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## Aging jail haunts Johnson County

*Structure cracks, water leaks, and expanding staff produce new needs, and arguments, for a new building that could cost \$80 million*

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

### IOWA CITY

One recent morning, following a night of summer thunderstorms, a Johnson County Sheriff staffer showed up at work only to find the top of her desk covered in water.

Walk down a hallway in the Sheriff Department's building and you'll see stains on the ceiling tiles from water leaks.

Walk down that same hallway during a storm and you'll see buckets strategically placed to catch the falling drips of water.

Those are just the obvious and visible signs of an aging building that was constructed more than 40 years ago for a sheriff department staff that was less than half its current size and for a maximum inmate population of just 46.

An exclusive tour provided for The News provided a picture of a county facility that has open cracks on walls, other cracks that have been sealed and repaired, mats and inmate uniforms stacked along hallways because of limited storage space, a medical room that is little bigger than a small office for one, a physical fitness center of just two stationary cycling machines stuffed into a conference room, and a monitoring room that is often packed with multiple deputies at the same time.

Outside the building, six monitoring devices on each of the four exterior walls constantly keep an



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eye on it, and how far, the structure of the exterior is actually moving. In some corners, where brickwork is supposed to meet up with horizontal structural beams, large gaps have emerged.

The building has deteriorated so much that a plan is being developed to move prisoners to other county jails should that immediate need occur. Sheriff Brad Kunkel has assured the Johnson County Board of Supervisors that such a moment is not "imminent."

But perhaps, inevitable. An analysis of the building in August 2023 by Axiom Consultants, an Iowa City-based engineering firm, specified a number of repairs that needed immediate attention. Among those is a roof replacement, along with notable cracks and deficiencies in exterior and interior brickwork and walls.

Former Lone Tree Mayor Jon

Green, who is now the Johnson County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair, examined the roof with Kunkel in early July, then re-visited the building 10 days later with Board Chair Rod Sullivan, and arrived at this conclusion:

"The jail needs (to be) replaced, both for those who work there and also for those who are incarcerated there," Green told The News. "We're working on a bid package for a new roof and the replacement of the HVAC system, which won't be cheap."

Another analysis, by Shive-Hattery, an architectural and engineering firm in Iowa City, produced a conceptual design of a new \$80 million facility, which was based on past statistic inmate figures and future projections, among other data,

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## JAIL TIMELINE

### 1901:

New Johnson County Courthouse is built on South Clinton Street in Iowa City, a new jail built behind it.

### 1981:

The current jail was built with a bed capacity of 46 and a staff of 50.

### November 2000:

A bond referendum for a \$20.3 million law enforcement center fails.

### November 2012:

A bond referendum for a \$46.8 million justice center and court operations fails by just 4 percent.

### May 2013:

A bond referendum for a \$43.5 million justice center and court operations, with less bed space, fails by 14 percent.

### August 2023:

Axiom Consultants of Iowa City conducts an assessment of the sheriff's building, and concludes that major repairs are needed, including a roof replacement.

### April 2024:

A monitoring system is installed by Axiom to track deficiencies in the building's structure and exterior walls.

### July 2024:

A needs assessment report by Shive-Hattery, an architectural and engineering firm in Iowa City, proposes an \$80 million new jail facility with a capacity of 140 beds. The report is rejected by Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz.

### July 2024:

The Board of Supervisors agrees to move ahead with a criminal justice committee that would examine the needs of the county jail and its programs.

### July 2024:

The City of Iowa City, which is examining its own aging jail, approves a go-ahead to enter discussions with Johnson County for construction of a joint jail that would serve the county and city.

--- COMPILED BY PAUL D. BOWKER

## Riverboat Foundation approves \$300K emergency grant for Kalona Historical Society

*Historic barn relocation will help share area's agricultural past*



The WCRF board, Kalona Historical Society members, and three sisters who grew up with the historic barn. Front row, l-r: Nancy Roth, Marj Lins, Dorothy Stout, Ruth Ann Stacy, Nate Fick. Back row: Jon Read, Zach Haworth, Andy Rowe, Mike Zahs, Stephanie Sexton, Karen Dennler, Ann Knupp, Patty Kohler, David Hoffman, Mike Vincent.

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

### RIVERSIDE

It wasn't the first time the Washington County Riverboat Foundation honored an emergency grant request outside of their usual spring and fall grant cycles, but it is the largest. After a public meeting held on Wednesday, July 31 at the

Riverside Casino, the WCRF board approved a \$300,000 grant to the Kalona Historical Society for their historic barn moving and restoration project.

The grant will enable the historical society to relocate a Washington County barn that would otherwise be destroyed to the Kalona Historical Village, where it will become

home to exhibits telling the story of Kalona's agricultural past and provide space for meetings and events.

At the noon meeting local historian Mike Zahs made the case for saving and preserving the 100-plus year old barn, which is presently located on a farmstead on G36 west of Highway 218. The property has been in decline and a new owner is working to clear the

land of unsalvageable buildings. Zahs was consulted before demolition began, and he concluded the barn "was in extremely good condition."

The owner offered to donate the barn, but the historical society would have to pay the cost of relocation, which is substantial due to the need to remove power lines and employ specialist Amish barn movers.

As the owner intended to tear the barn down in short order should it not be removed, the historical society faced time pressure in raising funds to relocate the barn. Thus, they approached the WCRF about the possibility of an emergency grant.

Zahs argued that this particular gambrel barn is worth saving because it is "typical" and thus one that most people in the area can relate to.

"This barn would be a barn that most people who grew up 100 years ago and since [would be] familiar with," he said. "That's what we need to save more of, from a historical standpoint: what was typical, not what was atypical."

Zahs pointed out that only 10 barn museums exist in Iowa,

and most of those are exterior only. Should the barn be incorporated into the Kalona Historical Village, it "would tell the agricultural part of our story very, very well" and be a rare and unique attraction within the state.

It would also fill a void not presently filled at the Kalona Historical Village, Managing Director Nancy Roth pointed out.

"One thing we are lacking at the Historical Society is telling the history of farming and agriculture in our area," she said.

The \$300,000 requested of the WCRF board would not fund the entirety of the barn project, which would ultimately incorporate ag-related items and exhibits, but "it would mean that it could get moved and saved."

Three of four sisters who grew up on the farmstead where the barn stands also attended the meeting. Marj Lins shared what the barn means to them.

"It seems to be providence that the barn always seems to survive, no matter what has happened in the farmyard,"

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## Around Town

### Free Kids Dental & Vision Screening

Washington County Public Health will host free dental and vision screenings for kindergarten and 9th graders on Aug. 8 and Aug. 19 from 3-6 p.m. at the Federation Bank building, 5th Floor, 110 N. Iowa Ave., Washington. No appointment necessary; only bring children who require services (all Iowa children enrolling in kindergarten and 9th grade are required to have a dental screening prior to starting school). Call 319-653-7758 with questions.

### Kalona Farmers Market

The next Kalona Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Kalona. Music by Lee Klett.

### Wellman Farmers Market

The next Wellman Farmers Market will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. on 8th Avenue, downtown Wellman.

### Wellman Town Hall Meeting

The Wellman Rotary Club will host a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Parkside Activities Center, 525 13th Street. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeke and State Rep. Heather Hora will participate in a general Q&A session; open to the public; light refreshments available.

### Lone Tree Party in the Park

The Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce will host a Party in the Park on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at ABC Park. Food will be available from The

Lunch Box food truck from 5-8 p.m.; music by Dan Moyer Band from 6-8 p.m. Bring friends, neighbors, and a lawn chair.

### Hills Firefighters

### Fall Dance Fundraiser

The Hills Firefighters Association will host their fall dance fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 8 - 11 p.m. at Old 218 Tap in Hills. \$5 per person at the door; live music by Cody Road.

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 19 from 5-6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Kalona YMCA. Comments/questions call 319-656-5347.

### Lone Tree Fall Festival

The Lone Tree Fall Festival will be held on Friday, Aug. 23 - Saturday, Aug. 24. The fun begins Friday at 5 p.m. with the muscle tractor show and music continues until midnight; Saturday events begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast and continue until 10 p.m. with the raffle drawing.

### Kalona Cemetery Walk

The Kalona Mennonite and Historical Societies Cemetery Walk will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Sharon Hill Cemetery, Kalona. Guides will take groups of attendees on a tour where they will learn about five local historical figures. Free will donation; refreshments available. For more information, call 319-656-3232.

### Mid-Prairie Feed the Kids Dinner & Auction

Help feed food-insecure kids in our community by attending this year's Mid-Prairie Feed the Kids Dinner & Auction on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Parkside YMCA Banquet Room, 525 13th Street, Wellman. Individual tickets are free will donation; reserved tables of 8 start at \$150 donation; call 319-646-6781 or 319-430-2578 or email mppedthekids@gmail.com to purchase.



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## Lyle Beaver at Atrium Village

"Can we dance?" someone asked as Lyle Beaver played "In the Mood" on Tuesday afternoon at Atrium Village in Hills. No one wanted to be first out on the dining room floor, but it certainly was tempting; although he left The Brass Notes at home, Beaver and his fellow musicians have kept dancers on their feet for over 40 years in Eastern Iowa. Residents enjoyed his singing, accordion playing, and playful banter on July 29.



## Ribbon Cutting at Greiner Plaza



TONIA POOLE

On Friday afternoon, Aug. 2, Washingtonians celebrated the grand re-opening of Greiner Buildings and Plaza with a ribbon cutting, red carpet celebration, and Elvis appearance. Home to the Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) and Washington County Riverboat Foundation (WCRF), as well as other businesses, Greiner Plaza was damaged by fire on Nov. 12, 2022.

## Clover Kid Clothing Event a success



Clover Kid clothing event participants include (front row, L-R) Celine Yudelmo, Kassidi Marek, Taytum Flynn, Moriah McGlynn, Mabel Much, Alexis Deao, Charlotte Langr, Leger Milledge and Tenley McGuire. 4-H mentors included (back row) Adrienne Blauvelt, Ava Greiner, Marlee Greiner, Morgan Bruty, and Grace Conger.

On Sunday, July 7, nine Washington County 4-H Clover Kids got to select their favorite outfit to present in front of a judge for the Clover Kid Clothing Event as a part of the 4-H Awardrobe Contest. They got paired with an older 4-H'er who taught them basics about modeling and how to explain their outfit to the judge.

Clover Kids are youth in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade who are involved in the 4-H program. During judging, clover kids visit with an adult about their outfit. All Clover kids received special tie-dye ribbons for their work and then participated in the Washington County 4-H Results & Runway show that evening.



## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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Follow along to keep up to date on event details  
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## Traveling Trophy Hand-off



TONIA POOLE

2023 Kalona Days parade winner, Aubrey Green/The Ark Dance Studio, hands off the "Bulltown's Best" traveling trophy to this year's winner, Megan Hardman/Lambs & Ivy Play Café on Aug. 1.

## Mid-Prairie band students play in Washington Municipal Band



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Several Mid-Prairie High School Band students played in the Washington Municipal Band this summer, making a big contribution to the high quality of the band's performances. The Washington Municipal Band's final concert of the summer will be Thursday, Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m., downtown Washington.

## 4-H members Share the Fun at the Washington County Fair

4-H members participated in Share the Fun on Wednesday, July 17 at the Washington County Fair. Acts can range from skits to vocal to dance to instrumental performances. Youth participated from a variety of clubs for an audience gathered in the Community Center.

Three acts will advance to the Iowa State Fair, including a vocal solo by Adrian Green of the Green Acres, a dance solo by Ruby Lowenberg of the Washington Go-Getters, and Gwen Piette of the Highlanders with her storytelling of "Sheila Rae, the Brave." Green also received the Judge's Choice Award for her acapella vocal to "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

Share the Fun is a great way for 4-H'ers to share their talents on stage and entertain an audience. For more information on this communication event, contact the Washington County Extension Office.



Share the Fun Participants include Adrian Green, Eve Stoutner, Ruby Lowenberg, Gwen Piette. Not pictured: Brock Lowenberg.



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Thursday August 8	Friday August 9	Saturday August 10	Sunday August 11
78° 57° RealFeel® 84° Nice with clouds and sun	75° 54° RealFeel® 75° Partly sunny, nice and less humid	73° 52° RealFeel® 75° Partly sunny and nice	78° 58° RealFeel® 82° Partly sunny and pleasant

SUN/MOON			
Sunrise		Sunset	
Thursday	6:09 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	
Friday	6:10 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	
Saturday	6:11 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	
Sunday	6:12 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	
Monday	6:13 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	
Tuesday	6:14 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Thursday	10:10 a.m.	10:13 p.m.	
Friday	11:10 a.m.	10:31 p.m.	
Saturday	12:11 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	
Sunday	1:14 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	
Monday	2:19 p.m.	11:43 p.m.	
Tuesday	3:26 p.m.	none	
Wednesday	4:32 p.m.	12:19 a.m.	
	First Aug 12		Full Aug 19
	Last Aug 26		New Sep 2

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Monday August 12	Tuesday August 13	Wednesday August 14
80° 59° RealFeel® 80° Cloudy, rain becoming intermittent	83° 62° RealFeel® 87° Partly sunny	86° 64° RealFeel® 90° Mostly sunny

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS						
Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
4	8	8	8	2	8	8

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS						
Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
1	1	0	1	2	1	2

## Wellman council discusses parking issues

BY JEFF YODER  
The News

**WELLMAN**  
The Wellman City Council discussed plans for the intersection of 2nd Street and 8th Avenue during its regular meeting held on Monday, August 5.  
The council proposed replacing the angled parking spaces along 2nd Street with parallel parking to increase space on the street for traffic.  
“By putting angle parking both ways with the semi traffic

that’s coming through there, you’re getting too narrow to meet a car,” said City Administrator Kelly Litwiller.  
The proposal received support from an area property owner, who said that his vehicles have been hit multiple times while parked outside of his business along 2nd Street.  
“It opens it up so semis can get through there a lot easier,” council member Shannon McCain said about the parallel spaces. “I think that makes the best sense. Because overall, you don’t have a lot of people

using that space for parking.”  
The council also agreed to have a four-way stop sign installed in the middle of the intersection with a “no left turn” sign for eastbound 2nd Street traffic and a “no right turn” sign for westbound vehicles.  
There is currently a temporary stop sign at the southwest corner of the intersection due to improvements made to the sidewalk near Simple Happiness.  
The council discussed potential future projects, including the possibility of adding

4-5 cement pads for RVs to the South Park, and plans for benches and tables near the new splash pad.  
**Council Action**  
Resolutions were approved authorizing purchase of easement for public highway from Ideal Ready Mix Co Inc, Outback Acres, Christopher and Nicole Harmsen, and Micheal and Kira Fikes. A resolution was also approved authorizing the City Clerk to transfer funds.  
The council approved a supplemental agreement with Calhoun-Burns Assoc, Inc. to move forward with the bridge project.

## Lone Tree appoints new council members

Two new council members took their oaths of office and their seats at Monday night’s Lone Tree City Council meeting. The council appointed Kim Hamm and Roger Geodken to the seats vacated by Jennifer Poeschel and Cathie Conzemius in June.  
The Lone Tree City Council will next meet on Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

## More chickens, Kalona Bakery building grant approved; food pantry under consideration

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

**KALONA**  
The Kalona City Council’s agenda was longer than usual on Monday, Aug. 5, as it had been three weeks since the council’s last meeting, and five weeks since they last met in person, thanks to severe weather.  
The council elected to amend the city’s chicken permit, increasing the number of chickens allowed from four to six. Prompting the change was the fact that chicks “come in a six-pack,” leaving backyard hen keepers with the dilemma of what to do with two spares. Those with existing chicken permits will be allowed to increase their flock to six.  
The city has been awarded a \$100,000 Community Catalyst Building Remediation grant by the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the city-owned (in partnership with KCTC) Kalona Bakery building located at 209 5th Street. The council accepted the grant, which will allow plans to go forward with a buyer and developer who have shared a vision for the property with the city. The Kalona Bakery building has been vacant since suffering fire damage in June 2016.

Street, where Washington County Ambulance’s District 2 station is located.  
The city would convert the bay to a stand-alone pantry and would work with Feed the Kids, local school districts, and HACAP to staff and stock the pantry. They would also seek grant funding, including from the DNR, to furnish the space with needed shelving, freezers, and coolers.  
“It’s going to be a big mix of a lot of different entities to make it work,” Schlabaugh said.  
Council member Joe Schmidt wondered if the Southtown location would be accessible to those in need of the pantry. Schlabaugh said that using the bay as a starter location would allow the city to test the concept with minimal investment and the pantry could be relocated later if necessary.  
“I think we can make it work, and I do truly believe that the need is there,” Schlabaugh said.  
The council did not object to the city going forward with crafting a budget and funding plan for a food pantry.

for columbarium niches is unknown. He proposed the city start with one monument at Sharon Hill Cemetery, complete with a walkway, retaining wall, and benches, before considering adding more.  
The council agreed with the city’s direction; Schlabaugh will work on a funding plan and visual renderings to show the council at a future date.  
**Horseshoe Gravel Bike Race**  
Caleb Wilson, race director for the Kalona Horseshoe Gravel Bike Race that took place in May, reported to the council on the success of the race. He said that as a “grassroots” first-time event, the 206 registered racers “blew our expectations.”  
“We did have a lot of participation from multiple states. . . Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, just all over,” Wilson said. “People loved Kalona. Their experience here was great. We got nothing but extremely positive feedback about that, and particularly the Historical Village.”  
Organizers had hoped for at least 50 participants in order to breakeven; because they exceeded this, they were able to donate \$1,000 from the proceeds to the Kalona Historical Village, which hosted the event.  
Wilson also noted that 18 kids raced, an usually high number for the Iowa Gravel Series, thanks to CIVCO, which covered all but \$10 of youth race fees.  
Washington County was “incredibly helpful to work with” and Wilson said they “couldn’t ask for better support” when it came to ease of

permitting, providing signage, and ensuring safety on the gravel road course.  
Council member Jenelle Bender, who volunteered at the event, said there was a “fair atmosphere” at the Historical Village, where families gathered to support their racers. Local lodging filled up for the weekend, and the event drew many first-time racers.  
Wilson said he hopes to direct the Kalona Horseshoe Gravel Bike Race again in 2025, although dates have not been selected.  
**Council Action**  
In other council action, the council approved the hiring of Nicholas Hull as Public Works General Laborer. “I think he will be a great addition to our staff and comes with a wealth of knowledge and good work

history,” Schlabaugh said. Hull is retired military and will begin full-time employment in September.  
The council approved first reading of an ordinance amending no parking on the south side of H Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street to increase safety around the school.  
The council approved Alliant Energy utility work on E Avenue, where the energy company is burying lines and removing poles.  
The council approved the temporary closing of 4th Street for the Aug. 17 Kalona Car Show between B and C Avenues so that food vendors can be consolidated for the evening.  
The Kalona City Council will next meet on Monday, August 19 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

**Kalona Food Pantry**  
City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh brought the idea of establishing a permanent food pantry in Kalona before the council. City staff have already given this idea some thought and propose running the pantry out of one of the city’s three bays at 2285 133rd

**Cemetery Columbarium**  
Schlabaugh also brought before the council the idea of purchasing columbarium for the city’s Sharon Hill and Nutmeg cemeteries. The two-sided, 48-vault columbarium – structures with niches for urns – would be placed in quiet areas of the cemeteries where the city has not sold plots.  
“We are seeing more cremations,” Schlabaugh said, but admitted that whether that trend will result in demand

for columbarium niches is unknown. He proposed the city start with one monument at Sharon Hill Cemetery, complete with a walkway, retaining wall, and benches, before considering adding more.  
The council agreed with the city’s direction; Schlabaugh will work on a funding plan and visual renderings to show the council at a future date.

## Courage Ride, a local cancer fundraiser set for 20th annual race Saturday

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

**IOWA CITY**  
The Courage Ride, a benefit cycling event that attracts hundreds of participants annually, will hit its 20th year anniversary when the race begins Saturday morning, Aug. 10, in Iowa City.  
The ride, which has raised nearly \$900,000 for sarcoma cancer research at the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center and a sarcoma tissue repository, was begun in 2005 by Jackie and Tom Bailey of Riverside following the death of their son, Seth. He died at age 25 after an eight-year battle with sarcoma.  
“It’s hard to believe it’s been 20 years,” Jackie Bailey told The News. “We stay pretty much 400, 500 riders, contribu-

tors, and which is very manageable. It’s good.”  
The ride, which begins at Big Grove Brewery on South Gilbert Street in Iowa City, includes five different segments or routes, ranging from 18 to 105 miles. The race routes go through Hills, Sharon Township, North English and Millersburg, among other communities.  
The first stop west of Hills is the Courage rest stop, which will be run by the Bailey family and is located near the cemetery where Seth Bailey is buried.  
Registration can be done through courageride.org. Early packet pickup is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at Hills Bank on Gilbert Street.  
The fundraiser also includes a virtual riding option.  
The race day timeline in-

cludes registration at 6:30 a.m., and racers leaving waves after 7 a.m. Bikers in the shorter race routes will leave at 8 a.m. and after.  
Rest stops will include Hills, Courage, Hillcrest Academy, North English and Millersburg.  
Since the event began in 2005, it has raised \$865,000 for sarcoma cancer research and has seeded multiple research grants at the University of Iowa, which added sarcoma research after the event was begun.  
“I’m very, very blessed the way the money is used,” Jackie Bailey said. “It is seed money to allow the researchers and doctors at the university to collect the information for the different grants that they may want to apply for.”

# Experiencing the Party Line

My first non-farm job was at our county seat radio station. In the spring of 1966 Mr. Orton, our school newspaper advisor, introduced me to the radio station owner who offered me a part time job.



**Arvid Huisman**  
Country Roads

While attending junior college I worked part-time at the station and that led to a full-time job. It was a dream job: 70 hours a week, six days a week beginning at 5 a.m. and every other Sunday, two holidays each year and less than \$100 a week. But, hey, it was show business!

Within the first year the boss promoted me to writing the local news which was right up my alley but I still had some non-news air time. During my second year on the job I proposed to the manager that I convert my 9 a.m. time-slot from music to a talk format and he agreed.

Thus was born the KJFJ Party Line program. It seemed to go over well with listeners. Some days I would host a guest to talk about a specific topic. Other times, I took calls from listeners on a variety of subjects and that led to the Party Line often being an on-air recipe exchange.

Soon someone suggested that I print out the recipes which led to a monthly publication of Party Line recipes.

I had a small (very small) amount of experience with cooking and baking and I tried my best to sound intelligent while taking recipes over the air.

One month I included in the publication a recipe which called for one can of Eagle brand sweetened condensed milk. This product was new to me and what I heard the caller say was "Ego brand sweetened condensed milk" and that's how I listed it in the monthly recipe booklet.

A caller set me straight and I learned what Eagle brand milk is.

One day early in the Party Line experience the discussion turned to the poor condition of some rental properties in our community. A caller referenced by name a local rental property owner in a negative light. I quickly steered the caller to a less libelous conversation.

That property owner's wife was listening and when I got off the air she was waiting to skreik at me in the front office. It was quickly obvious that she had been drinking that morning.

Fortunately, the boss re-

turned to his office about this time and he escorted the enraged woman and myself into his office where he calmed her down. This was my first experience (unfortunately not the last) dealing with angry and/or drunk listeners.

Sometime later a caller expressed her critical views of young people after a rash of vandalism in the community. An obviously juvenile caller responded to this call with a loud and profane rebuke of the critic.

Our small market station could not afford five-second delay equipment but I was able to cut off the potty-mouth kid after about the third cuss word.

As a still wet-behind-the-ears just-out-of-school kid at that time I knew some words that neither the FCC or my mother would approve. During heavily ad-libbed times on the air I was always conscious of the rules against profanity on the air.

Each autumn we staged a Turkey Shoot contest in which winners received a frozen turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. The contest was good for the radio station and for our listeners but a pain in the rear for on-air staff to implement.

In off-the-cuff comments promoting the contest on the air I committed a Freudian slip (an unintentional error regarded as revealing subconscious feelings.) Referring to the Turkey Shoot contest I mistakenly replaced "shoot" with a common scatological term with a somewhat similar pronunciation. I caught the blooper immediately but just kept on talking hoping no one noticed.

A day or so later a downtown merchant ribbed me about the error but nothing else came out of the incident.

After four years of the Party Line we changed the programming for that time slot and in early 1973 I left the station and began a newspaper career. It was a good run.

The Party Line was a good experience and helped me gain confidence and an ability to talk with anybody about almost anything anytime. And some today would point out that even without a microphone I have never quit talking.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### We need to question Republicans' character

All around the country Republicans are campaigning on the open sore that has been the Mexican border. Following the Trump playbook, they rail about the Biden administration's so-called failure at the border.

Not so fast, my friends. After battling some 10 years of MAGA hypocrisy, distortions and outright lies, Democrats are ready for this election. We have the receipts.

When conservative Senator James Langford huddled with Senate Democrats to create a border bill it looked like progress was at hand. Democrats

made major concessions, and the bill looked to be on the fast track to passage. It provided funding for powerful fentanyl scanning devices at the ports of entry, money for more courts and staff and for the border patrol and limits on immigration. It wasn't like the Dems gave the R's the ball on the 50-yard line. It was more like giving the R's the ball on the Dem's 10. Then Trump made a few calls and his puppets killed the bill.

Less than a week after this happened, Ashley Hinson had a press conference with the Mason City police chief to decry the scourge of fentanyl at the border. Aptly named Marianne Miller-Meeks and the rest of MAGA jumped on board.

And on Aug. 3rd at Hawkeye Downs, Hinson repeated the lie. Republicans killed the bill and now try to blame Biden for what they did.

I guess this is what passes for ethics with the MAGA crowd. They act like there is no lie too big if it helps the cause. They seem to think that character and integrity is for suckers.

As VP Harris said of Trump's racial slurs, "We can do better."

It's been said that character is destiny. There are a lot of MAGA politicians who better hope this is not true.

*Thomas Jacobson  
Riverside*

## No bragging on this Olympics Iowa Angle

During the 40 years I was a newspaper editor/manager, I strived to ensure the staff incorporated context into their articles. Sometimes, in a journalistic shorthand, that was described "the Iowa angle."

If there was a mass murder in Iowa, I would dip into my stash of clippings and find the list of the worst mass killings in Iowa history. That allowed us to give context to the magnitude of the tragedy.

The same with tornadoes and floods. How does the number of deaths compare with the worst of these nightmares we have experienced in the past?

During the Vietnam war, and later during the Gulf wars, we turned to bound desk calendars where we pasted clippings to track the running tally of deaths of Iowa soldiers.

So, over this past weekend a friend and I pawed through statistics to provide important Iowa context when Belgium's mixed relay triathlon team pulled out of the Olympic competition in Paris.

Belgium's decision was made after one of its athletes became ill and was hospitalized, reportedly for an E. coli infection, after she swam in the River Seine earlier in the competition. The same day as the announcement about Claire Michel, Olympic organizers canceled a training session for the swimming leg of the triathlon because the Seine's water pollution levels were too high.

The quality of the Seine's water has been a persistent worry leading up to this year's Olympic Games. The pollution levels forced organizers to consider delaying, or even canceling, some outdoor swimming events.

This is where the Iowa angle



**Randy Evans**  
Iowa Freedom of Information Council

comes into the picture — and it provides some interesting context for the news out of Paris.

Just as water quality stats for the Seine have fluctuated, based on the relationship between rainfall, runoff and drier weather, the quality of water at Iowa's beaches this summer has fluctuated, too.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources specialists monitor water at beaches because poor water quality can cause intestinal problems that may develop into serious infections. As Claire Michel's experience shows, poor water quality should not be brushed aside and taken lightly. Contaminated water can lead even healthy young people to need medical treatment.

Here is how the River Seine's pollution stats look when compared with some Iowa beaches, where the DNR has said at various times that swimming is not recommended because of the contamination.

On July 31, the highest E. coli concentration along the Seine's race course was 649 MPN/100 mL. That measurement tallies the density of E. coli organisms per 100 milliliters of water.

The Iowa angle shows these readings from tests on July 30 or 31:

- Hickory Grove Park, Story County — 24,000 MPN/100mL
- Edson Park beach, Buena Vista County — 20,000
- Awaysis beach, Storm Lake — 9,200
- Bel Air beach, Buena Vista

- County — 3,900
- Big Creek State Park, Polk County — 3,400
- Gray's Lake, Des Moines — 3,000

- Lake Iowa Park, Iowa County — 2,900
- Lake Ahquabi State Park, Warren County: 2,100

- Sandy Hollow Park, Sioux County — 1,500
- Chautauqua beach, Storm Lake — 750

- Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Van Buren County — 660
- Lake Wapello State Park, Davis County — 600

- Lake of Three Fires State Park, Taylor County — 590
- Beeds Lake, Franklin County — 540

- Union Grove State Park, Tama County — 470
- Lake Darling State Park, Washington County — 470

Unlike the Olympics, these comparisons between Paris and Iowa draw attention to persistent problems in our state that no one wants to celebrate. No one plans a trip to Paris to swim in the Seine. The Eiffel Tower, yes. The Louvre and the thousands of restaurants that offer something much different from loose-meat sandwiches, yes, those are the pull for tourists and French locals alike.

But Iowa does not have an Eiffel Tower. Swimming at Iowa beaches is one of the recreational attractions in a state without mountains and seashores.

And whether we like it or not, water quality that discourages swimming, kayaking and fishing are activities that should concern people who call this state home or who come to visit us.

Or, it should.

## Mid-Prairie CSD audit report

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. today released an audit report on Mid-Prairie Community School District in Wellman, Iowa.

### Financial highlights:

The District's revenues totaled \$26,368,396 for the year ended June 30, 2023, a 4.55% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$22,500,712, a 141.7% increase from the prior year. Revenues from charges for service increased \$872,431 which was the primary reason for the increase in total revenues. Instruction expenses increased \$1,287,855 which was the primary reason for the increase in total expenses.

### Audit findings:

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. reported four findings found on pages 68 through 73 of this report. The findings address

issues related to segregation of duties, certified budget, certified enrollment and supplementary weighting. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings.

Three of the four findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Community School District's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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## OBITUARIES

## Brian James Darby

1979 - 2024



west of the rolling hills of his childhood. After earning his bachelor's degree in biology there, Brian moved seven hours in

the opposite direction to the University of Toledo, where he got a master's degree from the Department of Earth, Ecology, and Environmental Science.

Comfortable now in the academic universe and the exercise it gave his curious mind, Brian completed his doctorate in plant and soil science in the upper northeast at the University of Vermont – not far from the Canadian border, like his eventual landing place at the University of North Dakota.

In his role as a research professor there, Brian taught and mentored hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students, amassed tens of thousands in grant awards, earned honors for his leadership and discovery, and authored or co-authored dozens of research articles and publications.

His focus was on soil ecology – how soil microbiota affects the health and function of the soil system. He studied ways in which the ecological genomics of organisms dictate their abundance and distribution in the world. And he used molecular tools to analyze wildlife genetics' relation to movement and behavior to help improve management and conservation.

Brian's brilliance made him an expert in statistics and biometry, modeling quantitative data to test hypotheses, estimate parameters, and predict future scenarios. It also earned him the reputation as the ultimate fact checker – faster and more reliable than Google – during dinner-table disputes.

Heading into the fall, Brian was scheduled to teach a full line up of courses – from general ecology to genomics and biometry. His current research included a national study of soil health on Conservation Reserve Program grasslands and a study on Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations throughout the northern plains.

"Brian was a valued mentor, friend and colleague in the biology family," UND Biology Professor Kathryn Yurkonis said in a statement from the University of North Dakota. "He was well known for his kindhearted generosity and patience with the countless students he worked with over

the years.

"Although his passion was always for soil nematodes, his impact on science and the projects he was willing to lend a thought to had no bounds."

Brian, according to campus leadership, was known for caring deeply about his student researchers and for preparing them for careers contributing to the field of soil ecology. He worked to create research opportunities for undergraduate students too – believing, "The most successful research projects begin at the freshman and sophomore years."

Gone far too soon, UND Biology Department Chair Peter Meberg said Brian's contributions to people and the planet were vast.

"Brian's research involved applications of importance to wildlife as well as to agriculture and were of both national interest and importance to the people of North Dakota," Meberg said.

Despite the physical distance from his family, Brian was intentional and joyful in keeping up with their escapades. During COVID, he launched a weekly Zoom call with his close family, which continues today; he created games involving his aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He traveled to Colombia for his brother Michael's wedding to wife, Jardely; offered insight into college options for his sister Carol's son, Jacob; and celebrated with his signature chuckle the faux stuffed-animal wedding of his sister Tammy's daughter, Elise.

His sense of humor and quick wit, his genius and generosity, his kindness and encouragement will forever be missed.

He is survived by his parents: Carl and Donna Darby; brother: Michael (Jardely) Darby; sisters: Carol (Ryan) Williams and Tammy (Sam) VanderWoude; nephews: Jacob Williams and Lucas VanderWoude; and a niece, Elise VanderWoude. He also is survived by his many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brian is preceded in death by his grandparents: Veron and Pearl Miller, Galen and Marie Widmer; and uncle: Sharm Scheuerman

Celebration of Life will be held Aug. 10, 2024, from 4-7 p.m., with remarks at 5 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Iowa City.

Donations in memory of Brian can be made to Hillcrest Academy or to the Biology Department at the University of North Dakota.

## Patricia A. Hamer

1931 - 2024



Patricia A. Hamer, 93, died peacefully at Crestview Care Center, Friday, Aug. 2, 2023.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at St. Mary's Church in Riverside. Burial was at St. Vincent Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established in Patricia's name.

Patricia was born March 29, 1931, in Riverside, the daughter of Walter and Celeste (Mellecker) Shebek. She was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Riverside. On March 29, 1951, she married Robert Hamer in Iowa City.

They moved to West Branch in 1962. Patricia worked for Dutton Insurance prior to being a homemaker and full-time mother. She was a member of St. Bernedette Catholic Church in West Branch, Downey Sew & So Club, and the West Branch Red Hat Ladies. Patricia was a gifted self-taught artist. She especially liked using acrylics for her landscapes and other works of art. Patricia loved to garden and grow beautiful flowers.

She provided nourishment to her family with the foods grown on their acreage. Most important was time spent with

her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Patricia is survived by her children: Steven (Karen)

Hamer of West Branch, Colleen Hamer of Mt. Vernon, Debra (Virgil) Mills of West Branch, Terry (Charlene) of West Branch, Barbara (Mike) Paul of West Branch, Tim (Tammi) Hamer of West Branch, Robert (Barb) Hamer of Tipton, Dean Hamer of West Branch, and James Hamer of Tiffin; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson; her sister: Frances (Lloyd) Weber of Riverside; sisters-in-law: Pat Shebek of Hills, Arlieta Hamer of West Branch, and Wanda Boggs of Payson, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Robert; her son: Thomas; daughter-in-law: Denise; great-grandson: Lucas; and siblings: Paul Shebek, Edward (Joan) Shebek, Mary (Leo) Huffman and Gertrude Shebek.

Online condolences at [www.lensingfuneral.com](http://www.lensingfuneral.com)

## Eric M. Richenberger

1980 - 2024



Eric M. Richenberger, 43, of Wellman, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024, near Ladora, Iowa. A funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at the Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. Burial was at North Hill Cemetery north of Wayland. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established for the family's use.

Eric Matthew Richenberger was born July 30, 1980, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Duran Allen and Tracy (Conner) Richenberger. He graduated from Mid-Prairie High School in 1998. Eric worked as a purveyor of fine meats and cheeses at Freeman's Foods in Wellman for the past six years.

On Jan. 26, 2008, he was united in marriage to Annie Bates in Cedar Rapids. Eric collected vintage video games, magic cards, coins, trains and comic books. He enjoyed playing Dungeons and Dragons, woodworking and spending time with this family. Eric was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his wife: Annie and children: Xavier and Penelope of Wellman; his mother: Tracy Richenberger of Wesley Chapel, Florida; sister: Laura (Micah) Scott of Wesley Chapel; two nephews: Oliver and Emmet Scott; paternal grandmother: Geraldine Rixe; uncle: Mike Richenberger; two aunts: Cindy Richenberger and Mary Lou Richenberger all of Wayland; and four cousins: Scott, Amy, Stephanie and Steven Richenberger.

Preceding Eric in death were his father: Duran; uncle: Stan Richenberger; aunt: Linda Richenberger; paternal grandfather: Glen Richenberger; maternal grandparents: William and Nina Evelyn Conner; and father-in-law: Mike Bates.

## Kenneth E. Yoder

1930 - 2024



Kenneth E. Yoder, 93, of Kalona, formerly of Wellman, died Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. Kenny was born Oct. 24, 1930, in rural Parnell, the son of Henry H. and Bertha (Doolin) Yoder. He attended White Hall School. On Dec. 28, 1951, Kenny was united in marriage to Dorothy Sutter in Milford, Nebraska. The couple lived and farmed in southeast Iowa county before making their home in Wellman in 1982. Kenny worked maintenance for Yoder Feeds Inc. He was a member of the West Union Mennonite Church.

Kenny enjoyed his family, working at church, golfing and reading. He had the gift of seeing an electrical or mechanical problem, and the ability to diagnose and fix it. He used this gift on the farm, at home, church, and for others who needed help. Kenny led the fellowship hall building project at West Union and served with the fellowship and trustee committees. He was committed to his church community.

Kenny is survived by his four children: Kathy Miller of Goshen, Indiana, Patty (Del) Miller of Iowa City, Cynthia (Gordon) Bontrager of New Paris, Indiana, Calvin (Lorie) Yoder of Lititz, Pennsylvania;

11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Carl (Laverta) Yoder of Washington, Gordon (Norma) Yoder of Dayton, Virginia, and Walter (Jean) Yoder of North Branch, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Dorothy in 2022; son-in-law: Richard Miller; a sister: Dorothy Messick; an infant sister; and two brothers: Warren and Howard.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at West Union Mennonite Church. Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, in the West Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. A memorial fund has been established for West Union Mennonite Church and Pleasantview Home. Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com). Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for Kenny and his family.

## Lovina and family announce next family wedding

July 27 was grandson Ryan's fifth birthday. He was excited to be 5 years old. Our whole family gathered on July 24 for supper for son Joseph's 22nd birthday. On the menu was mashed potatoes, gravy, barbequed chicken, tomatoes, sweet onions, green peppers, hot peppers, colby cheese, zucchini, brownies, and ice cream.

I wish a happy belated 51st birthday to sister Emma, which was on July 19. Although we live four miles from each other, we didn't see each other for a few weeks. We are both busy with our families and time has a way of slipping by.

Son Joseph and Grace's wedding plans were announced at Grace's church district, which is 10.5 miles from here. Our family attended, with Tim and Elizabeth having 17 miles (the farthest) to travel with horse and buggy. Our family and Grace's family all spent the afternoon and evening at Grace's house (where Joseph and Grace will have their future home). Joseph and Grace made supper for everyone, and we all ate before heading home.

Joseph is the first of our sons leaving home. We sure will miss him. He's a great help here, and Joe depends on him a lot. The girls come home a lot for a day during the week, but Joseph works five days a week and will only be able to visit weeknights or weekends. Life goes on, changes come, and we must adapt to them.

On Saturday, Grace's family assisted Dustin and Loretta (daughter) with preparations for the wedding. Joseph and Grace's wedding will be held at Dustin and Loretta's place,

## LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

Lord willing.

Sister Verena helped me freeze some sweet corn while she was here. We still have quite a bit in our garden. I was glad for her help. She is now staying with sister Emma for a few days. She spent a night and a day with daughter Lovina and Daniel, too. It makes time go much faster for her than to be home alone.

Last Sunday night our family gathered at Daniel and Lovina's for supper. It was the first time I was there since Lovina lives there so I was glad to go. Lovina does well with having a crowd of people over. Daniel helped her make supper. I feel lazy when I get to sit around and not help. Haha!

I was glad to take it easy though, as I slipped on a wet spot in the pole barn when moving the camp stove and hurt my back. I managed to wash laundry today but still have a sore hip and leg.

On Friday evening, Joe and I traveled to Joe's sister Ruth and Chris's house. Five of Joe's siblings were gathered there for snacks after supper. It was good to see everyone. We had not seen or visited with Joe's youngest sister Susan since she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has been taking chemo, and it sure has taken its toll on her health. She is a single mother of three boys and needs

our prayers. The chemo is making her so sick. Please pray for her, and she would enjoy cards of encouragement, I'm sure. Expenses are high and life hasn't always been good to her.

Joe's sister Mary Ann and Jake were also there. (Jake still isn't the best health-wise and gets around with the aid of a cane.) Mary Ann is the oldest of the 14 siblings. Three have passed away, so six out of the 11 living siblings were there. Also there was Loretta and Henry, Salome and Morris (from Kentucky), and of course Susan, Ruth, and Chris. Chris and Ruth's daughter Lydiann was there, as she lives with her parents.

Daughter Verena has supper almost ready. On the menu is tacos and sweet corn. Yum! God's blessings to all!

## Onion Rings

Makes 2 to 4 servings  
This is a recipe from my new cookbook, The Cherished Table. We have very nice sweet onions from our garden this year. I pulled all my onions since I always abide by the rule to not let the August sun hit your onions.  
¼ cup milk  
1 egg, beaten lightly  
2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoons salt  
Oil or lard, for frying  
1 large onion, sliced into rings about ½ inch thick  
Mix together milk, egg, oil, flour, baking powder, and salt in a pie plate or shallow baking dish. Pour oil into a small heavy-bottomed pot to a depth of about 2 inches. Heat oil over medium heat until a deep-fry thermometer reads 375°F. Dip onion rings in egg mixture and fry in hot oil on each side until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate.

a party for

## Eudora Mullet

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Eudora's 95th birthday

**August 17th, 2024**

2 - 4 pm  
in the Friendship Center at Pleasantview  
811 3rd Street, Kalona, IA

## SENIOR DINING MENUS AUG 8-15

### Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday – Potato tot casserole, 7-layer salad, Jell-O w/ fruit

Friday – chicken stir fry, lo mein noodles, vanilla pudding

Monday – Loose meat burger, cucumber salad, baked beans, watermelon

Tuesday – Liver & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, cooked carrots, 4-layer dessert

Wednesday – Sweet & sour meatballs, baked rice, sauteed vegetables, cherry dodad bar

Thursday – Beef goulash, egg salad sandwich, cottage cheese, peaches

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

### Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday – Beef casserole, beans, peaches

Friday – Maid-rites, baked beans, apricots, ice cream

Monday – Egg salad sandwich, chips, mandarin oranges, dessert

Tuesday – Smothered chicken, fried potatoes, pears

Wednesday – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, dessert

Thursday – Tuna salad

sandwich, coleslaw, tropical fruit

Make reservations by 10 a.m. Call 319-629-5144

### Pleasantview

Thursday – Apple chicken salad, French onion soup, dinner roll, strawberry shortcake

Friday – chicken divan, green beans, mixed fruit, dessert

Monday – ham and cheddar melt, lettuce salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake

Tuesday – Lemon pepper cod, macaroni & cheese, Greek vegetable salad, fruit, berries and cream cake

Wednesday – Korean pulled pork tacos, Korean braised potatoes, fried zucchini, fresh fruit, cookies

Thursday – Herb pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, Jell-O salad, lemon pudding cake

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

## KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

A reminder that the library will NOT have any programs or events during the month of August. This includes NOT having our recurring Wednesday Storytimes and Friday Toddler Times, which will both resume after the beginning of the school year.

The library is now accepting donations of materials for our fall book sale! The book sale will be on Saturday, September 28, during Kalona's Fall Festival weekend.

**New Adult Fiction:** "Middle of the Night" by Riley Sager; "You, Me, Her" by Sue Watson; "The Sawmill Book Club" by Carolyn Brown

**New Adult Non-Fiction:** "My Beloved Monster: Masha, the Half-Wild Rescue Cat Who Rescued Me" by Caleb Carr; "Cue the Sun!: The Invention of Reality TV" by Emily Nussbaum

**New Easy Readers:** "Curious George: Roller Coaster" by H.A. Rey; "Interrupting Cow

Meets the Wise Quacker" by Jane Yolen

**New Easy Books:** "Fun With Ed and Fred" by Kevin Bolger; "The Legend of Gravity" by Charly Palmer; "A Sundae With Everything on It" by Kyle Scheele

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

## WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer! Be sure to stop by the library to pick up a book to enjoy while you try to beat the summer heat. We release our new books each Wednesday.

Be sure to join us for our upcoming events:

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

**New Children's:** A Day with No Words by Tiffany

Hammond; The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad; The More the Merrier by David Martin

**New Junior & Young Adult:** Bobo and Pup-Pup the Funny Book by Vikram Madan; Goblin Monday by R. L. Stine; Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Scream for Ice Cream by Carolyn Keene; The Magic Story by Dana Simpson; Check and Mate by Ali Hazel

wood

**New Adult:** Shelterwood by Lisa Wingate; Smolder by Stewart Woods; The Auschwitz Detective by Jonathan Dunskey; A Winter by the Sea by Julie Klassen; Lethal White by Robert Galbraith

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

## AROUND TOWN/Continued from Page 1A

### Estate Management Presentation

The English Valleys History Center will hold a program, "What you may need to know about managing your estate" by attorney Grant Taylor on Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. at the EV History Center, 108 N Main St., North English. Open to the public; no charge; donations accepted.

### Affordable Health Screenings

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Life Center will host an affordable health screenings event on Friday, Sept. 6 at 575 Howard St., Kalona. Arterial plaque buildup, cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, kidney and thyroid function checks available. Special package pricing starts at \$159; consultants can create the right package for you. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com) to pre-register (required).

### Riverside Shop the Park

The 6th annual Shop the Park event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hall Park in Riverside. Crafts, vendors, food trucks, and live music.

### Make It at the Museum

A new craft program will continue at the Kalona Historical Village on Saturday, Sept. 14. From 1 to 3 p.m., those ages 12 and up are invited to Build a Scarecrow (a family workshop). No experience necessary; pre-registration required; \$20 members, \$25 non-members. To register, visit [kalonaiowa.org](http://kalonaiowa.org). More workshops to follow; all take place at the Kalona Historical Village Visitors Center, 715 D Avenue, Kalona.

### All-State Barn Tour

The 24th Annual All-State Barn Tour takes place Saturday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided tour is free and open to the public and features a record 92 barns, including a record 11 round barns. Find an interactive tour guide at [iowabarnfoundation.org](http://iowabarnfoundation.org).

### Adult Mental Health

#### First Aid Training

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer Mental Health First Aid on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hills Bank, 2481 Hwy 92, Washington. The instructor-led program will last 7.5 hours and participants will receive a certificate of completion. Training is free; lunch provided; space is limited. To register, go to <https://go.iastate.edu/VX5NIZ> or contact the Washington County Extension Office at 319-653-4811.

**6th Annual Hazleton School All Breeds Horse Sale**  
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**St. Joseph Catholic Church:** Hills, Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. [www.StsMaryandJoseph.com](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Mass schedule: Sunday 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Haven Conservative Mennonite Church:** 5203 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](http://kalonamennonitechurch.com); Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Live-streamed on Facebook. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. All ages.

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

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

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

**Sharon Center United Methodist Church:** Rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 319-683-2564; [Sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com](http://Sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com); Pastor Olympia Marcos Muller; On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a combined 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](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

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

### NICHOLS

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** 51 St. Mary's St., 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at 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](http://www.newlifewellman.org); Pastor: Aaron Fleming, 646-2390; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

**St. Joseph Catholic Church:** 11th St & Maplewood, 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

### 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](http://luthwash.org). Current info on church phone recording, 319-653-3950

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

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

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

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# Chris Edwards may become new auditor in Johnson County

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News  
IOWA CITY

In the wake of Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert's resignation, his likely immediate successor will be Chris Edwards.

Edwards already is listed as Acting Auditor, but the Board of Supervisors can't officially appoint him until their formal session August 15 due to state code requiring publication of the pending appointment. It is an elected position.

Weipert resigned, effective July 25, for health reasons.

"I am grateful to the people of Johnson County for the privi-

lege of serving my community and I am incredibly proud of what my office and my amazing staff have done to improve access to voting in Johnson County," Weipert said in a statement.

Edwards would be auditor through the general election Nov. 5, when a new auditor would be selected. Weipert had won the Democratic primary in June and was running unopposed in November.

### Poor Farm Site Plan

At its August 1 formal session, the Board approved a \$9,210 proposal from Axiom Consultants of Iowa City to produce a site plan for an equipment storage building project

at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm.

The \$94,480 project for a 25-by-100-foot pole building was awarded to Kalona Post & Frame months ago, but is being delayed due to a site plan that is being required by the City of Iowa City.

The building, when completed, will be used for storage of equipment used by Land Access Program farm growers at the Poor Farm.

### Guidelink Extensions

The Board agreed to extend a number of professional services agreements by six months and into 2025.

AbbeHealth Services, Com-

munity & Health Resources (CFR) and CommUnity currently have contracts to provide services, and have played key roles in the establishment of GuideLink, but the county plans on going through a formal bidding process for future service contracts. The current contracts had been scheduled to expire at the end of 2024.

The Board will likely hire a consultant to coordinate the bidding process.

"It's not our intention to make any substantive changes at this point," Supervisor Jon Green said.

Since the GuideLink Center has opened, more than 5,500 patients have been treated. Rising

costs have led to discussions about cutting back some services, while also leading to a competitive bidding process.

### Board Actions

The Board approved a professional services agreement, at a cost of \$105,000, with Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development for services in Fiscal Year 2025 at the Historic Poor Farm.

The Board approved a Delta Dental contract for county employees.

**Next meeting:** The Board's next formal session is at 5:30 p.m. August 8. This is the monthly evening meeting that includes zoning and platting applications, along with public hearings.

# On the rocks: Council members unhappy with Riverside Boat Ramp Project

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News  
RIVERSIDE

The first phase of work at the Riverside Boat Ramp is crashing into a rocky finish.

The rocks are just too big.

City Council members Kevin Mills and Tom Sexton said the rocks are so large that the conditions could lead to an injury if somebody falls, and they both voted against a payment approval for the work during Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting of the Riverside City Council.

"If I had known this was going to be what we got, I would not have asked for the larger rock," Mills said.

"We didn't want anything bigger than eight inches; we got boulder," Sexton said.

City Council members Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene and

Ryan Rogerson voted to approve the payment of \$12,477 to Bowker Pinnacle Mechanical of Cedar Rapids for the placement of Class E rock, or revetment, along both sides of the boat ramp area south of Hall Park at the English River.

Class E revetment is commonly used along riverbanks and streams, according to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Brian Boelk, an engineer with Axiom Consultants of Iowa City, said the Class E revetment was chosen due to feedback and discussion at an earlier City Council meeting.

"I'm not sure what we do from here out," Mills said.

Mayor Allen Schneider said the Council needed to trust contractors with the work "unless we want to do projects ourselves, which I don't think we do."

The placing of rocks was part of Phase I improvements at the boat ramp, a project that also included the removal of brush and installing signage.

"They're still going to be criticizing the project," Sexton said of Riverside residents. "I'm not happy with it at all."

An additional resolution that called for the acceptance of the final project was tabled.

### Park Master Plan

City Council members discussed a Hall Park master plan, which includes the installation of pickleball courts with lighting, a bigger basketball court and parking improvements.

There is no set timeline on the Hall Park project, but City Administrator Cole Smith told the Council that the work fits into the city's capital improvement plan over the next two to three years.

### Cherry Lane Extension

A proposed extension of Cherry Lane, just south of Highland Elementary School, would likely be constructed in summer 2025.

Highland Community Schools officials would prefer one-way roadways in and out of the school's parking lot. Motorists often use the school parking lot as a pathway from Schnoebelen Street to neighborhoods located west of the school.

The extension of Cherry Lane would create an east-west lane between Kleopfer Avenue and Schnoebelen Street.

Sexton suggested adding speed bumps to slow down traffic.

### English Watershed

The Council tabled a request from Ryan Schlabaugh,

Chair of the English River Watershed, for funding of \$7,500.

City Council member Ryan Rogerson recommended the request be tabled until more information is available.

According to Schlabaugh's request, the funds would help the English River Watershed with water quality testing, grant writing, staff hiring and flood modeling assistance.

### Council Action

The Council approved a perpetual buried cable easement agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company.

The Council tabled a proposal to purchase a new truck and snow plow.

**Next board meeting:** The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. August 19. A work session is planned for August 12.

# Board Ok's draft for wind ordinance, ends compensation board

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News  
WASHINGTON

In its approval of a draft for a Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) ordinance, by 3-2 vote with Yoder and Young opposed, the Washington County supervisors first agreed to modifications in Section 6, requirements for non-commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems regarding setbacks from property boundaries and for the base of a wind tower. Specifically, setbacks for the towers would be three times the height of the tower, from base to blades.

The revised final draft is to be on next week's agenda when a public hearing also will be

set, followed by three full readings of the ordinance. Indications are it would become effective in October.

Prior to the vote, the board discussed rights for landowners not involved in the WECS, the property valuation guarantee in the draft, and environmental impact of the operations.

Supervisor Marcus Fedler stressed that the "wind farms" are not aural farms but industrial power producing plants near "backyards." However, he acknowledged that while a state law regulating the operations is coming, local management is needed now.

During the discussions, supervisors noted that conver-

sations with county residents show an approximate 50-50 stance regarding approval and disapproval. Even more, in regard to counties with or considering such operations, rules "are all over the place."

A big concern is the height of the towers. Second is the decommissioning, roughly based on an estimated 20-year life span for the units. Third is the environmental impact in the form of blades killing bats and birds, including eagles. Environmental groups have kept a literal count of the dead animals in the areas of the WECS.

There was more agreement on the 4-1 (Yoder opposed) vote to disband the county Compensation Board while acknowl-

edging, if needed, it could easily be reconvened. During the discussion it was noted that even with the committee recommendations, the final decision regarding setting salaries for elected officials was with the supervisors.

It was equally noted that many residents said they knew little about the committee or the process. However, even without the committee, the process will remain similar with a report on budget needs, salary levels and public discussions at board meetings. It also was noted that all county departments are not alike, that duties and challenges vary greatly, even year by year.

As a result, all agreed that complete and accurate information about operations is needed, which, as observed by

the county sheriff, the supervisors receive information on a regular basis.

In other business, the board approved Seth Adam as Conservation Department ranger technician at \$30.20 hourly, effective May 8, and acknowledged the \$150 donation to the county K-9 unit from Cassandra J. Bolton. Sheriff Jared Schneider noted such donations have greatly aided the unit, providing funds to aid with equipment purchases and training.

The board also learned that ongoing meetings with Carl A Nelson for the Old Orchard Administrative Offices relocation are proceeding, and final plans and bids documents should be ready by the end of this year, reported Fedler.

# Washington County wind ordinance background

BY MARY ZIELINSKI

While most of the proposed ordinance retains the requirements and processes outlined in the original draft of January 25, 2024, two key areas contain revisions: proper setbacks for the Wind Energy Conversion System's wind drive turbines, and who is responsible for the decommission of the units.

In essence, it is the owners and operators of the equipment with funds for removal and disposal provided through an escrow Decommissioning Account. In the revised ordinance there is also a property Value Guarantee agreement that states:

"Applicant/Developer/owner shall offer a property value guarantee to non-participating property owners within the project and two miles of the project boundary. Such guarantee shall be based on no-turbine and with-turbine appraised values by a licensed

third-party appraiser familiar with the region and with credible qualifications that will make the non-participating property owners whole financially. The difference to be paid by the applicant/developer/owner in the event the property owners cannot find an interested party to purchase said property at market value within six (6) months of actively marketing their property."

In regard to setbacks from residences and other structures, including hospitals, churches and libraries, a "turbine and meteorological tower shall be set back" from them "at a distance of no less than one (1) half mile" However, there is a provision for an affected property owner to waive this setback requirement by executing a written waiver agreement.

In prior supervisor meetings, the setback requirement

received considerable discussion, including distances from boundary lines as well as structures.

In publicly used areas, setbacks are one mile for state and federal parks and for specially protected areas, e.g. Lake Darling. For all other parks or areas, the setback is 1.5 miles.

The ordinance also requires a road use agreement with the county prior to the start of construction of the WECS. There also is a requirement for decommissioning agreements with the county prior to start of construction.

Much of the nine-page ordinance follows the standardized template covering purpose, definitions of equipment and use, substation, transmission line and permit requirements. It is for wind energy conversion systems on property in the unincorporated areas of the county.

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A large crack has broken through a wall in one corner of a room in the Johnson County jail facility.



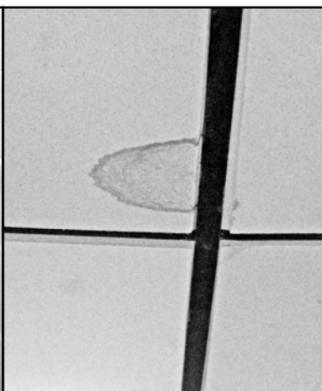
A building monitoring device, one of six placed on each exterior wall at the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and jail, sits above a large gap between a structural horizontal beam and brick.



A bed is squeezed into a small medical room at the Johnson County Jail.



Mats and other supplies line a crowded hallway at the Johnson County Jail.



Water stains on a ceiling show one of the many spots where water leaks inside the Johnson County Jail.

which caused a lengthy discussion during a Board of Supervisors work session in July.

Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz, who wanted a task force assembled to examine the jail, rejected Shive-Hattery's report. "We need to know who is in the jail and why, how they got there, why are they coming back?" Fixmer-Oraiz said. "We know that jails tear up our families, destroy people's careers. There is nothing rehabilitative about a jail. You cannot give somebody care in a jail. Fundamentally, you cannot."

"I'm confident we all agree the building is no longer providing the needs of today's world and that the building is deteriorating and is at the end of its life," Kunkel told The News.

"There's no reason for this to be an adversarial process," he said. "All I have to offer is the condition of the building, the facts of the matter, and the intention of the entire office."

Shive-Hattery's recommendation, following a study that was conducted over months, called for a new complex at a different location that would be big enough for 140 inmate beds and also a growing department that is already over 100 staffers

and deputies.

"I really want to hold us to a higher standard," Fixmer-Oraiz said during a Board work session nearly a year ago when the topic came up. "I'm not looking for more beds or a cleaner place. I'm looking for a better system overall."

Bond referendums for new facilities have failed multiple times since 2000, yet the status of a new jail was among the biggest topics brought up by county residents in one-on-one conversations with county supervisors and the sheriff at the recent Johnson County Fair.

"The public cares a lot about this," Kunkel said. "I get asked about it all the time. It was really the only topic I heard about at the fair."

"Yes, the talk is the jail," Supervisor Royceann Porter said during the Board's formal session July 25. "It is on the radar. The jail is out there. People are talking about it, knowing that we need a jail."

"I don't want to continue dumping money into a hole," Green told The News, "but we've got to come up with a proposal that'll get enough votes to pass."

Former Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, who

served for four four-year terms, told The Gazette of Cedar Rapids in 2020 that not overseeing the building of a new jail during his tenure was one of his biggest regrets.

Hopes for a new jail then fell to Kunkel, who served as a detective sergeant under Pulkrabek and received an endorsement from Pulkrabek before winning election in 2020. He is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket in the November general election.

"I wish more people were paying attention because it is important," Kunkel said. "We're going to get to the point, it's going to cost us a lot of money and we have to think about the amount we're spending. Is it better spent on repairing and rehabbing versus building something new? At some point, Band-aids are not cost effective and we can't keep doing this."

A walk into and around the 43-year-old building clearly displays those Band-aids.

Showers leak from the second floor of the building, where inmates are held, down to the first floor. Horizontal and vertical cracks have emerged, which in some cases are mystifying because there aren't associated cracks at the same areas on the outside of the building. Floor tiles in the kitchen buckle during cold days in the winter.

"Something is happening structurally," Kunkel said. And then, there is the space. The sheriff staff itself has more than doubled since 1981, when the current jail replaced one that had been in place since 1901. Equipment and materials line the hallways. Five or six

inmates are usually kept in cell blocks that were designed for a maximum of eight, but at busy times the number of prisoners in one cell block hits double figures.

"We've had to spread more people out in the building to deal with fights, behavioral problems, people who need some sort of special management," Kunkel said. "The jail we have today doesn't meet the needs of 2024 and kind of the broad array of things you need to deal with."

The tightness of the booking room is clearly a challenge, especially when the moment turns physical.

"There's really no room in here to navigate without somebody getting hurt," Kunkel said. "It's not adequate for the booking space we really need anymore."

The command center, which includes video monitors of all portions of the building, sometimes has as many as 10 deputies in the room at once, Kunkel said.

"It is chaotic and they do an outstanding job dealing with it every day," he said of the command center deputies and staffers.

The site of a new jail and sheriff's department is likely to be different than the department's current location on South Capitol Street in Iowa City, where it is surrounded by University of Iowa parking lots and property. There is little room for public parking or deputies and staffers.

While Iowa City patrol the city, County deputies patrol the rest of Johnson County and are the only law enforcement officers

## HISTORIC BARN/Continued from Page 1A



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Mike Zahs made the case for funding the relocation of a historic barn to the Kalona Historical Village before the Riverboat Foundation board on July 31.

she said. "We girls have many happy memories of our farm life there."

The four sisters, Lins, Ruth Ann Stacy, Dorothy Stout, and Kathy Hunt, continue to live nearby in Brighton, Ainsworth, and Washington.

"We love the barn. We hope that you will help us preserve the memories we have," Lins said.

After making their case, the Kalona Historical Society group left the room while the WCRF board deliberated.

Board members acknowledged that the price tag was high, but many recalled their own barn memories and lamented how many old barns have already disappeared. They also recalled how successful the historical society's recent Streetscape project turned out, which was also funded in part by a WCRF grant.

After 11 minutes of discussion, the nine board members present voted unanimously to fund the barn project.

When the historical society group returned and learned they will receive the grant, their reactions were emotion-

al. "This is just wonderful redemption," Stacy said as she and her sisters celebrated after the meeting.

"Very thrilled," is how Roth described herself. "I think that the [WCRF] board sees the significance in this."

"There are a lot of people who were a part of this decision who have a passion for agriculture, because Washington County is a big agricultural area," she said.

Acquiring a barn has been one of Roth's goals for the 20 years she has been with the Kalona Historical Village. Now she can cross that item off her bucket list.

"We're growing, we're improving things," she said. "A lot of that has to do with the Riverboat Foundation, because ever since they started giving grants, we've been a part of the money being received, and it's only made us better."

The Kalona Historical Society hopes to move the barn to Kalona as early as this fall, with the new space open to visitors potentially in late 2025.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

## 4-H'ers celebrate end of County Fair with swim trip

Thirty-nine Washington County 4-H and Extension staff enjoyed a day of celebrating the end of County Fair and summer with a day trip to Huck's Harbor on July 29. This swim trip was a reward for 4-H'ers who sold the goal of at least five Big Lucky Clover Raffle tickets this spring.

"We wanted to treat our members with something special and knew that some of the best 4-H memories are not

about awards or gifts but are made with time spent together," said Amy Green, Washington County 4-H & Youth Coordinator. "Our raffle committee was excited to brainstorm day trip options for us all to spend time together. The weather was perfect for our trip, and we are already excited about what could be next time!"

4-H members are now busy finalizing projects for the Iowa State Fair and completing their

2023-2024 4-H record books. The new 4-H year starts September 15.

Clover kids is a program offered for kindergarten-third grade and 4-H clubs are open to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Contact the Washington County Extension Office for more information, 319-653-4811. Follow "Washington County 4-H - Iowa" for up-to-date information on Extension/4-H events across the county.

## Clover Kids conference about 4-H Exhibits

Sixty-seven Washington County 4-H Clover Kids conferenced with judges about their fair projects Saturday, July 13 during the non-livestock judging day for the Washington County Fair. While 4-H'ers were getting their non-livestock exhibits judged for Family & Consumer Sciences and Science,

Mechanics & Engineering, Clover Kids also had their opportunity to visit with judges.

Clover Kids are youth in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade who are involved in the 4-H program. They had the option to visit with an adult about their fair exhibit(s). They were asked about their

project, what they did, and what they learned. All Clover Kids received special tie-dye ribbons for their exhibits and the opportunity to display them during the week of fair. 154 Clover Kids' projects were on display in the upstairs of Dallmeyer Hall each day of the fair last week.

Conferencing with an adult allows Clover Kids the opportunity to experience conference judging which is a requirement of all 4-H exhibitors. They will move up to a traditional 4-H club when they enter fourth grade. At that time, they will conference with a judge and receive ribbons and premium money.



Clover Kids Judging Station

Crawfordsville Clover Kid member Kasen Collins, son of Kyle and Taryn Collins, brought a few projects to have on display. He had lots to say with Clover Kid volunteer judge Ann C. Williams.

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# Ernest makes space for Washington visit

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News  
WASHINGTON

After a morning that included a Farm Bill briefing in Anamosa and a Town Hall meeting in Wapello, Sen. Joni Ernst arrived at the Washington Public Library on Friday, Aug. 2 for what may have seemed a bit of respite from the political grind. She headed down to the basement level and toured the MakeIT Place, 3,000 sq. ft. of creative space that opened to Washington Public Library cardholders in June.

Prior to renovation begun Sept. 2023, the library's unfinished basement was used for storage. When asked what they most wanted from the library, community members requested a makerspace, and the Washington Public Library Foundation granted their wish.

Today the turquoise- and terra cotta-colored basement walls frame a host of creative stations, including those for

3D printing, laser cutting/engraving, pottery making, and video/podcast recording.

MakeIT Place staff took Ernst and her entourage through each of the stations, and the senator was duly impressed.

"It's really great. No taxpayer dollars were used to create the space, but it's very educational," she said after the tour. "It's not just books that teach you new activities, it's also hands-on instruction. All ages can use this space, for sure."

Ernst was particularly interested in the sewing stations, as that is a craft she engages in herself.

"I grew up with a mother that sewed pretty much everything for us, from underwear to prom dresses, so I grew up with a knowledge of sewing," she said. "Even within the last month, buying jeans that don't fit, I wanted to preserve the original hem, so I did all of my own hemming. I still use my

own sewing machine today."

She appreciated that the MakeIT Place allows people, especially those younger without sewing mentors or machines, a place to learn a skill that has become "kind of a lost art."

Overall, she saw the MakeIT Place as providing "just endless possibilities" for community members.

Ernst concluded her Friday four-county workday at ACT in Iowa City.

The Washington Public Library is located at 115 W Washington St., Washington. Use of the basement MakeIT Place requires a Washington library card in good standing and certification (safety/use training). Users must reserve time slots online, and materials fees are charged, although users may supply their own materials.

Learn more about MakeIT Place hours and policies at [Washington.lib.ia.us/services/makeit-place](http://Washington.lib.ia.us/services/makeit-place) or call the library at 319-653-2726.



Ernst received a MakeIT Place button, made in the space, which she put on; Lego-building is one of the activities available in the library basement.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Sen. Joni Ernst, far right, admires a sewing project in progress.



Ernst leans in to examine a wood piece executed with the Glowforge laser cutter/engraver.



The Cricut machine is one of Ernst's top choices for her own personal experimentation.



"Pottery scares me to death," Ernst admitted, but given some instruction, she would be eager to try it.

## Future looks bright for Washington County 4-H

The future of Washington County 4-H looks bright as an active group of 3rd grade Clover Kids celebrated their graduation during the 2024 Washington County Fair. This fall, they are all invited to join the Washington County 4-H program as 4th graders when the new 4-H year starts in September.

A total of 36 3rd graders participated as Clover Kids this year with 24 in attendance at the graduation ceremony where they received a special diploma, cap and 4-H keepsake bag. Each graduate was announced by their Clover Kid club leader.

Clover Kids are youth in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade who traditionally meet once a month with their club to play games, experiment, craft, and explore in non-competitive ways. Washington County has nine Clover Kids clubs with more than 150 active members this past year.

For more information about Clover Kids or 4-H, please contact the Washington County Extension Office, 319-653-4811. Follow "Washington County 4-H - Iowa" on Facebook.



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Third Grade Clover Kids from the Keota Eagle's Nest show off their certificates at the graduation ceremony July 18. Club leader Erin McGuire, Ledger Milledge, Ryker Myers, Jason Baughman, Rylee Beinhart and leader Danielle Temple.

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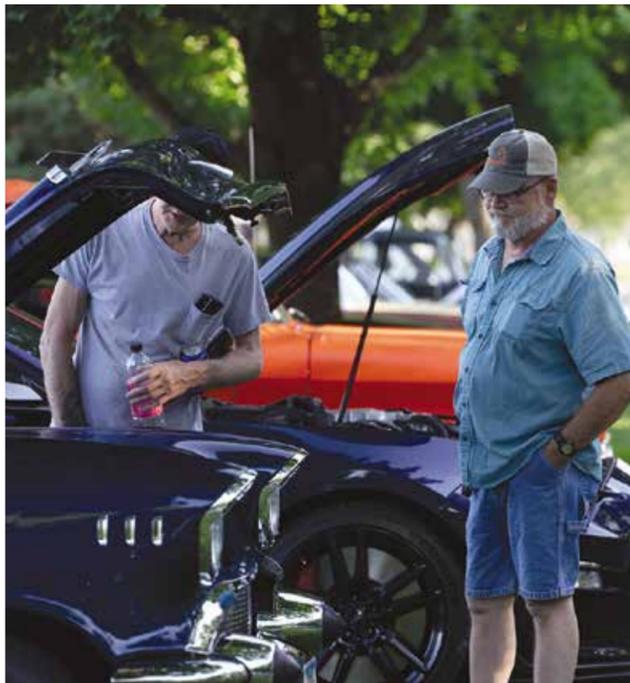
# Kalona Mayor's Classic Car Cruise



The Mayor's Classic Car Cruise enjoyed a fifth year of fun on Saturday, Aug. 3, as classic cars of all makes and models cruised through the streets of Kalona. While the mayor enjoyed a ride in the lead fire engine, the mayoress counted some 95 cars passing by their home. The route concluded at City Park, where folks socialized, enjoyed food trucks (T.C. Bonez served over 200 meals, the mayor reported), and relaxed listening to the tunes of Old Man Band.



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Old Man Band entertained the crowd at the city park.

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Left: Highland's William Dunbar earned first-team all-conference honors in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North; Middle: Lone Tree's Emmett Burke was the Player of the Year in the SEISC North; Right: Hillcrest's Seth Ours was named first-team all-conference.

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## CONFERENCE BEST

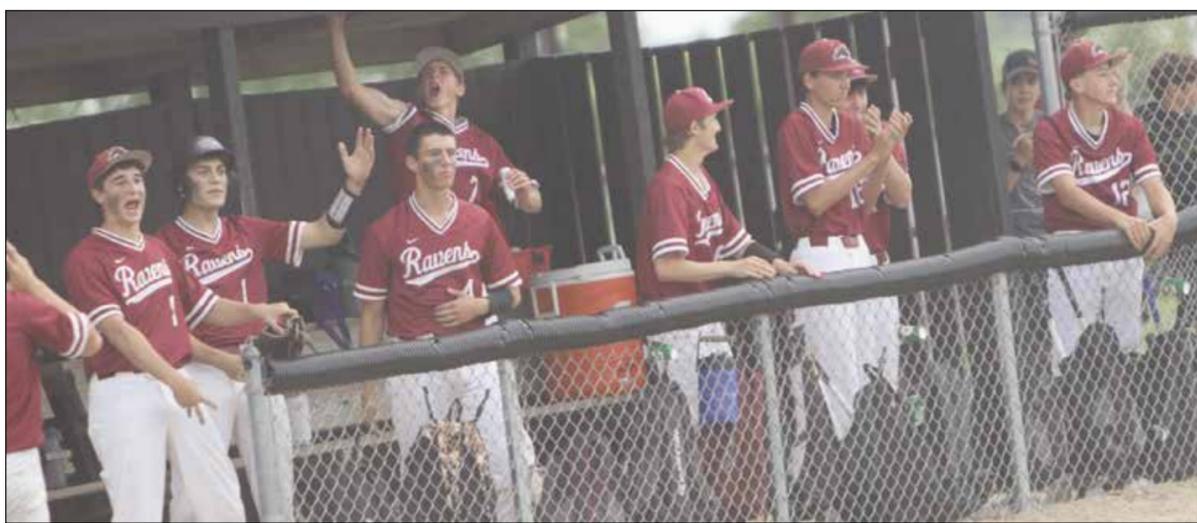
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### Golden Hawks reunite again with Jason Dumont



Paul Bowker  
Columnist

Temperatures reached the mid, and even upper, 90s earlier this week. Oh, just so perfect for football. Ha. Before Mid-Prairie opens its season August 30, the Golden Hawks will see a familiar face. First up, the Golden Hawks will face 1988 alum Jason Dumont and his new team, West Liberty, in a scrimmage at West Liberty on August 23. Dumont, a former University of Iowa star, was a coach at Iowa City Regina for 14 years and he is the uncle of Mid-Prairie senior Landry Gingerich. The scrimmage is the first away pre-



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The Ravens celebrate in the dugout during a road regular season conference game in June.

### Seven Ravens land on all-conference teams

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

KALONA

Conquering the conference for the second straight year, it was another impressive season on the baseball diamond for the Ravens. "We had to replace four outstanding players from last season's team, and we had guys step up and take on bigger roles and step into starting roles to help our team win the conference again this season," Hillcrest baseball head coach Danny Hershberger said. This 2023-24 year was brimming with talent, and this was not overlooked as seven Ravens scored spots on all-conference teams and coach Hershberger was named the conference coach of the year.

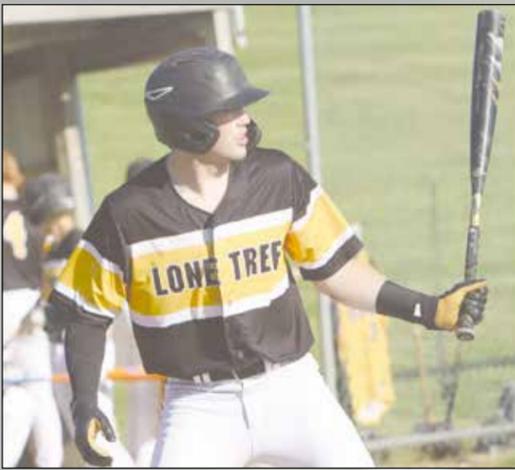
Making noise on the offensive and the defensive sides of things, Liam Schrock was named first-team all-conference as a catcher and was a 1A Southeast District second-team all-district selection. First up in the batting order, Schrock was a big-time playmaker for the Ravens. He led the conference in home runs (3) and runs scored (29). With a batting average of .364, he knocked in 14 runs and had 24 hits. The junior also saw playing time on the pitcher's mound. Pitching in 21 innings, he had a 3-0 pitching record and tallied 13 strikeouts. "Liam was a huge part of our offense at the top of the line-up and really had a great second half of the season at the plate," coach Hershberger said. When not pitching he was the team's

starting catcher and Schrock was as dependable as ever behind home plate. He had a fielding percentage of .984 (third best in the conference) and threw out seven baserunners stealing (tied for the most in the conference). "He does an outstanding job defensively blocking wild pitches and also preventing runners from stealing bases," coach Hershberger said about Liam. "As the catcher he is the leader on the field for us and leads with his consistent play." Making a splash in his sophomore year, Rowan Miller was first-team all-conference as an infielder and named second-team all-district. "Rowan had another incredible sea-

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# SEISC-North All-Conference baseball selections

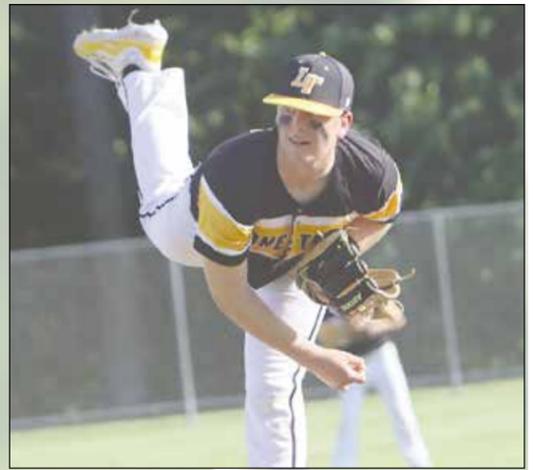
## SEISC-NORTH FIRST TEAM



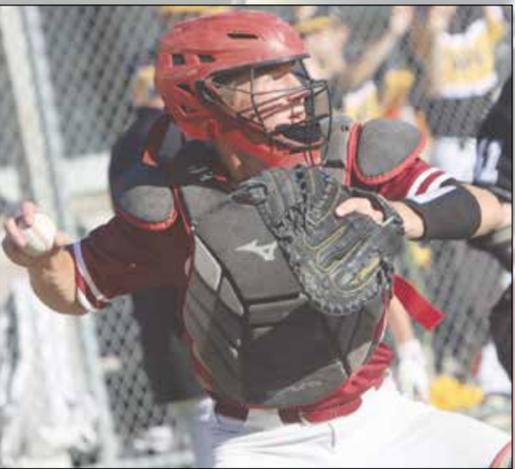
**\*Emmett Burke (Infield)**  
.467 | .553 OBP | 46 A



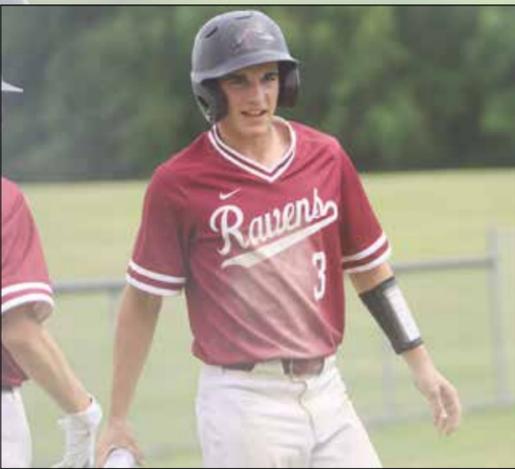
**Maddox Jondle (Outfield)**  
.279 | 7 RBIs | 17 SB



**Jack Patterson (Utility)**  
.264 | 15 RBIs | 55 SO



**\*\*Liam Schrock (Catcher)**  
.364 | 103 PO | .533 OBP



**\*\*Rowan Miller (Infield)**  
.407 | 23 RBIs | 34 SO



**Seth Ours (Utility)**  
.300 | 16 RBIs | 31 SO



**\*\*William Dunbar (Infield)**  
.373 | 17 RBIs | 44 A



**Logan McFarland (Outfield)**  
.333 | 18 RBIs | 18 SB



**SEISC North Coach of the Year Danny Hershberger**

## SEISC-NORTH SECOND TEAM



**Ethan Bockelman (Outfield)**  
.339 | 15 RBIs | 25 SB



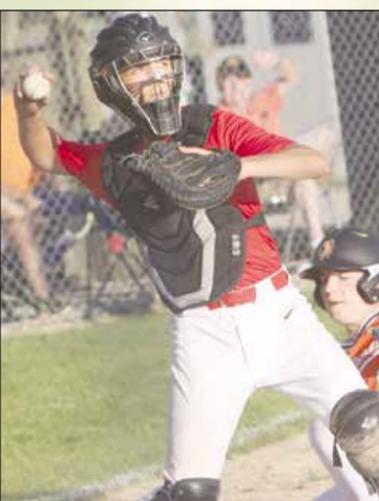
**Mason Helmuth (Outfield)**  
.333 | 16 RBIs | .441 OBP



**Phoenix Anderson (Utility)**  
.283 | 19 RBIs | 31 SO



**Colten Sypherd (Pitcher)**  
.169 | 11 RBIs | 51 SO



**Garrett Beeson (Catcher)**  
.143 | 9 RBIs | 155 PO



**Ryker Miller (Outfield)**  
.298 | 12 RBIs | .518 OBP



**Landon Roling (Infield)**  
.263 | 13 RBIs | 124 PO

### Honorable Mentions

- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Lawson Schrock  | Hillcrest |
| Mason Bender    | Hillcrest |
| Nolan Glick     | Pekin     |
| Deklan Hampton  | Pekin     |
| Brody Magruder  | Lone Tree |
| Brock Nebergall | Lone Tree |
| Caleb Wheeler   | Highland  |
| Bryce Hazelett  | Highland  |
| Sedric Lamb     | L-M       |
| Chase Loving    | L-M       |
| Treyton Schultz | Wapello   |
| Carson Belzer   | Wapello   |
| Lane Genkinger  | W-MU/CC   |
| Tyson Kaalberg  | W-MU/CC   |

**Player of the year: Emmett Burke** Lone Tree  
**Coach of the year: Danny Hershberger** Hillcrest

\*=All-district first-team honors; \*\*=All-district second-team honors



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Left: Freshman Lawson Schrock played second baseman/pitcher for Hillcrest and was an honorable mention all-conference; Right: Junior Mason Bender played at centerfield and was an honorable mention all-conference.

## HILLCREST BSBL /Continued from Page 1B

son for us," coach Hershberger said about Miller. "He does a great job of getting runners in when he has the opportunity."

No one in the conference had more RBIs than Miller, who brought in 23 runs. The talented sophomore had a batting average of .407 (third best in the conference) and an on base percentage of .525 (also third best in the conference).

The other aspect of Miller's game that was a great boon for the Ravens was his pitching ability. Ending with a 5-0 pitching record (his five wins being tied for the most in the conference), Miller had an ERA of 2.03 and recorded a team high 34 strikeouts.

"He did a great job stepping into a bigger pitching role for us this season going 5-0 on the mound and leading us in strikeouts," coach Hershberger said about the impact Miller had on the team. "Rowan was a huge part of our team's success this season."

Another stellar pitcher and all-round player for Hillcrest was Seth Ours, who was named first-team all-conference utility.

"Seth has been a huge part of our team's success the last four seasons and continued his strong play this year," coach Hershberger said.

Scoring the second most runs (26) in the SEISC North, Ours went 21-for-70 at the plate to end his junior year with a batting average of .300. He also had 16 RBIs and his seven doubles are tied for the fourth most in the conference.

"Seth is always going to be a tough out at the plate and led our team in doubles this year," coach Hershberger said. "Seth's pitching and defense at shortstop helped us win a lot of close games."

When on the mound, Ours had a 4-3 pitching record (his four wins being tied for third most in the conference) and struck out 31 with an ERA of 3.20.

When playing shortstop, he was always ready to make the heads-up play, accounting for 26 putouts and 44 assists, tied for the second most in the conference.

Another junior awarded a postseason accolade was Mason Helmuth, who was chosen second-team all-conference as an outfielder.

Helmuth had a batting average of .333 and he accounted for 19 hits and 16 RBIs. More often than not, his hits were just what the Ravens needed to turn the game into their favor.

"Mason did a great job of getting clutch RBI hits for us this season," coach Hershberger said. "There were multiple games where Mason had the RBI hit to either tie the game or give our team the lead."

Joining Helmuth on the second team is teammate and fellow junior Phoenix Anderson.

Selected to the second-team all-conference as a utility player, Anderson had the second most RBIs and strikeouts on the team.

"Phoenix really improved his hit-

ting this season for us and became a middle of the line-up hitter for us," coach Hershberger said. "He also led us in innings pitched and pitched really well against some tough teams this year."

Anderson's 19 RBIs are the second most in the SEISC North and his 39 innings pitched are tied for fourth most in the conference. With an ERA of 3.77, he accumulated 31 strikeouts.

In his second year of Hillcrest baseball but the first year he saw playing time as a starter, Lawson Schrock shined as a freshman and was awarded honorable mention all-conference.

Schrock was one of two Ravens to hit a home run this season (the other Raven being his brother, Liam) and with a batting average of .250 he had 16 hits and 13 RBIs.

"Lawson got better and better throughout the season and played with more and more confidence," coach Hershberger said. "He had some big hits for us this year including a homerun at Highland."

The final Raven awarded a postseason accolade was Mason Bender, who was also selected honorable mention all-conference. With a fielding percentage of 1.000, Bender shined in the outfield, accounting for 32 putouts on 33 total chances.

"Mason moved from leftfield to centerfield and made some incredible plays in the outfield, taking away hits in the gaps," coach Hershberger said. "Mason was playing his best baseball of the year at the end of the season and really hit well in the postseason."

A high-volume scorer (tying for the third most runs scored in the conference with 20), Bender knocked in 13 scores and had 10 hits on a .164 batting average. He also went eight for eight on stolen base attempts.

For the second year in a row, Hershberger was named the SEISC North Coach of the Year. This is the third time in Hershberger's coaching career he has been awarded coach of the year honors.

"I would like to thank the players and Phil Schintler, our assistant coach, for all their hard work in making our season successful," coach Hershberger said.

While they finished with less wins than a year ago (16 this year compared to 21 last year) the Ravens still had a knack for defeating conference opponents. With a conference record of 9-2, Hillcrest was once again the champions of the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North.

A team filled with young talent that featured no seniors, the future looks bright for the Ravens who saw their season end in the second round of the playoffs.

"Our postseason run was shorter than we would have liked but we can look back and be proud of what we accomplished throughout the season," coach Hershberger said.

# Dunbar, McFarland headline Highland all-conference honors

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

## RIVERSIDE

It was a new start for Highland baseball this season as they were led by first year head coach Allen Rath (a Highland HS grad and former University of Iowa pitcher) and this young team showed to play their best within the conference.

The 2023-24 Huskies finished at 11-14, bowing out in the first round of the playoffs. They went 6-6 at home, 5-7 on the road, and 8-3 in conference play.

Despite being a team only featuring one senior, the fight in these Huskies were on display in every game and their hard-working play on the diamond was not overlooked as a total of eight different Huskies were chosen for all-conference teams in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North.

Highlighting the all-conference selections for Highland is the outstanding junior duo of William Dunbar and Logan McFarland.

Not only was Dunbar chosen first-team all-conference as an infielder, but he earned 1A Southeast second-team all-district honors.

It was a tremendous year on the diamond for Dunbar as he finished top five in the conference in nine different categories. In the SEISC North, he tied for first in hits (28), stole the second most bases (24), tied for second most assists (44), and had the fifth most RBIs (17).

With a team best batting average of .373 and an on base percentage of .472, Highland could consistently rely on Dunbar (who was second in the batting order) to deliver a big hit when needed.

Another star on Highland's roster was McFarland and his impressive season earned him first-team all-conference honors as an outfielder.

Keeping up with his teammate, McFarland also tied for the conference lead in hits (28), scored the third most runs (20), produced the third most RBIs (18), and stole the third most bases (18).

When on offense, McFarland was the tone setter for the Huskies as he was first up to bat and with a batting average of .333 and an on base percentage of .411, he could be relied on to provide a spark when Highland needed it the most. His 23 singles are the most in the conference.

Starting the most games on the mound for Highland this season was Colten Sypherd and his talents earned him second-team all-conference honors as a pitcher.

In the SEISC North the dynamic lefty pitched in the second most innings (40.2), started the third most (7) most games, and delivered the third most strikeouts (51). Sypherd also had an ERA of 2.07 and ended his season with a 3-4 pitching record.

When up to bat the junior finished in the double digits in hits (10) and RBIs (11). He scored 10 runs and went nine for 10 on stolen base attempts.

On the opposite side of the pitcher, Highland had the freshman Garrett Beeson behind home plate and his efforts earned him second-team all-conference honors as a catcher.

Beeson was a solid and reliable presence as catcher for the Huskies as his 155 putouts are the best in the conference and the seven times, he threw out a baserunner attempting to steal are tied for the most in the conference.

Another key component to Highland's infield defensive efforts was Landon Roling, who was chosen second-team all-conference as an infielder.

The first baseman for the Huskies, Roling had a fielding percentage of .970 and the third most putouts (124) in the conference. Third up in the batting order, Roling was one of three Huskies who had 20 or more hits and his 13 RBIs are the third most on the team.

Stationed in the left field, Ryker Miller also earned second-team all-conference honors as an outfielder.

Miller was an impactful player on the offensive side for Highland. The junior led the team in homeruns (2) and his on base percentage of .518 was a team best. He was hit by a pitch a conference high 13 times and was walked 13 times. With 10 hits and 11 RBIs, he had a batting average of .169. He also went 14 for 14 on stolen base attempts.

Coming in with the last two all-conference selections for Highland are Caleb Wheeler and Bryce Hazelett who both were honorable mention all-conference.

In his first year of Highland baseball, Wheeler was the second baseman and saw playing time as a pitcher. With a batting average of .200, the eighth grader had seven hits and two RBIs. He scored 12 runs and went 10 for 11 on stolen base attempts.

Hazelett had the second most strikeouts (31) on the team and a pitching record of 3-1. He has 17 assists and 20 putouts to go along with a fielding percentage of .949. When up to bat he produced eight hits and four RBIs with a batting average of .186.



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Highland baseball finished with an 11-14 record, making it the fifth consecutive season where the Huskies reached double digit wins.

# Six Lions earn conference honors, including player of the year

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

## LONE TREE

It was a summer season filled with growth and improvement for Lone Tree baseball. Coming off a one-win season, the Lions captured seven wins, which included their first playoff win in three years.

Under first year head coach Jacob Craven, Lone Tree went 3-5 at home, 3-8 on the road, and 4-7 in conference play. Averaging 5.6 runs per game, they also gave up 9.3 runs per game.

When it came to postseason accolades, a total of six Lions were recognized by the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North.

Headlining the Lone Tree conference selections is Emmett Burke.

It was a breakout sophomore season for Burke as he was named the SEISC North Player of the Year, first-team all-conference as an infielder, and 1A Southeast first-team all-district.

In the SEISC North, Burke had the best batting average (.467), the best on base percentage (.553), dished out the most assists (46), tied for the most hits (28), tied for the third most stolen bases (18), and scored the fifth most runs (19).

Putting all his impressive stats in perspective it's easy to see why Burke was named the conference player of the year in his second year of playing high school baseball.

Playing shortstop on defense and first up in the batting order when on offense, Burke had a fielding percentage of .750 and led the team in doubles with seven. With his junior season to look forward to expect Burke to be one of the top players for Lone Tree baseball next year.

The de facto starting pitching for the Lions this year, Jack Patterson earned first-team all-conference honors as a utility player.

Pitching a conference high 50.2 innings, Patterson earned five wins (tied for most in the conference) and tallied 55 strikeouts (second most in the conference).

On offense the junior tied for the team high in RBIs with 15 and went 14 for 53 at the plate for a batting average of .264.

Getting it done in the outfield for the Lions, Maddox Jondle earned first-team all-conference honors as an outfielder. With a fielding percentage of .880, Jondle was responsible for 19 putouts and three assists on 25 total chances. He also saw a limited time on the mound, pitching in 10 innings and recorded five strikeouts.

When it came to offense, the junior had 17 hits and seven RBIs on a batting average of .397. Jondle also went 18 for 18 on stolen base attempts and scored 16 runs.

In his final season of Lone Tree baseball, Ethan Bockelman was selected

second-team all-conference as an outfielder.

Using his speed to his advantage, no one in the SEISC North stole more bases than Bockelman, going 25 for 26 on stolen base attempts and scoring 18 runs.

When up to bat Bockelman collected 20 hits and 15 RBIs with a batting average of .339. The senior was also responsible for the Lion's only home run of the season, and it was a grand slam.

In the outfield he had a fielding percentage of .879 and accounted for 27 putouts and 24 assists. Bockelman also pitched in 15.1 innings, striking out 16. Rounding out the Lone Tree conference selections, both Brody Magruder and Brock Nebergall earned honorable mention all-conference honors.

On defense Nebergall played catcher and he was solid behind home plate as a freshman, totaling a team high 120 putouts (fourth most in the SEISC North) and had a fielding percentage .978 (fourth best in the conference).

Magruder was also vital on defense for the Lions, stationed at first base, the junior had 115 putouts (fifth most in the SEISC North) and had a conference best fielding percentage of .992.

With their season ending in the second round of the postseason, Lone Tree says goodbye to three seniors: Bockelman, Harry Brenneman, and Dominic Graap.



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As a sophomore, Emmett Burke was chosen as the SEISC North player of the year.



Brock Nebergall was a honorable mention all-conference for the Lions.

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season game for the Golden Hawks in at least five years, and it'll be a game featuring lots of underclassmen on both sides trying to win varsity jobs.

The story behind the story: Dumont is a native of Wellman who played for the Golden Hawks on his way to starting on the defensive line at Iowa and later began his coaching career at Mid-Prairie. One of his role models is Don Showalter, a former Mid-Prairie basketball coach and athletics director who is now one of the nation's top developmental coaches with USA Basketball.

Dumont went on to coach at Regina and was an assistant coach with the Regals when they won a state record 56 consecutive games and six state titles. He won 23 games the last three years as head coach.

Dumont closed his career earlier this year at Regina, partly, and probably mostly,

because his son, starting quarterback Gentry, graduated last spring and is entering his freshman year at Grand View University in Des Moines.

But when West Liberty came calling, Jason listened. "It was an attractive opportunity for me to go out there and keep doing what I love," Dumont told the West Liberty Index.

Don't look for the Comets to put up 51 points on the Golden Hawks, as Regina did last year. After all, this is a scrimmage. But it could be a highlight show. Dumont was impressed with the running of Hudson Ehrenfelt, a sophomore who rushed for 75 games in just his second varsity game. Ehrenfelt finished the season with 1,336 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns.

If the scrimmage against Mid-Prairie by itself doesn't produce a few hometown feelings, and it will, then imagine

what the next week will be like for Dumont: The Comets open the season August 30 against Regina.

Two weeks later, the Golden Hawks face Regina, a Class 1A quarterfinalist last year.

### Week 0 Lions

A Week 0 opener means Lone Tree's football team began practice this week, with Mid-Prairie and Highland to follow next Monday.

Lone Tree will open its season with a Week 0 home game August 23 against Parkview Christian, a suburban Chicago school. The Lions opened up last year's season with a 54-16 win at Parkview Christian.

### Wrestling Hawks

For the first time in Mid-Prairie history, the Golden Hawks will have a pair of wrestling head coaches in 2024-25.

Duncan McCain, a Mid-Prairie alum who qualified for

the state tournament twice, is the new boys head coach, and Brock Moore, a former head coach at English Valleys and Mid-Prairie middle school coach, is the first girls varsity head coach.

Randy Billups, who coached both the boys and girls teams in years past, is now a member of the Mid-Prairie School Board.

### Volleyball Sizzle

Before the volleyball season even begins, a select squad of Mid-Prairie volleyball players took on some top competition in the Prep Dig Iowa Sizzle this week at Green State Family Fieldhouse in Coralville.

The Golden Hawks face Assumption, a Class 3A state semifinalist in 2023, and Denver, a 2A semifinalist, on Wednesday. The Golden Hawks faced a pair of Cedar Rapids teams, plus Clear Creek Academy, a 4A semifinalist, on

Tuesday.

Mid-Prairie, a 3A regional finalist in 2023, hosts West Branch in its season opener September 5.

### Hitting .300

Karson Grout, a 2024 Mid-Prairie graduate and one of the top high school hitters in Iowa in 2023, was the only incoming college freshman star to hit over .300 for the Clinton LumberKings this season.

Grout hit .311, drove in 33 runs and had a couple of home runs for the LumberKings, who fell just one win short of a Prospect League Northwest Division title.

Grout is set to begin his freshman year at the University of Iowa.

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### Kalona

The force of teachers for the Kalona Schools, for next year has been completed. In fact, has been completed for some time, but has not been published. The school board has had to do a lot of extra work and spend much time in selecting teachers this year. There has been an unusual demand for good teachers and school boards generally have had trouble in securing teachers suitable for the various grades and high school classes.

To the people of Kalona and vicinity, I wish to announce that I have taken up the practice of medicine and surgery in Kalona and will have office rooms over the Kalona Savings Bank. I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability, and I invite you to call and get acquainted. W.P. Hoffmann, M.D.

Another group of children from Chicago, arrived Wednesday morning and were taken out in the country to spend a couple of happy weeks of the pure air and good living that they are sure to have in the country homes so kindly opened up to their entertainment.

Atty. H.M. Eicher died suddenly last night at his home on East Main Street in this city. Mr. Eicher had been in good health apparently during the past few weeks and his sudden death came as a great shock to the whole community and especially to those friends who had seen him so late as yesterday and yesterday evening, and enjoyed his always pleasant companionship.

When Mrs. Eicher, noting that Henry was sleeping a little late this morning, went to call him, she found that he had passed away apparently in his sleep, for there was in his appearance that repose of body that is characteristic of one who is peacefully enjoying "nature's sweet restorer."

During the night, sometime about one o'clock, Henry had been up about the house, seeking for a cool spot. Mrs. Eicher had spoken to him, and he had in kindly thoughtfulness remarked that he was sorry to disturb anyone, but it was evident that he, like many others last night, was seeking a cool spot in which to slumber. He finally went in and laid down on the bed beside his little son, Henry Jr., and there he answered the last call in the silent hours of the night while his beloved little son quietly slept at his side.

Just what should cause his death so suddenly will perhaps always be a mystery. His time had come. The hand on the timepiece of his destiny had reached the hour of twelve, and he stepped over into the realms of the more beautiful eternity, having said his goodnight and goodbye at one and the same time. Many of his friends will remember with an especially tender appreciation their last visit or sight of him. Yesterday he smilingly waved his hand at this writer from his front porch where he sat in apparent physical and mental ease. He was busy up until the last moment and though that moment was an unexpected one, yet it is said by his most intimate friends that he had often predicted that he would go at the age of sixty years, and that was his age in May last.

All we know now is that whereas yesterday he was, today he is not, and the city of Washington, the county of Washington, the state and nation are loser because a fine, patriotic, humanity loving citizen has been cut off in the prime of his intellectual development.

Marvin Matthes of Iowa County had the misfortune of running in the ditch near Frytown, Sunday and mashed one wheel of his Ford which was all the damage done.

Mr.S.J Kemp met with an accident last Thursday, which was indeed a close call and might have proved fatal. He was grinding some feed and a belt came off. In putting it back again, he in some way became entangled in the belt, and was thrown and threshed around injuring him severely. He was unconscious for about four hours, and was taken to the hospital in Iowa City for an x-ray examination. Nothing likely to prove serious was developed and he is now at home again. He was alone at the time, his family being away for a short time, and it is indeed fortunate that he escaped without more serious results.

Orin Hines who is working

in the Shetler & Eimen garage, met with a severe accident Saturday. While adjusting a tire to an auto, the rim flew off, inflicting severe cuts and bruises about his face and head. A very painful injury, but fortunately nothing that may leave serious results.

We understand that the millinery store is to be moved to rooms over the Edmonson store and that Wm. Plank will occupy the room they vacate as a real estate office.

After being unable to speak for over three years because of an injury received over fifteen years ago, George Kuntz, a conductor on the Milwaukee, residing at Dubuque, was able to talk to his family and friends last week, as a result of an operation performed on his head. The large barn, double corn crib and hog house on the P.E. Babcock farm six miles north of Washington were destroyed by fire the past week, the origin of which is unknown. The fire started while the family was away from home. Included in the contents destroyed, were thirty tons of hay, 700 bushels of oats and a large amount of farm machinery. The building and contents were insured in the Washington County Farmers Mutual Insurance Association, but the insurance will not nearly cover the loss.

### Lone Tree

Autoists driving in Iowa City will be forced to exercise greater care in the future unless they wish to pay heavy fines for not manipulating their cars properly. Mayor Swisher, who for the past few months has been enforcing ordinances with much vigor, has recently boosted the fines for certain offenses. Cutout fiends will be assessed the sum of \$12.85 instead of \$7.85 hereafter, and the driver who fails to properly regulate his dimmers will also be assessed \$7.85.

Riverside Leader: The great clouds of dust that have enveloped the town of Riverside for the past few weeks are going to be "settled" at last. A movement was started among the business and professional men of the town Monday by R.H. Heitzman, our wide-awake and public-spirited hardware merchant, and before sundown Wednesday evening, an organization was perfected and a "real" street sprinkler purchased.

The Sunday Blue law has been revived in Lone Tree, as far as the regular Saturday night dances are concerned. As a result of numerous complaints on the part of the residents of the community, the dance last Saturday evening was brought to a close at midnight, in accordance with a decision made by Mayor Wiese.

The new closing time, it is needless to say, does not meet with the approval of the many young people attending the dances, who maintain that they should have an extra hour to make up for the hour of enjoyment they lose earlier in the evening as a result of the new time.

The dust menace during the past week was probably worse than has ever been experienced in this community. Among the principle highways, as well as along the streets in town, the dust scarcely seems to settle, and it is almost impossible to escape it. Trees, fields, gardens and houses are loaded down with the undesirable menace.

The fact that the dust is more evident this year than ever before is attributed largely to the extensive use of the automobile. While it is not considered that a car makes more dust than a team, the tremen-

dous increase in the amount of travel has made the dust problem a more serious one.

In discussing the dust problem a few days ago, one of our subscribers suggested that Henry Ford might someday come to the rescue by putting wings on his "Tin Lizzies."

Edna Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman, of Pleasant Valley township suffered a severe cut on the head as well as numerous bruises when she fell down cellar last Monday. Miss Zimmerman was carrying fruit jars to the cellar when the accident occurred.

Dr. G.L. Day was soon summoned, and the wound was closed by means of several stitches. Although Miss Zimmerman suffered severely as a result of the shock, she is now recovering rapidly from the ill effects of the accident.

Accidentally shot through the abdomen and the stomach, Master Edward Flynn, aged 13, son of F.J. Flynn, agent of the Rock Island Railway at the station in Downey, is in the Iowa University hospital, where efforts to save his life may be futile. The bullet from a .38-calibre revolver, which he was planning to discharge in honor of the soldiers who were passing through the village in a troop train, bound for Camp Dodge, went straight through, on the left side, below the ribs, and was thus unimpeded, making a perfect perforation, coming out at the back.

First aid was given at the station, and then the lad, a Boy Scout of Downey, was taken to Iowa City hurriedly in an auto, where a University of Iowa surgeon operated, taking twelve stitches in the abdomen, after sewing up the perforated stomach.

The boy evidently laid the weapon very close to his body, when it was discharged, as the clothing was ablaze when he came downstairs from the little home, which is on the upper floor of the station. His father extinguished the burning clothing, even as the blood streamed through the fire that girdled the lad.

We hear a good deal of complaint of late about road hogs, drivers of automobiles who are either too careless or indifferent about turning out properly and giving the other car a proper share of the road in meeting and passing. This is a subject which has not been agitated as much as the cut-out nuisance and slow driving on the streets of cities and towns, as it is an experience met on the country roads, but is one nevertheless which is important and needs attention. One driver has suggested to us that it might help a good deal if every newspaper in the state took this up and passed it along. Of course one meets all kinds of people on the road, some you recognize at once as considerate and courteous, but there are on the other hand, too many of a different sort, drivers who deliberately crowd another off the road. The road hog is little short of a despicable creature.

### Wellman

The large barn on the farm of Harry England is now a heap of ashes. Fire supposed to have originated by spontaneous combustion broke out Tuesday evening at about ten o'clock, and made such rapid headway that there was no chance of extinguishing the flames. We understand that there were two horses in the barn, but that they were rescued. Nearly forty tons of hay, several hundred bushels of oats and a lot of harness were consumed.

Earl and Glenn Hasty, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hasty of the Homestead farm between Wellman and Richmond are

the champion fishermen of their community since Monday of last week, when they captured a 30 pound catfish in the shallow water of the English River.

A sad ending to the happy time at the dance in Dayton Hall Monday night in honor of John Hurd, recently returned from overseas, happened when Carl Goodman's car turned over at the Wagner corner on the road to Armah and Milersburg, 5 miles north of here, killing him instantly. He was driving slow around the corner, but the steering gear went over center and the wheels locked in the position that threw the car in the ditch and pinned him under. There were cars in front and behind him and as soon as the accident happened one of the Wagner brothers, who saw the accident from his bedroom window, Tom Elwood and another boy by the name of Roberts lifted the car from him and called the doctor. When the doctor arrived life was extinct.

Charley Durian has purchased the Fred Klockenteger residence property in Wellman, and in the near future will move to town and occupy it. Charley and wife have worked hard all their lives, and are entitled to a much needed rest from the active duties of life. Charley became almost overheated one day last week and it prompted him to settle the matter between country and town life right then and there.

Otto Ossman carries a broken arm as a result of being crowded against the manger by one of his mules.

Clark, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Brenneman, who reside nine miles northwest of Wellman, underwent an operation for appendicitis at his parents home last Saturday. The operation was performed by Dr. Donovan, of Iowa City, assisted by Dr. A.L. Braden, of Wellman. The little fellow passed thru the ordeal in splendid condition and is now on the road to a complete recovery.

Mr. A.E. Adams who was here recently visiting his aunts, Mesdames Benett and Brown, has been the subject of some trying operations for cancer and has finally come out successful. He has been bothered with cancer of the mouth, and had had several surgical operations whose only result was in the cutting away of the roof of his mouth, thereby affecting his speech. Recently, however, he went to the Mayo Bros. at Rochester, and they cured him with radium. Then they put a silver plate in the roof of his mouth and now his enunciation is as clear as ever, and he is quite well otherwise except that the muscles in one cheek are paralyzed, the result

of the operations. We are glad to know he has come out so well.

Timothy Farrier, Wellman, face bone under eye fractured.

Lester Disney, Wellman, injured internally, cut above eye, back bruised and cut. Condition serious.

Bessie Dawson, Wellman, arm broken, jaw dislocated, cut on chin.

Carrie McArtor, Wellman, pelvic bone fractured, still in irrational condition today.

Four Wellman young people, all said to be under 20 years of age, were seriously injured last night about eleven o'clock, when the Ford car in which they were riding turned over three times while going downhill at a high rate of speed. The accident happened a mile north of the Young America school house near Washington. None of the occupants of the car are able to give a clear account of how the wreck occurred. Disney was driving. The road had been recently graded, with considerable loose, rough dirt in the center. Whether striking this rough place caused the car to skid and get beyond the control of the driver, or whether a tire came off and thus precipitated the accident, is the question.

One of the front tires had become disclosed from the rim, but whether this occurred before the car turned over isn't known. Mrs. Glenn Schwartz, who lives near the scene, says she heard a loud report, as of a gun or a tire blow-out, just before the crash when the car upset.

Steve Crawford, who was on the top of the next hill to the north, coming south, saw the whole affair, and declares that the wrecked car turned over three times. The Ford was right side up when it finally finished its gyrations, only a few feet from a bridge. Miss McArtor was still in the car, but the others had been thrown out and flung for a considerable distance.

All of the four young people were rendered unconscious by the shock of the accident and their injuries, with the exception of young Disney, but he seems to be the worst hurt of the four.

Two ambulances were summoned from town and each made two trips to the county hospital, conveying all four of the victims there for treatment. Their parents were notified and arrived during the night. They are all members of well known Wellman families. While the injuries of each of the four are quite severe, the attending physician believes they will all recover, unless it is Lester Disney, whose internal injuries seem to be pretty serious.

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Vice President Gabrielle Frederick called the meeting to order in the absence of President Jake Snider prior to his arrival.

Board members present: Mary Allred, Randy Billups, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Ryan Schlabough, Jed Seward, and Jake Snider (arrived at 6:30 pm).

Board members absent: Jake Snider (arrived at 6:30 pm).

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

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

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

Business Meeting Consent Items

Board Secretary Jeff Swartzentruber notes the late resignation of Jodi Schultz, General Cook, at the High School.

Randy Billups moved to approve the following consent items.

Open Enrollment Requests
Open Enrollment In Requests total 5 students;
Open Enrolled Out Requests total 1 students;

Personnel Items
Contract issued to Duncan McCain, High School Boys Head Wrestling Coach, \$4,407 per season;

Contract issued to Elizabeth Harris, High School Color Guard Coach, \$2,376 per annum;

Resignation of Kimberlea Troyer, Middle School General Cook, \$15.24 per hour, effective August 1, 2024;

Resignation of Jodi Schultz, High School General Cook, \$15.06 per hour, effective August 1, 2024;

Fundraising Requests
High School Football requests ap-

proval to raise funds through the sale of discount card for funds for volunteer coaches pay, player/coach apparel, equipment, jerseys, and supplies; Jed Seward seconded the consent items. Motion carried 6-0.

Student Learning
Second Reading of Attendance Policies
Superintendent Stone reviewed the need to pass these two policies on second reading before August in order to add the current language to the Student Handbooks. These Board Policies include:
Policy 501.3 Compulsory Attendance
Policy 501.10 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy

Time was provided for the Board to have additional discussion about both policies. Discussion was quite brief. Randy Billups moved to approve the changes to Policies 501.3, 501.10, on Second Reading as presented. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Work Session Board Professional Learning Provided by IASB

Tammi Drawbaugh, Board Consultant from IASB, led the Board in a Board Operations Training and Visioning session. (Snider arrived at 6:30 p.m. during the first question of the Board Process)

Next Meeting of the Board
The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: Second Reading of School Board Policies, 2023 Independent Auditor Report, and Annual Banking Resolution

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL VENDOR TOTALS REPORT BY VENDOR 7/1/2024 - 7/31/2024

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
Date of Publication: August 8, 2024

City of Riverside, Iowa
60 Greene St.
Riverside, Iowa 52327
319-648-3501

Request for Release of Funds
On or after August 16, the City of Riverside will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 as amended (P.L. 97-35), to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Riverside DTR

Purpose: Rehabilitation of seven building facades in downtown Riverside.

Location: First Street and Main Street, City of Riverside

Estimated Cost: \$590,000.00 estimated HUD funding and \$1,096,757 total project cost.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Riverside City Hall, 60 Greene St., Riverside, IA 52327 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Riverside. All comments received by August 15, 2024, will be considered by the City of Riverside prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City of Riverside certifies to the

Iowa Economic Development Authority that Allen Schneider in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Iowa Economic Development Authority approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Riverside to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Riverside's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Riverside; (b) the City of Riverside has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Allen Schneider, Mayor

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WASHINGTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE

July 8 - 12, 2024

Loren J Huber, Linda L Huber, grantor; Christopher J Huber, grantee; warranty deed; Part SW SE 01-76-9

Washington County Sheriff, Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, Nicklas Schmitter, Nick E Schmitter, Nicklas E Schmitter, Natasha Schmitter, grantor; NUMA Property management LLC, grantee; sheriff deed; Brighton Stickneys Add Lot 4-5 Block 4

Wayne D Beachy, Judy M Beachy, grantor; Wayne D Beachy Trustee, Wayne D Beachy Trust, Judy M Beachy Trustee, Judy M Beachy Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Kalona Myers 1st Add Lot 7-8 Block 4

Reschly Bros, grantor; Michael T Ralls, grantee; quit claim deed; Adjusted Rural Subdivisions Terrace Lake SD 2 Lot 28A

VC Inc, grantor; Thomas K Hunt, Kathleen Hunt, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Prairie Ridge SD Lot 3; \$388,000

Zook builders LLC, grantor; Marlin E Miller, Fern Miller, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Harvest Hill 2nd Add Lot 42A; \$304,000

Loree Hora, Keith G Hora, grantor; Keith G Hora Trustee, Keith G Hora Revocable Trust, grantee; special warranty deed; NE NW 34-76-7; NW NE 34-76-7; S2 SE 04-76-7; Washington Timber Ridge SD I Lot 11; S2 SW 22-76-7; NE SW 22-76-7; SE NW 22-76-7; SW NE 34-76-7; Part SE NW 34-76-7; Undivided 1/2 Int in Part E2 SE 10-77-7; NE NE 15-77-7; Part Aban RR Row, Cont 3.01 Acres in NE NE 15-77-7; NW 11-76-7

Kristin M Van Winkle, Kristin Van Winkle, grantor; James L Van Winkle, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Rural Subdivisions Serenity Acres SD Lot 1

Dale D Kraus Revocable Trust, Dale D Kraus Trustee, grantor; Mary Jo Kraus Trustee, Mary Jo Kraus Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; 1/2 Interest: Unit A Kalona Valley View SD Lot 4

Next Level Real Estate LLC, grantor; Virginia L Timmerman, Jeremiah L Timmerman, grantee; warranty deed; E2 Washington Wilson Add Lot 2 Block 12; S 35.4 FT E2 Washington Wilsons Add Lot 1 Block 12; \$364,000

Brett L Rich, Sue E Rich, grantor; Jessica Colby, Clayton R Colby, grantee; warranty deed; Washington L&W Smouses NE Add Lot 11 Block 3; \$185,000

Dustin R Hudson, Erica Hudson, grantor; Morgan G Oehlerich, Luke HG Oehlerich, grantee; warranty deed; Tract A Wellman Varneys SD Block 3; \$195,000

Deanna Reece, grantor; Danielle E Garvey, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman OP Dayton Lot 3 Block 6 & W2 Vac Adj Alley

Wilfrid J Vittetoe, grantor; Landquest Holdings LLC, grantee; special warranty deed; Aud Parc D, 48.11 Acres in SE 07-75-9; Aud Parc G, 35.536 Acres in SW NW 18-76-7; NW SW 05-75-7; Lot B in SD of SW 21-75-7; Part Lot A of SW 21-75-7; NW NW 11-76-8; Undivided 1/2 Interest: Part Lot 1 Aud SD of NW 16-75-7; N2 Former RR Row in NE 16-75-7

Mary Jo Smith, grantor; Paige E Peiffer, Joshua S Wallington, grantee; warranty deed; Part of Comm at NW Corn Kalona 77-7-07 NE thence SW 829.27 FT; \$42,000

July 15-19, 2024

Kenneth E Boyse, grantor; Deborah L Boyse, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Aud Parc J in Part S2 NE 23-77-9

Travis J Seitz, Tanya Seitz, grantor; Rita S Alspach, Dirk E Alspach, grantee; warranty deed; Lot A in SD of Washington OP Lot 0L 15; \$193,000

Houseal Rainbow Ranch LLC, grantor; Marie Estelle Houseal Vasquez, Marie Estelle Vasquez Houseal, Brijido Carlos Vasquez Jr, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc M IS art NE NE 19-77-8; \$14,000

Joey L Hochstetler, Alice D Hochstetler, grantor; NKKI Properties LLC, D Rich Properties LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C, Cont 7.975 Acres in Crawfordsville 74-6-15 SW NW; \$150,000

Bonnie Taylor, grantor; Bonnie June Taylor Revocable Trust, grantee; Rural Subdivisions Legacy Farm SD Lot 1

Yeggy Roetlin Farms LLC, grantor; Apex Development Group LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Northern Heights SD Lot 20; \$19,500

APEX Development Group LLC, grantor; T Rex Construction LLC, Trex Construction LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Northern Heights SD Lot 20; \$65,500

James D Thompson, Betty A Thompson, grantor; Trent Olson, grantee; warranty deed; Ainsworth West Side Add Lot 9-10 Block 1; \$28,000

J&J Partnership, grantor; Jeffrey A Enfield, Aimee J Enfield, grantee; warranty deed; Commencing 21 1/2 FT E of NW Corn Washington OP Lot 4 Block 18 thence S 69FT, Thence E, N & W Washington OP Lot D Block 18

Maquel D Ranck, Maquel D Anding, Lane A Ranck, grantor; Barbara J Voss, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Rousseau SD Lot 17; \$180,000

Michael G Vincent, Connie J Vincent, grantor; Vincent Family heritage Farm LLC, grantee; quit claim deed; part NEFR4 05-75-9

ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Brian R Halvorsen, Kimberly A Halvorsen, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 1-2 in Washington Tyler circle SD Lot 1; \$241,500

Gregory C Vogel, Marsha F Vogel, grantor; Paul R Schrock, Sharon I Schrock, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivision English Valley Estates Lot 6; \$401,000

Lonnie M Pickard, grantor; Donald R Pickard, grantee; deed of surviving spouse Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 1-2 Block 28; Brighton OL NE Brighton Lot OL 40-41; Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 7-8 Block 25

Eldon Arthur Mohror, grantor; Barbara Jo Mohror, Barbara J Mohror, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Comm at SE Corn SW SE 15-75-9; running thence W 415 FT Cont 2.24 Acres Aud Parc C, 5.98 Acres in SW SE 15-75-9

Larry L Haynes Estate, Elizabeth Humble Executor, Beth Humble Executor, grantor; Skyler R Barthelmann, Colton R Barthelmann, grantee; court officer dee; Wellman OP Dayton Lot 1 Block 6; E2 Vacated Alley & S2 Vacated Jefferson St ; Part Wellman OP Dayton Lot 4 Block 6; E2 Vacated Alley; \$135,000

Myron L Graber, Martha J Graber, grantor; David W French, Alexis K French, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Porto Alegre SD Lot 7-8; \$390,000

Daniel L Peek, Angela D Newcomb, Angela D Peek, Angela D Yoder, grantor; Matthew Carl Newhouse, Amanda Jean Goldsmith, grantee; warranty deed; Washington South Washington Lot 4 Block3 E2 Vacated Alley; \$198,000

July 22-26, 2024

Carolita T Sheetz, Carolita Sheetz, grantor; Carolita T Sheetz Trustee, Carolita T Sheetz Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc C in SW SE 18-75-9 & 30 FT Access Easement for Ingress & Egress

Allen W Griggs Trustee, Beverly J Griggs Trust, grantor; Edwin A Griggs, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/2 int in: N2 SW 14-75-9; Part Lot 4, 76.76 Acres in Aud SD of S2 SW 14-75-9; NW 14-75-9; W2 NE 14-75-9

Allen R Griggs Trustee, Allen W Griggs Trust, grantor; Edwin A Griggs, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/2 int in: N2 SW 14-75-9; Part Lot 4, 76.76 Acres in Aud SD of S2 SW 14-75-9; NW 14-75-9; W2 NE 14-75-9

MI7 LLC, grantor; Byron Maolo Perez, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington MM Youngs 1st Add Lot A Block 4; \$172,000

Debra L Graber, grantor; Barry L Graber, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Wellman Barrys Pond Lot 1, 3-4

Roger Lee Adam Estate, Becky Jo Adam Executor, grantor; Todd P Vittetoe, Brooke E Vittetoe, grantee; court officer deed; SE SW 02-77-9; E7 Acres of SW SW 02-77-9; Part SW SE 02-77-9; \$782,000

Michael F Reineke, Melissa A Reineke, Melissa Reineke, grantor; Daniel I Peek, grantee; warranty deed; Washington MM Youngs 2nd Add Lot 1 Block 4; S2 22 FT Washington JH Youngs Add Lot 0L 5; S2 22 FT Washington JH Youngs Add Lot 2 Block 10; \$144,500

Enos R Yoder, Enos Yoder, grantor; City of Washington, grantee; warranty deed; Washington MM Youngs 1st Add Lot 7 Block 2; Aud Parc Q in Washington MM Youngs 1st Add Block 2

Larry A West Estate, Linda E West Executor, grantor; Charles E Lnenicka, grantee; court officer deed; Part W2 NWFR4 05-75-8; \$299,000

Kay C Stewart, Laura L Kohnert, grantor; Kathryn Ann Dickinson, Ralph E Dickinson, Kaye C Stewart, Laura L Kohnert, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Part E2 SW 26-74-9; E2 NW 35-74-9; Aud Parc D in N2 SE 34-74-9 & In Part S2 NW 34-74-9; Part NE 34-74-9; Aud Parc E in Part SE

SW 26-74-9
Scott A Kennedy, Scott Kennedy, Sharon Schluttenhofer, grantor; Chief Investments LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside OP Lot 12 Block 10; \$25,000

ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Emma Tee, grantee; warranty deed; Unit 920 of Washington NLW SD Plat 1 Lot 17; \$195,000

Mellinger & Sons Construction Inc, grantor; Brent W Beck, Jodee J Beck, grantee; warranty deed; Unit B of Kalona North Ridge SD Pt 1 Lot 79; \$375,000

Kent Allen Harrison, grantor; Kevin Lee Harrison, grantee; quit claim deed; Riverside OP Lot 9 Block 20

Kenneth E Boyse Executor, Deborah L Boyse Estate, grantor; Kenneth E Boyse, grantee; court officer deed; 1/2 Int in: Part Commencing at NW Corn sE NE 23-77-9 thence E 354.35 FT, Thence S, W & N Cont 4.96 Acres

Vivian J Griffith, grantor; Terry L Griffith Trustee, Vivian J Griffith Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Tindals SD Replat Lot 9 Block 1 Part Washington Tindals SD Block B

Jeana K Crile, Jeana K Wonderlich, Tonnie Crile, James Lee Dunbar, Debra Dunbar, Julie Ann Dunbar, Julie Ann Smith, Julie Ann Richardson, grantor; Jerry Alan Dunbar, grantee; warranty deed Undivided 3/4 Int in: S 3/4 of SW NE 12-74-9; Lot 4 of Aud SD of NW 12-74-9; NE SE 12-74-9; \$135,000

Jeanna L C Bradley, grantor; Mark E Bradley, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Washington Orrs SD Lot 4 Block 4

Jeffrey D Vosika, Jennison L Vosika, grantor; Brandi Mumm, Mathew Mumm, grantee; warranty deed; Part Aud Parc C in Washington Doigs SD Lot 14; \$255,000

Peter A Bell Estate, Lance M Bell Executor, grantor; lance M Bell, grantee; court officer deed; E2 SE 09-75-8; \$600,000

Roetlin Family Farms LLC, grantor; Zachariah P Murphy, Amanda M Murphy, grantee; warranty deed; Aud parc F, Cont 1.16 Acres in SW SE 23-77-8; \$180,000

Enos D Bender, grantor; Joyce Ellen Bender, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Rural Subdivision EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 11; Undivided 5% Int in Rural Subdivisions EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 21

Enos D Bender, grantor; Joyce Ellen Bender, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Rural Subdivision EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 12; Undivided 5% Int in Rural Subdivisions EH-ROS-KA-SD Lot 21

J & R Homes LLC, grantor; Amanda M OConnor, Aaron J Gould, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Incline Grove SD Lot 4; \$1,035,500

Jerry L Imhoff, Helen K Imhoff, grantor; Jerry L Imhoff, Helen K Imhoff, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc H, Part Crawfordsville North Add CR Lot G

JJR Rentals LLC, grantor; Bryan Joseph Marie Garcia, Crystal Fernandez, grantee; warranty deed; N2 Washington OP Lot 2 Block 5; \$144,000

Kathryn Ann Dickinson Estate, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Laura L Kohnert CoExecutor, grantor; Four J Family Farms LLC, grantee; court officer deed; Part E2 NW 35-74-9; \$1,197,000

Kathryn Ann Dickinson Estate, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Laura L Kohnert CoExecutor, grantor; Four J Family Farms LLC, grantee; court officer deed; E2 NW 35-74-9; \$1,070,000

Kathryn Ann Dickinson Estate, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Laura L Kohnert CoExecutor, grantor; Ryan Swanson, Mackenzie Swanson, grantee; court officer deed; Aud Parc E in Part SE SW 26-74-9; \$186,500

Nathaniel Ryan Grieser, Rochelle Anne Grieser, grantor; Gary Mellinger, Janine Mellinger, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E Cont 2.92 Acres in SE NW 24-74-8; \$415,000

Kathryn Ann Dickinson Estate, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Laura L Kohnert CoExecutor, grantor; Horras Family Farms LLC, grantee; court officer deed; Aud Parc D in N2 SE 34-74-9 & In Part S2 NW 34-74-9; \$1,576,000

Duane H Schultz Estate, Traci R Vonnahme CoExecutor, Robin K Kiefer CoExecutor, grantor; Tanner Vonnahme, Kaige Vonnahme, grantee; court officer deed; Ainsworth OP Lot 111-12 Block 10; \$25,000

Kathryn Ann Dickinson Estate, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Kaye C Stewart CoExecutor, Laura L Kohnert CoExecutor, grantor; Michael Chris Hadley, grantee; court officer deed; part NE 34-74-9; \$1,004,500

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JOHNSON COUNTY

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 25, 2024

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

Chairperson Sullivan called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Boardroom at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan. Members absent: V Fixmer-Oraiz.

All actions were taken by the following vote: Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan. Members absent: Fixmer-Oraiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Veterans Affairs Director Gary Bose-neller announced he will be relinquishing his duties as the Veterans Affairs Director.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for July 25, 2024.

Table listing various vendors and their amounts, including Acme Tools, Airgas Usa Lic, Alliant Energy, Amazon.Com Capital Ser, American Home Finding, Apm Lic, Aps In Ic Lic, Arc Of Southeast Iowa, Arnold Motor Supply Li, Asi Rentals, Automated Flagpole Par, Banacom Signs Lic, Bankers Ad Co, Bfg Property Managemen, Big Brothers Big Sist, Big Country Seeds, Billion Of Iowa City, Bjib Investments Lic, Boomerang Corp, Bound Tree Medical Li, Capital Sanitary Suppl, Carve R Way, Cdw Government Inc, Center For Worker Ju, Certified Laboratories, Chadwick T Gerdes, Charm-Tex Inc, Chi Penn Oaks Llpl, City Of Coralville, City Of Iowa City, City Of Iowa City - La, City Of Iowa City-Acc, City Sewer Service Inc, Cj Cooper & Associates, Community & Family Re, Conference Technologi, Connolly Constructi, Consumers Cooperativ, Copy Systems Inc, Coralville Housing Gro, Coralville United Meth, Crediblemind Inc, Credit Bureau Service, Custom Hose & Supplies, Delta Dental Of Iowa, Department Of The T, Dkc Real Estate Lic, Dudek Properties Ll, East Central Iowa Co, Eastern Iowa Light & P, Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Electric Motors Of low, Elite Fire Sprinkler S, Emerald Court Apartmen, Eo Johnson Business T, Erin C Flanagan, Evident Inc, Fastenal Company, Fin & Feather Sports C, Fiona B Johnson, Forestry Suppliers Inc, Galls Lic, Gannett Iowa Localiq, Gay & Ciha Funeral Ho, Gee Properties, Greenwood Phoenix Condo, Gloria Ritchie, Grainger, Grant Wood Aea, Hacap, Handicare Inc, Harbor Freight Tools, Harrys Custom Trophies, Hawkeye Fire & Safety C, Heartland Business S, Heartland Shredding In, Henry Schein Inc, Hillsboro West Apts/As, Hospers & Brother Prin, Hundred Acre Woods, Hy-Vee #1080, Hy-Vee #1281, Hy-Vee Inc, Iccoo Treasurer, Ines Beltre, Insight Public Sector, Iowa Communities A, Iowa Department Of Nat, Iowa Dot Farm To Mar, Iowa Medicaid Enterp, Iowa Natural Heritage, Iowa Paper Inc, Iowa Process Service, Iowa Sports Foundation, Iowa Valley Habitat F, Isac, Jasro Llc, Jcv Properties, John Deere Financial Fsb, John L Mumm American Le, Johnson County Ambulan, Johnson County Audito

Table listing various vendors and their amounts, including Johnson County Empo, Johnson County Public, Johnson County Sheriff, Jz Orchard Holdings L, Kidsfirst Law Center, Kmb Property Managem, Lambert Reporting, Larry Jon Hingtgen, Le Zhang, Mac Real Estate Lic, Madison National Life, Martin Equipment Of Il, Martin R Gaffey, Mccomas Lacina Cons, Mckesson Medical Surgic, Me Too Properties, Medico Insurance Compan, Menards - Iowa City, Mid American Energy, Midwest Translation Li, Napa Auto Parts, National Public Health, Neighborhood Centers, Nest Property Managem, Northeast District Isa, Office Express Office, Pitney Bowes Global Fi, Polk County Sheriff's, Poms Tire Service In, Pria, Psc Distribution, Racom Corporation, Rdo Truck Centers Lic, Reece Muhlana, Regency Of Iowa Inc D, Ricoh Usa Inc, River Products Co, Roto-Rooter, Routematch Software L, S & S Plumbing Heating, Schimberg Co, Scott Meyer, Second Story Promotion, Sharon Telephone Comp, Shoe Hattery Inc, Shoemaker & Haaland, Smiling Tots Daycare, South Slope Coop Commu, Stanley Consultants, Staples Advantage, State Hygienic Laborat, Stelter Enterprises Ll, Streichers, Stryker Medical, Successful Living, Sycamore Apartments Li, T-Mobile Usa Inc, Tanager Place, The Lodge Apartments, Theisens Inc, Titan Machinery, Treasurer State Of Io, Trizetto Provider Solu, Ui Diagnostic Labora, Uihc Occupational Healt, United Action For Yo, United States Postal, University Of Iowa, Us Cellular, Us Geological Survey, Verizon Wireless, Vermeer Sales & Servic, Villa Garden Apartment, Visa, Wellmark Blue Cross, Wendling Quarries Inc, Westwinds Real Estate, William J Blanchard, Motion by Porter, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of July 18, 2024. Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors. Convened Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m. on the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) County Budget Amendment. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 9:03 a.m. RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24-01 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 JOHNSON COUNTY BUDGET Summary: The Board held a public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 County Budget. The explanation of changes is as follows: EXPENDITURES & OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT INCREASED FOR: Public Safety & Legal Services service area for the departments of County Ambulance, County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Crime Prevention and Standard Allowance/ARPA increased for operating expenses (\$1,161,055) Physical Health & Social Services service area for the departments of General Basic Grants, GuideLink Center, Social Services, LG Opioid Abatement and Standard Allowance/ARPA Fund increased for operating expenses (\$3,221,492) County Environment & Education service area for the departments of General Basic Grants, Rural Basic, and Standard Allowance/ARPA increased for operating expenses (\$539,394) Roads & Transportation service area for the departments of Standard Allowance/ARPA increased for operating expenses (\$420,938) Administration service area for the departments of County Auditor's Office, Board of Supervisors, Central Services, and Standard Allowance/ARPA increased for operating expenses (\$843,850) Capital Projects service area for the departments of Historic County Poor Farm, Technology Fund, Capital Projects Fund, ARPA, and Standard Allowance/ARPA increased for the acquisition and

construction of various capital assets (\$18,582,670) Operating Transfer Out for the departments of General Basic Fund to Capital Projects increased (\$6,300,000) EXPENDITURES & OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT DECREASED FOR: Non-Program Current service area for the department of Historic County Poor Farm decreased for operating expenses (\$5,500) REVENUES & OPERATING TRANSFERS IN INCREASED FOR: Increase for Intergovernmental in the General Basic Fund (\$679,222) Increase for Bond Proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund (\$1,044,000) Increase for Operating Transfers In from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund (\$6,300,000) REVENUES & OPERATING TRANSFERS IN DECREASED FOR: Decrease for Miscellaneous Revenues in the General Basic Fund (-\$77,114) Board Action: Resolved that the following expenditures and revenues for the Fiscal Year 2025 County Budget be amended: EXPENDITURE INCREASES (by Service Area): Public Safety & Legal Services service area increases by \$1,161,055 to \$40,138,957 Physical Health & Social Services service area increases by \$3,221,492 to \$34,028,964 County Environment & Education service area increases by \$539,394 to \$9,607,195 Roads & Transportation service area increases by \$420,938 to \$13,326,280 Administration service area increases by \$843,850 to \$21,081,349 Capital Projects service area increases by \$18,582,670 to \$54,921,527 Non-Program Current service area decreases by \$5,500 to \$61,000 Operating Transfers Out increases by \$6,300,000 to \$33,411,381 REVENUE INCREASES (by type): Intergovernmental increases by \$679,222, to \$25,565,523 Operating Transfers In increases by \$6,300,000 to \$33,411,381 REVENUE DECREASES (by type): Miscellaneous decreases by \$77,114 to \$5,777,456 Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 07-25-24-01. RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24-02 CHANGING DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS Summary: The Board held a public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 County Budget. Board Action: Resolved, that the following department appropriations be changed as follows: DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES (Service Area): Dept. 01- County Ambulance (Public Safety & Legal Services service area) increases \$83,042 for YTD appropriation of \$9,553,586 Dept. 03-County Auditor's Office (Administration service area) increases \$148,450 for YTD appropriation of \$1,762,647 Dept. 05- Board of Supervisors (Administration service area) decreases \$2,100 for YTD appropriation of \$2,028,346 Dept. 08- County Sheriff's Office (Public Safety & Legal Services service area) increases \$84,013 for YTD appropriation of \$16,280,079 Dept. 18-Central Services (Administration service area) increases \$162,500 for YTD appropriation of \$2,096,326 Dept. 20- General Basic Grants (Physical Health & Social Services service area) increases \$3,702 for YTD appropriation of \$2,602,809 Dept. 20- General Basic Grants (County Environment and Education service area) increases \$37,100 for YTD appropriation of \$816,965 Dept. 23- Rural Basic (County Environment & Education service area) increases \$2,294 for YTD appropriation of \$1,569,695 Dept. 25- County Farm (Other Capital Projects service area) increases \$1,160,980 for YTD appropriation of \$2,274,480 Dept. 25- County Farm (Nonprogram Current service area) decreases \$5,500 for YTD appropriation of \$61,000 Dept. 26- GuideLink Center (Physical Health & Social Services service area) increases \$122,790 for YTD appropriation of \$1,253,144 Dept. 34- LG Opioid Abatement (Physical Health & Social Services service area) increases \$10,000 for YTD appropriation of \$710,000 Dept. 35- American Rescue Plan Act (Other Capital Projects service area) increases \$475,660 for YTD appropriation of \$9,375,660 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (Public Safety & Legal Services service area) increases \$920,000 for YTD appropriation of \$920,000 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (Physical Health & Social Services service area) increases \$3,080,000 for YTD appropriation of \$3,080,000 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (County Environment and Education service area) increases \$500,000 for YTD appropriation of \$500,000 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (Roads & Transportation service area) increases \$420,938 for YTD appropriation of \$420,938 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (Administration service area) increases \$535,000 for YTD appropriation of \$535,000 Dept. 37- Standard Allowance/ARPA (Other Capital Projects service area) increases \$3,977,030 for YTD appropriation of \$3,977,030 Dept. 40- Technology (Other Capital Projects service area) increases \$45,000

for YTD appropriation of \$2,850,682 (Dept. 45- Social Services (Physical Health & Social Services service area) increases \$5,000 for YTD appropriation of \$3,050,854 Dept. 54- Juvenile Crime Prevention (Public Safety & Legal Services service area) increases \$74,000 for YTD appropriation of \$428,500 Dept. 85- Capital Projects (Other Capital Projects service area) increases \$12,924,000 for YTD appropriation of \$14,800,400 Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 07-25-24-02. RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24-03 TRANSFERRING FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE CONSERVATION TRUST FUND IN THE FY25 BUDGET Summary: The Board may periodically credit monies to the Conservation Trust Fund. \$171,128 is the amount of Conservation Department revenue collected within the General Basic Fund during the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Board Action: Resolved, that the Auditor is authorized to make periodic transfers from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Trust Fund during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as funds are needed and available, not to exceed the sum of \$171,128. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve Resolution No. 07-25-24-03. RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24-04 RESOLUTION SETTING NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AS THE DATE FOR AN ELECTION ON THE PROPOSITION OF ENTERING INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CERTAIN COUNTY CONSERVATION PROJECTS WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Johnson County, Iowa (the "County") has deemed it necessary and advisable that the County be authorized to enter into a loan agreement and issue bonds in a principal amount not exceeding \$30,000,000 to finance the cost of acquiring and developing lands in order to protect the water quality in rivers, lakes and streams, and protect forests to improve air quality, protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development, and provide for parks and trails; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 331.402, 331.442 and 39.2(4)(d) of the Code of Iowa, before the County may enter into a loan agreement and issue its bonds for such purposes, the County must hold a special election upon such proposition on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and receive a favorable vote from at least 60% of the total votes cast at such special election; and WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 331.442 of the Code of Iowa, as part of the Board's action to set a date for an election on such proposition, the Board must publish notice of such proposition, including a statement of the amount and purposes of the loan agreement and the bonds to be issued, a statement of the estimated cost of the Projects, and an estimate of the annual increase in property taxes as the result of the bond issuance on a residential property with an actual value of one hundred thousand dollars, which notice must be published , as provided in Section 331.305 of the Code of Iowa, with the minutes of the meeting at which the Board adopts a resolution setting the date for an election on the question of entering into the loan agreement and issuing such bonds, and which notice must be mailed, as provided in Section 39.5 of the Code of Iowa, to each registered voter within the jurisdiction; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Johnson County, Iowa, as follows: Section 1. The Board of Supervisors intends to undertake the Projects at an estimated cost of \$30,000,000. In accordance with Section 331.442 of the Code of Iowa, this cost figure is an estimate and shall not be binding on the Board in later proceedings related to the Projects. Section 2. A special county election is hereby called and ordered to be held in and for the County in conjunction with the general election on November 5, 2024, at which there will be submitted to the voters of the County the following proposition: "Shall the County of Johnson, State of Iowa, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring and developing lands with public access provided, in order to protect the water quality in rivers, lakes and streams; protect forests to improve air quality; protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development; and provide for parks and trails; to be managed by the Johnson County Conservation Board? All expenditures will be subject to an annual independent audit. It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from issuing the bonds will be \$7.09. However, the Board of Supervisors may determine in any fiscal year the debt is outstanding to alternatively budget from any other available revenues for the payment of principal, interest, and premium, if any, pursuant to the terms of the bonds." Section 3. All of the foregoing matters are adopted and resolved by this Board, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation and notice of the proposition and of the time and place of the election and to take all other actions necessary pursuant to state law to conduct the election. In addition, in accordance with Sections 331.305, 331.442 and 39.5 of the Code of Iowa, the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to publish the minutes of the Board meeting at which this Resolution is adopted,

including the full text of this Resolution, and to publish along with those minutes the Board's Notice of Special Bond Election that is attached to this Resolution, in one or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the County, and to mail the Board's Notice of Special Bond Election to each registered voter within the jurisdiction. Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict. NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION The Board of Supervisors of Johnson County, Iowa, hereby gives notice that a special county election will be held on November 5, 2024, at which there will be submitted to the voters of the County the following proposition: "Shall the County of Johnson, State of Iowa, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring and developing lands with public access provided, in order to protect the water quality in rivers, lakes and streams; protect forests to improve air quality; protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development; and provide for parks and trails; to be managed by the Johnson County Conservation Board? All expenditures will be subject to an annual independent audit. It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from issuing the bonds will be \$7.09. However, the Board of Supervisors may determine in any fiscal year the debt is outstanding to alternatively budget from any other available revenues for the payment of principal, interest, and premium, if any, pursuant to the terms of the bonds." In accordance with Section 331.442 of the Code of Iowa, the Board also hereby gives notice that the estimated cost of the projects to be financed is \$30,000,000. This cost figure is an estimate and shall not be binding on the Board in later proceedings related to the projects. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Porter, to approve Resolution No. 07-25-24-04. Sullivan declared voting on agenda item D.1.f. -5M *Emprendimiento Latino, upon confirmation of their LLC name and entity in an amount not to exceed \$25,000* is postponed to a future Board Meeting. Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Food and Farm Grant Program Agreements with the following entities: Baladna Farm LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; Cachua Cakes LLC in an amount not to exceed \$18,000; Eilda's Bakery LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; Farmers' Toolshed, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; Gabriel Sperry D/B/A Mazees Food Truck in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; Garden Oasis LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; Iowa Farm Fresh Meats, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; Kandakat Sudan LLC in an amount not to exceed \$24,000; Nomadic Foods LLC in an amount not to exceed \$13,500; Rodney's Jamaican Jerk & BBQ LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; Singing Goats Farms, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$11,500; Slaminin Jammin Wings And Things LLC in an amount not to exceed \$23,000; Table to Table Food Distribution Network in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; Trowel & Error Farm LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; Wild Woods Farm LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; Yotopia Frozen Yogurt LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. RESOLUTION NO. 07-25-24-05 NAMING DEPOSITORIES Summary: The Board approves the list of financial institutions to be depositories of Johnson County finds and specifies the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit in each depository. This resolution amends Resolution No. 08-18-22-03. Board Action: Approve the following depositories and maximum deposit balances: Auditor: Hills Bank and Trust, Hills \$3,300.00 Recorder: Hills Bank and Trust, Hills \$490,000 Seats: Hills Bank and Trust, Hills \$550,000 Sheriff: Hills Bank and Trust, Hills \$700,000; West Bank, Coralville \$10,000 Treasurer: Bank of America, Des Moines \$55,000,000; Farmers and Merchants Bank, Lone Tree \$5,000,000; First Interstate Bank, North Liberty \$5,000,000; Hills Bank & Trust, Hills \$325,000,000; MidwestOne Bank, Iowa City \$20,000,000; US Bank, Iowa City \$5,000,000; Solon State Bank, Solon \$5,000,000; West Bank, Coralville \$25,000,000 Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 07-25-24-05. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Coralville Community Food Pantry, Coralville, for serving as the fiscal sponsor for the ARPA-funded Veggie Connect Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Adjourned at 9:14 a.m. /s/ Rod Sullivan, Chair, Board of Supervisors /s/ Attest: Chris Edwards, First Deputy Auditor On the 1st day of August 2024 Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on August 1, 2024. Published in The News, Thursday, August 8, 2024 L-716

WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

July 30

Report of a car vs. motorcycle accident by Dollar General in Wellman. Wellman Fire, Wellman QRS responded. Vehicles: James Rowe of Wellman and Owen Clark of Wellman. Clark cited for failure to yield upon entering a through highway.

Deputy reports being at a residence in Wellman to assist another agency. Unable to locate subject. Officer went back to the residence to assist another agency and made contact with the subject.

Caller at the casino reports someone is banging on the door. Responded and spoke with both subjects. Minor disagreement and they will go to bed for the night.

July 31

Caller in the 500 block of A Ave., Kalona, reports two subjects fighting outside. Parties separated. No charges. Trespassed Shannon Dean Blake, 32, of Kalona in 506 A Ave., Kalona.

University of Iowa Police Department requests assistance locating a vehicle in Kalona. Responded and assisted.

Caller reports locating a wallet in

Wellman. Responded and took possession of the item. Unable to make contact with the owner.

Caller reported he is a 16-year-old male and his mom left him at the park in Riverside 2 hours and 40 minutes ago. She has not come back and she will not answer her phone. Responded and gave the juvenile a ride to the casino hotel entrance and made contact with the juvenile's mom who is enroute to pick him back up.

Aug. 1

Fire alarm at Mid-Prairie Middle School. Disregard. False alarm.

Caller in Riverside requests a welfare check. Made contact.

Caller reports his vehicle is stuck on 135th St. west of Highway 218. Subject will wait until it dries out to remove the vehicle.

Aug. 2

Caller reports a small child along the road on Highway 22 and Red Oak Ave., Riverside. Responded but unable to locate.

Caller reports a dog bite in Riverside. Dog is current on vaccines and will

be quarantined at home. Report to be file.

Caller in Riverside requests a welfare check. Report to be filed.

Dispatch received a 911 call from a young female who only said Kalona Iowa and hung up. Upon call back her father answered stating she was very angry and would like an officer to respond. Spoke with the daughter and the father. He wanted her counseled on calling 911 with no emergency.

Caller reports a two vehicle accident with minor injuries at 1945 Highway 1. Road is not blocked. One truck is now in the field. Kalona Fire, Kalona QRS responded. Transported two patients to hospital. Citation issued to Carl Knupp of Washington for driving on the wrong side of a two-way highway. State report to be filed.

Aug. 3

Caller in the 500 block of 14th St., Wellman, reports a fraudulent package arrived on her porch. Caller will make contact with the company that sent the item.

Caller at 113 D Ave., Kalona, reports a possible violation of a no contact order.

Aug. 4

Caller reports an accident on High-

way 218, near Riverside. Vehicle on the shoulder. No injuries. Damage to the guardrail. Requested Riverside Fire for traffic control.

Caller in the 200 block of Vine St., Riverside, reports someone vandalized her Jeep sometime yesterday. Believes it was some kids from the area. No permanent damage was done. She is requesting extra patrol.

Caller at the casino reports a male subject who is possibly intoxicated walking down the highway. Responded. Unable to locate.

Deputy reports being on a traffic stop with a trooper on Highway 218 and 130th St., Arrested Denisha Nicole Simon, 39, of Des Moines for conspiracy to commit non forcible felony.

Caller in Wellman reports a couple arguing along the road outside of a vehicle. Doesn't appear to be physical. Responded. Verbal only. They were arguing about smoking in the vehicle. They are now on their way.

Caller in Riverside reports his enclosed trailer parked in front of his residence was struck by another vehicle, possibly yesterday. He thinks someone has also tampered with the lock. Documentation.

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

At 9:00 am Chair Richard Young called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: approval of Railroad Agreement with CPKC for new crossing on Dogwood Ave.; Secondary Road Use Permit application-Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI); personnel change requests-Ambulance; personnel change request-Communications; personnel change request-Veteran Affairs; Quarterly Report-Veteran Affairs; Quarterly Report-General Assistance; Quarterly Report-Recorder; Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report; review of Washington County Treasurer's Annual Investment Report; Quarterly Report-Auditor. Supervisors Bob Yoder, Jack Seward Jr., Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also present.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

On motion the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

On motion the Board voted to approve an agreement with the Dakota, Minnesota, & Eastern Railroad Corporation, doing business as CPKC, and authorize either the Chair or the County Engineer to sign pertinent documents. The agreement is related to a project involving the realignment of Dogwood Avenue near Brighton. The completed project will also result in the installation of a culvert and the filling in of the current road underpass of a CPKC Bridge located at CPKC Milepost 268.52, realignment of a road to enable the installation of a new at-grade crossing at CPKC Milepost 268.44, and the closing of the crossing known as Cedar Avenue/DOT #375848A located at CPKC Milepost 269.23. Work on the project will be performed by Cornerstone Excavating Inc. of Washington, Iowa, at a cost of

\$888,108.25.

On motion the Board voted to approve a secondary road use permit application received from The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) involving Co Rd G62, Gabriel Ave, and W47 between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm on July 26, 2024.

On motion the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Jordan Wright whose employment classification will change from non-exempt casual PT Paramedic to non-exempt FT Director at the rate of \$45.67/hr. eff. July 31, 2024.

On motion the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Director Jordan Wright whose rate of pay will increase to an annual rate of \$95,000.00 eff. August 8, 2024.

On motion the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Communications for Dispatcher Carrie Rich final day of employment will occur July 20, 2024.

The Board voted to acknowledge and authorize the Chair to sign a personnel change request from Veteran Affairs for the hiring of Carrie Rich as a FT non-exempt Veteran Services Officer eff. July 22, 2024, at the rate of \$25.00/hr. Discussion followed with Young and Seward expressing concern with the possibility that nepotism influenced the choice of C. Rich who is the niece, by way of marriage, to current Veteran Services Officer Sue Rich. In response S. Rich stated that her presence at the candidate interviews was requested by Veteran Affairs Commissioners Terry Phillips and Darren Dennler and due to a scheduling conflict, she was unable to attend all of the interviews. She emphasized that her presence at the candidate interviews was requested only for the purpose of answering questions about the position

and definitely not to provide input or an opinion on the qualifications, strengths, and experience of the candidates. Discussion continued with Fedler, Stoops, and Yoder each voicing confidence in the selection process and the ability of Dennler and Phillips to make the right choice. Another factor that benefitted C. Rich was her experience in serving as a Veteran Affairs Commissioner. Seward stated that his concern was not with the qualifications or experience possessed by C. Rich but instead with the public perception that nepotism played a part in the hiring decision. Young called for a vote on the motion and the motion passed as follows: Aye-Yoder, Stoops, Fedler; Nay-Young, Seward.

Washington County Veteran Services Officer Sue Rich presented the 4th quarter Washington County Veteran Affairs report for FY24. She reported that during the recently concluded 4th quarter of FY24 a total of \$772.30 in benefits was paid while the total amount paid for all of FY24 was \$7,136.60. On motion the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Veterans Affairs report for the 4th quarter of FY24. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

Washington County General Assistance Director Sue Rich presented the 4th quarter Washington County General Assistance report for FY24. She reported that during the recently concluded 4th quarter of FY24 a total of \$495.84 in benefits was paid while the total amount paid for all of FY24 was \$1,162.72. On motion the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County General Assistance report for the 4th quarter of FY24. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Recorder's quarterly report for the 4th quarter of FY24 and authorize the Chair to sign. The report, presented by County Re-

order Teresa Mangold, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$140,660.53 with the county retaining \$43,151.53. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

Treasurer Jeff Garrett provided the Board with the Semi-Annual Statement of Accounts by Funds for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. The report included details for the following: beginning balance of \$19,185,228.31, total revenue of \$41,088,772.05, total expenses of \$40,202,617.49, ending Treasurer's balances totaling \$19,327,814.54, and finally the various Auditor's balances which totaled \$19,745,116.13 as of June 30, 2024. Garrett noted that the ending general fund has decreased by approximately \$1.4 million over the last three fiscal years. In response Seward questioned Garrett as to whether the Iowa State Association of County Treasurers affiliate had lobbied for legislative changes in an effort to alleviate such problems not only in Washington County but across the state. Garrett responded by stating that it was not necessarily the role of County Treasurers in Iowa to do so but he also added that discussions have occurred between County Treasurers and ISAC lobbyists regarding the problem. Seward opined that County Treasurers should become more involved at the state level of government. On motion the Board voted to acknowledge the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement of Accounts by Funds for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Treasurer.

Garrett presented the Washington County Treasurer's Annual Investment Report to the Board and stated that the primary objectives, in order of priority, of all investment activities involving the financial assets of Washington County are safety of the principal, liquidity, and a reasonable rate of return. He added

that assets of Washington County may be invested or deposited in interest-bearing savings accounts, money market accounts, and interest-bearing checking accounts at any federally insured depository institution operating within the state of Iowa. Assets may also be invested in certificates of deposit, obligations of the US government, and with the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust. Garrett stated he relies on input and advice from bankers and fellow County Treasurers across the State of Iowa regarding investment decisions. Garrett also advised the Board that the investment policy, including substantial procedural changes and investment activity, is to be reviewed annually by both the County Treasurer and Board of Supervisors and in turn amended as necessary. Review and discussion of the report continued with no recommendations from the Board regarding amendments to the report. On motion the Board voted to acknowledge its review of the Washington County Treasurer's Annual Investment Report for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Treasurer.

On motion the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Auditor's report for the 4th quarter of FY24 and authorize the Chair. The report, presented by Auditor Dan Widmer, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$1,280,000. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

At 10:03 am the Board voted to adjourn.

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

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