, belief in our ideals, and suggestions for making things better and ensuring progress. Complaining about what is wrong does not achieve what is right.

"Political Power" cannot be our primary goal. Personal Progress should be our

aim. Choices cannot be based on preferences. They must be based on truth. Justice, not selfishness, should prevail. Decisions should be based on morality, not personal wants.

Don't restrict me with the past. Map out progress and my future. Stop complaining. Lead with action. Don't stand still spouting opinions. Step forward with positive ideas.

In the years ahead, how will we achieve a better future? We must demand constructive leadership, confidence, integrity; a clear direct path leading to solutions for inflation, financial crises, medical care, affordable housing, climate control, and crime reduction; and the promise of peace.

Our country is only as excellent as the citizens who compose it. Our government is only as effective as our citizens are active.

We make the choices. We form the future. Democracy rests upon our shoulders.

Dating when you're old

My first wife, Cindy, and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in 2009 with a trip to Niagara Falls. It was an attempt to compensate for the low-budget honeymoon we experienced in 1969 when we were a pair of nearly broke newlyweds.

The year 2009 was about the time that a few friends our age were going through life changes that involved dating. Cindy and I didn't agree on everything but on this issue we were in lockstep thinking. We both agreed that we were happy we didn't have to go through the process of dating again.

We were happy being a predictable old married couple.

In early 2013 Cindy died suddenly and unexpectedly. I was devastated and thought my world had ended. We had our own interests but Cindy and I did a lot of things together including going out for supper on Saturday nights and taking a long ride exploring our part of Iowa. I worked long hours and got through my work days okay but evenings and weekends were dreadfully lonely without Cindy.

A month or so after Cindy's passing I decided to go out for the first time for a fast-food meal on a Saturday night. As I sat alone in the restaurant I noticed that most tables were occupied by couples and families. It was a miserable experience.

Several more weeks went by. My family had a potluck meal at my brother's house. My siblings and their spouses were kind and considerate but I felt so alone.

When I left for home later in the evening and was alone in my car I threw a little hissy fit. I hated being alone.

On the one-hour drive home, I passed by a familiar small town and it occurred to me that a widow of my acquaintance lived there. I silently wondered how she was doing and if she would go out to dinner with me.

The rest of my way home I thought of all the reasons why she wouldn't go out to dinner with me and why I shouldn't even ask her. Besides, I thought, Cindy had been gone only three months. It was way too soon to be thinking like this.

By the time I arrived at home I had put my widow friend out of my mind. Upon awakening the next morning she was the



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

first thing I thought of. After another mental argument I put her out of my mind again.

This occurred every day. I would think of this woman, mentally argue with myself and put the thought out of my mind... until the next day.

After nearly two weeks of this, I finally decided either God was trying to tell me something or I had an obsession.

I called my sister who was a good friend of the woman I couldn't get out of my mind. When I asked my sister what was wrong with the gal, I was scolded. There was nothing wrong with Julie Keller, she said adamantly. But, hey, an old newsman must ask hard questions.

I decided I would call this Julie lady and ask her to go out to a meal with me.

All of Cindy's and my conversations about being happy not to have to go through the dating game again came back to my mind. I punched Julie's number into my phone several times, disconnecting immediately thereafter to ensure the call didn't go through. I had done that before, even as a terrified 20-year-old when I called Cindy the first time in 1968.

I finally touched the number and let it ring. Long story short, I asked Julie if she would go out to supper with me, she said "yes," and a year and a half later we were married.

That wedding took place 10 years ago this month. Even though it was difficult to make the first call it was easy to ask for her hand in marriage.

Marrying in your 60s is different than the first time around but it is just as wonderful and meaningful. I knew Julie's first husband and Julie knew my Cindy. We speak of them often and cherish our memories. I had 43 years with Cindy and Julie had 27 years with Bill. She loves my children and I love hers... including her five smart and good-looking grandkids.

I am still of the opinion that I would hate to go through the dating game again but I must tell you, it was worth it both times!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What counts as a threat to democracy?

There has been talk of former President Trump being a threat to democracy. Webster's defines democracy as a "government by the people; a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system."

So, what would a threat to democracy look like? Obviously, a threat would have to hinder or prevent "the people" from electing whom they want to elect.

When Microsoft Bing was asked how the total number of Trump's legal challenges compare with other presidents the answer was, "Donald Trump has faced more legal investigations than any other former U.S. President after leaving office."

Those who believe Trump is being unfairly prosecuted but are ok with it (because they don't like him) might ask themselves how much they value democracy. Do they dislike Trump more than they value a government by the people?

Let's see. . . What would a threat to democracy look like?

Michael E Mallie
Kalona

Support local 4-H'ers at July 9 presentation contest

Next Tuesday, July 9, afternoon and evening, is the 4-H presentation contest at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Stop by for an hour or the whole session. For more information or schedule call the Extension office at 319-653-2659.

The topics the 4-H'ers, especially the younger ones, choose are all over. These 4-H'ers are so fun to watch, from the extremely nervous ones to the funny ones to the serious ones. The older ones tend to choose topics they are interested in and really sell their topic. You never know what they will choose. There is also a section of high school 4-H'ers that pull a subject out of the hat and are isolated for 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. It is amazing what they can do.

I have heard 4-H alumni

say ribbons and trophies are exciting but soon put in a box and seldom looked at. The experience they have gained from communications have stayed with them for a lifetime through school and the workplace with the ability to speak comfortably to individuals or groups. Often, they encourage their children to do presentations so they also will gain this valuable experience.

Sadly, most clubs do not encourage their members to do presentations and those 4-H'ers are on their own to figure it out and usually give up. Many clubs rarely, if ever, send a presenter. A big shout out to the Lime Creek leaders who strongly encourage and guide their members. They often have more presenters than all the other clubs combined in the county.

So come support your local 4-H'ers for a job well done. They and their families would appreciate it and you will find many local citizens from your area. You might find it enjoyable, and I am certain you just might learn something new.

Sara Murphy
Washington



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Lovina's friend Ruth shares about the wedding

I am Lovina's "English" friend Ruth, and I had the opportunity to help Lovina shop for food, take pictures of the wedding preparation, and then attend Daniel and Lovina's wedding on Friday, June 21. Lovina asked me to share with you what happens in the days leading up to the wedding, and she will share more about the wedding in her next column.

Lovina and Daniel asked Lovina's sister Emma and her daughter Elizabeth to be the head cooks for the wedding. That is a special responsibility because they were in charge of organizing all the food, deciding what dishes would be prepared in the days leading up to the wedding, writing out and posting the recipes in the different areas where the food would be prepared, and setting up what the cooks would need to complete their tasks each day.

They organized and set up the lunch that the women would share together each day and cleaned up when they were done. They were there before anyone else each morning and were the last ones to leave. There was so much more they did, and they were always cheerful and happy to answer questions and give directions.

Much of the food prep is done in the two days prior to the wedding, and some is done the morning of the wedding.

For instance, on Wednesday, the group of women who came to help made pie crusts for the fresh strawberry pies, then cut up the berries, made the filling, and assembled the pies. They cut the potatoes, carrots and onions for the homemade dressing. They cut the fresh rhubarb from the garden for the rhubarb custard pies, browned the butter that would be tossed into the homemade noodles, and cut the chicken quarters into pieces.

On Thursday, the women made the fresh bread and the pecan and rhubarb pies, cut the fresh fruit, cut and cleaned the vegetables for the lettuce salad, and made the homemade ranch dressing.

There were 20-25 women who came on Wednesday and Thursday mornings to prepare the food. They were hard workers and had most of the work done by noon, which was good because it was a very hot week, hovering in the mid-90s every

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

day.

The bride and groom ask family, church members and friends to help with the wedding. There were about 150 men and women involved in food prep, set up, serving, and clean up.

On the day of the wedding, the workers all wear dresses in the colors the couple asked them to wear. All the cooks wear one color and the table servers another. If you are asked to be a cook, server, dishwasher, or food preparer, you do that job the entire day of the wedding. You start at about 8 a.m. and work until everything is cleaned up at about 8 p.m. Before the noon and five o'clock meals are served, the workers sit down and eat together. When the wedding is over, which goes from about 9 a.m. to noon, there is a flurry of activity as they get ready to serve the guests.

The tables in the pole barn were set up the Saturday before and were all set with the dishes and silverware and then covered to keep them clean for the week. A large tent was set up outside the second barn where the wedding would take place for extra seating and for the gift table. There was a smaller tent set up between the two barns that provided shade for the women doing food prep and washing dishes.

There is a cook wagon that is rented; it is a large RV that has been fitted with seven stoves, counter space for working, and shelves for storing the pots, pans and cooking utensils. There is a refrigerated wagon for keeping all the food cold, which runs off a generator. There is also a wagon that has all the dinner plates, silverware, serving dishes, tables and the racks that are at the end of each row of tables that the food is kept on while serving. The church district wagon that holds all the benches for a normal church service is also there, and the benches are set up for the wedding service.

Lovina and Daniel decorated the "Eck", or corner table in

a rustic, country theme. Many young Amish couples are being less traditional with their décor choices and are instead opting for decorating with themes that are special to them. There was still the traditional quilt made of her colors, and they used their special dishes and glasses as their dinnerware.

As an outsider, watching how this community comes together and supports each other is always an amazing experience. I didn't hear any complaining about the work or the weather; they did their jobs cheerfully and efficiently. They enjoyed each other's company and took the opportunity of being together to catch up on family news. They welcomed me and would switch from Pennsylvania Dutch to English, so I could be included in their conversations when I was with them. They are rooted deep in their faith and their commitment to helping one another.

Daniel and Lovina, may God bless you as you start this new chapter in your lives and thank you for letting me share in your special day.

One of the desserts at the wedding was fresh strawberry pie. Enjoy this recipe from Lovina's newest cookbook *The Cherished Table*.

Fresh Strawberry Pie

1/2 cup granulated sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 cup water
3 tablespoons strawberry-flavored gelatin
Red food color (optional)
6 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
1 (9-inch) baked pie crust, cooled or at room temperature

Combine the sugar, cornstarch, corn syrup, and water in a large saucepan and bring mixture to a boil. Boil, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in the gelatin and a few drops of red food color, if desired. Let cool until lukewarm. Add the strawberries, stir to coat the berries, and then pour into the baked crust. Refrigerate pie for 2 hours before serving. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

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 LovinaAmishKitchen@MennaMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

OBITUARIES

Deborah Lee Boyse

1949 - 2024



Deborah Lee Boyse was born Sept. 10, 1949, in Long Beach California, the daughter of Orville and Evelyn (Spivey) Price. She moved to Iowa with her mother when she was an infant. She graduated from City High School in 1968. Deborah was united in marriage to Kenneth Boyse March 3, 1972, in Rock Island, Illinois.

She worked for Northwest Insurance as an Underwriter for 12 plus years, Hochstetler Insurance for eight years, Sharon Mutual Insurance, ACT, and Sleepy Hollow Campgrounds part time. Deborah enjoyed golfing, sewing, camping, crafts, and spending time with her family.

She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family June 24, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospital Downtown at the age of 74.

She is survived by her husband: Kenneth Boyse of Wellman; two sons: Wyatt (Amy) Boyse of Kalona and Jamie (Wendy) Boyse of Wellman; a daughter: Crystal Boyse of

Washington; seven grandchildren: Jessica Vandenburg, Derek Boyse, Dakota (Hannah) Boyse, Jordan Wallace, Joshua

Wallace, Carson Boyse, Brenten Boyse; and one great-granddaughter: Kaliegh Edwards; three brothers: David (Julie) Price, Jeffery (Laura) Price and Jay (Dede) Price; and one sister: Orvilla Heck.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister: Dafney Price; and brother-in-law: Fred Heck.

A memorial service was held Friday, June 28, 2024, at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. Burial was in the Wellman Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established Washington County Hospice. Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Marcia Diane Steckly

1949 - 2024



Marcia Diane Steckly, 75, of Wellman, passed away Friday, June 28, 2024, at Highland Ridge Care Center in Williamsburg. Her life was celebrated Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. The service will be available via Livestream on the Beatty Peterseim website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. A private family burial was held before the service. In place of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for Essence of Life Hospice and Hope For All.

Marcia (Kesselring) Steckly was born March 26, 1949, the daughter of Carroll J. and Beatrice M. (Vesely) Kesselring. She graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1967 and studied business at Kirkwood Community College. On June 29, 1968, she was united in marriage to Don Steckly at the 1st Mennonite Church in Iowa City.

Marcia was the secretary at Williamsburg High School for 18 years and then worked as the office manager at Four Oaks Family and Children Services for 14 years until retirement. She enjoyed playing cards and her grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Survivors include three children: Mark (Cali) Steckly

of Williamsburg, Michael (Mandy) Steckly of Wellman, and Megan (Mikely) Mills of Parnell, seven grandchildren: Zachary, Colton,

Clayten, Cael, Graydon, Lincoln, and Kora; her brother: Gordon Kesselring of Oklahoma; three sisters-in-law: Sarajane Kesselring of Iowa City, Pat Steckly and Donna Chupp of Arizona; one brother-in-law: Rodney (Angie) Steckly of Kalona; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding Marcia in death were her parents; her husband: Don; infant granddaughter: Maelah Mills; one brother: Ron Kesselring; and four brothers-in-law: Terry and Larry Steckly, George Carter and Sam Chupp; and two sisters-in-law: Linda Kesselring and Linda Dana.

The family would like to thank the staff of Essence of Life Hospice, Compass Memorial Hospital Oncology Department, and Highland Ridge Care Center for the compassionate and loving care they gave Marcia.

Glennis (Steckly) Stutzman

1929 - 2024



Glennis (Steckly) Stutzman was born Nov. 17, 1929, in rural Johnson County, the daughter of Enos J. and Amy L. (Hersberger) Steckly. Following graduation from Wellman High School, Glennis attended teacher training and taught at Green Valley School in North English, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Marlin L. Stutzman on June 1, 1952, at Wellman Mennonite Church and they made their home in Wellman.

Glennis was an active member of Wellman Mennonite Church where she held leadership roles in Mennonite Women and taught Sunday School for many years. She was involved in community organizations and served on the Care Review Committee at Parkview Manor, the Wellman-Scotfield Public Library Board, and volunteered at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics from 2000 to 2016, logging over 1000 hours. Glennis was a member of Wellman Garden Club and Embroidery Club and enjoyed an active life until well into her 80s.

In 2018 after a brief illness Glennis suddenly lost her vision, and her life immediately changed.

Glennis passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Parkview Manor in Wellman at the age of 94 years.

Glennis is survived by her children: David (Donnita) Stutzman of Oxford, Kathy (Dennis) Schuit of Oak For-

est, IL, Pam (Jim) Hochstedler of Kalona, Julie (Gary) Bontrager of Wellman, and Tony (Angela) Stutzman of Well-

man; her grandchildren: Rachel Jesse, Joshua Hostetler; Mark (Kristin) Schuit, Katelyn Schuit; Doug Hochstedler; Malori Bontrager, Allison (David) Yoder, Bradley Bontrager, Cassidy (Luke) Hertzler; Jordan (Keith) Miller, and Jarron (Linnea) Stutzman. She was GG to Luke, Marvin, Lydia and Brooklyn; Lea; Mariah and Delaney. She is also survived by her sister: Magdalene Yoder of Eugene, Oregon.

Glennis is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Marlin in 1998; sisters: Lois Miller and Kathryn Steckly; brothers-in-law: Willis Miller and Paul Yoder; and nephew: Warren Miller.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in July. Powell Funeral Home is caring for Glennis and her family.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to all her friends and loved ones who helped us keep her at home for as long as possible, to the staff at Reflections who was also her family in our absence during Covid, and the staff at Parkview Manor who showed her such compassion.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5. We will be back open for our regular hours on Saturday, July 6.

New to the library this summer for young adults (ages 13+) is a roleplaying game (RPG) hangout! Join us every Thursday at 2:30 p.m. 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!

Join us on Saturday, July 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 for an informational program for adults on Hobby Hens!

New Adult Fiction: "Born of Gilded Mountains" by Amanda Dykes; "All the Colors

of the Dark" by Chris Whitaker; "Same as It Ever Was" by Claire Lombardo; "15 Summers Later" by RaeAnne Thayne

New Adult Non-Fiction: "The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth" by Zoe Schlanger; "Invisible Labor: The Untold Story of the Cesarean Section" by Rachel Somerstein

New Juvenile Fiction: "Manatee Summer" by Evan Griffith; "Hit & Miss" by Derek Jeter; "My Weird School Special: There's a Skunk in My Bunk!" by Dan Gutman

New Juvenile Nonfiction: "Make Your Mark, Make

a Difference: A Kid's Guide to Standing Up for People, Animals, and the Planet" By Joan Marie Galat; "Lights Out: A Movement to Help Migrating Birds" Jessica Stremer

New Easy Books: "The Wilderness" Steve McCarthy; "Ten Little Rabbits" by Maurice Sendak; "Dolly Parton's Billy the Kid Makes It Big" by Dolly Parton

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WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know the Wellman Library has all of next years Iowa Children's Choice Award winning books? They're on display and ready for readers! Get a jump start on next year's ICCA challenge at school by reading this summer.

The Summer Reading Program is going strong and we are loving seeing everyone at our events! Be sure to stay up to date on everything that is happening on our Facebook and website.

Be sure to join us for our upcoming events:

Story Time - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Movers & Shakers Story Time - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

New Books at our library this week:

Children's: Bluey: Swim School by Bluey; The Egg Incident by Ziggy Hanaor

Junior & Young Adult: Grumpy Unicorn: Why Me? By Joey Spiotto; Stella Batts Something Blue by Courtney Sheinmel; Nugly by M. C. Ross; Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story Graphic Novel by Mary Downing Hahn; Where is Area 51? by Paula Manzanero; My Hero Academia 3 by Kohei Horikoshi; The ballad of Darcy & Russell by Morgan Matson

Adult: You're Not Done Yet: Parenting Young Adults in an Age of Uncertainty by B. Janet Hibbs; A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci; The Museum of Last Quilts by Jennifer Chiaverini; Hopeless by Colleen Hoover; Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez

Large Print: A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci

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SENIOR DINING MENUS JULY 4 - 11

Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday - Closed
Friday - BBQ rib patty, sweet potato puffs, apple sauce cup, fresh grapes
Monday - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, rice crispy treat
Tuesday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, cole slaw, Hawaiian tropical delight salad
Wednesday - Cube steak, mashed potatoes/white gravy, hot vegetables, apple crisp
Thursday - Taco salad w/meat & cheese, chips & salsa, chocolate pudding
Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-2711. Cost for meal is \$8.

Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday - Closed
Friday - Closed
Monday - Maid-rites, baked beans, mandarin oranges, dessert
Tuesday - Scalloped potatoes & ham, mixed veggies, blushing pears
Wednesday - Pizza casserole, carrots, pineapple, dessert
Thursday - Liver & onions or grilled steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail
Make reservations by 10 a.m. Call 319-629-5144

Pleasantview

Thursday - Closed
Friday - Sloppy joes, roasted vegetables, cucumber salad, cook's choice dessert
Monday - Swiss steak w/tomatoes, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, cook's choice dessert
Tuesday - Taco salad, fresh baked bread, peanut butter cream cheese bar
Wednesday - Pulled pork sandwich, pickled beets, baked beans, lettuce salad, blueberry crumb bar
Thursday - Meatloaf, creamed peas and potatoes, fresh baked bread, marinated tomatoes, banana bars
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the Board's awareness of the specific allegations, the District is bound by law to maintain the confidentiality of personnel information and therefore cannot provide specific comments on these matters.

"The Board will continue to support Superintendent Stone and all Mid-Prairie staff throughout this legal process. We remain dedicated to fostering a positive and productive environment for our students and community as we move forward into the 2024-25 school year."

Although at press time it is unclear whether the complaints considered by the BOEE are related to those brought before the school board at their Nov. 27, 2023, regular meeting, the concerns raised by a community member at that time mirror the alleged violations.

During public forum, Andy McCall spoke on behalf of his daughter, Kristene Evans, a

special education teacher who resigned from her position at the Middle School during the 2022-2023 school year. Evans was asked to do Strat II teaching, which she made clear to administrators she was not licensed to do, McCall said.

A student "ended up punching her in the stomach" while she was pregnant. "She later asked this administration to remove this child from her roster so this wouldn't happen again. They said we can't do that," he said, and continued abuse from the student resulted in the end of the pregnancy. "My grandchild got killed," McCall told the board.

Shalla's resignation was accepted by the board in February, and Hruby's resignation was accepted in April. Stone's contract was extended two years in June.

All subjects in this story are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law or administrative action.

We just want to send out a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make my benefit a success! Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle or basket item! Also, everyone who came out on a stormy Tuesday night to bid on items! Thank you to Tammi and Tiffany for organizing this. All your hard work did not go unnoticed! Thank you, Highland Shooting sports family. We really appreciate all of your support! Thank you to Eaton Good Kettle corn for coming out also, your kettle corn is so amazing!!

We cannot thank this community enough for supporting us as we go through this obstacle in our lives! We are SO grateful for all of your support, kindness, encouragement, and generosity! Our small community and school district are simply amazing!

And, of course, a huge thank you to our families! We could not get through all of this without you! You have been here for us since day one and continue to give us love and support each and every day!

Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts!!

Jessica, J, and Riley Johnston

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Let the games begin ... at the Washington County Fair Kids Day July 17

Come and enjoy Kids Day at the 2024 Washington County Fair on Wednesday, July 17. This fun event is hosted by Washington County Extension and Outreach and with fair day sponsor Washington County Hospitals & Clinics. Other partnership sponsors include Farm Bureau Financial Services- Ann C. Williams Agency, Washington Lions Club, Washington County Public Health, Family Connection and Horse & Pony 4-H Club.

The morning will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with a variety of hands-on activities all over the fairgrounds. All kids, aged pre-school through fifth grade, are welcome to come, learn, and have fun! Participants may come and go to the following activity stations anytime throughout the morning until 11 a.m.:

Popcorn is provided, courtesy of the Washington Lions Club.

Join the Horse and Pony Club for games at the Horse Barn. Pony rides are also available and sponsored by Farm Bureau Financial Services - Ann C. Williams Agency.

Build first aid kits, shoot hoops, and work through emergency preparedness matching with Washington County Hospital and Clinics staff.

Other kids' activities throughout the day include:

Visit the historic round barn from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. for hands-on agriculture learning through Little Hands on the Farm hosted by Ag in the Classroom.

Visit 4-H Hall for science activities from the 4-H Robotics team Eaglebots.

See the complete 2024 Washington County Fair schedule and Kids Day activities at <https://washingtoncountyfairia.com/>

Homeowners in Frytown, Sharon Center eligible for new Pocket Prairie Program

A new Johnson County program will help homeowners in unincorporated Johnson County add pocket prairies to their landscapes. Eligible homeowners can apply online beginning July 1.

The program is a collaboration between Johnson County and Master Gardeners of Johnson County. The program provides participants with training, technical guidance, and enough pollinator plants to establish a 10' by 10' pollinator garden.

Approved participants must attend a workshop and commit to three years of maintenance to establish their prairies. The Prairie Pocket Program is one of three programs currently included in the Johnson County Soil Health Program.

Prairie plants provide habitat and food for insects and animals, while the plants' deep root systems help improve soil health. Healthy soil can better infiltrate rainfall and keep pollutants out of creeks and streams.

Interested homeowners can learn more and apply for the program at <https://johnsoncounty-iowa.gov/soilhealth>. Approval for participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Kasey Hutchinson, environmental regulations coordinator, or Becky Soglin, sustainability coordinator, in the Johnson County Planning, Development and Sustainability Department at soilhealthprogram@johnsoncountyia.gov or 319-356-6083.



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.

Kalona at Goodguys Car Show

Look for the Kalona booth in the huge Vendor Midway at Goodguys' 33rd Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals on July 5-7 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E Grand Ave., Des Moines. The show runs Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-8 and Sunday 8-3; for more information, visit good-guys.com.

Kalona Optimist Blood Drive

The Kalona Optimist Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, July 8 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th Street, Kalona. Appointments preferred; contact Chris Ciaso at 563-349-1608 or email cciaso@impactlife.org to schedule.

Wellman Farmers Market

The next Wellman Farmers Market will be held on Tuesday, July 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. on 8th Avenue, downtown Wellman.

Make It at the Museum

A new craft program will continue at the Kalona Historical Village on Friday, July 12. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., those ages 12 and under are invited to make an I Spy Bottle. No experience necessary; pre-registra-

tion required; \$10 members, \$15 non-members. To register, visit kalonaiaowa.org. More workshops to follow; all take place at the Kalona Historical Village Visitors Center, 715 D Avenue, Kalona.

Kalona Farmers Market

The next Kalona Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Kalona. Music by Banjoy.

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 Yutz, 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 Helmutz; 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 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.rivercityia.org; Pastor Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 10 a.m.

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 319-648-3092; Pastor: Marsha Gerot, Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. (Preschool - 6th).

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

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

First Baptist Church: 600 4th St., 319-646-2254; Pastor: Pastor Andrew Lunstrom; Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Communion is held the first Sunday of each month.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd: Vacancy Pastor: Gary Sears. Missouri Synod; 5th St. & 4th Ave. Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

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

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church: 11th St & Maplewood, 319-648-2331, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. James Parish: 602 West 2nd St., 319-653-4504, 319-458-0412 cell; Father Bernie Weir; Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m. stjameswash-ington.org

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

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

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Kalona

Pretty good cherry crop this year. They are selling at about \$2.00 per bushel.

Several auto drivers have been fined for too rapid speeding by the authorities of Iowa City recently.

Mr. P.G. Bayer of the Bayer-town store was doing business in Kalona Tuesday. His daughter came with him to undergo surgical treatment for a difficulty of the head and nose that has been troubling her.

Don't you believe that a button factory or any other enterprise that will furnish an honorable living to at least a dozen more families in Kalona, would be a good thing for the town? Don't you believe it would increase the value of your real estate in and around Kalona enough to pay you to invest a few dollars in it? A few dollars from each one and the button factory can be located here. If not, it will go to some more enterprising town. Do you think you can afford to allow this, when a little help from you will bring it here. Think it over, it's up to you.

David S. Yoder was in town Saturday attending to a lot of delayed business. He has just been released from a four weeks quarantine. His little boy had a very close call with membranous croup and Mr. Yoder feels very grateful for the faithful attendance of his physician and the invaluable assistance of neighbors during his enforced stay at home. Such times teach us the true value of good friends and neighbors.

Few women know how to rest properly without sleeping. The average woman when she has a few moments to rest, will sit in a rocking chair and rock vigorously. Nothing shatters the nerves more than this habit, which seems chronic with the American woman. To rest so as to obtain the most benefit when you have no couch and but a little time to spare, loosen collar and anything else which is tight if possible. Then select a comfortable chair and lie back and put the feet on a comfortable footstool. Do no sleep, read or think. Let your mind be as near perfect blankness as is possible. After a little practice one really can achieve a blank mind. After half an hour of complete relaxation of all the nerves, one feels rested.

Old collars and cuffs that have become worn on the edges from wear and laundering can be used again by sandpapering the edges of same with a fine piece of sandpaper.

After washing your carpets well, put about a teaspoonful of beef gall in a tub of rinsing water and it will brighten and perfume your carpet.

Mr. J.L. Dawson, who was severely bitten by his horse last week, is progressing very satisfactorily. Unless overlooked for complications should arise, he will be well in a short time. Joe has had a marvelous escape and is making a fine recovery. To a man of less nerve and grit, it would mean a long tedious recovery or perhaps death.

The Iowa City papers are having an argument over their subscription list in the city. The Citizen claims more than the Press and Republican combined, but this is denied by the Republican.

Iowa City Hotels are preparing to comply with the new law, that takes effect July 4th. The law requires that rope ladders must be kept in every bedroom and fire extinguishers on every floor.

Lewis Schnoebelen is improving slowly from a severe case of the mumps.

Bruce Clark had the misfortune to break his leg, while on his way home from Hills Friday.

A rat weighing over four pounds and measuring twenty-two and a half inches from nose to tail was recently caught near Canterbury, England.

No person shall use, offer for sale or keep for sale within this state any toy pistols, toy revolvers, caps containing dynamite, blank cartridges for toy revolvers or toy pistols, or firecrackers more than five inches in length and more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter; provided caps containing dynamite may be used, kept for sale or sold when needed for mining purposes, or for danger signals, or for other necessary uses.

Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not exceeding \$100 or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

The ordinance published last week forbidding spitting

on the sidewalks has been under consideration for some time. For a long time it has been a custom for loafers, and even others to congregate on the sidewalks, especially on the Farmers Savings Bank corner and proceed to flood the sidewalk with their expectorations of tobacco juice, until it was a disgust for anyone, especially ladies to walk over. The council would not have taken any action in regard to the ordinary expectorations on the sidewalks, but in order to stop the nuisance in these special places, it was necessary to make the ordinance cover the entire field. We think the council should be sustained in their effort to secure a decent and sanitary condition of our sidewalks. The measure ought to be unnecessary and would be, if men would observe rules of conduct they know to be decent and orderly.

Lone Tree

Among the new laws which go into effect July 4th, is one requiring railroads to maintain a telephone at every station where there is a local telephone exchange.

It is a pretty sure thing that the Rock Island expects to move their depot a half block east of its present location and fix up a neat little railroad park north of the business portion of Commercial Street.

The watermelon crop down near Conesville this year will be about the average yield from present indications. Some fields look unusually promising while the cut worms laid the vines low in others but there will be plenty of big juicy melons down there in a few weeks.

The West Branch ball team won the game here Sunday by a score of ten to three. Both teams made errors thick and fast and the locals' batting record was not up to the standard which accounted in a measure for their low score. A little practice now and then between games wouldn't be a bad stunt.

At the adjourned session of the council last Wednesday evening, that body granted the Giffey Bottling Co's. request for permission to open and operate a saloon on the premises recently purchased of A.J. Stonebarger across the street east of the Zimmerman Steele Co. Plant and the building now under construction will be ready for occupancy on July 1. This will make four saloons for Lone Tree, each paying \$1200 annually for the privilege of running.

Mr. W.P. Nichols of near West Liberty has been suffering with rheumatism the past few days to such an extent that he is unable to leave his home.

Because her wooden leg had been listed as household property, Mrs. Charles Harridin, of Des Moines was compelled to unstrap the mechanical member at the knee and lay it on top of all the other humble household goods as they were carried away under a mortgage foreclosure.

No member of the Iowa National Guard who uses liquor or cigarettes will be considered for a place on the state rifle team which will represent Iowa at the Camp Perry, Ohio, shoot in August.

"Jack" Parker a C. & N. W. engineer at Marshalltown trimmed a corn too closely, blood poisoning set in and his leg had to be amputated.

Cutting an artery in his leg just above the ankle, Willard Fulghum of Mason City came near bleeding to death. When found he was weak from loss of blood and could not stand.

Taking up the task of discipline where parental government ends, directors of

the Iowa Humane Society at a meeting in Des Moines unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the city council to appoint a plain clothes policeman to patrol the streets and parks and watch dance halls for the purpose of protecting young girls.

While engaged in doing circus stunts on a high swing, little Bonner Clinite, son of A.L. Clinite, of Des Moines, fell in such a manner as to injure both arms at the wrists. The bones of one arm were broken and the two smaller bones of the other arm were bent.

Fred H. Thomas was run over at Spencer and his leg cut off. He was taken to Mason City.

Mother is suing son in Judge Miller's division of the district court at Des Moines, Mrs. R.A. Ellis seeking to recover \$10,000 damages from her son, S. Ellis, by reason of alleged malicious prosecution.

The objectionable sputtering and flying of the hot fat when eggs, hominy, apples, and like things are dropped into it to fry may be prevented if a little flour is sifted into the fat just before they are added.

The merchant is a fool who will trust a customer that has the reputation of not paying his bills.

The fellow that will only work a part of the time is the very one that always wants the highest wages.

The Ainsworth Clipper says 13,000 people attended a band concert over there last week. We fear "Ole Clip" occasionally strikes the wrong keys on that typesetting arrangement he operates over there unless the machine stutters when it goes to making ciphers.

Somebody went and paid the Widow Slusher's taxes last week all unbeknownst to the widow, and some think it was Uncle Phil Gulliver whose wife expired last summer of gangrenous poison in her heel.

Deacon Pelig Hostetter, who passes the contribution box on Sunday in the Hardshell church, has been under suspicion of late as the collections turned in by him have greatly fallen off. It is to be hoped that he will be able to clear himself of retaining any of the money that is so badly needed in reshingling our church and paying the salary of Brother McSwatt. While Aunt Roxana Gilchrist was milking her cow last night with of Jonas Korpeter's patent cow milkers, one of the valves busted and scared the cow and she kicked Aunt Roxana over and ran off with the machine. The old lady's stomach is much distended this morning and Dr. Skimmer thinks her vermifuge appendix is dislocated.

Society is much tore up around here over the elopement of Lucindia Bigger, the head waiter in Mart Buster's boarding house, with Mart's goggle-eyed son. Mart is awfully chagrined as Lucindia is a grass widow and is subject to fits.

Wellman

Minks, skunks or some other kind of a varmint are playing havoc among the young chickens down this way. Afraid there won't be many fryers left in some of the chicken yards.

Wade Gardner found one peach in their peach orchard the other day, the only one we have heard of in this neck of the woods.

The remains of a prematurely born baby boy were found in a large bottle on the banks of the Iowa River day before yesterday and have been turned over to the police at the city hall. The bottle was closed with a pickle bottle stopper and thrown among the weeds where it was discovered by a local man. There are no clues

as to who deposited the package in the place where the fetal remains were found. Iowa City Republican.

Mrs. L.D. Yoder, accompanied by her husband and Dr. Braden, went to Iowa City last Friday evening, where at the S.U.I. hospital she underwent a very serious operation on Saturday. Considering her age, she stood it remarkably well and reports yesterday conveyed the good news that she is still improving.

South English crossed bats with the Wellman ball team yesterday afternoon, but the game was so one-sided it lacked all interesting features, with the exception of Burrell Foster's pitching. He retired the South English batters in one, two, three order, and when it came our fellows turn to bat they swatted the ball clear over the fence, and might have been batting yet, but you know it was a very, very warm day. Oh, yes, the score: someone told us it was nine to nothing.

A gallon of gasoline will run an automobile twenty miles in thirty minutes on a level road. That's nothing, a gallon of the same stuff has been known to run a cook forty feet through a kitchen window in quarter of a second.

A country editor who claimed to be an authority on the grip, told his readers as long as they kept their feet dry they would not have the disease. The next day he got a communication from a subscriber claiming that he had two wooden legs and had suffered with the grip for five successive years.

A mighty close call from a bad fire at Tom O'Flaherty's one day last week. A paper which was lying near the gas range caught fire and spread to some clothing, hanging above. Mrs. O'Flaherty was upstairs, at the time, but the roaring noise of the flames caused her to investigate, and when she reached the kitchen, it was full of smoke and the fire was making rapid headway. She called to the hired man, Mr. Schwab, and with his assistance soon had the flames extinguished. Some damage was done, of course, but not to any great extent, luckily.

Myrtle McConnell, of Ainsworth, was thrown from a

horse Monday and her limb broken just above the knee. The little miss is a niece of Mr. Everett Lewis and Dr. Godlove, of this place.

It is said that in Iowa after July 4, 1909, rattlesnakes will be worth 50 cents each, a law going into effect on that date providing for a bounty of that amount to be paid by the county, six inches of the tail of the rattler being designated as the evidence for the bounty.

Mr. J.L. Dawson, who was injured by a horse last week, is getting along splendidly. He was able to walk to the barn the first of the week.

Mrs. Minnie Douglas, of Adel, which town is not far distant from Des Moines, was "tried" by a church jury and found guilty of participating in a game of whist and was suspended from communion with the church. Then fifty other women asked to be released from the church and a regular whist war is on in hot earnest. An x-ray photograph of the head of the preacher who instigated the trouble would be worth looking at. If playing whist, or any other card game, is at variance with religion, so also are checkers, dominoes, flinch and ping pong. Adel must be a town with long narrow streets.

Dr. J.R. Downing had a mighty close call from a bad fire in his residence Monday morning and John can consider himself pretty lucky in escaping without some very serious burns. He had lighted his gasoline stove to heat some water, but for some reason, the blaze went out and the oil kept running. But John did not know the latter and went to light the stove again. You can imagine what happened when he struck the match. The whole room was a mass of flames, but he acted promptly, and confined the fire to the one room, and with assistance soon had it extinguished. Nearly all the paper on the wall was burned or smoked, and his damage will amount to several dollars, which no doubt was fully covered by insurance. This is the season of the year when the majority of homes are using gasoline stoves, and we wonder sometimes that there are not more accidents occur than there are.



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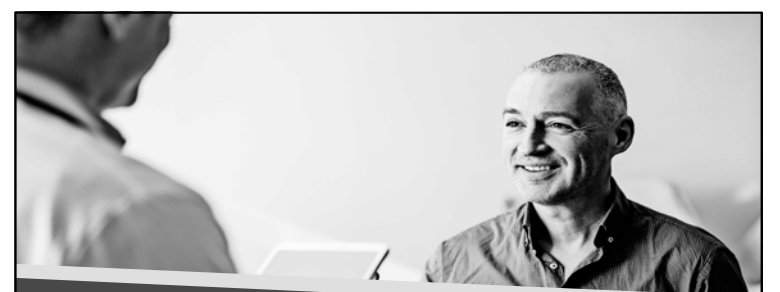
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cause there's really no right or wrong way to do it," Woodin said. "Everyone is different, and they can do whatever they want."

The prompts given with the journal encourage kids to reflect on how they are unique, how they can help their neighbors, and how they experience stress in their lives. The point is to "kind of tie the Village's historical setting to their lives today," and to give kids a safe and fun place to write about their own concerns, she says.

I really wanted to make one of these journals. I was surprised when Woodin told me that I could, and that I wouldn't have to crash the camp to do so.

Woodin is a huge fan of crafts. She has brought her love, creativity, and skill to those at a church in Iowa City and to her own friends and family. She has amassed a stockpile of materials. She needed another outlet for her gift and passion, and that is

how she ended up working with the Kalona Historical Village.

But two weeks of summer camp for kids wasn't enough. She also started a new program called Make it at the Museum; beginning with a craft on Friday, July 12, roughly each month Woodin will lead a craft, event, or workshop at the Historical Village.

Some of the events are for kids, but others are for adults. On Saturday, January 18, 2025, I will get my chance to make an "Artsy Journal."

I've marked my calendar. "I'm having a great time at camp," Woodin remarked before heading off to lead the Skittles experiments. "I [am] just really impressed with the kids and their level of focus and ability."

The creative portion of my brain now lit up, I meandered over to Tully and asked, "Are you ever going to have an adult camp where we can learn to weave?"

"I am working on a curriculum for an adult winter camp," she said. "Four days, weaving, sewing, knitting, embroidery – and sewing is both hand sewing as well as machine sewing."

I swooned. "It would be two days of instruction, and then the last two days, you get to work on what you want," she explained.

As plans are still in the works, dates and details are not yet final, but now I have something else to look forward to.

So do you, my fellow craft-loving readers.

For more information about Kalona Historical Village programming, including Summer Camp and Make it at the Museum activities, visit kalonaiowa.org or call 319-656-3232.

Heather Woodin with a sample journal she made to inspire campers.



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Weaving on the looms.

First official meeting for new administrator

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

In her first meeting June 27, as the new head of the Washington County Health Department, Jenifer Roberts provided an agency update regarding staff training, programs, and meetings, most which she was familiar with as a former department employee. The supervisors acknowledged the new appointment at their July 2 meeting.

Much of last week's meetings dealt with fiscal year issues, including renewal of a 29E Agreement with the state DIAL for the ongoing food program, a review of the environmental health financials as well as those of public health, and a transfer of signatory authority, HIPPA privacy officer, CMS-855A enrollment, and fiscal 2025 subcontracts signing for LCHD services from the former administrator to Roberts. In regard to environmental

health, there was a report about the issues with wells at the Water's Edge Subdivision, noting that monitoring is ongoing of the issues that arose about three years ago, as well as approval of an official food establishment warning letter prior to taking action, continued investigation of a sewage backup complaint, acknowledgment of Federal Emergency Preparedness funds and continuing making grant applications.

There was a brief noting about the project to transfer some administrative offices to Orchard Hill, including the Health Department. The building contract was awarded last month to Woodruff Construction of Tiffin.

The final item was the announcement of an Open House for the new administrator set for 1-3 p.m. in the department's 5th floor conference room of the Federation Bank Building, 110 North Iowa Avenue, Washington.

WCHC unveils state-of-the-art DEXA machine, upgraded imaging room

Washington County Hospital and Clinics (WCHC) is thrilled to announce the installation of a new, advanced Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DEXA) machine, along with a comprehensive upgrade to its imaging room. This significant enhancement to the facility was made possible through generous contributions from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation and the Washington County Hospital Foundation.

DEXA scans are critical for accurately measuring bone mineral density, body composition, and fat content, which are essential for diagnosing conditions such as osteoporosis and assessing patients' risk for fractures. The advanced technology of the new DEXA machine ensures faster, more precise results, thereby enhancing the quality of care for patients. Additionally, the new software and scanning capabilities offer

improved accuracy and efficiency, providing an enhanced diagnostic experience.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation and the Washington County Hospital Foundation for their unwavering support," said Todd Patterson, CEO of Washington County Hospital and Clinics. "Their contributions have been instrumental in bringing this cutting-edge technology to our community, and we are excited about the positive impact it will have on our patients' health and well-being."

The new DEXA machine and upgraded imaging room are now fully operational and ready to serve the community. A provider referral is required for DEXA scans. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit our website or contact WCHC Imaging Services at (319) 863-3964.

Johnson County recommended minimum wage increased to \$12.64 per hour July 1

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors reminds business owners and the public that the County's recommended minimum wage has increased to \$12.64 per hour, effective Monday, July 1, 2024. In March of 2024, Supervisors voted to increase the County's recommended minimum wage using the Consumer Price Index data to set the increase, which is based on inflation.

Though the wage increase is symbolic in nature and unenforceable under State law, the Supervisors approved the increase to remain in line with their vote in September 2015 to begin phased increases.

The State of Iowa's minimum wage was increased to \$7.25 per hour in 2008, ahead of the Federal increase to \$7.25 in 2009, but has remained at \$7.25 and is not indexed for inflation. On Sept. 10, 2015, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance (#09-10-15-01) establishing a Johnson County minimum wage. According to that ordinance, the

minimum wage in Johnson County was raised in three steps – to \$8.20 per hour on Nov. 1, 2015, to \$9.15 per hour on May 1, 2016, and to \$10.10 per hour on Jan. 1, 2017.

On March 30, 2017, Governor Terry Branstad signed legislation eliminating the ability of jurisdictions within the State of Iowa to set a minimum wage above the State minimum wage. Johnson County had a higher minimum wage than the State for 17 months, including three months when it was \$10.10 per hour.

The Supervisors remain committed to recommending an increased minimum wage for the County annually, based on the Consumer Price Index.

More information on the minimum wage ordinance is available at www.johnsoncountyia.gov.

Questions about the ordinance may be directed to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at 319-356-6000 or sups@johnsoncountyia.gov.

'You may have to eat one': Kalona makes chicken exception

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

Kim Droz-Leaton had been quietly keeping chickens for years without incident. Then she shared her love of Americanas and guineafowl with readers of The News, and days after the May 16 issue came out, she had notices from the City of Kalona in her mailbox, asking for details.

Droz-Leaton's property is "probably as ag of a property as you're going to have within the city limits of Kalona that isn't designated ag," City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh told the city council Monday night, when Droz-Leaton's chicken application was up for approval.

"To be honest with you, I thought that it was ag," council member Greg Schmidt said. "So did we," Droz-Leaton replied.

As her property, flanked by cornfields, falls into a narrow band along Highway 1 zoned C-1 commercial, the city requires the chicken application, but "the application is for more chickens than what our permit

allows," Schlabaugh said.

The council was in favor of Droz-Leaton's hobby hens, although they were concerned about the flock being contained and not growing any larger.

Should the flock expand, "You may have to eat one," council member Jenelle Bender said.

"It happens," Droz-Leaton said.

The council approved an exception for Droz-Leaton, noting that other exceptions to the city's chicken ordinance would be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Council discussion

Without taking official action, the council discussed renegotiating the 28E agreement with the City of Riverside regarding the sharing of building inspector Dave Tornow. Kalona's need for Tornow has increased, so the city would like to share him less than the 35% specified in the current 28E agreement. The council agreed that a new agreement should be drafted that would bill Riverside \$90/hour for Tornow's services as a building inspector.

The council also discussed the city's consultation with Washington County Engineer Jacob Thorius on the posted speed limits on 133rd and Nutmeg, near the Southtown subdivision. The speed limit is currently not posted, thus 55 mph, but 45 feels more appropriate (35 "feels like a turtle," Schlabaugh noted). Once data is obtained to support it, the council will consider an updated ordinance establishing a 45-mph speed limit from Hwy 1 to Richmond.

Council action

The council approved Pay App #2 for CJ Moyna & Sons LLC in the amount of \$368,253.30 for the Vista Park Project. The council approved a change order of \$50,337.75 for the same.

The council approved the renewal of Karen Stalter's term of appointment to the Library Board of Trustees from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2030, at the recommendation of the library board's president.

The Kalona City Council will next meet on Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Sunrise Daycare provides needed service, Wellman council learns

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WELLMAN

The Wellman City Council learned more about the operations of Sunrise Daycare in a work session regarding new lease terms during a regular city council meeting on Monday, July 1.

Sunrise director Melissa Kaufman explained that despite the low wages paid to staff, the current lease amount of one dollar per year allows the daycare to provide a much-needed service for the community.

"It has been very beneficial," Kaufman said, "because we are now — in the state, and the nation, but specifically in Iowa — in such a childcare shortage. It's really hard to find childcare."

Kaufman said that Sunrise has a current enrollment of 61 children, including many from Keota.

"One thing that's of interest, when we start talking about how many childcare centers have closed around the state, is that... Keokuk County doesn't have any licensed centers in it," she noted.

Kaufman said that teachers, parents and board members all pitch in to raise funds and improve the facility. Recently, the daycare saved an estimated \$16,000 by using volunteers to paint.

She emphasized that the daycare administration is always working to be wise stewards of the limited funds. She said the daycare managers have taken turns preparing food, since the cook retired a year ago. Managers also run the after-school program and fill in for teachers in the classroom.

"The nice thing about it being a small town, too, is that we all know each other," Kaufman said. "The board holds me accountable. Families hold the board accountable. We're always held accountable for what we're doing and what's going on. Everything's very open."

In addition to the one-dollar lease, the City also provides free water for the Parkside facility.

This is the first time that the council has considered a rate increase for the daycare as a \$438,000 Community Development Block Grant for the Park-

side facility came with a stipulation that a daycare would lease the space for one dollar per year for 15 years, according to Mayor Ryan Miller. The 5-year lease had already been renewed twice.

"It's wonderful to have them there," Miller said. "A non-profit like that is fantastic to be up there. They do a lot of good work. I think the city should help them out however we can."

The city council plans to continue discussion of lease terms during a future work session.

Council Action

The council passed a resolution authorizing conveyance of right of way easement to Wapello Rural Water Association, Inc.

The council approved a resolution to hire a Skating Rink employee at \$15.50 an hour.

The council approved a 2-year extension of a lease agreement with Jet Physical Therapy, increasing monthly payments from \$650 to \$850 per month.

The Wellman City Council will next meet on Monday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Johnson Co. Admin Building nears completion, services moving back in August

The Johnson County Administration Building, 913 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, underwent major remodeling beginning in October 2023. Construction is nearing completion, resulting in a complete remodel of the interior, installation of new HVAC and fire suppression systems, as well as major accessibility upgrades and other service-centered improvements. This has created additional space for future County needs.

County services relocated from the Administration Building to the Health and Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, during construction will move back in phases throughout August. As this date draws closer, Johnson County will share more detailed information regarding when specific

departments will be relocated, helping residents plan and access services conveniently. Funding for this project is sourced through a combination of general funds and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds, with a firm commitment that taxes will not be raised to finance the remodel.

Johnson County remains committed to delivering high-quality services while creating a safer, more accessible, and productive environment for all residents and staff.

For further information and updates on the Johnson County Administration Building remodel, please visit www.johnsoncountyia.gov/remodel.



The mini park, with its mural, clock, and signage, gets it right.

PHOTOS BY CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

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session, and community leaders, including Cole Smith (City Administrator of Riverside), Tonia Poole (Director of the Kalona Chamber of Commerce), and Mary Audia (Executive Director of the Washington Economic Development Group), asked questions pertaining to specific issues that concerned them.

The afternoon portion of the forum began with the IDRC's official assessment of Wellman's downtown. Muldrow went storefront by storefront with their assessment, from the arrow sign on Highway 22 pointing to downtown to the stop sign at the end of 8th Avenue.

The Good



JFH Metal Signs was loved by visitors. Not just Schickerling's work, but his repurposing of the old gas station, received high praise.

On the list of what Wellman got right: the 20-year-old mural that forms a backdrop behind the mini park located at 8th Avenue and 3rd Street. From the plaques and signage in the park to the standing clock, this space is a "big, big win," with "so many good things going on," Muldrow said. He was "blown away" by how well the mural had aged and said that "the message that [the space] sends is great."

Another outstanding asset: Rick Schickerling and his business, JFH Metal Signs & Fabrication.

"This dude's awesome," Muldrow said. "He was one of the sweetest people I think I've ever met," adding that he has "a spirit about him where he just seems happy."



The vacant pink storefront with the owl-eyed windows is both "weird," "cool," and probably one-of-a-kind.

Schickerling's signs can be found throughout downtown: he has fabricated those of the library, the Wellman Heritage Museum, Cilino's Italian Restaurant, Jo & Co, the Powell Building (where he also created the awning) and Simple Happiness (where he also fabricated the staircase).

As you notice them, "you start to realize the impact that a single person with a decent sign-making capability and sense of style can make," Muldrow said. "He does some really, really interesting cuts. I love the use of texture and layers. Those make a lot of difference in the quality."

The Bad

Not everything in Wellman is awesome, and city officials are aware of that. One not-so-great sign: the "brown on brown" arrow pointing to downtown from Highway 22. This sign was the butt of one of the IDRC's opening jokes: "Jim told the story that he has driven past Wellman his whole life and didn't know downtown was here." The nearly invisible arrow is scant help.

Muldrow suggested other ways the city might point to downtown in addition to signage: painting crosswalks, which "visually says this is a place where pedestrians exist," and putting banners on the downtown side of Highway 22 only, so "you see color and movement, and you feel like you're passing by something interesting."

Muldrow had suggestions for most of the storefronts downtown, including



Have you noticed this arrow sign in Wellman before? Yeah, no one else has either.

Bender's Bar & Grill. In this case, it is likely the storefront presentation is deterring customers.

"The big thing here is that you've

The mini park, with its mural, clock, and signage, gets it right.

got a sign that's just really old," he said. "When you have a sign that starts to degrade like that - if you live here and you know that the burgers are killer, you don't care what the sign looks like, but if you're a visitor to the community, you're making a judgement. Bender's is open, but if they put the same care into their patty that they put into their sign..."

Muldrow also took issue with the board and batten metal on the storefront, which he was sympathetic to given state rules and regulations.

"In Iowa, you're not allowed to watch people drink a beverage or have a good time," he joked. "We don't want you to have the real Natural Light until you get inside."

IDRC's suggestions for Bender's: a new sign that stretches all the way across the storefront, and perhaps an awning to provide shade and break up the storefront.

The Quirky

Some of Wellman's features are just plain quirky. One that drew attention from both attendees and the IDRC professionals was "that weird building with the circle windows." Mayor

"I don't think I've ever seen a downtown with a single-block one-way," he said. "You drive down 8th, its two-way traffic. The one dense block is one-way traffic, and then it goes back to two-way traffic."

The effect of that one-way was unfortunate on Muldrow as a visitor, whose GPS directed him down 9th instead of 8th when he was in search of downtown.

"So then I get down, and I take my left-hand turn, and I see the only Do Not Enter sign in all of town," he said. "So it's like I'm greeted by a message saying, Here's our downtown. You overshoot it, and you're not allowed to enter."

Not exactly an invitation to discover what Wellman has to offer.

Conclusion

The forum concluded with a review of how cities should structure sign ordinances and develop incentive programs for downtown business signs.

And what will the City of Wellman do with the feedback they received from the IDRC?

One of their priorities is to determine how to best use the lot recently



The white siding and old sign on Bender's Bar & Grill made the IDRC staff hesitant to eat there. They were happy they did, but other visitors may opt not to thanks to that sketchy exterior.

Miller explained that the now-vacant storefront used to be a laundry mat and a barbershop; someone suggested it would work well for an optometrist. Another referred to it as "the owl."

"I really, really like this building," Muldrow said as people giggled. "I get to travel all over the country. I don't recall seeing something that style, and it's really, really interesting."

"You can imagine how cool it would be to walk by and see an old-school barbershop in there," he continued. "That's cool, and it makes total sense."

What made a lot less sense to Muldrow was the one-way section of street downtown.

purchased on 8th Avenue and Highway 22 to direct traffic to downtown businesses, so an upgrade to the brown arrow may be in the works.

"We are looking at doing some downtown renovations with a Street Scape project, so this workshop was great for us," Litwiller told The News.

How the IDRC's assessment translates into strategy for a fresh look downtown will likely the taken up by city staff and council in future weeks.

"You're always going to get the town you deserve," Thompson said at the close of the forum. "When you love your town, it shows every time."

We look forward to seeing the love.



The Do Not Enter sign at the edge of downtown may be sending the wrong message to visitors.

Come on in! Pleasantview to host 'Parade of Apartments'

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

We all have access to beautiful, glossy home and interiors magazines that show us an idealized version of daily living. With

professional help from interior designers and stylists, any space can be turned into an attractive and eye-catching one. But can you imagine yourself living in those homes? The lived-in-ness can often be lacking, and that can make it challenging to see yourself there.

Pleasantview has apartments available in their Assisted Living complex, and the staff wants you to be able to imagine a life there. To that end, they are hosting their first-ever Parade of Apartments on Tuesday, July 9 from 4-6 p.m.

Inspired by the Parade of Homes, the Parade of Apartments will allow visitors a glimpse into the lives and lifestyles of current residents, who will open their doors to all who wish to see inside their apartments.

"People are pretty proud of their apartments over there, so they're excited," Marketing Director Mikayla Brokaw says. "We told them last week that this is happening, and a majority of them are more than will-

ing to open their doors for people."

When visitors come through, the residents will be at their apartments, eager to show visitors around and answer questions. Pleasantview staff will also be on hand to answer questions and help those interested in an apartment start the application process.

The Assisted Living apartments at Pleasantview are special in two ways: those that remain open are brand new, never lived in, and each one has a unique layout and features, including "really big windows." Those who elect to move in will have a fresh, one-of-a-kind space to inhabit, a notable luxury.

The open and available units - "We don't have a ton left, but we still have some," Brokaw notes - will also be viewable at the Parade of Apartments.

How do you know if an apartment in the Assisted Living complex is right for you? Those who live there are "fairly independent," Brokaw says. "They may just want the ease of knowing that there's help if they need it."

Residents can request help with activities of daily living - dressing, bathing, grooming, and medications, for example. "Some people just want to live in Assisted Living because they don't want to cook their own meals anymore, or they want that social aspect," Brokaw adds.

Apartments are available in studio and 1-bedroom sizes, ranging from 410 to 680 square feet, perfect for accommodating singles and couples. Because all three meals are provided, the kitchens do not contain

stoves, but they do have refrigerators, freezers, sinks, and cabinet space.

The communal dining room provides enough space for residents of all 28 apartments to eat together, should they desire. Lounge and activity spaces are also available in the building so that people can socialize and participate in group activities.

And how do the current residents feel about their lives in the Assisted Living complex?

"They are loving it," Brokaw says. "They say that it's home."

Pleasantview's Assisted Living apartments are fully accessible and available on a month-to-month basis. To learn more, attend the Parade of Apartments on Tuesday, July 9 from 4-6 p.m., or contact Mikayla Brokaw at 319-656-2421 ext. 400 or mbrokaw@pkalona.com.



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TREKFEST 2024 IN RIVERSIDE



By Jason Rubin/JMRIimages: Terry Farrell made Winson Leaton's dreams come true at Kalona Brewing Company Saturday; she holds a can of Trillsner Pilsner, the special edition beer he brewed for TrekFest39. The trill spots on the label were inspired by Farrell's character, a trill, on DS9.



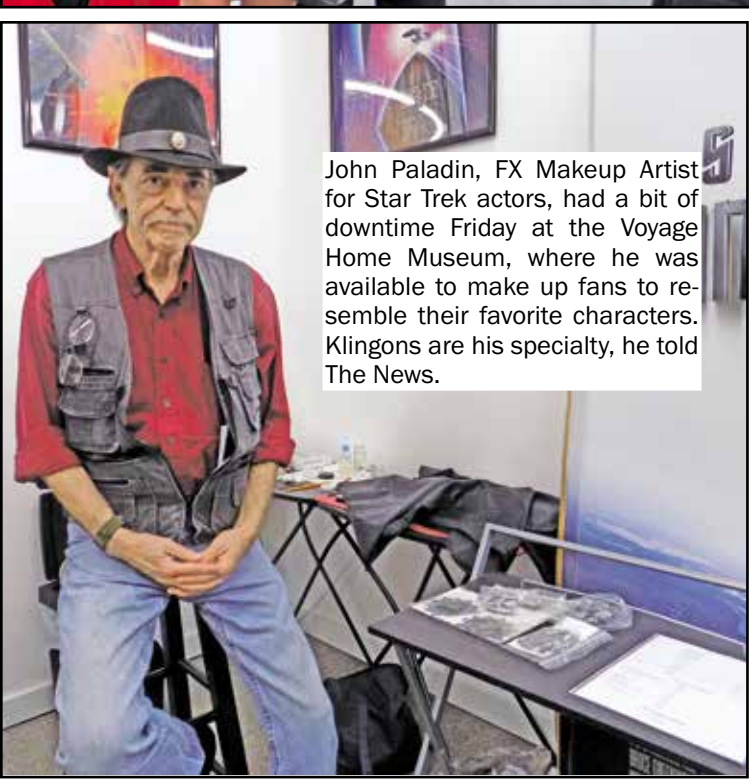
Fans lining the street cheered for Eastern Iowa's own Terry Farrell, this year's TrekFest celebrity guest, as she rode by at the front of the parade



Bonnie Gordon also greeted fans from her parade ride; she was an actor at Star Trek: The Experience in Las Vegas, and a voice actor in Star Trek Prodigy.



The official t-shirt of TrekFest 39, "Jadzia's Homecoming," was available for purchase in Hall Park and the Voyage Home Museum during the festival.



John Paladin, FX Makeup Artist for Star Trek actors, had a bit of downtime Friday at the Voyage Home Museum, where he was available to make up fans to resemble their favorite characters. Klingons are his specialty, he told The News.



HILLS' PENULTIMATE MUSIC IN THE PARK EVENT



On Thursday, June 27, Hills hosted the Deja Blue Band for their fourth Music in the Park event. The music began right at 7 p.m. through the rain as more and more residents set up lawn chairs prepared for a night filled with music and friends. Hills will host one more Music in the Park event on Wednesday, July 3, with The Dogfathers.



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Ravens continue strong play with playoffs approaching

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WAPELLO

Wapello aimed to even the score against Hillcrest, but alas, similar to their game earlier in the season, the Ravens proved to be too much for the Indians to handle.

Strengthening their position at the top of the conference, the Ravens (14-3) went on the road and spoiled the senior night of the Wapello Indians (3-16) with

a 19-5 victory on June 27.

Making it three wins in a row, the Ravens swept the Indians and improved their conference leading record to 8-1.

After Hillcrest scored a single run in the first, Wapello took the lead with five runs in the third, but the Ravens defense clamped down after this scoring spree, giving up no more runs for the rest of the game.

Now trailing, the Ravens responded in a big way. Hillcrest scored seven in

the fourth to take back the lead, put up four runs in the fifth, and then had another seven-run inning in the sixth to win the game by mercy rule.

It was a great afternoon at bat for Hillcrest junior Seth Ours. Turning into an RBI machine, Ours led the Ravens with five runs batted in. He also scored three runs himself and went two for three at bat with his two hits being singles.

Going a perfect three for three at bat

was sophomore Rowan Miller. He also had two RBIs. Through 17 games Miller leads the Ravens with 23 hits.

Collecting his second win on the mound this season was junior Phoenix Anderson. Anderson threw a total of 97 pitches, striking out three, giving up five hits, and allowing four walks.

Hillcrest 5, Louisa-Muscatine 3

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Mid-Prairie senior pitcher Bowen Burmeister threw his first career no-hitter last Saturday against Washington, a mercy-rule 11-0 win over Washington.

Hawks shut down Demons

Mid-Prairie heats up near the end of the regular season

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

When Landry Gingerich hit a double to score two runs early Saturday afternoon, it finished off a rare Saturday hit parade for Mid-Prairie's baseball team.

The Golden Hawks piled up 11 runs and 11 hits in five innings, and walked off with an 11-0 nonconference win against Washington.

Almost lost in all that offense was the first high school no-hitter by senior pitcher Bowen Burmeister. And because the Golden Hawks had an 11-run lead, activating Iowa's mercy rule, Burmeister

captured his no-no in just five innings.

"I don't know if I count it as a real no-hitter," Burmeister said, laughing. "No-hitter is a no-hitter, I guess."

It was certainly that.

Burmeister struck out six and walked five in one of his last home games at Paul Bailey Field. The last one is Wednesday against Burlington Notre Dame, the second-ranked team in Class 1A.

"I was able to locate pitches," Burmeister said. "When they put the ball in play, it was usually right at somebody, so that's always nice. The defense, they've done a good job making plays all year."

After not playing a game for four days, the Golden Hawks were ready to hit.

"All we've worked on all week is hitting the ball, hitting them low and hard, and working on our swings," head coach Kyle Mullet said. "They did a good job today. I think we had three extra-base hits, which is huge."

Brady Weber, Dylan Henry, Gingerich and Blake Swart led the hit parade with two hits apiece. Weber and Swart scored twice.

The Golden Hawks scored their 11 runs in just two innings, the third and fourth. After loading the bases with none out in the third inning, the Golden Hawks

Paul Bailey Field shines at Mid-Prairie



Paul Bowker
Columnist

Minutes after Mid-Prairie finished off an 11-0 win against Washington last Saturday at Paul Bailey Field, Golden Hawks coach Kyle Mullet stood in the dugout and glanced proudly at the field.

One of his senior-class players, Bowen Burmeister, had just pitched his first career no-hitter.

The Golden Hawks had put on a dominating offensive display, scoring all 11 runs in just two innings.

None of this almost happened.

"Glad to get this game in today," Mullet, a Golden Hawks alum, said. "This right here shows, this is a perfect example of the money that our community donated and put into this field. If we had our old field, we would not be playing today."

Storms had hit Southeast Iowa the night before and into the early morning. The Golden Hawks and Washington Demons had scheduled a game for 10 o'clock Saturday morning. But there was so much to be done. The game got pushed back to 11. The field was prepared. And they played.

Another field? You might need hip boots or a rowboat.

"You have a nice facility, a nice infield, this is what happens," Mullet said. "You're able to play these games like this."

More than a year ago, a community fundraising project of more than \$100,000 paved the way for extensive improvements of nearly \$400,000. New sod, new infield, new netting, new fences, new backstop, new press box, new seating, new everything.

Wednesday night, the Golden Hawks will play their last home game of the season against Burlington Notre Dame, two teams that have been ranked

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Huskies overwhelm Wolves for senior night victory

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

RIVERSIDE

Despite the 4th of July being a week away when Highland softball celebrated senior night, that did not stop the Huskies from producing some fireworks.

Capped off with junior Lilly Barre connecting on a three-run home run in the sixth, Highland (16-8) secured a dominant senior night victory, 11-0, over the visiting Winfield-Mt Union Wolves (5-18) on June 27.

As is senior night tradition, before the game Highland honored its seniors: Meleah Fesler, Courtney Chalupa, Madison Beeson, Grace Prybil, Payton Brun, and Sarah Burton.

With seniors being the theme in this conference game, it was fitting that Burton proved to be the spark to get the Huskies going on offense.

Holding a 1-0 lead going into the bottom of the sixth, Burton smashed the ball out of the park for her team leading third home run of the season, the first firework of the night.

Now with all the momentum on their side, sophomore Mackenzie Davis batted in two runs, Beeson brought in another run, and eighth grader Mayia Singbeil also brought in an additional two runs.

In the fourth the Huskies scored again with Fesler batting in a run, and



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

The Highland softball teams celebrates as Sarah Burton (2) reaches home after hitting a home run during a home game on June 27.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

SARAH BURTON

HIGHLAND SENIOR

Burton hit a 3-run home run in Highland's 6-3 win over Lone Tree on June 1. Burton went two for four at bat, ending with a team high four RBIs. Through 25 games Burton has a batting average of .442 and leads the Huskies with 35 hits.

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6U Boys T-Ball
 Front Row: Tatum Ropp, Robert Wieland, Trapper Brenneman, Everett Gingerich; Back Row: Tatum Wieland, Joseph Ropp, Leo Schrock, Zayne King, Ayden Yoder; Coaches: Jason King, Brandon Wieland, Tyrell Gingerich



6U Girls T-Ball
 Front Row: Nora Vohsmann, Rohan Kos, Allie Gent, Riley Amelon; Back Row: Nora Redlinger, Maryn Gerot, Faye Horesowsky, Demi Lambert; Coach: Daren Lambert



8U Baseball
 Front Row: Ellis Kipp, Charlie Swartzendruber, Joel Miller; Middle Row: Hudson Gingerich, Jackson West, Hudson West, Carson Coblentz; Back Row: Spencer Much, Dominic Trotta, Landon Gent; Not Pictured: Liam Swartzendruber; Coaches: Jeff Swartzendruber, Tyler Coblentz, Nate Swartzendruber (Not Pictured)

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8U Softball
 Front Row: Mabel Much, Hadley Graper, Sidney Miller, Annabelle Garringer; Middle Row: Cassie Asking, Kayler Yoder, Madison Miller, Ryker Strabala; Back Row: Josie Miller, Madalyn Jenn; Not Pictured: Brynlee Gardiner; Coaches: Melissa Yoder, Liz Miller, Vanessa Graper (Not Pictured)



10U Softball
 Front Row: Annie Troyer, Katalena Yoder, Mona Landes, Eve Yoder; 2nd Row: Everleigh Tripses, Moriah McGlynn, Raelyn Boshart; 3rd Row: Kendrix Miller, Khloe Hochstetler, Haddie Lunkley; Back Row: Brooklyn Heusinkveld, Kinsley Boshart; Coaches: Karl Yoder, Luke Yoder, Tanna Boshart



6U Boys T-Ball
 No specific order: Lane Amelon, Jamison Swartzendruber, Clayton Boyer, Lane Kempf, Kolt Knutson, Wyatt Becker, Wes Horesowsky, Crew Yoder; Coaches: Nolan Amelon, Nate Swartzendruber



6U Girls T-Ball
 Front Row: Blair Roder, Jenna DeSotel, Clea Fuhr, Rory Knutson; Back Row: Bayah Webb, Sienna Repp, Gracie O'Brien; Not Pictured: Hallie Hochstetler; Coach: Matthew O'Brien



8U Baseball
 Front Row: Grayson Symmonds, Wyatt Hammes, Gavin Miller; Middle Row: Keaton Walcott, Dustin Shenk, Tommy Davin, Shayden Brim; Back Row: Sonny Frederick, Heath Colvin, Miles Schlabach; Not Pictured: Jackson Marsh; Coaches: Stacy Walcott, Travis Colvin, Dane Miller, Micah Marsh (Not Pictured)



8U Softball
 Front Row: Sybil Miller, Everly Kolosik, Gracyn Swift, Arzy Leaton; Back Row: Iris Yoder, Gracie Brokaw, Madisyn Johnson, Haddie Brokaw, Allison Bachman; Not Pictured: Emry Hochstetler, Charlotte Miiller; Coaches: Luke Yoder, Shane Swift



10U Softball
 Front Row: Rose Hammes, Ayla Nachtigall, Sydney Sorrell, Charlotte Nagel; Middle Row: Ivy Miller, Remley Davin, Kenna Holmes; Back Row: Audrey Miller, Cora Miller, Eliza Much, Zyla Lewis; Not Pictured: Ella Colvin; Coaches: Amber Miller, Travis Colvin, Chris Nachtigall



6U Boys T-Ball
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6U Boys T-Ball
 No specific order: Mason McCoy, Kamden Wolcott, Hudson Kahler, Kellen Meyers, Weston Swartzentruber, Maverick Smith, Hudson Groe, Theo Wiles
 Coaches: Sean McCoy, Nathan Smith



8U Baseball
 Front Row: Finn Hauenstein, Reuben Landes, Karson Walker, Dolan O'Brien; Middle Row: Colin Meller, Caleb DeSotel, Jasher Yoder; Back Row: Beau Marsengill, Wyatt Keener, Zion Bontrager, Henry Vohsmann; Coaches: Nicole Stewart, Matthew O'Brien, Nevin Bontrager



10U Baseball
 Front Row: Grady Janecek, Landon Vigneron, Mason DeSotel, Adrew Cue; Middle Row: Price Yoder, Charly TeBockhorst, Archer Roselund, Merda Schulz; Back Row: Diesel Freyenberger, Sam Newton, Kellen Bontrager; Not Pictured: Finn McNurlen, Samson Swartzentruber; Coaches: Adam Yoder, Kristy Newton, Nate Swartzentruber (Not Pictured)



12U Baseball
 Front Row: Solomon Feltes, Seth Shetler, Wyatt Miller, Braxton Blake, Carson Schrock; Middle Row: Ryder Bunting, Berk Poll; Back Row: Zander Copping, Levi Sanchez, Carson Schweitzer, Ryan Lamb, Aiden Schuster; Coaches: John Copping, Travis Cue



6U Boys T-Ball
 Front Row: Cohen Passmore, Ayden Rich, Knox Yoder, Noah Hillier; Back Row: Kole Yotty, Jase Jenn, Kipton Salow; Coaches: Lauryn Rich, Candice Salow



12U Softball
 Front Row: Vivian Yoder, Dakota Blum; 2nd Row: Stormie Tovar, Lilly Neuzil, Olivia Hochstetler; 3rd Row: Sadie Nelson, Lilly Campbell, Morgan McGlynn, Livia Lundberg; Back Row: Jaylinn Berg, Bristol Gingerich, Cora Kolosik; Not Pictured: Eden Willems; Coaches: Bret Hochstetler, Steve Nelson



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Strong Mid-Prairie rally falls short against West Branch



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Mid-Prairie sophomore Kadence Grout delivers a pitch against West Branch on Monday.

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

KALONA

Just a few inches higher, and ...

After falling behind West Branch by nine runs in the second game of a softball double-header Monday, Mid-Prairie's offense bounced to life. The Golden Hawks scored three runs in the fifth inning and three more runs in the sixth.

They loaded the bases in the final inning, as West Branch clung to a 10-7 lead, and sophomore catcher Sophie Miller was at the plate. She swung and smacked a line drive headed toward left field.

Perfect.

But West Branch's shortstop jumped up and snagged the ball. Game over.

A night of anxious moments ended just like that. West Branch swept the double-header after edging the Golden Hawks 7-6 in eight innings in the opener.

Dakota Mitchell and Gabi Robertson each scored twice for the Golden Hawks in the second game for Mid-Prairie.

Tessa Bombei, a rising freshman, hit a triple and a single in the opening game, and scored three times. Brenna Jehle scored twice and hit a double.

The Golden Hawks overcame a four-run deficit in the first game to send the battle into extra innings.

Mid-Prairie (7-22) hosts 11th-ranked West Liberty (19-9) on Senior Night Wednesday.

Doran Classic

The Golden Hawks dropped a pair of games in the Rick Doran Classic played Saturday at the University of Iowa Hawkeye Softball Complex, losing 6-2 to Davenport Central and 11-2 to Davenport West.

Dakota Mitchell and Sophie Miller each had hits and scored runs against Davenport Central.

Against Davenport West, the Golden Hawks and Falcons were tied 2-2 until West scored one run in the fourth inning and six runs in the fifth inning to take control.

Claire Trimpe scored for Mid-Prairie on an infield out to give the Golden Hawks a 1-0 lead in the second inning and Morgyn Bender scored on a double steal to make it 2-0.

Kadence Grout's single started the two-run rally.

West responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning to tie the score.

Durant 5 Mid-Prairie 1

Durant's Avery Paper had two hits and scored once as the Wildcats finished off a double-header sweep played June 24.

The Golden Hawks scored a run in the opening inning, but were shut out after that by Durant freshman pitcher Raylynn Schlapkohl.

Mid-Prairie had three hits.

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among Iowa's best in Class 2A and 1A, respectively, this summer. Around 7 o'clock, the Golden Hawks outfielders will run out from their dugout that is tucked at the bottom of a hill in a natural amphitheater-style setting and to an outfield that includes the scoreboard with a sign underneath it: Paul N. Bailey Field.

The name means something.

Bailey was a farmer in the Bayertown area and the son of Archie Bailey, who turned down an offer from the New York Yankees in the Babe Ruth era to help take care of the family farm back home in Bayertown.

Paul Bailey started the Mid-Prairie Athletic Boosters after the school district was created

in 1960. He was president for a decade, which is when the first baseball field was built. After his death, Bailey's memorial fund was directed to help Mid-Prairie.

His legacy marched on.

Paul's sons, Tom and Kirk Bailey, played baseball and every other sport at Mid-Prairie.

The next generation, the same.

The generation after that generation, the same.

Ella Groenewold, a great granddaughter of Paul Bailey, is a 2023 Mid-Prairie graduate who excelled in volleyball and track. Ella's brother, Cade, was a soccer player and cross country runner.

Ella's mom, Kara (Bailey) Groenewold, and Kara's brother, Josh, both attended

Mid-Prairie and played sports along with an extended family of cousins.

Yes, the name means something.

"It is a great source of pride for our family to have the ball-field named after our father and grandpa," Kara Groenewold said. "This program is such a quality program and represents our school district and community so well. It teaches kids how to be good teammates and good leaders. It provides a wonderful source of entertainment for the community on summer nights."

On those summer nights, hundreds of spectators stake out their spots atop the large hills on both the first base and third base sides of the field. Next to the concession stand,

located at the top of the hill on the first base side, the aroma of porkburgers, hamburgers and hot dogs from a large grill captures the moment.

When a foul ball makes its way toward the hill, kids run after it. And then it goes back into play.

Behind home plate, a new press box featuring updated wireless PA functions worthy of a professional baseball stadium, is surrounded by elevated seating sections.

For those of you who have ever traveled east during the summer, Bailey Field is remarkably similar to ballfields used for the Cape Cod Baseball League, which features the nation's top college baseball stars in hometown settings.

"It's awesome," said Bur-

meister, a Coe College commit who grew up here. "Our fans are always showing up on the hill. Holds a special place in my heart."

As it does for the Bailey family.

"The venue is now just amazingly beautiful," Kara Groenewold said. "It really is a testament to the determination and work ethic of our community. And to be there on a summer night, under the lights, and see our grandpa's name out there, it's really almost a magical feeling."

Field of dreams? It's right here.

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scored six runs on five consecutive plays. They included run-scoring a sacrifice fly hit by Tatem Telfer, an error and a two-run single by Gingerich.

Mid-Prairie 9 Sigourney 3

The Golden Hawks piled up six runs in the last three innings Monday to knock off Sigourney, the eighth-ranked team in Class 1A.

Sigourney (17-3) scored a run in the opening inning to take a 1-0 lead, but Mid-Prairie

scored runs in each of the last five innings to capture its third consecutive win. The Golden Hawks averaged more than 10 runs in those three wins.

Mid-Prairie (19-8) hosts No. 2-ranked Burlington Notre Dame (24-3) on Wednesday night in the regular season finale.

After that, the Golden Hawks will play Mediapolis or West Burlington in a 2A district semifinal July 9 in Anamosa.



Joe Hall of Mid-Prairie dives safely back to first base. Hall has been a varsity player for three years and a starter for the last two seasons.



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Mid-Prairie's baseball seniors: Front row, from left, Luke Traetow, Carson Pence, Brock Harland, Dylan Henry; back row, Bowen Burmeister, Kurt Schneider, Jackson Miller, Joe Hall.

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Huskies sweep Lions in a preview of the playoffs

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

RIVERSIDE

Conference rivals met once again on the baseball diamond, as the Huskies hosted the Lions for their second clash of the season.

Despite an attempt at a comeback in the later innings, Highland (11-13) stood firm at home to take the win, 7-5, and earned a season sweep over Lone Tree (5-13) on July 1.

Highland used strong defense, spearheaded by starting pitcher Bryce Hazelett, to prevent Lone Tree from appearing on the scoreboard for the first three innings. In those three innings Hazelett struck out six batters on his way to finishing the game with a team high nine strikeouts.

While the Huskies were playing lockdown defense,

their offense also went to work. Scoring two runs in each of the first three innings, Highland went into the fourth with a 6-0 lead.

Everything was rolling Highland's way until the Lions decided enough was enough. In the top of the fourth, junior Brody Magruder connected on a great hit that sent the ball flying into the outfield. Not only did this hit allow Magruder to reach second, but it also scored two.

After Highland went three up and three down on offense, the Lions scored the game's next run in the fifth, batted in by Emmett Burke, to cut their deficit to three.

Highland was able to score another run in the bottom of the fifth, but Lone Tree's momentum on offense was not done just yet. Scoring for the

third straight inning, the Lions put up two in the sixth to come within two of the Huskies.

With one more chance in the seventh to complete a comeback, the Lions fell short as Highland was able to record the three outs they needed to end the game and earn the win.

When it came to offense the Lions were led by Burke. The standout sophomore went three for four at bat, with two of his hits being singles and one being a double.

Lone Tree's starting pitcher was freshman Owen Eden. Eden pitched in five innings, striking out four and allowing six hits.

Six different Huskies recorded at least one hit with Logan McFarland and Caleb Wheeler ending with a team leading two hits. William Dunbar and Hazelett both had two RBIs each to lead the team.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Lone Tree's Emmett Burke (10) and Ethan Bockelman (2) walk to the dugout after Brody Magruder's RBI hit brought them home.



Highland's William Dunbar scores a run during a home game against Lone Tree on July 1.

Playoff preview

It will be another battle between cats and dogs as the Highland Huskies (10-13) and the Lone Tree Lions (5-12) will battle each other for the third time this year but this time their seasons are on the line.

Taking place in the district 12 bracket, Highland and Lone Tree will face off in a IHSAA 1A Substate 6 first round playoff showdown in Sigourney on July 6.

With both teams belonging to the same conference, the Huskies and Lions are very familiar with one another. Through 34 games against each other, Highland has 22 wins while Lone Tree has 12 wins. The last time Lone Tree bested Highland was in 2019.

This year Lone Tree has a 2-5 record at home and a 3-8 record on the road. They average

5.1 runs per game and give up 9.8 runs per game.

On offense they are led by sophomore Emmett Burke. Burke has a batting average of .500, has a team leading 25 hits, and 11 RBIs.

Starting the most games as pitcher for Lone Tree this season has been junior Jack Patterson. Patterson has a pitching record of 4-3 and has a team leading 44 strikeouts with an ERA of 3.23.

The Huskies have a 6-6 record at home and a 5-7 record on the road. They average 5.6 runs per game and give up 7.7 runs per game.

Highland has two reliable players spearheading their offense, the junior duo of William Dunbar and Logan McFarland.

Both Dunbar, who has a batting average of .380, and

McFarland, who has a batting average of .338, lead Highland with 27 hits each. McFarland also has a team high 18 RBIs with Dunbar not too far behind with 17 RBIs.

Seeing the most time on the mound for Highland this season has been junior Colten Sypherd. With a pitching record of 3-3, Sypherd has amassed a team leading 43 strikeouts with an ERA of 1.94.

For Highland they will look for the difficult task of defeating the same opponent three times in a row and for Lone Tree they will attempt to flip the script in order to extend their season. The winner will advance to the second round where they will play against either Sigourney (17-2) or English Valleys (0-16).

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this gave Highland a 8-0 lead. After a scoreless fifth inning, Highland ended the game in the sixth.

With two people on base, Barre produced the game's second fireworks with her second home run of the season to give Highland the win in six innings. This was the second time this year Highland has defeated W-MU. The last time the Huskies lost to the Wolves was in 2021.

It was another fantastic performance on the mound for Prybil. The standout senior pitched in six innings, striking out eight while giving up zero hits and no walks.

Highland 6, Lone Tree 3

In their final home game of the regular season, the Huskies (17-8) defeated Lone Tree (12-12) on June 1 to earn a season sweep of their conference opponent.

It was in the second inning where Highland scored its first run when Kamryn Fink connected on a base hit to bring teammate Larissa Murphy home for the score. Up next to bat was senior Sarah Burton and with two Huskies on base she sent the ball flying out of the park for a 3-run homer to give Highland a 4-0 lead.

This was the second straight game Burton has hit a home run and she is now up to four on the season, the team lead. She ended this game with a team high four RBIs.

Home plate eluded the Lady Lions

for the first four innings, while Huskies added two more runs to their lead in the bottom of the fourth.

Lone Tree's scoring drought ended in the top of the fifth. Scoring a single run on back-to-back-to-back plays, the Lady Lions were able to cut their deficit in half in the fifth.

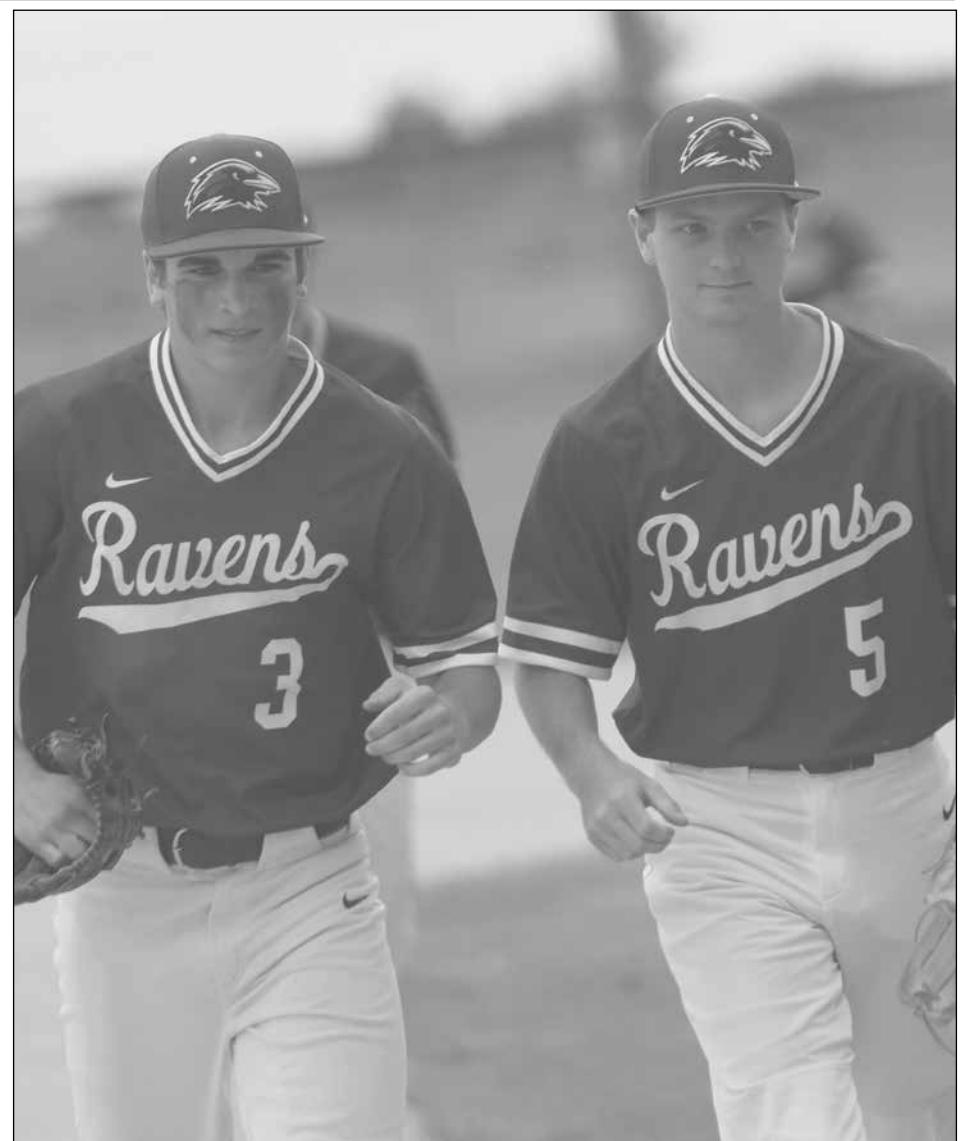
Vivian Zaruba brought in Rylee Shield with a single and eventually made it home herself off a wild pitch. Addison McCullough was the other Lady Lions to score this inning.

While the tides seemed to be turning in Lone Tree's favor, this ended up not being the case as defense dominated the last two innings. With no runs being scored by either team in the sixth or seventh innings, Highland was able to earn a victory by shutting out Lone Tree from every inning except for one.

Lone Tree's starting pitcher was junior Alex Dautremont. Dautremont pitched in four innings, striking out three and allowing nine hits.

Pitching in six and one third of an innings was Highland's winning pitcher, Grace Prybil. The senior retired four batters while giving up six hits and allowing two walks.

Up next for Highland (17-8) is a home playoff game against the Keota Eagles (2-14) on July 8. The last and only time these two teams faced off against each other was in 2008, a game Highland won, 12-0.



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Hillcrest's Rowan Miller (3) and Phoenix Anderson (5) have a combined total of 55 strikeouts between each other to lead the Ravens this year.

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Boosting their conference record to 9-1, the Ravens (15-3) defeated the Louisa-Muscataine Falcons (5-15) on July 1.

Both teams kept it close early, with Hillcrest holding a 3-2 lead after three innings played. After a scoreless fourth, the Ravens took a firm hold on the contest by adding two more runs to their lead.

The Falcons could only muster up one more run in the sixth before Hillcrest shut them out in the top of the seventh to preserve their victory.

Playoff preview

Getting to stay at home to open the postseason tournament, the Ravens (15-3) will face off against the HLV Warriors (1-13) in first round playoff action on July 6.

Taking place in the district 12 bracket, this is a IHSAA 1A Substate First Round matchup. To make it to state, the Ravens will have to win a total of four games and HLV is their first test.

There is not much history between these two teams with their last and only matchup taking place in 2009, a game Hillcrest won with a final score of 14-0.

Through 14 games, the Warriors average 4.4 runs a game and allow 9.6 runs. They have a record of 1-6 at home and are winless on the road with a record of 0-7.

On offense HLV is led by senior Bos-

ton York. York leads the team with 21 hits and has hit the team's only home run of the season. When it comes to bringing in the scores, freshman Bryer Jack has a team leading 10 RBIs.

Seeing the most playing time at the pitcher position for HLV is senior Max Henstorf and sophomore Keegan Gorsh. Gorsh, who has a record of 1-5, has 14 strikeouts and Henstorf, who has a record of 0-3, had a team leading 25 strikeouts.

The Ravens have a home record of 9-1 and a road record of 6-2. They average 9.1 runs per game and give up 3.8 runs a game.

With a batting average of .469, Rowan Miller leads the Ravens with a team high 23 hits. Another big-time hitter for Hillcrest is Liam Schrock, who has a batting average of .375 and has tallied 21 hits.

Miller is also a stellar pitcher for Hillcrest. He has a 4-0 pitching record, striking out 23 batters, and has an ERA of 2.47. Seth Ours is also a threat on the mound. He has a 4-1 pitching record, striking out 22 batters, and has an ERA of 2.69.

The winner of this first round game will advance to the second round to face off against either BGM (15-7) or Wapello (3-16) on June 9.



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Highland senior Grace Prybil recorded four strikeouts in Highland's home win over Lone Tree on July 1. Through 16 games Prybil has a team lead 92 strikeouts.

MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL VENDOR TOTALS REPORT BY VENDOR 6/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

Vendor Name, Descriptions, Total	
95 PERCENT GROUP LLC, SUPPLIES.....	2,197.80
ACME TOOLS, SUPPLIES.....	956.00
ADVANCE BUILDERS CORP, SERVICES.....	40,850.00
AERO RENTAL INC, SUPPLIES.....	1,637.50
AGRILAND FS INC, FUEL, SUPPLIES.....	8,587.65
AHLERS & COONEY PC, SERVICES.....	6,639.00
ALDEN, JOHN, SERVICES.....	343.00
ALL AMERICAN CONCRETE INC, SERVICES.....	98,392.81
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....	21.80
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES.....	25,143.61
AMERICAN EXPRESS, SUPPLIES.....	36,809.95
ANNEN, DAVE, SERVICES.....	325.00
APPLE INC, SUPPLIES.....	1,074.00
AQUA PRO TURF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT.....	298.00
ASPI SOLUTIONS INC, SERVICES.....	137.00
AXIOM CONSULTANTS LLC, SERVICES.....	17,474.21
BEERENDS, MARK, SERVICES.....	175.00
BEKEY, MARK, SERVICES.....	181.00
BENDER, KAREN, SUPPLIES.....	9.03
BENDER, KELBY, TRAVEL.....	70.35
BEST BUY BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, SUPPLIES.....	539.98
BEST OF IOWA, SUPPLIES.....	113.00
BLANC, CHANTAL, REFUND.....	27.20
BOECKENSTEDT, AMBER, REFUND.....	7.90
BONTRAGER TAX ACCOUNTING & SERVICES.....	575.00
BONTRAGER, JAYNIE, SUPPLIES.....	250.00
BOWMAN, ROBERT, SERVICES.....	150.00
BRECKE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, REPAIRS.....	419.68
BSN SPORTS LLC, SUPPLIES.....	1,497.61
BULLTOWN REPAIR LLC, SERVICES.....	726.00
BURMEISTER, TAMMY, REFUND.....	6.42
BUSCH, DENISE, SUPPLIES.....	150.52
BUTTERBAUGH-HARTLEY, TERESA, SUPPLIES.....	807.70
CALDERWOOD, CARISSA, SERVICES.....	342.00
CAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEES.....	3,885.40
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO, SUPPLIES.....	367.37
CAVEY, STACEY, REIMBURSEMENT.....	90.20
CDW GOVERNMENT INC, SUPPLIES.....	19,919.14
CHRISTNER CONTRACTING INC, SERVICES.....	13,735.32
CILINDS, SUPPLIES.....	368.00
CLEAR CREEK AMANA HIGH SCH, FEES.....	90.00
CONTROL INSTALLATIONS OF IOWA INC, SERVICES.....	535.00
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING INC, SERVICES.....	1,705.15
CROSSROADS FEED AND SUPPLY, SUPPLIES.....	5,361.00
CULBERTSON, DENISE, REFUND.....	39.75
CULLIGAN WATER TECH, SERVICES.....	62.19
CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, SUPPLIES.....	20.00
D&N TRONICS, SUPPLIES.....	405.00
DEERE FINANCIAL, JOHN, SUPPLIES.....	53.53
DEHOGUES, ELIZABETH, TRAVEL.....	75.04
DEPRIEST, JIM, REFUND.....	100.00
DEPT OF EDUCATION, FEES.....	1,750.00
DICKINSON BRADSHAW FOWLER & HAGEN, SERVICES.....	13,993.00
DODDS, KAITLYN, TRAVEL.....	85.96
DOESE PHOTOGRAPHY, SUPPLIES.....	170.00
DONALDSON, BRIAN, REFUND.....	17.94
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, EQUIPMENT.....	1,256.57
ELITE AWARDS, SUPPLIES.....	111.14
ELITE SPORTS, SUPPLIES.....	2,908.00
ENGLISH, MARK, REIMBURSEMENT.....	600.00
FARMERS ELECTRIC COOP, UTILITIES.....	1,899.16
FARRIER, ANDREA, TRAVEL.....	66.16
FERNAU, CARMEN, TRAVEL.....	84.42
FILTER SHOP INC, THE, SUPPLIES.....	168.67
FLEETSIDE MOBILE SERVICE, SERVICES.....	698.60
FLEMING, MELISSA, SUPPLIES.....	50.00
FLYNN, BEAU, SUPPLIES.....	520.00
FLYNN, MAKENZIE, REGISTRATION.....	93.80
FREEL, MATTHEW, TRAVEL.....	609.63
FREEMAN FOODS, SUPPLIES.....	1,354.60
GAMBLES, SUPPLIES.....	1,228.86
GOOD, KASEY, REFUND.....	95.49
GOODHEART WILCOX CO INC, SUPPLIES.....	3,323.91
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP, SERVICES.....	514.80
GOPHER, SUPPLIES.....	1,817.44
GRANT WOOD AEA, SUPPLIES.....	4,809.71
GRIER, NATE, SERVICES.....	162.00
GRUIVER, MIKE, SERVICES.....	500.00
HAGEDORN, CHRISTOPHER, TRAVEL.....	66.16
HAMILTON, IAN, SERVICES.....	513.00
HAMMES, RICK, SERVICES.....	110.00

HARMSEN, NICOLE, REFUND.....	249.17
HARPER, EDMON, SERVICES.....	157.00
HARRY'S CUSTOM TROPHIES LTD, SUPPLIES.....	305.20
HEALY AWARDS INC, SUPPLIES.....	28.00
HEIDELBAUER, CHRIS, OFFICIAL.....	161.00
HELMUTH REPAIR, REPAIRS.....	95.10
HERSBERGER ENTERPRISES LLC, BLAKE, SERVICES.....	1,188.00
HIGHLAND COMM SCH DIST, FEES.....	1,996.56
HOGGLUND BUS CO INC, BUSES.....	1,212.68
HOME DEPOT PRO, THE, SUPPLIES.....	13,169.73
HOME GAS INC, REPAIRS.....	3,260.52
HOMETOWN MECHANICAL INC, SERVICES.....	74,081.00
HONOHAN, JAY, SERVICES.....	150.00
HOSTETLER, ANNA, TRAVEL.....	97.02
HOWE, RAY, REFUND.....	100.00
HUNTER, KRISTAN, SUPPLIES.....	128.64
IAAE, FEES.....	200.00
INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY, SERVICES.....	41,841.80
IOWA CHILDRENS MUSEUM, THE, FEES.....	396.00
IOWA CITY COMM SCH DIST, TUITION.....	47,414.08
IOWA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, MEDICAID.....	9,692.35
IOWA SCH FINANCE INFORMATION, SERVICES.....	784.50
IOWA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ASSN, INSURANCE.....	1,308.75
ITS GOTTA GO TREE SERVICE LLC, SERVICES.....	430.00
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE, FEES.....	1,230.00
JOSTENS INC, SUPPLIES.....	653.06
JOURNEY ED.COM INC, SUPPLIES.....	2,969.92
JWS FOODS, SUPPLIES.....	1,355.93
KABELA, MIKE, SERVICES.....	145.00
KALONA AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES.....	35.05
KALONA BUILDERS SUPPLY CO, SUPPLIES.....	2,540.95
KALONA COOP TECHNOLOGY CO, TELEPHONE.....	2,398.58
KALONA MACHINE & FAB LLC, SERVICES.....	255.96
KALONA, CITY OF, WATER.....	890.68
KALONIAL LAWN CARE, SERVICES.....	11,320.00
KEAUGH, AUBREY, REFUND.....	23.55
KENT, MATTHEW, REFUND.....	39.35
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FEES.....	3,205.00
KNOBBE, PAT, SERVICES.....	300.00
KRUEGER, ANDREA, REFUND.....	49.19
KUENSTER HEATING & AIR LLC, SERVICES.....	935.33
LAKESHORE LEARNING, SUPPLIES.....	344.93
LANGUAGE TESTING INTERNATIONAL INC, SERVICES.....	50.00
LINN MARR HIGH SCHOOL, FEES.....	200.00
LITWILLER, COLTON, SERVICES.....	31.50
LIZAK, BENJAMIN, SERVICES.....	165.00
LUSTIG, BENJAMIN, SERVICES.....	150.00
LUTHER COLLEGE, FEES.....	500.00
MACGILLI & CO, WILLIAM V, SUPPLIES.....	1,073.42
MALLORY, LAURA, TRAVEL.....	182.09
MANN INSURANCE COMPANY, HORACE, FEES.....	62.19
MAPLE AVE GREENHOUSE, SUPPLIES.....	192.85
MARCO, SERVICES.....	4,220.46
MARTHERS, CHRISTINA, REFUND.....	114.55
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING CO INC, SUPPLIES.....	35,280.16
MCCLELLAN, KEVIN, SERVICES.....	285.00
MCCLELLAN PIANO TUNING, SERVICES.....	125.00
MENARDS, SUPPLIES.....	129.70
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL, SUPPLIES.....	293.79
MID-PRAIRIE COMM SCH DIST, SERVICES.....	1,478,391.98
MID-PRAIRIE HOT LUNCH, REIMBURSEMENT.....	286.00
MID-PRAIRIE MS HOT LUNCH, REIMBURSEMENT.....	24.04
MIDWAY VAN RENTAL, SUPPLIES.....	141.00
MILLER, KIM, SUPPLIES.....	32.90
MILLER, NICOLE, REFUND.....	24.82
MOBILE MODULAR, SERVICES.....	37,925.65
MOFFITT, BRIET, TRAVEL.....	99.56
MOUNT PLEASANT COMM HIGH SCHOOL, FEES.....	100.00
MOWERS PLUS, EQUIPMENT.....	1,019.56
MT VERNON BASKETBALL, FEES.....	190.00
MURPHY, JOHN, SERVICES.....	145.00
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION, FEES.....	85.00
NATIONAL SPORTS PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES.....	1,102.20
NELSON & CO, CARL A, SERVICES.....	56,533.93
NEWS, THE, SUPPLIES.....	1,048.43
OLSON, CHRIS, REFUND.....	18.05
PATIK, KIM, SERVICES.....	67.50
PEAP, SUPPLIES.....	345.95
PERFECTION LEARNING CORP, SUPPLIES.....	2,063.52
PERFORMANCE HEALTH & FITNESS LLC, SERVICES.....	305.45
PETALS FLOWER SHOP, SUPPLIES.....	329.23
PIONEER ATHLETICS, SUPPLIES.....	438.25
PIPER SANDLER & CO, FEES.....	47,275.00
PIPER, MIKE, SERVICES.....	142.00
PITCHER, DEBORAH, TRAVEL.....	88.43
PITSCO EDUCATION LLC, SUPPLIES.....	619.25

POCH, BILL, SERVICES.....	507.00
POSTMASTER, POSTAGE.....	60.00
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC, SUPPLIES.....	3,844.83
PRAIRIE TRAIL SPORTS, SUPPLIES.....	300.00
PREMISTAR-IOWA, SERVICES.....	33,092.36
QUILL LLC, SUPPLIES.....	25.69
RC TECH, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES.....	28,923.66
REALLY GOOD STUFF LLC, SUPPLIES.....	699.01
REV TRAK INC, FEES.....	1,273.54
RIFTON EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT.....	157.50
RIF ELECTRIC LLC, CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.....	100.00
ROBERTSON, JENNIFER, REFUND.....	27.25
ROBINS, AMBER, TRAVEL.....	84.42
ROBUCK, LARRY, REFUND.....	12.50
RODGERS, MORGAN, REFUND.....	13.45
ROPP, LUETTA, TRAVEL.....	40.00
S&P GLOBAL RATINGS, FEES.....	20,500.00
SCHUELS, SUPPLIES.....	319.90
SCHMIDT, CARRIE, REFUND.....	30.37
SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION CO, DAVE, SERVICES.....	89,218.48
SCHOOL BUS SALES CO, SUPPLIES.....	331.05
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS LLC, SUPPLIES.....	7,822.65
SCHULTE, CAL, SERVICES.....	180.00
SEAGREN, SCOTT, SERVICES.....	145.00
SHALLA, AMY, SUPPLIES.....	1,626.69
SHARON TELEPHONE CO, TELEPHONE.....	203.88
SHEETS, PHIL, SERVICES.....	145.00
SHEMANSKI, DAVE, SERVICES.....	155.00
SHETLER, JESSE, SERVICES.....	300.00
SHIVE HATTERY INC, FEES.....	14,023.72
SIGOURNEY COMM SCH DIST, FEES.....	7,770.80
SIMON, LORI, REIMBURSEMENT.....	107.87
SIoux CITY COMM SCH, SERVICES.....	1,586.93
SLABAUGH, FRANK, SUPPLIES.....	100.00
SLAUBAUGH, NICOLE, REFUND.....	52.04
SORRELL GLASS, REPAIRS.....	247.50
STAFFORD, STEVE, SERVICES.....	145.00
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, SERVICES.....	100.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE, SUPPLIES.....	38.51
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SERVICES.....	14.50
STOCKNER, C RICHARD, SERVICES.....	311.00
STOVER, ANDREW, SERVICES.....	500.00
STRINGTOWN GROCERY, SUPPLIES.....	34.77
STULTZ, RACHEL, REFUND.....	200.00
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UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE, FEES.....	35.00
VALUE INSPIRED PRODUCTS & SERVICES, SUPPLIES.....	975.00
VAN ZUIDEN, MINDY, TRAVEL.....	195.19
VARSITY GROUP, SUPPLIES.....	7,900.00
VERNON LIBRARY SUPPLIES INC, SUPPLIES.....	287.86
VISA, SUPPLIES.....	1,458.86
VROCHOTICKY, MADISON, SERVICES.....	60.00
WAGNER, STEVEN, SERVICES.....	305.00
WALKER, PEYTON, SERVICES.....	180.00
WALSH DOOR & SECURITY, SERVICES.....	11,981.00
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WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, FEES.....	1,512.97
WATER SHOP INC, THE, SUPPLIES.....	317.55
WEDNESDAY SURPRISE BAKERY, SUPPLIES.....	175.00
WELLMAN AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES.....	93.61
WELLMAN COOP TELEPHONE ASSN, TELEPHONE.....	1,966.65
WELLMAN, CITY OF, UTILITIES.....	2,708.77
WERNIMONT, TED, SERVICES.....	300.00
WEST MUSIC CO INC, SUPPLIES.....	3,028.03
WILLIAMSBURG COMM SCH DIST, FEES.....	518.42
WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL, FEES.....	390.00
WINTERS, REBEKAH, REFUND.....	8.00
WOLF FLORAL INC, SUPPLIES.....	555.00
WORTHINGTON DIRECT, SUPPLIES.....	5,768.00
YOTTS INC, SUPPLIES.....	1,197.20
ZEHRE, EMILY, TRAVEL.....	37.52
	2,508,739.07

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HIGHLAND CSD

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION/RETREAT MONDAY - JUNE 24, 2024 1:00 P.M. - AINSWORTH FIRE STATION

The retreat was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President Nate Robinson. Roll call was taken with Joslin Schott, Dan Ruth, Rachel Longbine, John O'Leary, Karen Fink, Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent and Sue Rich, Board Secretary. Longbine made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Ruth. Motion carried 7-0. Mr Crawford gave an introduction and handed out a packet of information. Review of previous years board goals and progress were discussed. New goals

for 2024-25 were discussed. Larry Sigel from Iowa School Finance Information Services joined via Zoom to go over school finance and give a financial overview of the District. Jane O'Leary went over the elementary data report including ISASP test scores, iReady, FAST data, end of year survey and conditions of learning. Bill Zywiec went over the secondary conditions of learning and ISASP data. Longbine made a motion to adjourn the work session/retreat. Seconded by Jepson. Motion carried 7-0. The board retreat ended at 4:17 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES D. PEIFFER, Deceased CASE
NO. ESPRO08207

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF AP- POINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James D. Peiffer, Deceased, who died on or about May 30, 2024: You are hereby notified that on June 19, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of James D. Peiffer, deceased, bearing date of October 9, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Mark J. Peiffer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all per-

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

Dated June 19, 2024

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PATRICIA A. SCHMIDA, Deceased CASE
NO. ESPRO08210

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia A. Schmida, Deceased, who died on or about May 24, 2024: You are hereby notified that on June 14, 2024, the last will and testament of Patricia A. Schmida, deceased, bearing date of February 1, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the

second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on June 27, 2024.

Jane L. Augspurger, Proponent
1604 S 43rd Street
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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2024

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

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

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken unanimously.
 Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for June 20, 2024.

1301 Gilbert.....	700.00
4 Cs Community Coordi.....	4000.00
Abbe Center For Comm.....	72744.41
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Ahlers & Cooney Pc.....	621.00
Alan Ziskovsky.....	96.00
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Alliant Energy.....	89.59
Altfor Inc.....	1178.33
Amanda Voss-Grumish.....	118.29
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Anna Posthumus.....	159.32
Annette F Martin.....	510.00
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Banacom Signs Llc.....	596.00
Bankers Ad Co.....	384.92
Ben Symonds.....	180.00
Benton County Transpor.....	628.80
Betty Norbeck.....	500.00
Bijb Investments Llc.....	700.00
Black Hawk County Sheri.....	36.70
Blair & Fitzsimmons Pc.....	284.70
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Bon Aire Mobile Home L.....	430.00
Brandon Davis.....	146.28
Bremner County Sheriff.....	245.80
Bret Mclaughlin.....	156.27
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Business Radio Sales A.....	183.28
Cadence Education Llc.....	1312.00
Catholic Charities Of.....	25000.00
Cedar Valley Ranch I.....	48241.73
Center Point Urbana C.....	1913.14
Centurylink.....	126.10
Chadwick T Gerdes.....	86.18
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Cherokee County Sheriff.....	39.00
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City Of Iowa City-Acc.....	3341.33
College Town Partners.....	700.00
Community Crisis Ser.....	86986.67
Connor Tarvin.....	48.08
Corporate Translation.....	101.78
Cozy Corner Adult Day.....	4276.61
Cr Care Pharmacy.....	44.88
Custom Hose & Supplies.....	275.52
Cypress Solutions Inc.....	58.00
Dave Wilson.....	1481.17
David G Baumgartner.....	469.00
Dawn Terrell.....	177.68
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Delaware County Sherif.....	560.34
Delta Dental Of Iowa.....	6861.00
Derek E Johnson.....	279.44
Diamond Vogel Paint.....	88.00
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Dominic Perneti.....	180.00
Dubuque County Sherif.....	1430.50
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Ellipsis Inc.....	1446.15
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Farmers Electric Coope.....	134.55
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Fast Trans.....	500.00
Fbi-Leeda Inc.....	795.00
Fidel Taylor.....	412.50
Fiona B Johnson.....	155.19
First Judicial Distr.....	21459.15
Flowstate Health.....	288.99
Fresh Start Ministrie.....	1282.76
Galls Llc.....	157.43
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Gatr Truck Center.....	99.63
Gazette Communications.....	740.94
George R Werner Jr.....	500.00
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Gopher Sport.....	314.39
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Gregory J Downes.....	800.00
Hacap.....	6105.70
Halo Branded Solution.....	5053.60
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Heartland Shredding Inc.....	40.00
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West Liberty Telephone.....	473.76
Westwinds Real Estate.....	700.00
Westwinds Trust.....	700.00
Westwood Pharmacy.....	627.06
William J Blanchard.....	66.08
Your Best Interest Llc.....	200.00

FICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM A-AGRICULTURAL TO R-RESIDENTIAL

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by changing the classification of the real estate described below from A-Agricultural to R-Residential located in Big Grove Township wit:

DESCRIPTION
 A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 81 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 81 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA; THENCE N89° 25' 39" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 571.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING, N89° 25' 39" W, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 328.50 FEET; THENCE N00° 00' 00" W, 120.00 FEET; THENCE N18° 49' 17" E, 77.58 FEET; THENCE N00° 00' 00" W, 80.00 FEET; THENCE N90° 00' 00" E, 299.00 FEET; THENCE S00° 55' 20" E, 276.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.99 ACRES AND IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IS HEREBY CHANGED FROM A-Agricultural to R-Residential.

Effective Date: After its passage, approval, and publication as part of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-24-28510 on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 06-20-24-01 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-24-01
RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON

VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Summary: The Johnson County Planning and Zoning Commission has filed its report and recommendations for certain actions. Board Action: Set a public hearing for July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. CT in Room 203 B/C, Johnson County Health & Human Services Building, 855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa, on the following zoning and platting applications: Zoning application filed by Daniel and Leslie Kehl (PZC-24-28521). Authorize the Auditor to publish the official notice of the above public hearing. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 06-20-24-01 effective June 27, 2024.

Motion by Porter, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the Service Agreement to Participate in the HIPAA Program with the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), for online training on a variety of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Program (HIPAA) related issues, for Fiscal Year 2024, in an amount of \$1,750.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-24-02
RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR

JULY 2, 2024 AT 9:00 AM ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR JOHNSON COUNTY HISTORIC POOR FARM KITCHEN PROJECT, 4811 MELROSE AVENUE, IOWA CITY, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: The plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost, for the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Kitchen Project Bid Package have been compiled by Streamline Architects. Board Action: Resolved that the Board sets a public hearing on the Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract for, and Estimated Total Cost of the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Kitchen Project for Tuesday, the 2nd day of July 2024, at 9:00 A.M., Central Time in the Johnson County Board of Supervisors Boardroom, Johnson County Health and Human Services Building, 855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa and directs the Auditor to publish notice of the said public hearing in accordance with the law. Motion by Green, second

by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 06-20-24-02 effective June 20, 2024.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve the contract renewal with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, Des Moines, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Agreements for Law Enforcement Protection with the following cities: Hills for \$38,584, Lone Tree for \$71,656, Oxford for \$35,828, Shueyville for \$38,584, Solon for \$124,020, and Swisher for \$74,200. Fixmer-Oraiz said fees collected from these law enforcement agreements are deposited into the County's general fund, and the hourly rates were increased to better align with the actual cost of providing the services.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Amendment No. 2 to the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Cedar Rapids, for housing rehabilitation, modification, and emergency home repair, in an amount not to exceed \$625,000. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan; Abstain: Green.

Motion by Porter, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with Iowa Habitat for Humanity, Iowa City, for housing rehabilitation, modification, and emergency home repair, in an amount not to exceed \$275,000. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan; Abstain: Green.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with Iowa Legal Aid, Iowa City, for eviction diversion services, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 per fiscal year.

Motion by Porter, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Amendment No. 2 to the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with Shelter House, Iowa City, for eviction diversion services, in an amount not to exceed \$316,667.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the proposal with Sustainable Landscape Solutions, Iowa City, for landscaping services at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm in the amount of \$12,473.22.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region, Dubuque, and CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank, Iowa City, for building improvements to provide Children's Crisis Stabilization Residential Services on the former Kinderfarm property, in an amount of \$712,533.80.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve the revised county-wide Wireless Telecommunications Policy, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting, effective June 20, 2024.

Motion by Porter, second by Green-Douglass, to approve membership in the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and to pay the annual membership dues of \$6,300 for Fiscal Year 2025.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to appoint Joseph Massa and Tiffany Rowe to the County Case Management Advisory Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2027.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to reappoint Joanne Downes the Commission of Veterans Affairs for a three-year term ending May 31, 2027.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Application for Fireworks Permit for Brien Whitford, for display at 3550 Highway 382 NE, Solon, on July 3, 2024 with a July 5, 2024 rain date.

Adjourned at 9:19 a.m.
 /s/ Rod Sullivan, Chair, Board of Supervisors
 /s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor
 On the 27th 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 27, 2024.

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER
MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356
JUNE 24, 2024 - 6:15 P.M.
WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: Gabrielle Frederick and Jed Seward.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Read the School Mission Statement by Board Member Mary Allred

Randy Billups moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mary Allred. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Meeting

Consent Items

Ryan Schlaubaugh moved to approve the following consent items.

Payment of Bills

The bills as listed for June 24, 2024 and prepaid bills;

Open Enrollment Requests

Open Enrollment In Requests total 24 students;

Open Enrolled Out Requests total 1 students;

Personnel Items

Contract issued to Joyce Blitsch, District ESL Teacher, \$67,118 per annum;

Contract Issued to Erin McCoy, Middle School Counselor, \$47,500 per annum;

Work Agreement issued to Evan McIntire, East Elementary Custodian Second Shift; \$16.50 per hour;

Fundraising Requests - None presented for approval

Mary Allred seconded the consent items. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Session

Building Handbooks

The Board reviewed the Building Handbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year. Included in the review was the High School, Middle School, Elementary Schools, Home School Assistance Program, Virtual Academy, and the Alternative Learning Center handbooks. The Board asked questions for clarification on the High School's Good Conduct Policy changes as it affects grades Post-6th grade to 12th Grade. Discussion on the Elementary handbook centered on Grant Wood AEA services changes for offerings in the coming school year,

and this is developing through the next school year.

IASB Policy Primer Updates

The Board reviewed the changed, new, and recommended Board Policies as distributed by the Iowa Association of School Boards due to legislative actions taken by the Iowa Legislature in the last session. The Board discussed Policy 200.4 to determine the specific wording of the policy as it relates to Board Members with future discussions requested by the Board. The Board discussed the policies and provided direction to Superintendent Stone as to which policies should be brought for First Reading, though all policies will reflect the Board's review.

Review of Chapter 700 Board Policies - Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services

The Board reviewed the Chapter 700 Board Policies as part of the 5-year review cycle. The review includes new and recommended changes to Board Policies as reviewed in conjunction with policies distributed by the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Review of Chapter 800 Board Policies - Buildings and Sites

The Board reviewed the Chapter 800 Board Policies as part of the 5-year review cycle. The review includes new and recommended changes to Board Policies as reviewed in conjunction with policies distributed by the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Review of Chapter 900 Board Policies - School District-Community Relations

The Board reviewed the Chapter 900 Board Policies as part of the 5-year review cycle. The review includes new and recommended changes to Board Policies as reviewed in conjunction with policies distributed by the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Next Meeting and Suggestions for Next Agenda

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: First Readings on change Board Policies from tonight's meeting.

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- We are looking for writers to cover school board meetings at Mid-Prairie (Mondays), Highland (Mondays), and Lone Tree (Wednesdays) community schools. Meetings typically last 1-2 hours; boards meet once or twice a month. Summaries of meetings are due by 10 a.m. Tuesday mornings (next day for Monday meetings).**
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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356
JULY 1, 2024 - 5:15 P.M.
WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: None.
Staff Present: Superintendent Brian Stone, School Business Official/Board Secretary Jeff Swartzentruber, Human Resource Coordinator Carmela Ulin.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jed Seward. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Evaluation per Iowa Code 21.5 Subsection 1e.

Gabrielle Fredrick asked for a motion to go into closed session to conduct the evaluation of Superintendent Stone. Ryan Schlabaugh moved to enter

closed session per Iowa Code 21.5, 1e. to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, and that individual requests a closed session.
Mary Allred seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote:
Gabrielle Frederick - yes; Mary Allred - yes; Jed Seward - yes; Randy Billups - yes; Ryan Schlabaugh - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes
Motion carried 7-0.

Board Entered Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.
Board Exited Closed Session at 7:27 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT

To the Electors of the City of Lone Tree, Iowa:

You are hereby notified that the City of Lone Tree, Iowa, has two vacancies of the council seats previously held by Jennifer Poeschel and Cathie Conzemius. The office of the council seats which expire December 31, 2025, are vacant as of June 04, 2024, pursuant to Section 69.2, Code of Iowa.

You are further notified that pursuant to Section 372.13(2) of the Code

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of Iowa, the Council has elected to fill the vacancies by appointment, but the electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. A valid petition would have to be filed with the Lone Tree City Clerk within 14 days after publication of this notice, or within 14 days after appointments are made.

The appointments shall be for the period until the next pending election, as defined by Section 69.12, Code of Iowa. The Council intends to make the appointments to fill the vacancies at its regular City Council meeting on August

05, 2024 and the appointment will become effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2025.

Persons wanting to be considered should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk by 1 p.m. on July 30, 2024.

Stephanie Dautremont, City Clerk
123 N DeVoe Street
PO Box 337
Lone Tree, IA 52755

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Wapello Rural Water Association plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities".

The storm water discharge will be from construction activities for Water Distribution System Improvements - Wellman Connection generally located between the cities of Harper and Wellman, Iowa in Sections 16, 17, 19, 20, 30, Township 76 North, Range 10 West; Section 25, Township 76 North, Range 11 West in Keokuk County; Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, Township 76 North, Range 9 West; Sections 23-25, Township 77 North, Range 9 West in Washington County, Iowa.

Storm water will be discharged from multiple point sources and will be discharged to road ditches and unnamed drainageways tributary to the following streams: Branch Creek, German Creek, Clear Creek, and West Fork Crooked Creek to the Skunk River; Smith Creek to the English River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT (NO. 276-06) TO WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 15th 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 City land described as Valley Street adjoining Block 13 of the Original Plat of Wellman

(Washington County Parcel Number 0124177008) thence continuing north-easterly along vacated Valley Street adjoining Block 12 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water lines and appurtenances thereto (collectively "Facilities"). A copy of the proposed Right of Way Easement (No. 276-06) 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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Mayor Spilman called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Ford, Zadow and Gluba present. Gluba, Zadow motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 3-0. Ford, Gluba motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes, reports, bills, etc). CARRIED 3-0. Water samples were read from 122 Wapsi Ave and 302 N DeVoe St, both reported safe and filed.

Zadow, Ford motioned to update park bathrooms to stainless steel sinks and toilets. Starting with one bathroom in each North Park and Dougherty Park. Not to exceed \$5,000. CARRIED 3-0.

Ford, Gluba motioned to fill council vacancies by appointment at August regular council meeting. CARRIED 3-0.

Zadow, Gluba motioned to approve LTBP renewal of class E retail alcohol license. CARRIED 3-0.

Zadow, Gluba motioned to approve Resolution 2024-J designating areas for fall festival. CARRIED 3-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to approved Resolution 2024-K the preliminary plat for North Park Estates. CARRIED 3-0.

Ford, Gluba motioned to purchase one sign per park (3 signs total) from Amazon requesting residents to pick up after their dogs. CARRIED 3-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to have clerk look into other plan options for Delta Dental before renewing current plan. CARRIED 3-0.

Ford, Gluba motioned to adjourn at 6:10 PM. CARRIED 3-0.

FOLLOWING CLAIMS PAID IN JUNE
AGVANTAGE FS \$260.49, fuel
CHAD MULLINIX \$227.22, reimbursement/clothing allowance
COBB OIL CO, INC \$695.83, fuel & food

supplies
DIANE FELLOWS \$18.73, reimbursement/food supplies sr dining
ELAINIA AMUNDSON \$78.31, reimbursement/food supplies sr dining
ESTATE OF FRANCES MUSSER \$50.00, deposit return
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS \$6,600.00, WWTF & water plant management
IOWA ONE CALL \$27.90, locates
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$5,520.67, police contract
JOSH FORBES \$250.00, reimbursement/clothing allowance
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE, INC \$1,193.40, service call siren
LONE TREE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$2,000.00, yearly commitment of funds
LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL \$8,474.00, library services agreement
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC \$483.51, refill tanks
MENARDS \$389.95, park supplies
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC \$410.81, man-hole riser
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE \$2,128.25, food supplies/sr dining
STANDARD PEST CONTROL \$35.00, spray com bldg. & city hall
THE NEWS \$101.15, legals
US POSTAL SERVICE \$100.00, PO Box
WINDSTREAM \$233.53, WWTF internet & phone/water plant phone
FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY \$714.83, food supplies
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC \$9,328.50, refuse contract
US CELLULAR \$73.64, public works cell phones
VISA \$816.39, food supplies/sr dining, office supplies, website renewal
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE \$42.19, city hall phone
ALLIANT ENERGY \$7,161.36, street lights & electrical
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA \$112.78, em-

ployee premium
EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER \$317.22, street light & lift station electrical
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES \$80.70, park & cemetery signs
WELLMARK \$6,385.35, employee premium
WINDSTREAM \$442.62, com bldg phone/city hall & shop internet
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY \$595,325.00, principal payment
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY \$140,760.00, principal payment
FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK \$37.45, stop payment of check
IA DEPT OF REV \$1,289.85, Q2 state withholding payment
IPERS \$2,273.15, IPERS payment
IRS \$2,977.60, FICA payment
JUNE PAYROLL \$14,576.29, all employees

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	
GENERAL FUND	\$11,276.67	\$41,187.94
ROAD USE TAX	\$21,636.28	\$7,307.37
LOST	\$27,183.69	\$0
TIF	\$294.47	\$0
WATER FUND	\$12,060.90	\$7,290.06
SEWER FUND	\$18,342.99	\$10,804.80
SEWER REVENUE	\$11,236.11	\$140,760.00
REFUSE FUND	\$10,341.50	\$9,268.50
TRUST & AGENCY	\$0	\$50.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$595,325.00
CEM TRUST	\$200.00	\$0
TOTALS	\$112,572.61	\$1,119,993.67
Cash On Hand	\$3,119,820.63	
Sav Cert.	\$298,584.55	

JOSH SPILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST
STEPHANIE DAUTREMONT, CITY CLERK
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