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A shop of their own

Three friends were sad to lose another beloved antique shop, so they decided to reinvent it themselves. Kalona celebrates the grand opening of Collected Treasures Antiques & Quilts on Saturday, March 1.

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

What makes up the fabric of Kalona? Quilts, of course, given that the town is the Quilt Capital of Iowa, but if you were to look around the downtown shopping district, you might also say antiques, as vintage goods feature in many shops. Sometimes you'll also find that quilts and antiques marry, as they most certainly do during the Kalona Quilt Show & Sale every spring.

At Collected Treasures Antiques & Quilts, a new shop opening March 1, quilts and antiques also marry, although the two don't become one; rather, each retains its own identity. And that makes for a beautiful and inspiring relationship, as you will see when you visit the shop.

When it became clear that English River Antiques and Collectibles would be closing for good at the end of 2024 due to the death of its owner, David Caplan, friends Martha Ann Crawford, Colette Yoder, and Ann Yotty lamented the loss of another antique shop. Boxcar Treasures had moved out of Kalona a couple years earlier, and the fate of Pink Begonia was in question as the building was up for sale.

"We didn't want this to be an empty space, and Martha Ann and Ann now had nowhere to go with their stuff," Yoder says of the situation they faced.

All three of them had experience in the local antique, vintage, and handmade market, so they knew the lay of the land. Yoder grew up in Kalona, helping out at her parents' retail businesses, and she creates her own quilts and memory bears; Yotty had been buying and selling vintage at Pink Begonia; and Crawford had been manning English River for a decade, getting to know its customers as well as selling her own finds.

"We decided we would just explore it," Yoder says of the idea that they could continue the tradition English River Antiques had started in the B Avenue storefront, only reimagined as their own. When the retail space went up for rent, "we asked about it real quick."

Crawford remembers the three of them, who all serve on the Kalona Historical Village board, chatting out in the summer heat during the Cemetery Walk at Sharon Hill, mourning the loss of another shop. "Somehow you just have to go be what you don't want to lose sometimes," she remembers thinking.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Martha Ann Crawford, Ann Yotty and Colette Yoder are the trio behind the new Collected Treasures Antiques & Quilts in downtown Kalona.

"It was kind of a meeting of the minds that this is something we could do and that we would enjoy doing," she says. "I don't know whether we rescued the building, or the building rescued us."

Needless to say, the trio nabbed the space and went to work 'rescuing the building' in the first months of 2025. It took five days for the remaining English River merchandise to be moved out, and then the space was cleaned. Crawford, Yoder, and Yotty moved in, asking Hardman Painting to give the dark walls a fresh new shade of sky blue.

Then they invited vendors to rent space and set up their

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Nine fire departments called to barn fire Saturday

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

It took more than one village to extinguish a barn fire in rural Kalona on Saturday, but area firefighters got the job done without damage to adjacent structures. About 2 p.m., Kalona Fire responded to a call at 4805 Hazelwood Avenue in rural Kalona, where the hay mow of a cattle barn had caught fire. When firefighters arrived, there was heavy smoke and flames showing on the second floor, and the animals had already been removed.

"We made a very aggressive interior attack, got a lot of water where we needed it," Fire Chief Jerry Zahradnek said. "Things worked really well."



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After the fire was extinguished, the lower level of the barn could still be used to milk cows. The upper level where hay was stored was damaged extensively.

Wellman and Riverside fire departments were on their way to provide mutual aid, but "we realized very quickly that wasn't going to be enough," Zahradnek said, and Hills, Tiffin, Oxford, Lone Tree, North Liberty, and Washington fire departments were paged to provide "a little bit more manpower."

The firefighters cut holes in the roof to release smoke, and Gingerich Tiling arrived with an excavator to open things up further so those on the scene could use pitch forks and shovels to toss out the hay bales. Folks showed up with skid loaders to aid in the process.

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Shiloh donates $1 million for Kalona trails

Additional funds for food pantry, student-built project, Tornow endowment

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

The Kalona City Council met Wednesday for their regular meeting, congregating at City Hall with a bag of Hershey Miniatures passed around as is their custom, but that is where business as usual ended. It isn't every day that the city accepts a million-dollar gift, as happened Feb. 19.

"On behalf of the City of Kalona, we would like to formally thank you for your generous donation of $1 million for the development of the walking and biking trail between the Kalona City Park and the Southtown Recreation Area," City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh said, reading a prepared statement.

The funds were given to the city by the Shiloh Committee. Steve Rich attended the meeting, representing Shiloh.

"We're excited for that," he said about creating a trail that would connect the two parks. "There was a lot of support from the congregation and from the city, and that was something that stuck in our minds that people really wanted, and I think it's an asset for the community, for the schools, for businesses."

The total cost for a connecting trail is in the $1.7 to $3.5 million range, Schlabaugh told The News, depending on whether a bridge would need to be constructed over the English River. The Shiloh Committee was aware the donation would not cover the full cost; the hope is that it would "spark some energy to create more funds to get that done sooner rather than later," Rich said.

The city will now begin putting together a trails committee of community members that will spearhead the project, which will eventually involve a capital campaign.

However, that was not the end of Shiloh's generosity toward the Kalona community. The city also received $25,000 for the food pantry, $60,000 for the student-built home project, and an endowment was set up with the Mid-Prairie Foundation that will go toward trade scholarships in honor of David Tornow, the city's late building inspector.

"Your support for the food pantry and student-built house project reflects a shared commitment to strengthening our community's resources and investing in the next generation," Schlabaugh said in his statement. "The endowment in honor of Dave Tornow will ensure that his legacy continues by supporting students pursuing careers in the trades, an area of critical importance to our local workforce and economy."

Council members also voiced their gratitude and thanks for the financial support.

"It shows just how much small-town community means to everybody," Mayor Mark Robe said. "I think it's awesome."

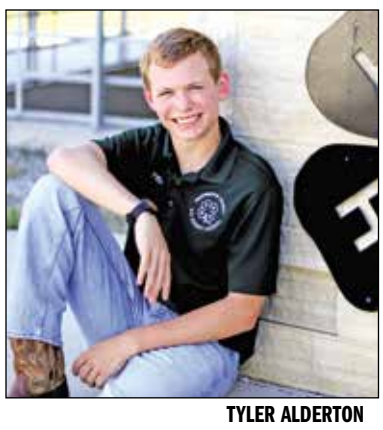
Other Business

The council set a public hearing for the FY25-26 proposed budget tax levy for Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Schlabaugh noted that no major

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4-H SENIORS



TYLER ALDERTON

Tyler Alderton attends Washington High School and is a member of the Prairie Pride 4-H club. "I've learned through 4-H that the connections you make and experiences you have are more important than the award you get," he said. "The journey is the best part. That is why you should join 4-H, because of the friendships, memories and connections that last a lifetime." Alderton plans to attend Iowa State University to study architecture.



CALLIE HUBER

Callie Huber attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Lime Creek Limelights 4-H club. "Doing 4-H projects, I learned a lot of good, basic skills when it comes to building things," she said. "It's also a lot of fun, especially Fair week, to go show something, especially if some of your friends are also involved in 4-H. I've met a lot of new people through 4-H, so it also really helped me with my social skills." Huber plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Ag Business.

Mid-Prairie FFA participates in leadership development events

BY ELLIE CALLAHAN AND BRYNN NORTHUP
Mid-Prairie FFA

NORTH MAHASKA

On February 13, seven members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter traveled to North Mahaska to participate in the NW FFA Sub-District Leadership Development Events. Charlotte Sieren received a gold and is advancing to district competition in Extemporaneous Speaking. Adelyn Huston received a gold and is advancing to districts in Ag Sales. Peighton Ford received a silver in the Public Speaking contest with her speech on "Proposition 12". The Chapter Program team of Allie Whetstin, Ellie Callahan and Cuyler Rourke received a silver and were named the alternate to District Competition. Travis Shenk received a silver in Job Interview.

The following members took the Chapter Test: Ellie Callahan, Adelyn Huston, Cuyler Rourke, Madelyn Sieren, Allie Whetstine and Jason Yoder. The Greenhand Test was taken by: Cecil Kelley, Layken Lee, Conner O'Rourke and Kennah Roberston.



MID-PRAIRIE FFA

Madelyn Sieren, Allie Whetstine, Adelyn Huston, Ellie Callahan, Peighton Ford, Charlotte Sieren, Cuyler Rourke and Travis Shenk participated for Mid-Prairie FFA at the NW Sub-District FFA Leadership Development Event.

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Extinguishing the fire completely took a ton of water. 446 tons, actually.

"We put over 100,000 gallons of water in it," Zahradnek said. "We were trying to cool the hay mow as much as possible. The rafters are all charred. That probably saved us as much as anything. The tin kept the building standing."

Many folks observed pumper tankers traveling up and down Highway 1 all afternoon, refilling with water in Iowa City and Kalona until evening. It wasn't until 11:30 p.m. or so that all hot spots had been resolved and the firefighters could leave the scene.

"It was a long day," the fire chief confirmed.

A long day, but also a successful one. When dealing with a wood structure filled with hay, things don't always go as desired, but on Feb. 22, they did.

"Sometimes things go right," Zahradnek said. "Good training, a little bit of luck, God's will. Things went pretty good."

Although fire damage was extensive and the barn will need to be rebuilt, "from the hay mow down, the milking parlor and everything in there is all still intact," Zahradnek said. "[The farmer] was able to milk cows at the barn the next morning."

Fifty firefighters and 19 trucks from nine fire departments helped extinguish the blaze. Kalona First Responders, Johnson County Ambulance, and more were on the scene, ensuring everyone stayed hydrated, fed, and took breaks as needed. The property owners provided sandwiches, cookies and coffee; the neighbors opened their garage as a staging area.

"Things don't always work that well, but things worked well on Saturday," Zahradnek said.



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Wellman Garden Club visits Ambrosia Brew Coffee

BY PAMELA NELSON
Wellman Garden Club

WELLMAN

Wellman Garden Club gathered for their first meeting of 2025 at the Senior Center where they had lunch together. Afterwards they walked a couple of doors south to Ambrosia Brew Coffee Roasters, a new business run by Jeff and Rhonda Yoder. They briefly toured the building, then settled into the roasting room where Jeff scooped up beans, put them in the roaster, and began roasting a batch while explaining the process.

The roaster is mounted on top of the desktop where Al Young conducted business in his law firm for many, many years.

Brazil is one of the biggest coffee producers, and the Yoders use beans from Brazil, Papa New Guinea, Guatemala, Kenya, and Mexico in an attempt to have flavors for everybody. When beans are harvested, they may be dried on raised beds or soaked in water until the fruit falls away from the seed (bean). When Jeff roasts the washed beans, a computer measures the bean temperature in the drum, and he monitors the process so he can slow it down if needed for better flavor. The darkness of the roast determines the flavor. Club members observed the pop and crack of the beans as the process neared completion.



The Wellman Garden Club at Ambrosia Brew Coffee Roasters in Wellman.

WELLMAN GARDEN CLUB

Beans are packaged there; the 12 oz. bags are stamped with the roasting date, as opposed to a "use by" date, so the buyer knows exactly how old the coffee is. English River Blend is their most popular; it is from natural and washed Columbian beans.

At the end of the presentation, club members were given tasty samples of medium and dark roast Mexican blends.

Ambrosia Brew Coffee can be purchased at Freeman Foods or Simple Happiness in Wellman, and at Kalona Coffee House, the Yoders' business in Kalona.

Club members returned to the senior center for a brief business meeting, where President Powell thanked them for coming, December minutes were read, and the treasury report given. For roll call they reported whether or not they HAD to have coffee to start our day (four yes, six no). They were pleased to welcome one new member.

The Wellman Garden Club's next meeting will be at the senior center, where they will hear a presentation by David Ebersole of Terra Enterprises, a landscaping business on the north side of Wellman.

HAWK VIEW



Mid-Prairie's East and West Elementary schools coordinate for a Day of Play for students, where staff spread out to different locations around the buildings and students rotate through the stations, enjoying play time with friends on what they consider one of the best days of the year. Here, East Elementary students enjoying their Day of Play on Feb. 19.



At Mid-Prairie High School, the FFA hosted the annual FFA Week Assembly on Thursday, Feb. 20. Here, Gentry Bontrager races to finish up the obstacle course, which encouraged participating students from each class to use teamwork, cooperation, and communication – skills they regularly practice in FFA.



Most Friday mornings at Mid-Prairie West Elementary, the school hosts High Five Fridays, where community partners and role models, such as Mid-Prairie School Board members, Iowa DOT, Iowa State Patrol, Washington County Officers, Mid-Prairie football players, Wellman and Kalona Fire Departments, holiday characters, and others, greet students. Students have the opportunity to recognize important people in the community as well as feel extra-welcome coming to school. Let West Elementary staff know if you'd like to participate in High Five Fridays.



Mid-Prairie Middle School teachers and staff recently hosted a "Bagels with Buddies" morning where a family member, friend, or special guest could join a student for a bagel before they started their school day. Over 300 students and guests participated in the first-time event, put together by the school culture committee; the school expressed appreciation for the families and committee that supported it.



Forecasts for North Washington County

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 27	Feb. 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
52° 27°	58° 33°	45° 23°	45° 26°	54° 35°	51° 33°	43° 23°
RealFeel® 44°	RealFeel® 51°	RealFeel® 43°	RealFeel® 53°	RealFeel® 52°	RealFeel® 42°	RealFeel® 39°
Mostly sunny, windy and mild	Mostly cloudy, windy and mild	Cooler; breezy in the morning	Sunny	Cloudy, a little rain in the p.m.	Rain	Clouds giving way to some sun



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset		Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:44 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	Thursday	6:44 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	Friday	7:09 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Saturday	6:41 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	Saturday	7:33 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
Sunday	6:40 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	Sunday	7:57 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Monday	6:38 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Monday	8:23 a.m.	10:58 p.m.
Tuesday	6:37 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	Tuesday	8:53 a.m.	none
Wednesday	6:35 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	12:17 a.m.

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DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	4	2	4	4	1	1	2
Dust & Dander Forecast	3	4	6	8	7	4	2
Outdoor activities forecast	4	6	4	5	4	0	3
Healthy Heart forecast	10	10	6	6	6	1	9

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

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

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
Arthritis forecast	2	7	2	0	2	7	4
Flu forecast	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Migraine forecast	1	1	2	0	0	1	0
Sinus forecast	3	4	4	4	4	4	2

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

GreenState VP Aaron Friederich appointed to Highland School Board

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

Aaron Friederich, a Vice President in commercial lending at GreenState Credit Union and a volunteer assistant football coach at Highland High School, has been appointed to the Highland Community School Board.

Friederich was appointed by the Board at a special meeting Monday that included interviews with three other applicants in an open meeting.

"I've got education in my family," Friederich, a University of Iowa graduate, told The News.

His mother was a teacher at Forest City, where he grew up, and his brother, Ryan, is a current teacher in computer science at Forest City.

Friederich was appointed to the District 3 seat held by Monica Jepson ahead of three other candidates: David Hickenbottom, Highland High School alum Erik Kallaus, and Matt Young, a sergeant in the Iowa City Police Department who lives in rural Riverside.

The candidate field of four drew strong responses from the Board, especially considering that the last local election featured all unopposed races. "This is massively unusual," Schools Superintendent Ken Crawford said.

"It's not the last we see of you, no matter what," said Dan Ruth, Board Vice President.

Friederich brings a background in finance to the Board at a time when the district is hoping to soon put in place a $15 million facilities improvement plan.

He and his wife moved with their three children to rural Riverside two years ago. Friederich was a high school quarterback at Forest City who once passed for a school-record 361 yards in one game.

The seat Friederich was appointed to is among those that will be up for election next November.

Bond Appeal in Court

Legal processes are continuing with an appeal that was filed with a district court in Washington to challenge a vote in November that passed a $15 million bond referendum for Highland Community Schools. The problem was, the referendum included nearly 100 votes from a small portion of Washington County residents who weren't entitled to vote because they don't live in Highland's school district.

Attorneys for the district are filing responses to seven points in the appeal.

After that, a district judge will either determine a trial to be held in the case or make a ruling without a trial.

No matter the decision, it still could wind up with the Iowa Supreme Court, Crawford said.

The delays have caused frustration among School Board members.

"I just struggle with the fact that we did everything we were supposed to do," said Ruth, who has served on the Schools Facility Committee.

"This is a handful of people that are dragging us through the mud," Board member Rachel Longbine said.

The bond money, if it survives the appeal, is planned to finance a number of improvements at Highland High School and Junior High School, and Highland Elementary, including an additional indoor facility that would be used for athletic and special events. Plans also call for more classrooms at Highland Elementary and expanded locker rooms at the high school.

Four-Day Talk

Surveys about Highland's four-day week included responses showing more than 82% of parents and 88% of teachers supporting the move this year in terms of "overall support."

"I was pleasantly surprised with everything," Board President Nate Robinson said. "I'm pretty happy with that."

One of the major issues entering the four-day plan was childcare and meal plans on the Fridays when there is no school. The surveys showed that more than 90% of families had solved those issues.

"I thought that was a big number," Crawford said.

For students, 100% preferred the four-day week.

"There's a handful of things we need to work on," Ruth said.

Then Longbine responded, "We weren't perfect before we went to four days."

Board members were pleased with the number of surveys that were returned: 103 by parents, 75 by students and 50 by teachers.

"That's awesome," Longbine said.

Next Meeting

The board will hold its next formal meeting at 5 p.m. March 10.

Competitive Highway Bridge Program public involvement survey

In 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation will award up to $250 million in Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) grants to support critical infrastructure projects across the country. CHBP is a nationally competitive grant program that provides additional transportation infrastructure funding to those who apply.

Washington county, along with 20+ other counties, cities and the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), is applying to receive funding to help rebuild 33 bridges in poor condition across the state. These bridge replacement projects would improve safety, increase communities' connection to nearby areas, provide easier access for freight and agricultural-related movement and allow for economic growth. Specifically, Washington County is looking to replace the bridge on Orange Avenue north of 220th Street (G36).

This survey will give us insight into your views on the bridges, how you use the current structures, and your thoughts on potential wider, safer bridges that can carry heavier loads. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please visit our website, washingtonroads.org, to find a link to the Public Survey on our main page. We appreciate your input!

COLLEGE HONORS

The following students were named to the President's List at **Iowa State University**. Students achieving this prestigious designation have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters. Jackson Zahradnek, Civil Engineering, B.S., Kalona; Lindsay Werbach, Interior Design, B.F.A., Lone Tree; Olivia Marek, Architecture, B.Arch., Riverside; Peyton Yeggy, Agricultural Systems Technology, B.S., Riverside; Alexa Huber, Animal Science, B.S., Wellman.

A sincere THANK YOU

What a blessing our community, family and friends have been to us in sharing memories of our loving husband, father and grandfather. We appreciate your heartfelt support and sincerely thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to Pleasantview Home for your excellent care and Yoder-Powell Funeral Home for your kindness and professionalism. Also thank you to St. Joseph's Holy Family Parish for the excellent luncheon.

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A roundup of concerns…



Barbara Kalbach
Brass Tracks
from Rural Iowa

On February 10, I made it over to the state capitol in Des Moines to check out the "Defeat the Cancer Gag Act" day of action hosted by CCI Action, Food & Water Watch, and others. Bayer seems to be spearheading the effort behind Senate Study Bill 1051 that, if passed, would make it harder for Iowans to sue pesticide companies if we get sick from their products like Roundup. It was empowering to be there with over 150 other Iowans speaking out against a multinational corporation worth billions of dollars trying to silence our voices.

There was a younger woman from Marshall County, Maggie Valentine, who shared about being outside her house a few years back when a crop duster came flying over. As she rushed inside, she could taste chemicals in her mouth. A few weeks later she learned she was pregnant. These days her thoughts are filled with concerns about pesticide levels in our food, if her well will become contaminated, and how her son may never swim in Iowa's lakes and rivers because of contamination from pesticides and factory farm pollution.

I also heard from fellow CCI member Nick Schutt up in Hardin County, who came to Des Moines on his birthday because this issue is so near and dear to him. Growing up on a farm, he talked about his family's history with cancer, including his sister Tammy who was lost to cancer at 56. His youngest sister never got the chance to have children due to abnormal cervical cells that led to a hysterectomy.

Bayer shouldn't be writing the rules for us here in Iowa. According to the Iowa legislative website, Bayer has four registered lobbyists at our statehouse. When the state of Iowa has the second highest cancer incidence rate and fastest growing rate of new cancer, we have no business handing agrichemical corporations a "get out of jail free" card for the dangerous products they put on the market!

An international research agency determined that Roundup's main active ingredient was probably carcinogenic in 2015. Bayer knew that when they bought Monsanto in 2018. And Bayer has settled over 100,000 lawsuits relating to Roundup – making it a gross misrepresentation to call lawsuits brought by folks experiencing harm "frivolous" and needing to be reined in by state legislatures.

In a lighter, but telling, moment of the day, I learned that someone came to the capitol on February 10 with a gallon of Roundup in tow. The statehouse security said he couldn't bring the Roundup inside because it was a "toxic substance." Well now, isn't that something!

The stories shared that day were sobering and heart wrenching. And I bet they're just the tip of the iceberg if you were to talk with folks across the state. Too many of us have a story about cancer impacting us, our loved ones, or our neighbors. These stories deserve to be heard, including in the court of law.

I hope Iowans continue to personally reach out to their state Senator and Representative on this important issue. And, you can add your name to Iowa CCI's letter to Senate Leader Jack Whitver and House Speaker Pat Grassley at iowacci.org/bayer. The last thing we need is further limits on our already-meager legal rights to hold agribusiness corporations accountable for their pollution.

Barb Kalbach is a 4th generation family farmer, retired registered nurse, and board member of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Barb can be reached at barbnealkalbach@gmail.com.

Feeling stressed? Here's what to do



Rod Sullivan
Sullivan's Salvos

Most of the people I know are stressed. They often feel scared, frustrated and helpless. It is not good!

So what can we do about it? Here is a list. This is derived from several sources, including my own opinions, and covers local, state and federal levels.

Take care of yourself. Get enough rest, don't overdo the mind-altering substances, and see a professional if need be. It is like the old airplane analogy: in order to help others, put on your own air mask first.

Take care of others. Take produce or cookies to a neighbor. Babysit, dog walk, show them how to use the computer, or shovel snow. Help your neighbors get by and build community at the same time.

Show some grace. Everyone is angry. Be extra kind to baristas, wait staff, convenience store clerks, civil servants and the rest. Show them kindness and they will pass it on.

Get together with friends and family. Gathering is important. Get face-to-face with people you care about and people who care about you.

Volunteer at a local non-profit. These places do important work right here in our community. Most can find work that will fit your skills, interests, abilities, and schedule.

Donate to these same organizations. They need it now more than ever. Even $10-$20 helps, especially if you can convince others to do the same.

Boycott companies that are deeply in bed with Kim Reynold and/or Donald Trump. I get it – there are a lot of them. I'm not suggesting you starve yourself or make yourself miserable. But try not to reward the bad actors. (Unsure of the players? Info is available online.)

Help organized labor. Join a union if you can. If that is not an option, join a picket line or action. Ask local labor leaders how you can be of help to the cause.

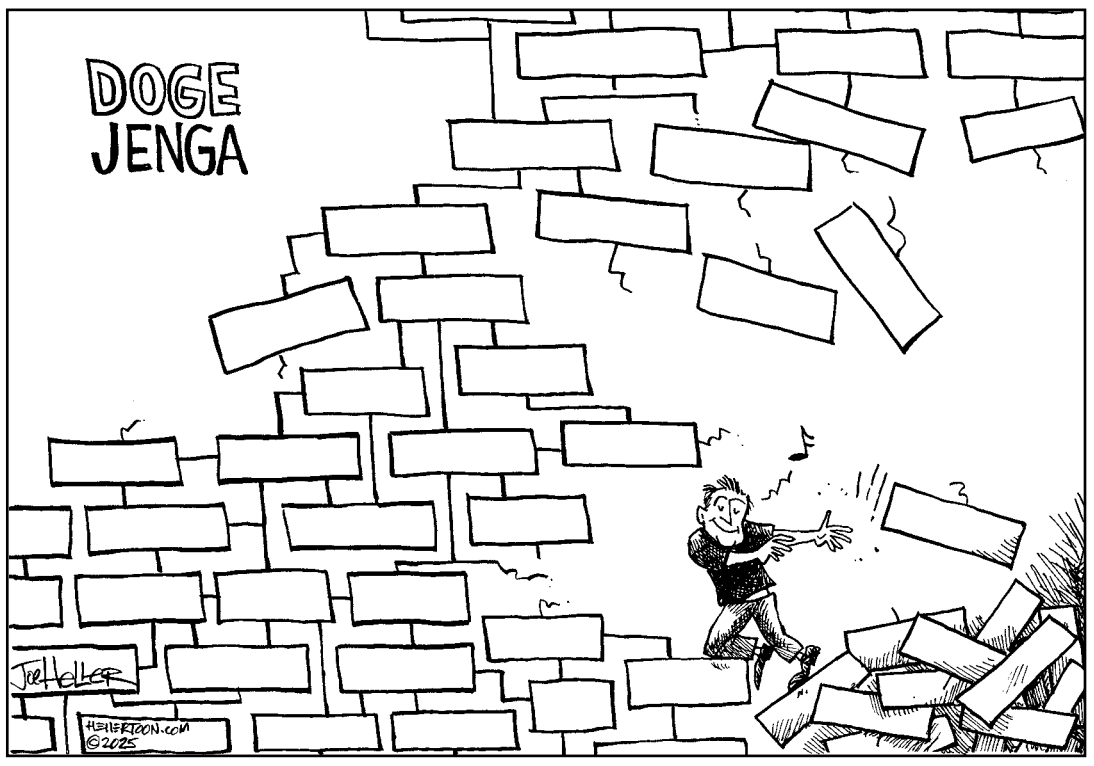
Get involved in partisan politics. Reynolds and Trump created this mess. The only way out, frankly, is to beat them. Get involved in the local Democratic Party and find out what you can do to help. I know they need your time, talent and treasure.

Show up for community actions, protests, and events. Your presence demonstrates support for the issue, and it makes it easier for others to join the opposition.

Keep abreast of the news – especially local news – but do not go down the route of doomscrolling. You need to know what is going on. But you need not fight about it online. Strike a balance.

That is my list. Do you have similar thoughts? If so, please feel free to share them!

As always, feel free to contact me at 319-354-7199 or rodsullivan29@gmail.com. I look forward to serving you!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Medicare changes could deny you rehabilitation care—act now

I am writing to bring attention to an urgent healthcare issue that affects the residents of Kalona, Riverside, Wellman, and rural Iowa—the growing trend of Medicare Advantage denials for inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) care. As discussions continue about potentially shifting more Medicare recipients into Medicare Advantage plans, I urge readers to consider the impact this would have on access to critical rehabilitation services and to act by contacting their legislators.

Currently, Medicare Advantage enrollees face higher rates of denials and delays for IRF care, forcing many patients into lower levels of rehabilitation that do not meet their medical needs. This often results in delayed recovery, preventable hospital readmissions, and increased long-term healthcare costs. Traditional Medicare provides broader access to inpatient rehabilitation, ensuring that medical decisions are made by physicians rather than insurance companies focused on cost-cutting.

If more Iowans are moved from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage, more patients will face unnecessary hurdles in accessing rehabilitation after strokes, brain injuries, and other serious conditions. Many individuals may not realize this issue until they or a loved one needs inpatient rehabilitation—only to be denied the care they were promised.

I urge all readers to contact their state and federal legislators and ask:

Do you support maintaining access to inpatient rehabilitation through traditional Medicare?
Will you hold Medicare Advantage plans accountable for unnecessary denials that harm patients?
What steps are you taking to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries can receive the care they need without bureaucratic barriers?
The decisions made about Medicare today will affect our families, friends, and neighbors tomorrow. If we do nothing, more Iowans will suffer needlessly. The time to act is now. Please call or email your legislators and make your voice heard before it's too late.

Dr. Christopher R. Crossett, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, CRRN
Cedar Rapids

Facebook friends can be real friends



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

The social media phenomenon known as Facebook turns 20 years old this year! It was a year or so after Facebook became a reality that I began hearing talk promoting the application and younger friends and acquaintances began urging me to get involved.

Early on, I was reluctant to sign-up for Facebook but by 2010 (or so) I became a member. In the 15 (or so) years that have followed, I have developed a love-hate relationship with it.

For years I have I read complaints about Facebook and its policies, security issues, advertising, screening and on and on. Yes, I have been frustrated, too, but at the same time I realize that using Facebook is free. Gratis! If it's free you're not in charge.

My greatest frustration with Facebook is the users who abuse the system. Facebook is an opportunity to share your thoughts on any number of issues. Some folks post what they have done that day or what they had to eat at their favorite restaurant. Others post their children's achievements, their religious convictions or their political opinions.

This all works well until someone decides to disagree with a post. With the relative anonymity provided by the internet some people use their keyboards to become nasty, belligerent and sarcastic. Some Facebook users find it necessary to argue with issues with which they disagree.

After 15 years on Facebook I have learned to scroll past things with which I disagree. I attempt to give others the same right to their opinions (on their pages) that I assume for mine. Facebook users who choose to react nastily to my posts can ultimately be "unfriended" and, as a result, no longer have access to my Facebook page.

One of the benefits of the medium is the positive ways in which it connects people.

Case-in-point: I have inhabited this planet for nearly eight decades and in that time I have lived in two dozen houses/apartments in a dozen communities. These numbers include my childhood years.

Since age five or so, I have made friends and acquaintances in each of those communities. Some of them were neighbors, co-workers, church friends, business owners, customers, bosses, employees, school mates and other opportunities for acquaintance.

Thanks to Facebook I have been able to connect with many of these people from my past and make new acquaintances along the way.

As I have shared in previous columns, my family moved frequently over the years and I attended several schools. My Facebook friends list includes a gal with whom I attended kindergarten more than 70 years ago. Several other former students of that elementary school are Facebook friends as well.

My parents had mutual cousins (it's all legal!) so I have a couple dozen second-cousins to whom I am twice related and some are as close as some of my first cousins. Many of them are Facebook friends, keeping the family connections alive.

Co-workers from nearly 60 years ago are on my Facebook friends list and I enjoy keeping in touch with them. I lived in Sioux City 14 years and in Creston for 12 years, making dozens of friends along the way. A good number of them are now Facebook friends.

When my wife passed away 12 years ago I received friend requests from people I didn't know and who themselves had suffered a similar loss. These individuals helped me through a difficult time in my life and I deeply appreciate their acquaintance.

When I celebrated a birthday recently I had scores of good wishes including greetings from a cousin and other acquaintances in Germany. I realize Facebook reminds us of others' birthdays, but the greetings are appreciated anyway.

Cynics like to minimalize the role and value of Facebook friends. While I recognize the superficiality of some Facebook "friendships," the ability to stay connected with old and new friends and acquaintances is valuable to me.

Facebook can be a pain in the rear if you allow, but it can also be an old man's joyful way of staying connected to friends and acquaintances he has made along the way.

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Surprise visit form Joe's sisters

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

We are having real winter weather lately. Snow and ice have accumulated which made road conditions not good. This morning the mercury on our thermometer has dipped down to 2 degrees. Brrr!!

We have been busy preparing for church services that will be held here March 2, Lord willing. Saturday those assisting us were son Joseph and Grace, daughter Loretta and Dustin, and daughter Verena's special friend Daniel Ray. A lot was accomplished and greatly appreciated. Loretta needs to elevate her leg as often as she can. She went to her doctor for a checkup and her blood clot she had surgery on is good now. She has another blood clot in a smaller vein that isn't the deep vein. The doctor put her on a third blood thinner to dissolve this one without surgery. Hopefully all will heal for her. She appreciates all the prayers and well wishes from you readers. Prayers can do so much.

Baby Kylie is 6 weeks old. Two-year-old Denzel is doing great at potty training. He empties his potty into the "big" potty after he's done then flushes the toilet. Hopefully soon he will get the idea that he could just use the "big" potty and save him a step. Haha!

Saturday we also had a surprise visit from Joe's sisters, Susan from Indiana and Esther and David and their son, Tyrel, from Sugarcreek, Ohio. Susan is still recovering from breast cancer surgery. We pray her cancer will stay away and she can be pain free once again. She looked so much better than last time we saw her. After leaving here they visited with my sister, Verena. This was greatly appreciated as she has many lonely days.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with my cousin Sovilla and her family. Sovilla is also battling cancer. Sisters Verena and Emma visited her recently while in Berne, Indiana. She is very weak. Cancer is such a dreadful disease. A year ago in March was when brother Albert found out he had stage 4 colon cancer. Eight weeks later he passed away from that dreadful disease. Gone but never forgotten.

Yesterday I had an extra huge laundry. I'm washing all the curtains, quilts, and mattress pads that aren't in the usual laundry. Daughter Susan and Ervin brought their six children here while they went to an appointment. School was canceled due to road conditions so she wasn't prepared to have all of them along. Susan felt bad to bring them here since three of the children were sick. I told her it's okay and daughter Verena was a great nurse to them while they were here.

I made an early supper of spaghetti and meatballs so they could eat before Ervin and Susan were back. I sent supper home for Ervin and Susan as well. They were surely happy that all six children had eaten already. I well remember how much that meant to me when I had young children. As a busy mother you appreciate it so much.

My to-do list is gradually getting smaller. My daughters and daughter-in-law Grace plan to come for a day later this week if health permits. I plan to have them clean the basement. Today I want to go organize the clutter so it will be easier to clean. It is extra full with bikes, etc. being stored down there to make room for church services. I know we could still have church without all the cleaning done but I like the idea that you have a goal to get it all done. I know I would put it off quite often any other way.

Stay healthy and safe! God bless!

Cherry Cheese Pie

9-inch graham crackers crumb crust or baked pastry shell
8 ounce cream cheese, softened
14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
⅓ cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
20 ounce can cherry pie filling

In a medium sized bowl mix cream cheese until fluffy and gradually mix in condensed milk until smooth. Mix in lemon juice and vanilla. After mixing well, pour into the prepared crust and chill it for 3 hours or until set. Pour pie filling on top after it is chilled.

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

WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser! We had such a great time and were able to raise money for library programming.

Be sure to join us for the upcoming events at the library: Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Children's Area

Cook Around the World Ireland - 3/11 at 6:30pm

Vegetable Gardening 101 - 3/18 at 6:30pm

Travel Italy - 3/25 at 6:30pm

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

Children's: Knight Owl and Early Bird by Christopher Denise; Dear Unicorn by Josh Funk; I am Mister Rogers by Brad Meltzer

Juniors & Young Adult: Pup and Dragon How to Catch a Dinosaur by Paul Gill; Hide and Geek by T.P. Jagger; Max Meow Cat Crusader by John Gallagher; Fullmetal Alchemist 3 by Hiromu Arakawa

Adult: Heal Your Gut, Save Your Brain by Partha Nandi; Order of the Swans by Jude Devveraux; Before We Were Us by Denise Hunter; Open Season by Jonathan Kellerman; Apprentice to the Villain by Hannah Nicole Maehrer; The Last One at the Wedding by Jason Rekulak

Large Print: The Butler by Danielle Steel

Stay up to date by visiting our website: wellmanlibrary.org, or following us on Facebook

IDRIS CLUB

Idris Club met February11 at the Velma Skola meeting room at the Kalona Library and hosted Alpha Club. We all enjoyed the Mid-Prairie High School students where they performed skits and songs. Refreshments were provided by Doris Greiner and Pam Kral.

President Ruth Hershberger presided at the business meeting. Next meeting will be March 11 at the library with Pam Kral and Karen Plank bringing refreshments.

Those in attendance were Doris Greiner, Ruth Hershberger, Pam Kral, Brenda Miller, Karen Plank, Margi Teets, and Marlene Yoder.

SENIOR DINING MENUS - FEB. 27 - MARCH 6

Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday – Tuna & noodle casserole, peas/carrots, cheese biscuits, cinnamon apples

Friday – Porkburger, pea salad, baked beans, brownies

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

Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday – Little smokie casserole, beets, apricots

Friday – Chili, corn bread, mandarin oranges, ice cream

Monday – Sloppy Joe, Hawaiian beans, pineapple, brownies

Tuesday – Sliced ham, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, mixed fruit

Wednesday – Tuna salad sandwich, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, dessert

Thursday - **Liver & onions or grilled steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peaches

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

**Call for reservations AT LEAST 2 days in Advance

Pleasantview

Thursday – Crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, Jell-O salad, pumpkin cake dessert

Pleasantview Meals on Wheels

Thursday – Classic meatloaf, fried potatoes, honey buttered carrots, vanilla cheesecake w/ cherry sauce

Friday – Greek style salmon filet, corn, bread, peanut butter brownie

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.

AROUND TOWN

Kalona Business Lunch

The Kalona Chamber's next Business Lunch will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Chamber, 514 B Ave., Kalona. Environmental Health Specialist Jason Taylor will provide information and answer questions regarding cottage food laws and regulations. $5 lunch; RSVP to 319-656-2660.

Hillcrest Skating Party

All 4th – 8th graders are invited to join the Hillcrest Academy Y-Co (student body government) on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for an evening of skating at the Wellman Skating Rink. Skates, cookies, and one ticket for a water or slushy provided; bring money for additional concessions. Parents will need to pay for themselves if they stay. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/4-8events.

Iowa Pork Regional Conference

The Iowa Pork Producers Association, ISU Extension, and Iowa Pork Industry Center will hold an Iowa Pork Regional Conference on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office, 2223 250th St., Washington. Open to all; free; includes lunch. Preregistration encouraged at iowapork.org/rc-register.

WCHC Board Meeting

The Washington County Hospital and Clinics Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in the Robert Nicola Conference Room at the Washington County Hospital, 400 E. Polk Street, Washington for their regular board meeting.

Guys on Ice

Save the date for Guys on Ice, a musical comedy by Iowa City Community Theatre to be performed at the Terry Trueblood Pavillion on Feb. 28, March 1,7, and 8 at 7:30 p.m. and March 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Directed by Ruth Baldwin, the cast includes Trent Yoder from Old Man Band; the slice of life comedy centers around two Wisconsin fishing buddies swapping stories in an ice fishing shanty. Find tickets at iowacitycommunitytheatre.com.

Hillcrest Academy Blood Drive

The Hillcrest Academy National Honor Society will host a blood drive on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Plan now to donate blood and schedule a donation time for emailing Nate Miller nmiller@hillcrestravens.org or LeeAnn Chalupa lchalupa@hillcrestravens.org.

Hillcrest Academy Spring Dramas

Hillcrest Academy students will perform two dramas back-to-back this spring. On Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 8 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Celebration Hall, middle school students will perform "The Ants and the Grasshopper," and high school actors will perform "Waking Sleeping Beauty." Purchase tickets at hillcrestravens.org/drama.

Washington Annual Dinner & Awards Night

Main Street Washington, the Washington Chamber, and Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) will host an evening of inspiration, awards, and appreciation on Monday, March 10 at the Riverside Casino. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner and speaker 6 p.m. Tickets $60 individual, $600 table for 10; purchase at givebutter.com/adawards25.

OBITUARIES

Rose A. (Thomann) Amelon

1961 - 2025



Rose A. (Thomann) Amelon, 63, of Kalona, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, following a courageous battle with cancer. A funeral mass was held Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Riverside with Father Bill Roush officiating. The burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Riverside. A memorial fund has been established for the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the University of Iowa Hospital staff for the compassionate care given to Rose. The Beatty Peterseim Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Rose Anne Amelon was born Dec. 6, 1961, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, the daughter of Clement "Joe" and Elizabeth "Betty" (Frueh) Thomann. She graduated from Highland High School and earned an associate's degree in data computing from Kirkwood College.

On Sept. 15, 1984, she was united in marriage to Doug Amelon at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She worked at the University of Iowa in the registrar's office until she retired in 2023.

Rose was a member of Holy Family Parish, and enjoyed sewing, quilting, restoring and refinishing furniture and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband: Doug; three children: Nick Amelon of Tiffin, Josh (Alyssa) Amelon of Riverside, and Kayla Amelon of Hills; five grandchildren: Ali, Mackenzie, Clint, Wayne and Scott; her mother: Betty Thomann of Hills, three sisters: Jane (Dave) Goesch, Mary Jo (Dave) LeBlanc, and Donna Noldan; one brother: Ken (Becky) Thomann; sister-in-law: Charlotte Thomann; brother-in-law: Pat Horesowsky; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding Rose in death were her father; grandsons: William and Edward Amelon; brother: Ron Thomann; sister: Joan Horesowsky; and brother-in-law: Tom Noldan.

Jeanette Grace Gabriel Kvach

1934 - 2025



Jeanette Grace Gabriel Kvach, 91, passed peacefully at the Hiawatha Care Center, Hiawatha, Iowa February 20, 2025.

She was born in rural Washington County, Iowa, Jan. 6, 1934, the daughter of Leroy "Roy" and Maxine Gabriel. Jeanette was born and raised in rural Washington county. Wellman was the nearest 'big' city. After attending a one room schoolhouse, Jeanette graduated in 1952 from Wellman High School.

She moved to Cedar Rapids and worked for several years at the Morris Plan. It was in Cedar Rapids where she met Frank. They were married Dec. 26, 1964. Daughter Lisa was born in 1965. Jeanette and Frank were married for 48 years.

Jeanette and Frank enjoyed many years of trailering vacations. Exploring destinations across most of the 50 states and Canada. Mountains were a favorite destination. They also enjoyed many fishing adventures to Minnesota and Canada. Jeanette was a comfortable fisherwoman – willing and able to bait her own hook and remove a caught fish.

Jeanette was a superb seamstress and tailor, making professional quality clothing for Frank and Lisa. She joined a sewing guild and shared her passion and skills with several like-minded sewers making lap blankets for nursing facility residents and hospice patients.

Jeanette was also a very skilled knitter, sharing her enjoyment of this craft with many by making numerous baby blankets, afghan throw blankets and sweaters. As part of Project Linus, she knitted caps for newborns.

During their travels, no fabric or yarn store bypassed. Her sewing room was a testament to her passion for these crafts and evident in the many yards of fabric and skeins of yarn.

In her later years, the daily reading of the Gazette and good mysteries were favorite past times as was catching up with visitors to and the staff of Hiawatha Care Center.

She is survived by daughter: Lisa Lacy (Andy); sister-in-law: Jean Kvach; nephews: Dennis Barger (Marty) and Rick Barger; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents; sister: Janice Marie Gabriel.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at Cedar memorial Park Funeral Home. Private entombment at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

Online condolences are welcome at www.cedarmemorial.com under obituaries.

Special thanks and gratitude to the staff at the Hiawatha Care Center for their wonderful care of and for making Jeanette's last 4 ½ years comfortable.

Donations can be made to: Camp Courageous or Cedar Valley Humane Society.

Doriene C. Neill

1935 - 2025



Doriene C Neill, 89, of Indianola (formerly of Kalona) died Feb. 14, 2025, at the Village in Indianola. Doriene Maude Crouse was born Dec. 15, 1935, on the family farm near Prescott, Iowa, the daughter of Eliza CC Ogan and Chester A Crouse Sr. She graduated as Valedictorian for the class of 1954 Clearfield and won a 4-year scholarship to Simpson College in Indianola.

While at Simpson, she met fellow musician Lambert E Neill Jr. After graduating in 1958 and teaching one year - Doriene at Greenfield and Lambert at Iowa Falls, they married in August of 1959 in Clearfield. Their married life took them to Bayard, Urbandale, and finally to Kalona.

Doriene worked as a linotype setter for various newspapers, gave piano lessons, was her son's cub scout den leader, and worked as a teller/assistant vice-president of the local bank.

Doriene was very active in all the communities that they lived in. She was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, UMW, Lioness Club, Kalona Garden Club, Kalona Historical Society, Mid-Prairie Music Boosters, Indianola Village Sewing Club and Village Library Board. Doriene was a voracious reader, played piano for many years for various church functions and events, gardened, and sewed. After her husband passed away in 2008, Doriene moved to the Wesley Life Village in Indianola, where she had an independent apartment and became involved with the activities there.

Doriene is survived by her three children: Lambert III, Laurel (Kent) Halstead, and Thomas; two grandchildren: Taylor (Emily) Halstead, and Zachary (Casey) Halstead; and three great-grandchildren: Sawyer, Brooks, and Lincoln Halstead

Doriene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister: Bertlyn Johnston; and a brother-in-law: Robert Johnston.

The family will be having a private graveside ceremony later this spring. In remembrance and honor of Doriene, please visit and support your local library.

Concerns run the gamut at second legislative briefing

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WASHINGTON

If one theme emerged from the Legislative Briefing held Thursday night, it was that there was no one theme. Constituents took advantage of the first evening forum held with state legislators Dawn Driscoll and Heather Hora in Washington, and their concerns were many and varied.

Prior to the Q&A session, which lasted a bit over an hour, Sen. Driscoll and Rep. Hora were given time to review recent activity in their respective chambers. For Driscoll, that meant lamenting the Senate's failure to advance a bill that would have reinstated a moratorium on new casinos in Iowa, including one in nearby Cedar Rapids that is expected to 'cannibalize' revenue from the Riverside Casino.

"I've taken this vote very, very, very hard," she said. "I feel terrible that I wasn't able to come through for Washington, for Washington County, for our entire area."

Driscoll noted that she had spoken "very passionately" about the Riverside Casino in the Senate, and that many people from the area reached out to her regarding its importance and reach. She thanked those who advocated on the casino's behalf.

"I'm not proud of how we [the Senate] handled ourselves," she said. "I'm very sorry that I wasn't able to get this across the line, because this was a big one for me. I worked on it for a long time."

Rep. Hora agreed that a casino moratorium was "probably the biggest thing for Washington County" when it comes to recent activity in the House, which did pass the bill.

Q&A

For the past two years, constituents have been asking the legislators for evening and weekend briefings, as those held on weekday noon hours are difficult for workers to attend. Thus, one might have thought that the evening forum held Feb. 20 would attract a new crowd with different concerns. However, that did not appear to be the case: for the most part, the same community leaders, ag advocates and retired schoolteachers filled the room.

On the whole, Washington County residents and their representatives were on the same page. For example, more than one attendee was against a House bill that would remove legal exemptions in obscenity laws for public libraries and schools, thus opening these institutions to criminal charges for distributing or exhibiting obscene materials to minors – this at a time when what counts as 'obscene' is hotly contested.

"I think the libraries are doing a great job. I'm not going to be holding a subcommittee on that bill," Driscoll said.

"I think that needs to be a local issue," Hora agreed.

Modernizing the Grain Indemnity Fund was another issue attendees cared about. A bill is currently in the House that would increase the indemnity fund minimum from $3 million to $8 million and the maximum from $8 million to $16 million to help cover farmers' losses when their buyers go broke.

"We'd like to include credit sale contracts and deferred price payments as well in the floor and the ceiling," said a Farm Bureau member. "It's not 1985 anymore," he added, noting that foreign animal disease is devastating, and the state lab needs continued funding.

Driscoll agreed. "Foreign animal disease has been the top of everyone's mind this year," she said. "If something happened out here, it would be absolutely devastating to our area. We would like to see a plan in place."



About 45 people attended the Legislative Briefing with Sen. Dawn Driscoll and Rep. Heather Hora on Thursday, Feb. 20 in Washington. CHERYL ALLEN

The bill in the House, however, is still being discussed, Hora said. "It did move out of Ag Committee, but there's just a lot of things that need to be looked at," including the $16 million cap and inclusion of credit sale contracts, she said.

There were also issues people felt passionate about where they felt their legislators did not exactly have their backs.

"In the state of Iowa, 66 counties do not have an OB-GYN doctor or birthing facilities. That's a serious situation," a Wellman resident said. "I realize that a lot of Iowa is remote, but we can't continue with this when people are traveling across a county and a half to see an OB-GYN."

"We are absolutely trying to address that," Driscoll said.

"It's very expensive, and so we need to figure out how to fund it," Hora agreed, noting that last session's midwifery and physician's assistant bills were meant to help the situation.

"Women need health care across their lifespan, not just when they're pregnant," said a public health professional, to which the legislators agreed.

When they mentioned trying to retain medical students in Iowa after they complete their education, "Abortion bans are a great way for doctors to leave the state," she responded. "They're not willing to risk their license to put themselves in a situation where they have to choose between jail time or saving the life of the woman. We have seen maternal mortality increase across the board since Roe was overturned."

Jon Green, chair of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, also took issue with the legislators.

"This is the third year that you have been running a supervisors districting bill targeting Johnson County. There are 150 members of the legislature. I'm just curious why you think that your judgement is superior to the 155,000 residents in Johnson County that are quite satisfied with how we elect our supervisors," he said.

Driscoll said that the bill predates her, but that she has chaired and sponsored it. The idea is that in larger counties, everyone would be represented.

"We hear it all the time that the rural voices do matter, and that people want to be heard," she said.

"I would note that if I go out my back door, I'm at the Riverside Casino. I am rural elected," Green, a Lone Tree resident, responded.

The briefing went a bit over its allotted hour so that all constituents would have a chance to voice their concerns. Several of those present thanked the legislators for the opportunity, and Driscoll and Hora promised to follow up with many of them.

Next Briefing

All Washington County residents have an opportunity for their own voices to be heard at the third and final Legislative Briefing on March 14 at noon at Washington City Hall.



After the briefing, folks approached the legislators with additional concerns.

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comments have been submitted to the city regarding the budget, however, they have heard some comments on the proposed increase to water and sewer rates.

"Nobody loves it," he said, but "they understand."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Robe noted that Washington County Emergency Management Coordinator Marissa Reisen had submitted her resignation effective March 28. He noted that she has served in that position since July 2017, and that finding a new coordinator would be "kind of a lengthy process" as those qualified for the role don't often go on the job market.

The Kalona City Council will next meet on Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

AINSWORTH

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

HILLS

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

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

IOWA CITY

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

KALONA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Cosgrove Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy.1; Ministry: James Swartzentruber, 319-683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, ¼ mile east, 319-683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bontrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Bontrager; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

NORTH ENGLISH

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

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

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 David Paintsil, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

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

NICHOLS

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

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

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

OXFORD

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

RICHMOND

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

RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

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

SOUTH ENGLISH

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

TIFFIN

First Global Methodist Church at Tiffin: 1100 Tall Grass Ave; 319-545-2065; Pastor: Rev. Ruby T. Bongolan; Sunday Worship: 9 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 Mark Larson; 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: Pastor: Gary Sears. Missouri Synod; 5th St. & 4th Ave. Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

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

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

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

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 ½ miles west of Cheese Factory, 319-656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

WEST CHESTER

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

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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110 YEARS AGO - FEB. 25, 1915

Kalona

Thede Frederick is able to be about town this week, but does not feel able to take up his mail route duties. He has had rather a serious time of it and he does not feel like taking chances by starting on the mail route too soon. Wm. Smith is substituting for him this week.

Our High School Library is growing rapidly. New books are arriving daily and more coming. It is hoped our library will soon be of the required size so the school can be made accredited.

Fire Sunday morning wrecked the Register-Leader printing plant in Des Moines. The Evening Tribune was also printed in the same place and the entire loss is estimated at about $200,000. Through the courtesy of other printing plants in Des Moines, the Register-Leader and Tribune are being cared for until they can arrange other quarters. The papers are being printed at the Capital printing offices and linotype machines throughout the city have been secured to do the work, while they are getting new equipment. While the loss at first seems heavy, it will probably be like many other fires, open the way for a much finer and better plant than the one destroyed.

Great was the grief Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapek were obliged to meet and endure by the death of their so much loved baby boy.

The child, ten months old, had been ill for about three weeks, having at first bronchitis and later an attack of pneumonia. Though every means were used by physicians and nurses in their endeavor to restore health to the little sufferer, death called Saturday to claim and carry off little Clement.

There is a price on the head of every pretty girl who can bake good biscuits. Most any girl can look pretty under the parlor chandelier or in the soft moonlight, but, ah, how few will do to look at next morning at 6:30, and still fewer can set before the hungry men at breakfast a plate of appetizing hot biscuits, and for the one who can, the boys are searching the world of girls.

Two great tears shone in her hazel eyes as she stood by the slot machine outside the wayside inn--two tears so large that a young man passing on his motorcycle saw them clearly.

"Excuse me, " he said gently, "but if you tell me all about it perhaps I can help you."

The girl shook her pretty head. "I've put a penny in the slot machine," she answered, "and nothing will come out."

"Ah," said the young man, "that's soon remedied."

Drawing a penny from his pocket, he inserted it in the machine. Six times he tried with six different pennies, but absolutely nothing happened. Then he rode away, poorer, but happier.

As he rounded the corner, the girl's mother appeared in the doorway.

"Well, Kate." she asked, "how are things going?"

"A-1," came the reply. "He's the tenth. Altogether I've netted three dollars this morning."

I have bought the mill and feed grinding business from G.C. Bender and will take care of your feed grinding every Friday and Saturday. I also have a new wood sawing outfit and solicit your work in that line. Also do saw Gumming, both circular and cross cut and guarantee you a satisfactory job. Yours for business, Glenn Wahl.

About seven or eight of our fellows went to Wellman, last Friday night to see the basketball game. They went up on the evening train and had Mr. Ohls, the section foreman, come up after them with his section car. The engine was not working right when they left Wellman, and just after starting, the car caught fire from the exhaust. The boys all hiked for safety, but Mr. Ohls called them back and altogether they soon put out the fire, and after about an hour spent in fixing the engine, were able to make the rest of their trip all right.

Ed Coleman, aged 35, a prominent young farmer, living east of Guthrie Center, was almost instantly killed in a peculiar accident. He was driving a stake into the ground with a sledge hammer while standing near a gasoline engine, which was propelling a buzz saw. When Coleman swung the sledge above his head, it came in contact with the fly wheel of the engine and rebounded, striking him on the head and causing almost instantaneous death.

Vernon Wilson, of Mills County, dropped some cartridges on the ice, one exploded, the bullet striking him in the arm and inflicting a bad wound. He was in the country at the time and flagged a fast passenger train and was taken into Glenwood.

Bernie Luth, son of Peter Luth, of Allamakee County, was fatally burned when he used gasoline to start a fire in a stove. In the explosion which followed, pictures were torn from the wall and the house caught fire.

New dances have been barred by the Sioux City school board from hops given by school societies. Only the two-step, waltz and square dances are to be allowed at any school function in the future.

Worry over a dog bite he received caused the death of Edward Bolz, near Ida Grove. Shortly after the animal attacked Volz, it showed signs of being afflicted with rabies. This fact caused nervous prostration.

Lone Tree

Every man who thinks he is down and out or aged because he has passed the age of fifty, should be cheered up by the statement that investigation of the lives of the world's greatest men shows that sixty-three percent of them did their greatest work after they were past sixty years of age. But they spent their previous years learning how.

By a vote of 79 to 29, the Iowa legislature last Thursday repealed the Iowa Mulct law, effective January 1, 1916. The senate passed the bill the week before.

This means that there will not be a saloon in Iowa after next January and the state will return to state-wide statutory prohibition.

Myron Eben Draper, son of David and Mary Draper, was born on the home place south of Lone Tree on January 24, 1897, died February 17, 1915, age 18 years and 23 days. Most of his life was spent in Lone Tree where he was popular among his companions and friends.

Myron was one of the steady, industrious young men of the community and was making a success at farming. He will be greatly missed by the parents in the home, and the sympathy of all is extended to the mother and helpless father whose home now seems so lonesome.

Tongue Fingers--Fine to use up cold tongue after it has been served hot braised for dinner and then cold sliced, etc: Grate nearly a cupful of the remains of a cold tongue very fine and mix it with the yolk of an egg, a large spoonful of cream and finely chopped parsley, dash of salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly and pour on some prepared narrow strips of buttered toast. Then sprinkle thickly with fine bread crumbs stirred in a little melted butter, with a shake of paprika, and brown quickly in a hot oven.

Father Vaughn tells a good story of a certain minister who was preaching on "Perfection." "Did you ever know anyone to be perfect?" he asked. "Did you ever read of any man or woman who was quite perfect?"

As he paused and looked around among his audience, a pale-faced woman rose up and said, "Yes, from all accounts, my husband's first wife was perfect."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is ofttimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle.

Mr. F.G. Wehmeyer announces that he will not go into the restaurant business here again. He sold all his fire damaged furniture and fixtures at auction last week and will engage in other work, but just what he has not announced as yet.

The second case of typhoid fever has developed in the Frank P. VonDraska home. Just as the son was getting better, the daughter took ill. The cause is supposed to be from using the shallow well water. How fortunate that the school is not using the water from this well as formerly, or we might have scores of cases all over town.

There is every indication of spring, ground hog or no ground hog. The ducks and geese are going north, the robins and blue birds are flipping around and the mud is almost knee deep. Doesn't that seem like spring?

The 1915 Iowa auto plates are so loud it is questionable if cars will have to be equipped with either front or rear light. The color scheme is a gorgeously brilliant canary background with the figures a glossy black, and drivers will have to wear smoked glasses to prevent accidents, as the number plate will be more dazzling than the electric lights.

Mrs James Thompson, aged 52, wife of a prominent farmer living near Clarinda, was instantly killed when her dress caught in the machinery of a wood saw. She was thrown almost directly across the saw and her body severed in an instant.

Wellman

It may be news to the majority of Advance readers to know that W.N. Leeper, superintendent of the Wellman public schools, is a candidate for the office of county superintendent. According to the new law, the county superintendent will be elected by the presidents of the different school boards of the county, and if we mistake not said election is held in April. Prof. Leeper is well fitted for the office to which he aspires, and somehow we feel that he stands a splendid chance of being elected. He has our best wishes.

Mrs. Charley Green has been having a siege of erysipelas, but is improving fast. She is under the care of Dr. Downing.

Jerry Augustine is a fugitive from justice. The Iowa City man was paroled after drawing a 10-year sentence for holding up a man, while impersonating an officer to make the crime easier. Recently, a warrant issued today, alleges he impersonated an officer again (this time, with a color of authority, having been employed as a sort of "stool pigeon") but while doing so, he forced a girl of 17 to accompany him to a factory a mile from town. It is not alleged he injured her, as the police frightened him away. He is said to be in Omaha.

Many people have a very erroneous idea about operations as a cure of disease. They think by cutting out the part which pains, the case is cured, provided the patient lives. This is seldom true. In order to cure a case, treatment must deal with the cause. Operations deal with the effects as in appendicitis and tonsillitis, while the cause resides in the spine. True, the particular trouble may be abated, but some day, somewhere, in some form, it is almost certain to appear again. A lady had had an operation for gall stones. A few weeks after leaving the hospital, the same old symptoms returned. She came to our office and has never had another symptom since. Dr. Barker.

No doubt, the largest sale held in this community this season was that of John Klockenteger's Tuesday. Although the roads were very bad, and the weather disagreeable, a large crowd was present to devour the offerings at good prices. Until recently selling horse flesh has been a hard job for any auctioneer, but they seem to be in better demand now, and are fast approaching the old-time prices. John had a fine offering of the equine variety, and twenty-three head averaged $172.50 each. John didn't say, but we judge the total footings must have run between ten and twelve thousand dollars. Considering the roads and weather, he was well satisfied with the results.

We have been informed that certain parties are riding their horses on the cement walk leading to the cemetery. It should be stopped immediately, as the walk cost a large sum of money, and should not be wantonly damaged.

A fire which might have been accompanied by disastrous results was recently caused in a curious way by wire bed-springs short-circuiting a storage battery which had been temporarily placed beneath the bed. The occupant of the bedroom in sitting on the bed caused the springs to sag, short-circuit the battery terminals and fuse, thereby burning a hole in the mattress and setting fire to the bedding. The battery had been removed from an automobile and was being stored for the rest of the winter beneath the bed where it would be out of the way and not freeze.

A remarkable story is told of the sagacity of a horse who lost a shoe. It managed to get out of the field where it was grazing, traveled a considerable distance to a blacksmith, who was astonished to find the horse standing in front of the door holding up a foreleg. The horse was shod and it galloped back, happy, to its field.

Our worst fault, says a great writer, is not seeing that we have any. There can be no repentance over wrongs and ill condition when we are sure that the blame rests entirely with someone else, and the spirit that is satisfied with its own goodness and attainments ceases to grow. The struggle to overcome faults and weaknesses is hard, but to feel no need for such struggle is death.

Before being taken to visit friends for luncheon, she was admonished not to ask for her favorite portion of chicken, the drumstick. Upon being asked which piece she would like, she remarked, at the same time looking at her mother wistfully, "You put it over here and I'll help myself."

The very best cure for a case of nerves is to keep busy. If you cannot find any work of your own, help some friend who has more to do than she can accomplish. Be really interested in everything you do and do it with all your might. You never heard of a washerwoman being nervous.

Frank Minteur, an old resident of Green township, passed away at his home where he has always lived, after an illness of two weeks, aged 78 years. He was a man of honesty and well liked by all who knew him.

His father died when he was quite young and left him to care for his mother who preceded him to the Great Beyond about 23 years ago.

He leaves no sisters or brothers, but some nephews and nieces and a host of friends. He was a man who never belonged to church, but he always read his Bible every day, and just as soon as he got bedfast, he told the people who lived with him that he wanted to be baptized, so they had Rev. Berg, of Champion Hill to come and baptize him.









Riverside to request WCRF grant for improvements at Hall Park

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

The City of Riverside is requesting nearly $100,000 in Washington County Riverboat Foundation funds to help with improvements at Hall Park.

City Council members decided at Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting to request a grant of $91,533 through the WCRF's Municipal Grant program in which Riverside is one of eight eligible cities for grant funds.

Project work at Hall Park will include the installation of three pickleball courts this spring, in addition to other improvements around the park's main stage.

Hall Park is host to most of the activities during Trek Fest, an annual celebration held each June with ties to the Star Trek television and movie platform.

The pickleball courts have been designed by Axiom Consultants of Iowa City, and will be installed on the north side of Hall Park. The design documents are on the city's website, agenda packet, at riversideiowa.gov.

Construction bids for the pickleball courts were due this past Thursday, and the City Council is expected to award a contract at its first meeting in March.

The City Council is also expected to request a WCRF grant in the fall grant period for a proposed community center that would be built near Highland Elementary.

Community Center

A kickoff meeting for the Riverside Community Center's steering committee will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 4.

Committee members have been already chosen, but the meeting is open to the public.

The steering committee is expected to meet multiple times as the city moves ahead with plans for the community center. A number of public sessions are expected to be set later this year as more designs and costs are finalized.

Council Action

The Council awarded a solid waste and recycling collection five-year contract to Lakeshore Recycling Systems of North Liberty.

The Council set March 14 as the bidding deadline for the city's Security and Access Control project. The project will be awarded April 7.

The Council approved a payment of $5,225 to WRH, Inc., for work completed on the UV Disinfection System at the city's wastewater plant.

The Council tabled action on a contract with Goerdt Inspections and Consultation Services, for conducting building inspections.

Next board meeting: The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. March 3.

Print media has eyes on Wellman, council reminded

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

If there were such a thing as a 'typical' city council meeting, the meeting Tuesday night in Wellman would probably qualify.

An update from Mary Audia of the Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) topped the agenda on Feb. 19; she led with praise for The News's Progress issue on Jan. 30, in which interviews with leadership from four cities, including Wellman, featured prominently. She also held up the Feb. 16 issue of The Gazette, where Freeman Foods featured in the Business section.

"I was pretty excited to see this because Kelly and I had worked with these guys on it," Audia said, alluding to the $25,000 Rural Innovation Grant the store received from the state in January to enhance online ordering. Freeman Foods is now on Instacart, she noted, adding, "Hopefully we can get more grants as they come up, so we'll keep our eyes peeled to help them out. Shopping local is one of the big things that I've been up to this past year."

Protecting the Riverside Casino from competition has also been a focus for Audia this year; however, a new casino in Cedar Rapids was granted a license earlier this month.

"They're expecting 26 to 30% is what we're going to lose [in revenue]," she said, noting that the Riverboat Foundation is already notifying cities and nonprofits that less grant money is likely to be available in the future.

Wellman has received over $1.5 million in quarterly municipal grants from the foundation since 2006.

At the conclusion of her review of last year's activity, Audia thanked the city for their continued investment and collaboration with WEDG.

Council Action

There were two action items for the council Tuesday, one of which was the setting of a public hearing for the proposed property tax levy for FY25-26. City Administrator Kelly Litwiller noted that the proposed levy increased from the previous fiscal year due to added debt service for Ginkgo Avenue/9th Avenue bridge reconstruction (from $10.81 to $11.70 per $1,000 valuation) and that a letter will go out on March 20 to every taxpayer providing details. The council set the public hearing for Monday, April 7.

The council also approved a $15,261 quote for a flow control valve and SCADA system for the water plant, which is required for the city to connect to Wapello Rural Water.

Community Notes

At the conclusion of the meeting, Litwiller noted that the city is looking into alternative locations for shooting fireworks in the event of rain and will be doing some testing.

Council member Nathan Klosterman asked if progress was being made in getting more businesses into the downtown's vacant storefronts. Litwiller said she had talked with the owners of two buildings recently, and that the city could do more to push owners to sell or lease their space.

Mayor Ryan Miller thanked the public works crew for clearing snow last week.

"There's a lot of hours put into moving snow, and it's never easy, especially when it continues to snow," he said. "We appreciate all the hard work."

The Wellman City Council will next meet on Monday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

$6.5 million road project slated for 540th Street in Stringtown area

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

A $6.5 million road restoration in the Stringtown area is among the road projects coming up over the spring and summer in Johnson County.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will consider the Secondary Roads' annual budget at its formal session Thursday.

A 6-mile stretch of 540th Street SW will undergo a pavement restoration. The targeted area goes west from Highway 1 to the county line, near Hillcrest Academy. It is the largest project in the department's five-year plan.

The work on 540th Street west of Highway 1 follows up another project on 540th Street east of Highway 1.

"We got a lot of good comments back from the people that live out there," said Ed Bartels, Assistant County Engineer. "I don't think they originally wanted it, but I think they got used to the idea now."

Other upcoming projects include a surface restoration on 500th Street SW, between Highway 1 and Angle Road.

Two years from now, a $2 million surface rehabilitation project is scheduled for 500th Street SW, west of Hills.

Budget Talk

Supervisors will take a third run Thursday morning on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget following its formal session.

A second round of cutdowns came in a vote last week.

The new fiscal year begins July 1.

Conservation Director

Brad Friedhof, who has been Program Manager of Johnson County Conservation, has been named the department's new director.

"I think he's going to do a great job," said longtime Supervisor Rod Sullivan.

"Just a stand-up guy," Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz said. "Very passionate about conservation education."

Grants Manager Change

Allison Wells, Johnson County Grants Manager, announced her resignation, effective March 7.

"I have really loved my time here," she said in an emotional comment to the Board at its work session Feb. 19.

Wells has played a large role in administering and guiding the county's usage of $28 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Board Action

The Board set 5:30 p.m. March 13 as the monthly evening session for public hearings associated with zoning and platting applications.

The Board approved vacation accruals for non-bargaining staff involved in project work, by a 3-2 vote. Sullivan and Green voted no.

The Board approved a job description for Community Engagement and Policy Coordinator.

The Board approved a number of Reserve Deputy Sheriff appointments.

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. February 27.

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Second installment of property taxes due, late payment penalties begin April 1

Johnson County property owners are reminded that the second installment of property and mobile home taxes is due Saturday, March 1, 2025. Payments need to be delivered to the Treasurer's Office, paid online or postmarked by Monday, March 31, 2025, to avoid a 1 ½ percent monthly penalty that will begin on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

In-person payments must be made at the Treasurer's Office, located at the Johnson County Administration Building at 913 S. Dubuque St. in Iowa City. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If paying by mail, the stub portion of the tax statement must be submitted with the payment and mailed to the Johnson County Treasurer, PO Box 2420, Iowa City, IA 52244-2420. Payments postmarked by March 31, 2025, will be considered paid on time and no interest will be charged. The U.S. Postal Service postmark is the only date recognized for the date of mailing. The date written on a check or a business metered date cannot be accepted as proof of the mailing date. Residents who would like a receipt must include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their payment.

To make an online payment, visit www.IowaTaxAndTags.org. You can pay with an e-check, debit card, or credit card. Those payment methods, whether online or at the Treasurer's Office, are subject to a convenience fee.

Questions about payments should be directed to the Treasurer's Office at 319-356-6087 or rblack@johnsoncountyiowa.gov. Additional information about property taxes is available at www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov.

Johnson County accepting proposals for affordable housing initiative

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors requests proposals from nonprofit organizations and government entities to lease and manage the 15-unit property at 1102 Hollywood Boulevard in Iowa City.

Proposals should ensure the completion of a 20-year affordability period and demonstrate financial stability, experience with grant compliance, and a tenant selection process that supports Johnson County's goal of reducing housing access barriers for tenants.

The Board of Supervisors purchased the property in July 2024 for the development of affordable housing. The property will feature newly renovated, two-bedroom, one-bathroom, partially furnished, two-story townhomes. Following a series of energy-efficient upgrades, these homes will be available for occupancy. Johnson County invested a total of $2.25 million in the project.

This purchase is part of a series of initiatives by Johnson County to address affordable housing needs with over a 12,000-unit shortfall for Johnson County's lowest income renters. In Johnson County, approximately 55% of renters are experiencing housing cost burdens, with 92% of extremely low-income households affected.

Proposals can be submitted through the application portal at https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/bids-and-proposals and are due by noon on Friday, April 4, 2025.

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Investing in Our Communities: Shiloh's Transformative Gift

BY RYAN SCHLABAUGH
Kalona City Administrator

Recently, the City of Kalona, Washington County Conservation, and the Mid-Prairie Community School District have been the beneficiaries of extraordinary generosity from the Shiloh Committee. These financial contributions represent more than financial gifts; they are transformative investments in recreational trails, education, fine arts, and conservation efforts. Through this generosity, Shiloh has left a lasting gift that will strengthen our schools, public spaces, and community well-being for generations to come.

These gifts reflect a deep belief in the value of rural communities and a vision for a stronger, more connected future. The impact of these investments will be felt by families, students, local businesses, and future generations, ensuring that Kalona, our schools, and all of Washington County continue to grow, innovate, and thrive.

Strengthening Education and the Fine Arts

One of the most significant contributions made through this initiative is a $500,000 donation to the Mid-Prairie Foundation in support of the proposed Mid-Prairie auditorium project. For years, our students and community members have worked tirelessly to create a dedicated performing arts space, and this generous investment moves the school district one step closer to realizing that shared vision.

Superintendent Brian Stone spoke to the impact of this gift when he remarked, "This donation is truly a game-changer for our district. It not only paves the way for a state-of-the-art facility but also reaffirms our commitment to nurturing both academic excellence and artistic creativity."

The proposed auditorium will be more than just a school facility—it is envisioned as a regional hub for the arts. This state-of-the-art venue will host a variety of events, from musical performances and theater productions to guest speaker engagements, thereby elevating the cultural and artistic landscape of the Mid-Prairie district.

History shows us that robust fine arts programs lead to higher academic achievement, increased student engagement, and stronger community bonds. Unfortunately, many rural districts struggle to fund and sustain these programs. This donation ensures that Mid-Prairie students are one step closer to having access to the same high-quality performance spaces as their peers in larger districts, ultimately leveling the playing field and providing a nurturing home for creativity, discipline, and collaboration.

Supporting the Next Generation of Trades Professionals in Memory of David Tornow

A meaningful contribution by the Shiloh Committee is aimed at shaping the future of young trades professionals through a donation of $25,000 to establish an endowment supporting a student trades scholarship fund in memory of David Tornow, honoring his lifelong dedication to craftsmanship, education, and service to others.

David was deeply committed to both the City of Kalona and the Mid-Prairie Community School District, serving his community in numerous ways throughout his life. His work as Kalona's Building Inspector reflected his dedication to building and maintaining the community's growth and ensuring a strong foundation for future generations. Beyond his service to the City, David was a passionate supporter of education, recognizing the importance of skilled trades in shaping the workforce of tomorrow. His involvement with Mid-Prairie Community Schools, the Home Builders Association HBA and City of Kalona Student Built projects and his advocacy for hands-on learning underscored his belief that students should have opportunities to develop careers in fields that sustain our communities. The Shiloh Committee's financial commitment to the early-stage David Tornow Scholarship Fund is designed to provide crucial support for students pursuing careers in the skilled trades. By investing in these students in the same spirit of service and dedication that David exemplified, the fund will help ensure that the next generation has the resources they need to excel in essential, hands-on professions.

Investing in Workforce Development: The Student Built House Project 2025

With a commitment to hands-on education and workforce training, a gift in the amount of $60,000 to the Student Built House Project will help provide sustainability and financial security for the future of the project. This initiative provides high school students with real-world experience in construction, project management, and skilled trades, while also contributing to local housing solutions through our collaboration with school districts and the Greater Iowa City Area Home Builders Association.

Empowering Students Through Practical Learning

Students work alongside professional contractors, learning all facets of the building process from blueprint creation to reading plans, site engineering, foundation work, framing techniques from panelized systems to stick built framing, electrical work, plumbing, and finishing techniques.

For many students, this program sparks a passion for careers in the building trades and helps bridge the gap between education and employment, ensuring that students graduate with real-world skills that set them apart in the job market.

A Solution to Affordable Housing

In addition to educational benefits, this project directly impacts the local housing market, increasing the availability of affordable homes. The duplex created on C Avenue in 2023 is a great example, and the 502 A Avenue duplex project in 2025 will again provide families home ownership while giving students the opportunity to see a tangible result of their work—a home that will stand for decades, built with their own hands.

Expanded Conservation Efforts to Enhance the Southtown Recreational Area

Washington County Conservation is excited to announce a generous $150,000 donation from Shiloh to support improvements at Vista Park, a key component of the Southtown Recreational Area. This investment will enhance public access, provide conservation-focused improvements, and further strengthen the partnership between Washington County Conservation and the City of Kalona to expand outdoor recreation opportunities in northern Washington County.

"The Washington County Conservation Board is honored to be the recipient of these funds," said Zach Rozmus, Director of Washington County Conservation. "Over the past several years, our organization has worked hard to forge new relationships and establish a meaningful presence in the Kalona community. While we are proud of the progress made at Southtown thus far, we recognize that this is just the beginning."

Through this donation, Washington County Conservation and the City of Kalona will continue enhancing the Southtown Recreational Area, ensuring long-term sustainability while providing improved public amenities for residents and visitors alike. These funds will contribute to trail development, habitat restoration, and other conservation efforts that align with Washington County Conservation's mission to balance outdoor recreation with environmental stewardship.

"As an organization, we look forward to expanding our partnership with the City of Kalona and the broader community," Rozmus added. "This generous donation will allow us to enhance the Southtown Recreational experience and further solidify Washington County Conservation's role in preserving and developing outdoor spaces in northern Washington County. The future is bright for Southtown."

We are grateful for Shiloh's commitment to conservation and community development. This investment in Southtown not only strengthens the regional park system but also reinforces the importance of strategic partnerships in building a more sustainable and connected outdoor network for all to enjoy.

Forging New Paths: A Community Trail

The Shiloh Committee has provided a donation to the city of $1,000,000 with the clear goal to create a pedestrian, walking and biking trail from the Kalona City Park to Vista Ridge Park in the Southtown Recreational Area. This generous gift enables us to take decisive steps toward realizing a comprehensive trail system that will provide numerous trail connectivity options—a project that promises to reshape our city's landscape and enrich the lives of all our residents.

Enhancing Connectivity and Promoting Active Lifestyles

This trail project is far more than a mere pathway; it is an investment in the health and well-being of our community. By linking two vital recreational hubs and the 70+ acres of river bottom ground, the project will look to create a seamless corridor that encourages walking, jogging, cycling, and other outdoor pursuits. It will not only provide a safe, scenic route for exercise but also foster social interaction among neighbors and visitors who come together to enjoy our shared public spaces.

Catalyzing Economic and Social Revitalization

Beyond its health and recreational benefits, the new trail is poised to serve as a catalyst for economic growth and community engagement. Improved connectivity between Kalona City Park and the Vista Ridge / Southtown Recreational Area will draw visitors from near and far, stimulating local commerce and enhancing our tourist community.

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainable Development

In developing this trail and park network, the City of Kalona in partnership with Washington County Conservation will strive to be good environmental stewards. The design of the trail system will prioritize low impact methods that protect our natural landscapes and local wildlife. This initiative not only enhances public access to nature but will also contributes to the long-term conservation of our community asset and local environment.

Early Stages and Community Involvement

It is important to note that the project is in its early stages, with detailed planning set to continue throughout the coming winter and spring. As we lay the groundwork for this trail system, community input, landowner discussions and active participation will be invaluable. We invite all interested residents to get involved and help shape the future of our city trail network. To volunteer or learn more about how you can contribute to this exciting endeavor, please visit www.cityofkalona.org and complete the volunteer form available on our website.

A Lasting Legacy

The generous $1,000,000 gift from the Shiloh Committee is a key investment in Kalona's future. It will look to directly pave the way for a dynamic trail system that promises enhanced connectivity, economic growth, environmental sustainability, and an improved quality of life for all. We are deeply grateful for the Committee's support and look forward to the many positive changes this initiative will bring to our beloved community.

Gratitude

The Kalona City Council on February 18 read a statement of thanks to the Shiloh Committee and I want to share part of that in closing that sums up the generosity that Kalona, the Mid-Prairie Community School District and Washington County Conservation have seen:

Your financial commitment to the Kalona community is truly remarkable, and these contributions will have a lasting impact. The long-envisioned trail will enhance connectivity and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and we share your enthusiasm for moving the project forward as efficiently as possible. Your support for the food pantry and student-built house project reflects a shared commitment to strengthening our community's resources and investing in the next generation. Additionally, the endowment in honor of Dave Tornow will ensure that his legacy continues by supporting students pursuing careers in the trades, an area of critical importance to our local workforce and economy.

Once again, we sincerely thank the Shiloh Committee and all those involved in making this generosity possible.

Cellphone ban looks increasingly likely at Mid-Prairie schools

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

Whether or not to ban cellphones at Mid-Prairie schools has been a topic of discussion for the school board in recent months, and on Monday night those talks continued, although this time with the addition of data gathered from the community. A survey of families conducted in the last couple of weeks was condensed into an 18-page document breaking down how parents felt about such a policy.

The results? Parents were "pretty well split" between favoring a full or partial ban on cellphones at the schools. The dominating concerns were that parents wanted direct contact with their children to be possible in the event of an emergency situation, such as a school shooting, or if they needed to change afternoon transportation plans. Parents also didn't want to bother the school secretary.

With parent feedback in hand, the board felt more confident in developing a full ban cellphone policy, one in which phones would be prohibited from opening to closing bell. Students would be able to have cellphones on them, whether in backpacks or cars, but the policy would require them to be neither seen nor heard throughout the day. Staff would be required to enforce the policy consistently, and the consequences for violating the policy would be made clear.

Board member Gabrielle Frederick worried that kids would spend more time in the bathroom as a result, where they would sneak out their phones.

"We're not going to start patting kids down," Superintendent Brian Stone said. "Nothing is ever perfect, because that's just reality."

"The positive is, look at how much you have limited," Board President Jake Snider said. "The students' mental health, like, that's huge."

An interesting complication arose, however, just as the board was coming to a consensus on the cellphone policy for students: what about teachers? Would the full ban apply to them as well?

Board members seemed to agree that teachers should be good models for their students in this regard, however, after that there was uncertainty.

"I think there could be more latitude with our professional staff," Board Vice President Ryan Schlabaugh said.

"I think our people need to be treated as professionals, I will say that," Stone said.

Although teachers' cellphone use has not been an issue at the schools, the board agreed that the policy for staff should be updated as "just a formality."

The board will look at specific policy language for the cellphone policy at a future work session. The goal is to have a final policy approved and in place for the 2025-26 school year.

Crossing Guards

With crossing guards in both Kalona and Wellman resigning recently, Mid-Prairie's elementary students may be vulnerable as they cross Highway 22 to come and go from school.

"Every year it's a revolving door," Stone lamented of the crossing guards.

The board agreed that the guards are needed and their jobs should be posted, and also that students would benefit from additional instruction on how to safely cross streets.

Alternative Kindergarten

With the recent resignation of a kindergarten teacher, the board discussed whether the district should continue to offer Alternative Kindergarten, as it does currently at West Elementary. The class size next year is likely to be as small as 10 students, as compared to the typical 16 or 17. The program typically serves students who aren't socially/emotionally ready for school; it has the same curriculum as the regular kindergarten classes.

Some board members had experience with the program, as their own children benefitted from it. Most agreed being able to offer a variety of options to families was an asset for the district.

Alternative Kindergarten is likely to remain offered, although perhaps at East Elementary in the future.

Board Action

A bit of business was conducted at the board's meeting on Feb. 24 before the work session.

The board approved a WCRF grant application in the amount of $60,000 for a new dual scoreboard/videoboard for high school football and track. Activities director Pete Cavanagh explained the current scoreboard is over 20 years old – the expected lifespan – and the video screen no longer works. A new scoreboard comes with a price tag of $156,000 and would offer new programming and advertising opportunities as well as boost the gameday experience.

No comments were made during the public hearing for a Flexibility Transfer for HSAP funds; the board approved the transfer resolution, which involves moving $350,000 of unspent Home School Assistance Program funds to the General Fund.

The board passed a Redemption Resolution of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024.

The board set a public hearing for Grade-alike Attendance Centers for Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. The district looks to house preschool, kindergarten, and first grade at East Elementary and second, third, and fourth grades at West Elementary starting with the 2026-27 school year.

The Mid-Prairie school board will next meet for a business meeting on Monday, March 10 at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Office Community Room.

Board OKs coordinator resignation

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

In their second meeting in their new offices at Orchard Hill Tuesday, the Washington County supervisors accepted a personnel resignation, approved an official county seal and paid change order #13 for its new quarters in 17 minutes, duplicating last week's time. Although Tuesday's time was noted, no one suggested that the new, more efficient office may have played a part. Twice.

The personnel issue was the resignation of Marissa Reisen as the county Emergency Management Coordinator, to be effective March 28, 2025, which the board accepted with regret. A formal letter of resignation will be presented to the board prior to her last day of employment. She has held the post for approximately a decade.

The official seal, featuring an American eagle in full flight with a bundle of arrows in one claw and an olive branch in the other, was approved and will be inscribed on official documents. The county had had a similar one, decades ago, that also featured a plow.

The change order for Orchard Hill was to install window film on the doors at Building 3, specifically for the window film on the conference room glass where the board is now meeting. Total cost for materials and installation was $1,590.52 and the work is complete.

COLLECTED TREASURES

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displays, which folks were eager to do.

"We have 19 vendors," Yoder says. "We have a variety of everything, from antiques, collectables, Pokemon cards, an Elvis collection, quilts, wall hangings, table runners, homemade purses, handmade teddy bears, pretty much a little of everything."

The ratio is about 30% handmade, 70% antiques and collectibles, the ladies estimate.

"We have something for every generation," Crawford adds. "We get a lot of teenagers" – who head right to the Pokemon cards – "and then we get students from the university who are setting up an apartment and want to come find some vintage stuff."

Out-of-town adventurers who seek things to add to their collections, whether they be teapots, cookie jars, or classic toys, are another group who will likely find something that catches their eye.

"The only thing we don't really have is tools," she concludes, although "guy things" are expected to materialize.

Each of the co-owners has their own role in the business: Yoder is managing the shop, as she is skilled in this regard (she is also office manager at The News next door), while Crawford and Yotty are "the worker bees" who will assist customers.

On Valentine's Day weekend, the ladies opened the shop for a trial run, which "considering how cold it was, went really well," Yoder reports. Although freezing rain was predicted for that Saturday, it never manifested, and plenty of shoppers made the trip to Kalona. Everyone who previewed the store left with purchases, and nearly every vendor made a sale.

"We're piggybacking on Dave's success," Crawford says, and while she may be right – English River had developed a 5-star reputation over the decades – surely the new owners are contributing some special magic of their own. The welcoming and spacious store that exists today, with plenty of space to move through for those with assistive devices, is thanks to their own efforts and vision.

But don't take this reporter's word for it; find out for yourself at Collected Treasures' grand opening on Saturday, March 1. A new world of Kalona-style charm awaits.

Collected Treasures is located at 417 B Avenue, Kalona. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday.

PHOTOS BY CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS









West Chester farmer elected to PFI Board of Directors

Alec Amundson, Wade Dooley, Brice Hundling and Natasha Wilson are the newest additions to Practical Farmers of Iowa's board of directors. Elected by PFI members in January, their support ensures farmer priorities continue to guide and ground the organization's work.

Practical Farmers' 12 board members serve in many capacities, from ensuring PFI is fiscally sound and programs remain effective and farmer-focused, to providing leadership, advice and direction to staff. All of the newly elected members are beginning their first three-year terms.

At-Large Farmer Director: Natasha Wilson and her family run West Fork Farmstead near West Chester, Iowa. Together, they raise grass-fed beef, heritage pork, pastured chickens, chicken and duck eggs and raw honey.

"PFI has been a tremendous resource for my family as we've made big changes on our farm, navigating generational transition and implementing regenerative farming practices," Natasha says. "I'm grateful for this wonderful community and am glad to serve and support other farmers."

At-Large Farmer Director: Alec Amundson and his wife, Rachel Amundson, run Green Country Farms in Osage, Iowa. Together, they raise corn, soybeans, oats and rye.

"The knowledge and diversity of PFI members, along with their willingness to share, is outstanding," Alec says. "I enjoy being active in PFI and giving back to the community in every way I can. Serving on the board is another way to contribute and help ensure PFI's success for the future."

District 2 (North Central Iowa): Wade Dooley runs Glenwood Century Farm, a diversified crop and livestock operation focusing on raising cover crop seed near Albion, Iowa. Wade also owns Dooley Ag Stewardship Inc., offering custom cover crop seeding services and seed.

"Being a PFI member has completely changed my farming operation and mindset for the better," Wade says. "Becoming a board member, I felt, was one way I could give back and support the organization that has been so impactful for me."

District 1 (Northwest Iowa): Brice Hundling and his wife, Melanie Hundling, run a diversified family farm in Breda, Iowa. Together, they raise pigs and cattle for Niman Ranch, sheep, goats, ducks, geese, laying hens, broilers, turkeys, peacocks, guineas, bees and several grain varieties. "PFI has a long history of promoting research and implementation of new and innovative ideas. To help guide that mission is an honor," Brice says.



Natasha Wilson, second left, with sister Claire Wilson, far left, and parents Nancy and Brian Wilson. PFI

These individuals join hundreds of Practical Farmers of Iowa members who serve in leadership roles within the organization — whether by hosting field days, conducting on-farm research, mentoring beginning farmers, volunteering at events, speaking with the media, serving on committees and more.



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HAWKS GROUND BULLDOGS

Mid-Prairie's second quarter surge leads to victory in playoff opener

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

One quarter into its 2A boys basketball tournament opener against Mediapolis last Thursday, Mid-Prairie found itself in an unusual position.

The Golden Hawks trailed, 12-9.

Junior guard Bryce Henry, the leading scorer in the River Valley South Conference, hadn't scored a point.

Then, the second quarter happened. The Golden Hawks held Mediapolis to just two points in that quarter and cruised into halftime with a 13-point lead in their final home game of the year.

Scoring? Sure, the Golden Hawks had that in 16-point games from Henry and senior point guard Brady Weber. But defense paved the way for a 58-40 win in the semifinal round of the District 5 playoffs.

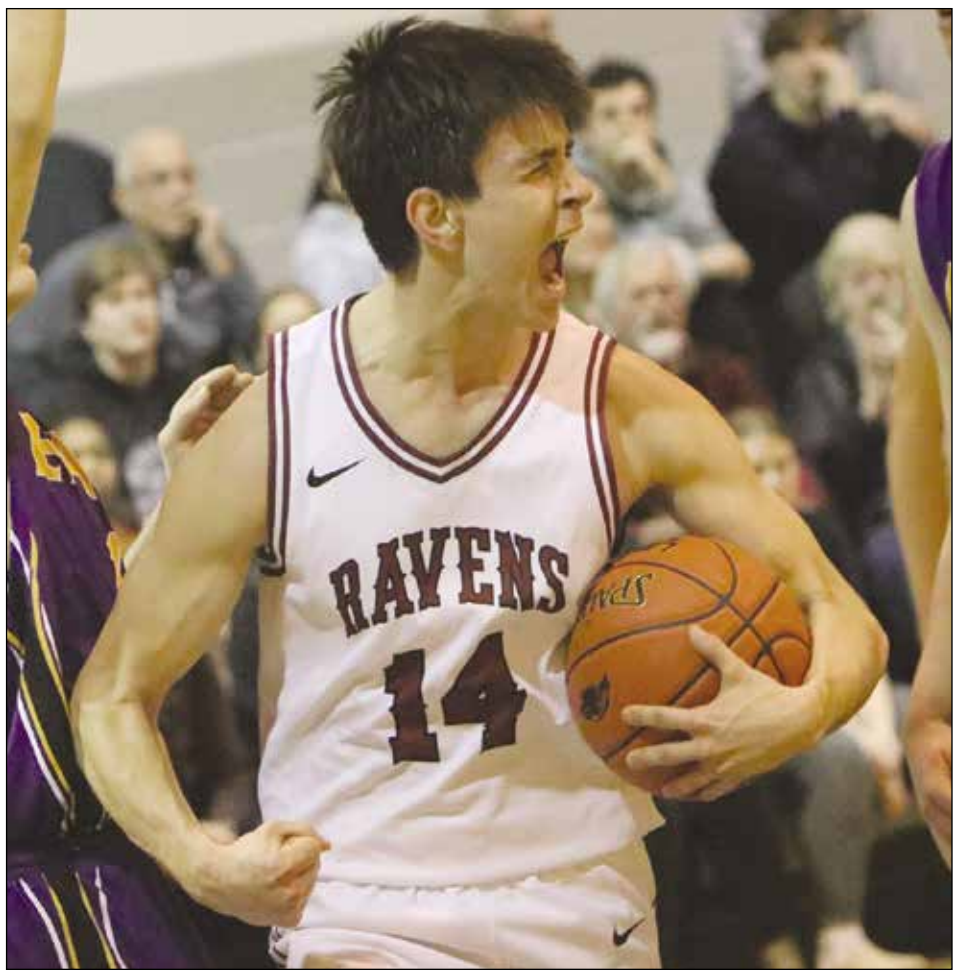
"It was preached all week, playoff basketball, defend and rebound," Golden Hawks head coach Daren Lambert said. "Defense and rebounding wins basketball games, especially this time of year."

Kaden Kos, a junior, led the Golden Hawks with 6 rebounds. Weber had 4 assists and 2 steals to go with his 16 points on a night when some of his Mid-Prairie baseball teammates cheered from the bleachers.

The victory finished off a home season in which the Golden Hawks (18-4) lost just twice at home and finished second in the River Valley South.

"It's really surreal," Weber said. "Senior season. I've always just wanted to

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS
Hillcrest senior Mason Bender celebrates being sent to the free throw line after getting fouled by a Keota defender during the fourth quarter of a home playoff game on Feb. 20.



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS
Mid-Prairie's Bryce Henry hits a 3-pointer in last Thursday's tournament win over Mediapolis.

RAVENS SOAR PAST EAGLES

Balanced scoring attack works wonders for Hillcrest in playoff win

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

Accompanied by a raucous crowd filled with postseason fervor, a playoff rematch against two three-loss teams was living up to its billing.

The Eagles gave the Ravens a run for their money, never quite going away through four quarters, but Hillcrest weathered the storm to emerge victorious and book their ticket to the 1A-4 district championships.

Taking care of business at home, Hillcrest (21-3) soared to a 61-50 second round playoff win over Keota (19-4) last Friday.

"It's a big win over a very good team, a very good program," Hillcrest head coach Dwight Gingerich said about the playoff win over Keota. "It was good to be able to play at home tonight. I thought our guys really came with a great effort."

Keota was aiming to avenge its regular season loss to Hillcrest, but from the get-go the Ravens took control with a 9-2 run to eventually end the first frame with a eight-point advantage.

While Hillcrest did not relinquish its lead in the second quarter, the Eagles fought back in a big way. Keota went on a 16-11 run to cut its deficit to three at the half.

"Got off to a pretty good start in the first quarter, and then they were able to close the gap and get some momentum," coach Gingerich said about Keota battling back in the second frame.

A pivotal third quarter awaited Hillcrest with the momentum on Keota's

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Highland's Cole, Bell, Pierson make state debuts, impress on day two

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

DES MOINES

While the Iowa High School Athletic Association was celebrating 100 years of state wrestling it was the first time the long-standing tournament featured the talents of Highland's Landon Bell, Cash Cole, and Tyler Pierson who all made their state debuts this past week.

The whirlwind known at the IHSAA state championships took place at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines from Feb. 19-22 and the Huskies displayed their skill and growth on the biggest stage Iowa high school wrestling has to offer.

With state being the grand stage it is, the Highland trio decided to partake in some team bonding before competition kicked off with a visit to the barber.

"I'd say it was probably more of a team bonding thing as we go to the state tournament," Cash Cole said about Pierson and Bell along with himself getting buzz cuts before wrestling at state. "Kind of had to do something goofy a little bit before we came up here and show what we're about."

"I just found out that I was going to state. Got a little message from Cash saying, "Hey, since you're making state, we got to go get buzz cuts. Me, you and Tyler." And I was like, "Screw it, why not?"" Bell said.

Sporting new haircuts, on day one Cash Cole (1A-113), Bell (1A-106), and Pierson (1A-132) all dropped their first matches at state. Not letting the sting of defeat linger past the first day, Bell and Cash Cole rebounded on day two.

Bell, making the most of his opportunity after advancing to state from a third place finish due to an injury to the runner-up, picked up a pair of strong wins on day two.

"Mostly just doing it for a bigger cause. It's not even for me anymore," Bell said about

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS
Highland freshman Cash Cole keeps a strong hold on his opponent's leg during a match at the state wrestling tournament taking place at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

ATHLETE of the WEEK



BRADY WEBER
MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR

Weber scored 16, tied for the team lead, in Mid-Prairie's 58-40 playoff opener win over Mediapolis on Feb. 20. Weber also dished out four assists, pulled down four rebounds, and nabbed two steals. Through 22 games, Weber is the Mid-Prairie leader in assists (93) and steals (46).

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Pathway ends season with third-place finish at home tourney

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KALONA

Pathway Christian finished their boys basketball season with a seven team tournament February 14-15 at Pathway.

The Panthers faced Mt. Pleasant Christian in game one and took control early leading 23-4 after a quarter.

Pathway would cruise to a 56-28 win. Justin Hertzler led a balanced Pathway attack with 11 points while pulling down 17 rebounds. Ian Shetler put in 10 points to go with 7 rebounds. Elijah Dhooge scored 8 points and brought down 6 rebounds. Ryker Miller scored 7 points and had 3 steals.

Levi Dhooge scored 6 points and had 6 takeaways. Luke Brokaw, Denver Nelson, and William Swartzentruber each finished with 4 points. Brokaw led the team with 6 assists. Asher Stutzman had a basket to complete the scoring.

Pathway played the Spot Warriors in game two with a spot in the championship game on the line.

The Warriors were able to use their length and quickness to turnover the Panthers and create easy opportunities on their end. Pathway found themselves behind 9-16 after a quarter and 26-33 at the break.

The Spot was able to build an 18 point advantage heading into the final period. Pathway mounted a run late, but was not able to get the lead under eight points as they would be defeated by the Warriors 57-67.



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Pathway Christian boys basketball team poses for a picture after placing third at a home tourney. The Panthers end their season with a 15-11 record.

In the loss, Pathway had three players finish with double doubles. Preston Yutzy led Pathway with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Ryker Miller scored 16 and pulled down 10 rebounds. Denver Nelson scored 13 to go with 10 rebounds.

Ian Shetler put in 7 points, Asher Stutzman finished with 3, and Luke Brokaw completed the Panther scoring with a basket. Miller had a team high 6 steals.

Pathway faced the Des Moines Defenders in game three with a chance to play for third on the line.

Pathway got off to a strong start building a commanding 23-0 lead after a quarter and extended the lead to 44-5 at the half. Pathway would go on to win 65-27.

The Panthers were led by Ryker Miller's 18 points on 7-13 shooting including three triples. Denver Nelson scored 14 points and dished out 6 assists to go with 4 steals. Preston Yutzy netted 11 points and had 3 steals.

William Swartzentruber put in two 3's. Asher Stutzman finished with 5 points, Ian Shetler had 4, and Luke Brokaw finished with a basket.

Saturday afternoon Pathway played the Oskaloosa Knights for a third place finish on the line.

Ryker Miller helped get Pathway off to a good start with back to back threes to end the first quarter giving Pathway a 19-12 lead. After an even second quarter Pathway was able to create some breathing room in the third period, outscoring the Knights 13-5 to take a 46-31 lead into the fourth.

An Asher Stutzman three ball followed by a Miller steal and Preston Yutzy basket pushed the Panther lead to 55-35 with five minutes to play.

Pathway would not score the rest of the way in a 55-47 win. Yutzy finished with 21 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Miller scored 13 points and had 4 steals in a strong defensive performance against all tournament member, Gidion Van Mersbergen. Sophomore Denver Nelson had an excellent floor game, scoring 14 points to go with 8 assists and 5 rebounds.

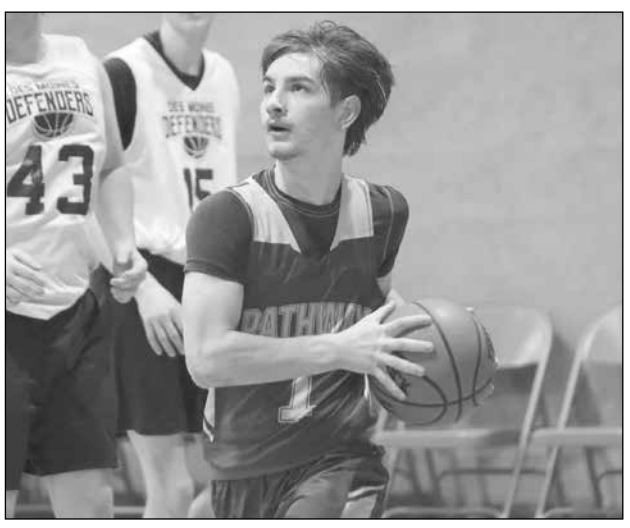
Pathway finishes the year with a 15-11 record and will graduate three seniors: Ryker Miller, Preston Yutzy, and Asher Stutzman.



Pathway Christian senior Asher Stutzman.



Pathway Christian senior Preston Yutzy.



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Pathway Christian senior Ryker Miller.

Orioles' defense stifles Huskies in 1A Regional semifinal clash

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

SPRINGVILLE

The reality of a steep challenge hit fast for the Highland Huskies in a 1A regional playoff matchup last Friday night.

The gym at Springville High School was packed. Standing room only.

The Orioles, ranked seventh in Iowa 1A girls basketball, had won eight straight games. They won their first tournament game by 32 points over Winfield-Mt. Union and had closed out a 17-4 regular season with a 98-point game against Iowa Valley.

Springville junior forward Rowan Jacobi, already an All Stater in basketball and volleyball who has verbaled a commitment to Summit Conference power South Dakota State, entered the game as the second-leading scorer in the state.

"We knew what we were facing coming in," Highland head coach Jody Fink said.

One quarter in, the Huskies trailed, 18-2, as the home crowd roared.

From there, the Orioles put on a show that delighted its overflowing crowd. Jacobi scored a double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds. She had 14 points in the first half when the Orioles cruised ahead, 34-7.

And as good as Springville's offense was, the Orioles' defense smothered Highland freshman Kamryn Fink and her teammates. Finding an open shot was difficult enough. Even getting the ball down the court through Springville's pressure defense was a challenge. It turned into a basketball clinic.

"Their aggressive nature on defense, they're doubling everything," Jody Fink said.

Springville shut down Kamryn Fink, who was the second-leading freshman scorer in 1A this season. Fink was held scoreless for more than three quarters, finally scoring her only point on a free throw with 4:16 left in the game.

Katie Herrig, Highland's only starting senior, led the Huskies with 5 points. Fink had a team-high 7 rebounds.

Springville's pressure defense resulted in 24 Highland turnovers. And the Huskies were outrebounded, 41-22.

"Their size is just something we can't replicate in practice," Jody Fink said.

The Huskies did try. Prior to playing Springville, Highland's boys basketball team was brought in for a practice in an attempt to replicate Springville's size.

The loss ended a 17-8 season for the Huskies, their highest win total in nearly 10 years. The Huskies won their first four games and won two games in the 1A tournament.

"This is a great learning experience for them, the girls coming back," Jody Fink said.

Kamryn Fink finished the season with 400 points and 363 rebounds. Her 51 3-pointers were just six short of Highland's single-season record.

GAME STATS

SPRINGVILLE 61, HIGHLAND 17

Highland	2	5	4	6	-- 17
Springville	18	16	20	7	-- 61

Highland scoring: Katie Herrig 5, Emersyn Schultz 4, Katelyn Thomann 3, Hailey Brun 2, Autumn Guseman 2, Kamryn Fink 1.

Springville scoring: Rowan Jacobi 22, Addison Merritt 16, Lexi Dietiker 10, Renee Brecht 7, Abbi Hoyt 2, Ella Hoge 2, Kalleigh Greene 2.

Springville leading rebounders: Jacobi 12, Brecht 9, Greene 7.

Highland leading rebounders: Fink 7, Brun 5.



Hailey Brun of Highland watches her 3-point shot attempt head toward the basket.



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Rowan Jacobi of Springville, a South Dakota State recruit who scored a game-high 22 points and had 12 rebounds, blocks out Highland's Kamryn Fink for a rebound.

Lone Tree's Brock Nebergall ends superb sophomore season at state

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

DES MOINES

Making his appearance at the state wrestling tournament for the second straight year, Lone Tree's Brock Nebergall polished off a fruitful sophomore season at the four day spectacle known as the IHSAA State Championships taking place at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines from Feb. 19-22.

In Nebergall's (1A-120) first match at state he was pitted against Joe Hackett of Columbus Catholic. Near the end of the first period Nebergall scored a reversal to nearly win by fall but time expired.

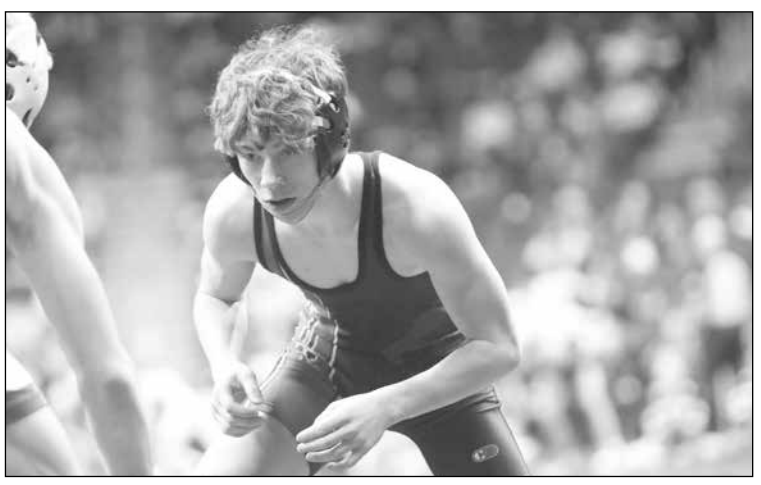
The second period is where Hackett took control, scoring six points to head into the final period with a 9-2 lead. Hackett cemented his victory in the third period, scoring a victory by fall (4:39) to send Nebergall to the consolation bracket.

Fighting for his tournament life on day two, Nebergall battled Boston Mateer of Interstate 35. Through two periods, Mateer built up a 10-0 lead. Nebergall scored his first point in the third period with an escape but two takedowns gave Mateer the victory by tech fall, 16-1.

With his second loss on day two, Nebergall ended his year with a 16-12 record.

"I was very pleased with Brock's performance. It may not have been the finish that we wanted, but Brock continues to make great strides in improving his technique and competitive nature," Lone Tree head coach Brent Nelson said. "He had great competition at the state tournament and I believe it's those kind of experiences that are going to give him the drive to continue building off of the success he had this season."

In the offseason Lone Tree will say goodbye to seniors Clemens Swaink, Anthony Hardin, Maddox Jondle, and Brody Magruder.



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Lone Tree's Brock Nebergall ends his sophomore season with a 16-12 record.

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side, but the battle-tested Ravens did not flinch. Hillcrest re-established itself in the third with a 16-9 run to enter the final frame with a 10-point lead.

"I really appreciate how our guys hung in there together. You know, every one of our guys did something really good," coach Gingerich said. "Mason Bender was a force inside. Seth Ours hit big shots. Bailey hit big shots. Mason Helmuth comes in and gives us some valuable minutes off the bench."

Four Ravens ended the night with double digits in the scoring department. Led by seniors Mason Bender and Bryce Bailey scoring 14 apiece, the all-around scoring for Hillcrest is a testament to their outstanding team play and trust in one another.

"When four of your main scorers are in double digits, it's really hard to scout you. When we score like that, it shows that we're sharing the ball really well as a team," Bender said. "That's probably due to our team chemistry. We've been playing together for forever, and it's just really fun to play with this group of guys."

"We believe in our players, that all five players, even players off the bench, that everyone can score and everyone can make a difference on our team," Bailey said.

A high-scoring fourth quarter was not enough for Keota to overcome its deficit and the Ravens notched another impressive playoff win on their resume and extended their season to the next round.

"We were all going pretty hard," Bailey said about the effort Hillcrest displayed against Keota. "It felt good to see everyone giving their best. I don't feel like anyone really took a play off. I feel like that really won it in the end."

"It feels awesome. We knew that this was going to be our last game playing on this court, but to know that it's not our last game anymore, that feels pretty fun," Bender said about advancing to the next round of the postseason.

Keota was led by the senior efforts of Billie Kindred who led all scorers with 16 and secured a team-high nine rebounds.

"Kindred, he's just a phenomenal player, he's super strong," Bender said. "It was a battle inside all night long. But ultimately, we pulled through, and we got some really big stops and we made some really big shots."

Making plays on both sides of the ball was Hillcrest's Rowan Miller who came away with some big steals on the night, dishing out a team-high eight assists, and scoring 12.

"Miller had a couple big steals at key times that really helped spark us and got the momentum going our way," coach Gingerich said.

In the 1A-4 district championships, Hillcrest battled North Linn (21-2) at Solon on Feb. 25.

"North Linn is sort of an animal unto itself. They've been incredible, and they're having another incredible year," coach Gingerich said. "They play together, and have done that forever. So, our hands are full. We're looking forward to the challenge"

"We knew at the start of the season that we'd be contending here, and it just feels good to know that the work we put in here has pushed us over the edge," Bailey said. "I think we're ready for this game against North Linn, and we're excited to see what it brings."

GAME STATS

Keota 50, Hillcrest 61

Keota	9	16	9	16	-- 50
Hillcrest	17	11	16	17	-- 61

Keota leading scorers: Billie Kindred 16, Jace Chalupa 14, Jackson Vittetoe 10

Hillcrest leading scorers: Bryce Bailey 14, Mason Bender 14, Rowan Miller 12

Keota leading rebounders: Kindred 9, Vittetoe 8, Chalupa 5

Hillcrest leading rebounders: Bender 6, Rowan Miller 6, Bailey 3



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Hillcrest senior Bryce Bailey takes a shot from 3-point distance. Bailey scored 14 against Keota to tie for the team lead.



Rowan Miller (3) flies through the air for a layup attempt during the first quarter of a home playoff game against Keota.



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Mid-Prairie senior point guard Brady Weber moves the ball against Gannon Gunn of Mediapolis. Weber scored a game-high 16 points in his final home game.

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go with a bang. I think we played really well tonight. I'm just trying to enjoy every minute of it. Just trying to have so much fun with my teammates.

"We've won a lot of games this year and it's been really fun."

Among those joining Weber on the court were senior starters Ace Peck and Conner Wiles, along with Landon Kos, Keegan Bauwens and Traevin Gugel coming off the bench.

"They're a group of competitors and they get after it," Lambert said. "That's why we've had success because we're led by that group of seniors. It's great getting them all out on the floor. Conner and Landon and Brady and Ace get a lot of minutes, but Trae and Keegan spend a lot of time at practice prepping these guys, so then to get their moments and get a couple of shots off is great."

After being held scoreless in the first half, Henry hit his first 3-pointer in the first minute of the third quarter and went on to score 16.

"They did a good job defending Bryce," Brady Weber said. "It's no secret, Bryce is a great player so they did a great job defending him."

Brooks Weber, Brady's younger brother, scored 12.

"Brooks stepped up in that first half when we needed him," Brady said. "And Bryce did Bryce things and came out and played great in the second half."

Max Griffin led Mediapolis (13-11) with 12 points.

GAME STATS

MID-PRAIRIE 58, MEDIAPOLIS 40

Mediapolis	12	2	12	14	-- 40
Mid-Prairie	9	18	14	17	-- 58

Mediapolis scoring: Max Griffin 12, Parker Holsteen 10, Will Luttenegger 9, Brayton DeLang 5, Lance Ludens 2, William Worrall 2.

Mid-Prairie scoring: Bryce Henry 16, Brady Weber 16, Brooks Weber 12, Kaden Kos 6, Ace Peck 4, Conner Wiles 3, Hudson Ehrenfelt 1.

Mediapolis rebounding leaders: DeLang 9, Gannon Gunn 7.

Mid-Prairie rebounding leaders: Kaden Kos 6, Ehrenfelt 5.

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wrestling at state. "It's kind of just for the kid that got hurt and to the 106 pounder that I took his place and he had lost to one of the kids that I just wrestled."

In the second round of consolations, Bell earned a hard fought win by 13-10 decision and the senior followed up with another win in his next match by fall (4:48) to advance to day three.

"He's just a free spirit. He doesn't put a lot of pressure on himself to wrestle, and he's having fun," Highland head coach Nick Cole said about Bell. "I don't know if people maybe really give enough credit to Landon and how good he is."

Following in the footsteps of his upper-classman, Cash Cole also made some noise on the second day, as the freshman also earned back-to-back victories to advance to day three.

"That's a tough mental game to come off of having a close loss yesterday," Cash Cole said about trying to regroup after a loss on day one. "Just trying to kind of put it in the back pocket and come ready to go and I came a little slow to start, and I picked it up and found it and got two wins out of the way."

Cash Cole won in the second round of consolations by fall (4:34) and in his next match he scored a come from behind win by fall (4:21) to finish the day with the first two state victories of his young career.

"[Cash Cole] loves to compete. He loves to be out there and he's proven he belongs here. We got down early in that match on a mistake, and he kept wrestling and doing what we preach every day," Nick Cole said about his son Cash's third round consolation match. "I knew we were in a favorable position, even though we gave up early points there."

Pierson saw his tournament run draw to a close on day two after being defeated in the second round of consolations by 12-2 major decision against the same opponent he wrestled last week in the championship match at districts.

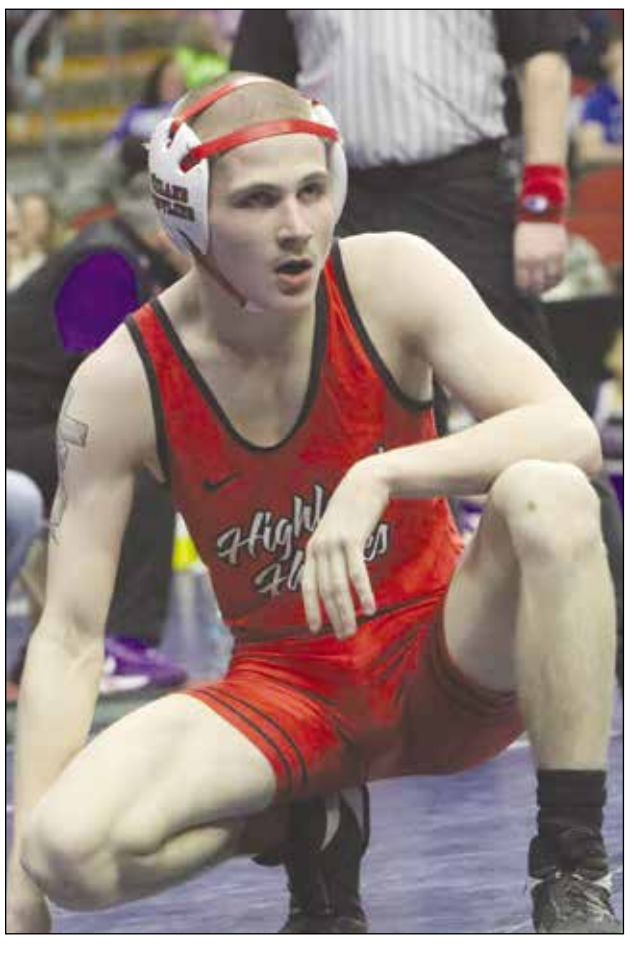
It wasn't the ending the sophomore envisioned for his first trip to state but Pierson, who ends his season at 31-18, will no doubt use this outing as fuel for the goal of making a return trip to state next season.

"I think [Pierson] improved from match one to match two, he improved. [West Branch's Logan Christoffel] beat us pretty bad in the district final. I thought we wrestled him well," Nick Cole said. "Tyler's got to understand that he belongs here. He's got all the wrestling ability in the world, and he's just got to continue to improve and continue to love the sport and the grind and the training."

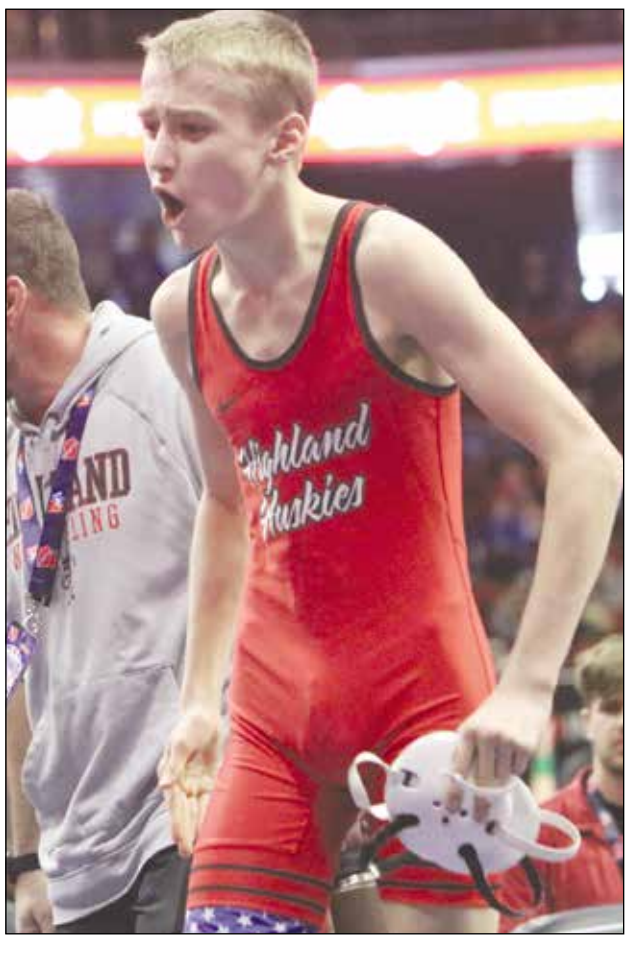
On day three both Cash Cole and Bell fell in the fourth round of consolations to end their impressive seasons. Cole ends his first year wrestling for Highland at 37-20 and Bell ends his last year wrestling for Highland at 20-11.

Highland wraps up another season of wrestling at state and in the offseason they say goodbye to seniors Bell, Sage Hartley-Norman, and Isaac Kleese.

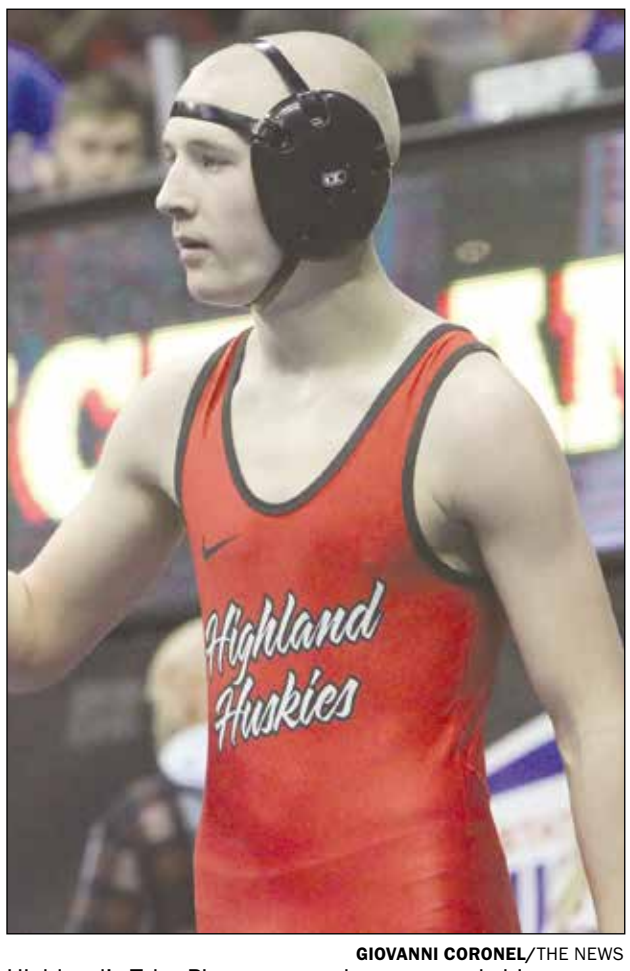
Returning plenty of talent next year, this young Highland team is set up for a bright future which should ensure their season's are never devoid of a trip to state.



Highland's Landon Bell ends his senior season with a 20-11 record.



Highland freshman Cash Cole ends his season with a 37-20 record.



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Highland's Tyler Pierson, a sophomore, ends his season with a 31-18 record.



Finley Jacque attempts to save the ball from going out of bounds during a road playoff game on Feb. 21. The Lone Tree junior scored a team-high 19 points against Sigourney.



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Lone Tree senior Cate Sexton battles for a loose ball during the third quarter against Sigourney.

Lady Lions' comeback stopped short in semifinals by Savages

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

SIGOURNEY

Battling back on the road in the semifinals, the Lady Lions were on the cusp of completing an incredible comeback, but in the final frame Sigourney did just enough to make sure victory didn't escape them.

Providing a counter-punch when needed to keep Lone Tree at bay in the fourth, Sigourney (19-5) came away with a 64-60 1A regional semifinal win over the Lady Lions (20-4) last Friday.

"I have never been so proud of our girls for their grit. A few more baskets or a couple of more rebounds and the game might have gone a different way," Lone Tree head coach Ryan Shelman said. "All in all I thought our girls left it all out on the floor and represented the school and Lone Tree well. I am proud of these girls!"

Starting off hot on their home court, the Savages teased a potential blowout in the first quarter with a 22-6 run. Lone Tree's deficit rose to as many as 18 in the second quarter.

"When you have two evenly matched teams and you're the road team in this important of a game, you have to bring your own energy and calm your own nerves," coach Shelman said. "Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start and Sigourney shot it lights out early on."

Trailing by 16 at the half, Lone Tree had some work to do if they wanted its season to continue. Starting down the path of the comeback trail, the Lady Lions rallied in the third to lower its deficit to seven with only the final frame left to play.

"I thought our team showed a lot of resilience. I challenged our team to not give up, our girls battled the remainder of the game," coach Shelman said. "I thought our defense really started to wear on [Sigourney] late in the game."

The comeback flame for Lone Tree burned its brightest in the fourth, going on a 15-11 run to lower the deficit to as little as three.

"Our shots started to fall in the second half. As the game progressed we started to execute on that end much better," coach Shelman said. "We let the game come to us and started playing more downhill towards the basket and were able to play inside out."

Scoring eight of her team high 19-points in the fourth was Finley Jacque. The junior guard played phenomenally on both sides of the ball against the Savages, leading Lone Tree in assists (4) and steals (4).

"Finley played a great complete game, she was outstanding both offensively and defensively," coach Shelman said. "She is a great talent and she played a great game."

Also coming up big for the Lady Lions was Cate Sexton as the senior secured a double double with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Lone Tree was on the verge of crossing the finish line of its comeback trail but unfortunately for the Lady Lions the fourth ended up being a high scoring quarter for Sigourney. The Savages put up 20 in the final frame to hold onto their lead and advance to the regional title game.

Sigourney senior Josephine Moore led all scorers with 24 and also brought down 15 rebounds to end the night with a double double.

Lone Tree's first 20 win season since 2000-01 draws to a close and in the offseason they say goodbye to seniors Rylee Shield, Cate Sexton, Haley Bockelman, Vivian Zaruba, Hayden Yoder, Sami Branson, and Madison Floyd.

"I am so proud of the girls and especially our seven seniors," coach Shelman said. "They have meant so much to this program over the last four years. To get to 20 wins this year and 38-8 over the last two years these girls will be missed."

GAME STATS

SIGOURNEY 64, LONE TREE 60

Sigourney	22	12	10	20	-- 64
Lone Tree	6	12	19	23	-- 60

Sigourney leading scorers: Josephine Moore 24, Brynn Clarahan 19, McKinley Chittick 12

Lone Tree leading scorers: Finley Jacque 19, Cate Sexton 15, Ava Christofferson 12

Sigourney leading rebounders: Moore 15, Chittick 8, Clarahan 6

Lone Tree leading rebounders: Sexton 13, Rylee Shield 10, Alyson Ford 5

Mid-Prairie downed by Williamsburg in defense dominated playoff battle

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WILLIAMSBURG

A look at the final score was deceiving.

Mid-Prairie scored just 16 points in its 3A Regional semifinal loss to third-ranked Williamsburg last week and lost by 19 points, 35-16.

But this was a bruising defensive war.

The Raiders (22-2) scored the game's first five points.

Then, Mid-Prairie senior forward Brylee Gearhart muscled in for a two-point response.

And the battle was on.

"Our defense was outstanding," Golden Hawks head coach Danny Hershberger said. "We did a great job of being in position to make it difficult for them. We did a great job of closing out on shooters and not letting them get open looks. Made it tough for them to score inside, as well. Really proud of our effort."

But so did Williamsburg.

The Raiders held the Golden Hawks to 21.9% shooting. Golden Hawks shooters managed just four 3-point shots and missed them all. A smothering defense led to 29 Mid-Prairie turnovers.

"They make it difficult to get in a good flow on offense," Hershberger said. "They make it difficult for you to run what you've got to run. Credit them for doing that."



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Brylee Gearhart of Mid-Prairie looks to pass the ball past Williamsburg's Ava Hocker in last week's 3A tournament game in Williamsburg.

A 16-point game by Williamsburg senior Carly Rich, a 1,000-point scorer, eventually led the way to the Raiders pulling away in the second half for their 15th consecutive victory.

But it was the first time this season the Raiders had been held to 35 points. Even top-ranked Mount Vernon didn't do that earlier this year.

"Any time you're struggling to score on offense," Hershberger said, "it's going to be tough to stick with it on defense. It's a mentality thing, a mental toughness thing. To continue to play the great defense we were playing, I'm proud of the girls being able to do that."

Callie Huber, who grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds, had a team-high 3 steals. Brooklyn Schneider and Morgyn Bender each had 2 steals.

Williamsburg was held to 28.3% shooting and scored just 16 points in the first half. An 8-0 run in the second quarter helped break open the game.

Rich scored 11 of her 16 points in the first half.

Huber, Bender and Jeorgia Evans each scored 4 points for Mid-Prairie.

Three days later, Williamsburg claimed the Region 4 title, and a state tournament berth, with a 57-43 win over PCM.

The Golden Hawks finished the season with a 16-6 record and a second-place finish in the River Valley South, reaching 16 wins for the second time in three seasons.

"I felt like we did a good job competing with the top teams we played this year," Hershberger said. "Just to have 16 wins is a good accomplishment. Any time you have more than 15 wins, feels like your team performed well."

"It's difficult after a season-ending loss to see all those things," he said. "But we'll take some time to reflect, celebrate the good things we did and accomplished, and find things that we need to continue to improve on, as well."

GAME STATS

WILLIAMSBURG 35, MID-PRAIRIE 16

Mid-Prairie	4	2	4	6	-- 16
Williamsburg	6	10	8	11	-- 35

Mid-Prairie scoring: Callie Huber 4, Jeorgia Evans 4, Morgyn Bender 4, Brooklyn Schneider 2, Brylee Gearhart 2.

Williamsburg scoring: Carly Rich 16, Zoe Allen 10, Ava Hocker 3, Taylor Sanchez 3, Channing Becker 2, Kennedy Skaggs 1.

Mid-Prairie leading rebounders: Huber 12, Gearhart 6.

Williamsburg leading rebounders: Hocker 8, Allen 5.

Mid-Prairie hosts annual Golden Hawk Winter Golf Clinic

SUBMITTED BY TRACY MCARTOR
Mid-Prairie Athletics

WELLMAN

The Mid Prairie Girls and Boys golf programs hosted their annual Golden Hawk Winter Golf Clinic on Saturday February 22nd at the Mid Prairie Indoor Practice Facility.

A number of area schools attended this year's event from Durant, West Liberty, West Branch, Clark(Osceola), City High of Iowa City and Washington.

Instructors for this event were PGA Professionals Jeff Schmid from Brown Deer Golf Course in Iowa City, Jacob Bermel from Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls, Austin Koop from the Golfletics Performance Studio in Coralville, Mount Mercy University Head Womens and Assistant coaches Jordan Amelon and Ali Robu and men's team member and Mid Prairie alum Dominic McCain.

Those attending the clinic received instruction on full swing, short game and putting over two separate 3 hour sessions.

"This annual event has been a great way for the Mid-Prairie golf teams and also area teams to be able to come in and get instruction from some of the best teachers in the game and local college coaches and talent. We are lucky enough to have a facility that can accommodate this event and instructors that are willing to come in and be so generous with their talents. Golf season is just around the corner and this really gets the kids thinking about their game and shaking some of the rust off. Getting some tips and drills to work on for the upcoming season, not just for the players but also the coaches is great."



SUBMITTED

Mid-Prairie hosted the Golden Hawk Winter Golf Clinic at its Indoor Practice Facility last Saturday.

HIGHLAND CSD

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
5:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.
, Roll call was taken with Monica Jepson, Johnny O'Leary, Karen Fink, Dan Ruth, and Nate Robinson present. Joslin Schott and Rachel Longbine were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent and Autumn Moyer, Board Secretary.
, Ruth made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
5:02 p.m.- The Board met in session for the purpose of a public hearing for the Conveyance of Property to the City of Riverside. Cole Smith, City Administrator stated that the project has been approved and final plans are out for bid. The start of the project is anticipated to take place at the conclusion of the school year. The tentative plan is to be completed prior to the beginning of the next school year. The president called for public comments of which there were none. The public hearing was closed at 5:11 p.m.
, Consent Agenda Items:
, Minutes: Approval of the January 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes.
, Approval of the January 20, 2025 special meeting minutes.
, Approval of the January 24, 2025 special meeting minutes.
, Approval of the January 27, 2025 Special meeting minutes.
, Financial Reports:, Approval of the January financial reports.
, Payment of Bills:, Approval of the following February bills.
, General Fund - $596,009.33
, Prepaid General Fund - $9,454.66
, Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - $10,239.50
, Activity Fund - $13,626.15
, Prepaid Activity Fund - $5,415.23
, Lunch Fund - $15,360.68

School Fundraisers:, NHS- Senior Parking Spots and "H" Fundraisers
, Jepson made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Ruth.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Receive Visitors: None
, Ruth made a motion to approve Spectra change order #1 for the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of -$12,500 due to additional engineering fees incurred. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the Spectra pay request #6 for the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of $41,684.10 minus retainage. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the Spectra Certificate of Substantial Completion as of August 15, 2024 with a 2 year warranty beginning at the time of substantial completion of the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the Notice of Acceptability of work for the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve Spectra pay request #7 in the amount of $54,255.02 and release retainage for the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the HR Green contract amendment #2 for the WasteWater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of $12,500 for additional services rendered. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the resolution on conveyance of real property to the City of Riverside. Seconded by Jepson. Roll Call Vote- All Ayes.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Jepson made a motion to approve the Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, and Head Coach job descriptions as presented. Seconded by Fink,
, Motion carried 5-0
, Jepson made a motion to publish the proposed property tax levy for 2025-2026 in The News on March 13, 2025 and set the public hearing for March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Jepson made a motion to publish the 2025-2026 budget in The News on April 3, 2025; set the public hearing for April 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm; and certify the budget to the county auditor by April 30, 2025. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Jepson made a motion to approve the 2025 summer reading and learning programs for the elementary. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Ruth made a motion to approve the resignation of the early retiree Michelle Wollrab, Food Service Associate. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Fink made a motion to approve the early retirement and the early retirement package for Michelle Wollrab. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Jepson made a motion to approve the purchase of a van for the district in the amount of $22,995 from Capper Auto. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Mr Crawford discussed the first reading of the following board policies, 413.01-Classified Employees Resignation, 413.02- Classified Employee Retirement, 413.03- Classified Employee Suspension, 413.04- Classified Employee Dismissal, 413.05- Classified Employee Reduction in Force, 413.06- Classified Employee Early Retirement, 414- Classified Employee Professional Purposes Leave, 103- Long-Range Needs Assessment, 501.09- Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, 710.01-R(1)- School Food Program-School Nutrition Program Civil Rights, 710.1E1- School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination, 710.1E2- Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Form. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.
, Jepson made a motion to approve the below board policies. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
411.01 Classified Employee Defined
411.02 Classified Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection
411.03 Classified Employee Letter of Intent or Contracts
411.04 Classified Employee Licensing/Certification
411.05 Classified Employee Assignment
411.06 Classified Employee Transfers
411.07 Classified Employee Evaluation
411.08 Classified Employee Probationary Status
412.01 Classified Employee Compensation
412.02 Classified Employee Wage and Overtime Compensation
412.03 Classified Employee Group Insurance Benefits
412.04 Classified Employee Tax Shelter Program
412.05 Classified Employee Activity Passes
, Ruth made a motion to approve the below personnel changes. Seconded by Jepson.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Resignations:
, Cam Larson- HS Assistant Football Coach
, Michael Eden- Secondary At-Risk Teacher
, Appointments:
Kylie Davis- JH Softball Coach 7%
, Drake Brezina- Elementary Teacher $50,000
Erin Simon- Elementary Math Interventionist $50,000
, Alyssa Brase- Elementary Teacher $50,000
, Miah Barron- Elementary Teacher $50,000
, Modifications:
, Rebecca Yoder- 1st grade to PK Special Education
Courney Dietze- 5th grade to 4th Grade
, Board of Directors:
, Dan Ruth spoke about the ESO Carnival held at the elementary stating that all involved put in a lot of work and that the amount of staff participation was outstanding. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this.
, Nate Robinson thanked Autumn Moyer, Business manager for going above and beyond. Also, thanked Monica Jepson for her service while serving on the board.
, Monica Jepson stated that her purpose on the board was about serving the kids and making a difference. Also, wished Highland the best going forward.
, Karen Fink gave a shout out to Misty Herrig and Tammy Horak for all their hard work put in for the coaches vs. cancer event. The event was a huge success as they raised over $1,000.
, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:
Information provided in the board report in the packet.
, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal:
Information in the board report in the packet.
, Autumn Moyer, Business Manager:
25-26 Budget
, Line Item Budget
, Special Education Billing
, Attending ISFLC Conference Track 3 , Budget Feb 17-Feb 19
, Ken Crawford, Superintendent
, Spoke about the candidates to fill the vacancy on the School board and tentative timeline to fill it. Crawford informed the board that our attorney assisting us with the bond issue appeal is turning the case over to the lead litigation attorney in the firm for district court and that we currently do not have a timeline for how long this process will take. Thank you to Monica Jepson for her service on the school board.
, A work session will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the high school boardroom.
The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school boardroom.
, Jepson made a motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Seconded by Fink.
, Motion carried 5-0
, Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON
SECRETARY, AUTUMN MOYER

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HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 2025 INVOICES

Activity Account
David Annen, JV GBB-Official-1/3/25 ..... $111.86
Mark Begey, V G/BBB-Official-1/9/25 ..... $157.39
Richard Briggs, JH W-Official-12/10/24 ..... $158.13
Jacob Bryan, JV BBB-Official-1/3/25 ..... $91.88
BSN Sports LLC, GBB-Warm-Up Jackets $163.71
Jordan Challis, Girls WR Invite 1/10/25 ..... $250.00
Blake Chance, V G/BBB-Official-1/3/25 ..... $147.56
Alec Clark, GBB-Scrimmage-12/31/24 ..... $65.00
Trishul Dahya, JV GBB-Official-12/19/24 ..... $95.12
Brandon Dufoe, Gary Curtis WR Invite 1/11/25 ..... $250.00
Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA 24-25 State & Nat'l Fees $256.00
Joe Fontenot, Wrestling Official 1/10 & 1/11 ..... $500.00
Ryan Haack, V G/BBB-Official-12/17/24 ..... $151.88
Richard F Hammes, JV BBB-Official-12/19 & 1/3 ..... $190.24
Brode Hills, Girls WR Invite 1/10/25 ..... $250.00
Tyler Hotz, Basketball Official 12/12, 12/17, 12/19 ..... $272.40
Iowa High School Speech Assoc., Speech-Entry Fees $83.00
Mark Kenny, Wrestling Official 1/10 & 1/11 ..... $500.00
Blair Klinefelter, JV BBB-Official-12/17/24 ..... $87.56
Mitch Knock, Gary Curtis WR Invite 1/11/25 ..... $250.00
Andrew Koehn, V G/BBB-Official-12/19/24 ..... $154.04
CBC Foods, Inc, FFA-Cookie/Candy Fundraiser $3,582.00
John Mathias, V G/BBB-Official-1/3/25 ..... $147.56
Douglas McBride, Accompaniment for Winter Concert $200.00
Tom Miene, V G/BBB-Official-12/17/24 ..... $165.38
Brent Neighbor, Gary Curtis WR Invite 1/11/25 ..... $250.00
Eric Olson, JH W-Official-12/10/24 ..... $146.88
Allan Pace, V G/BBB-Official-1/9/25 ..... $158.42
Cynthia Marie Peiffer, Reimb.-HELP Den Supplies $269.71
Pekin CSD, G WR-Entry Fee $20.00
Bill Poch, Basketball Official 12/12 & 1/3 ..... $160.00
Scott Seagren, GBB-Scrimmage-12/31/24 ..... $65.00
Brandon Smith, V G/BBB-Official-12/19/24 ..... $155.39
Andrew Stover, V G/BBB-Official-1/3/25 ..... $147.56
Ted Sueppel, JV BBB-Official-1/9/25 ..... $77.56
Tim Sullivan, Basketball Official 12/17, 12/31, 1/9 ..... $286.88
Rod Telsrow, V G/BBB-Official-1/9/25 ..... $174.78
Hills Bank & Trust Co., Drill Team-State Expenses $2,120.82
Adam Walderbach, V G/BBB-Official-12/19/24 ..... $160.04
Capital One, FFA-Holiday Supplies $104.84
Wapello High School, JV-B, V-G, V-B WR-Entry Fees $160.00
Ted Wernimont, JV GBB-Official-12/19/24 ..... $91.88
Gabriel Wylder, Girls WR Invite 1/10/25 ..... $250.00
Total $13,080.47

General Account
AAA Mechanical Contractors, INC., HS- Boiler Repair & HE- Motor Ventilation Unit $5,331.64
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Legal Services $297.00
Alliant Energy, HE - Electric $3,264.18
Amazon Capital Services, Maint.-Supplies & CO-Office Furniture $1,254.54
Arnold Motor Supply, Transp. Supplies $498.15
Fidelity Security Life, Vision Insurance Premiums $596.96
Claim Aid, Lvl 3-Medicaid Fees $359.47
College Board, PSAT Testing $221.76
College Community School District, Young Musicians Honor Band- Registration Fees $36.00
Delta Dental of Iowa, Dental Insurance Premiums $3,760.68
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, HS-Electric $5,957.03
Grainger, HE-Heating Unit for Gym $753.63
Grundmeyer Leader Services, Supt. Search Pkg $2,500.00
Highland Community Schools, Health Insurance Premiums. $7,532.67
Highland Insurance Account ..... Unreimbursed Medical & Child Care Contributions $1,906.67
The Home Depot Pro, Custodial Supplies $1,420.44
Ion Environmental Solutions, Water & Wastewater Serv. $1,000.00
Iowa Assoc. School Boards ..... 2024 Conv.&Delegate Assembly Registration $2,010.00
Josten's INC., 2025 Diplomas $295.15
Kalona Cooperative Technology Company, District Wide Phone Bill $1,131.32
Louisa County Auditor, School Bond Election Expenses $339.27
Louisa County Sheriff, Garnishment Ded Payable $372.65
Madison National Life, LTD & Life Insurance Premiums $633.49
Menards, Maint.-Supplies $572.84
Mid-American Energy, HE-Natural Gas $1,306.49
Prairie Farms Dairy Inc, PS/K-Snack Milk $240.27
Rifton Equipment, MS-SpEd-Replacement Parts $96.00
City of Riverside, HE-Water & Sewer $403.36
Denise A Roth, Reimb.-TAG Supplies $1,317.16
School Specialty LLC, HE-Office Supplies $167.88
Secretary of State, Notary of Public Application Fee- Moyer $30.00
The Sherwin-Williams Co., CO-Office Paint $119.27
Smith Sanitation Services, Jan Pickup $1,039.50
Standard Pest Control, Monthly Service-Jan $100.00
Staples Business Credit, HS-Office Supplies $617.38
Stewart & Sons Ltd, Diesel & Gas $4,145.60
The News, Legal Publications $282.30
Van Meter Inc., MS Gym-New LED Lighting $2,033.93
Wellmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Health Insurance Premiums $68,139.02
Olga S Zelenski, Reimb.-Math Supplies $86.96
Total $122,170.66

Insurance
Advantage Administrators, Flex Benefits $1,906.67
Eagle Ridge Corporate Services Inc, Claims Paid $11,022.77
Wellmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Add. Ins Premium $280.00
Total $13,209.44

Nutrition Account
Amazon Capital Services, Kitchen-Supplies $199.91
Field to Family, Vegetables $808.59
Highland Lunch Fund, Lunch P/R $15,953.70
Martin Brothers Distributing Co Inc, Food $14,880.38
Menards, Kitchen-Supplies $34.98
Prairie Farms Dairy Inc, Milk $1,376.74
PSC Distribution Inc, HS- Kitchen Garbage Disposal $1,851.68
Total $35,105.98

Payroll Account
Empower Retirement, Tax Sheltered Annuities $2,817.00
Equitable, Tax Sheltered Annuities $300.00
Horace Mann, Tax Sheltered Annuities $625.00
Internal Revenue Service, FICA $80,895.34
IPERS, IPERS $59,530.63
Treasurer, St Of Ia, State Income Tax $8,076.00
VOYA, Tax Sheltered Annuities $700.00
Total $152,943.97

Schoolhouse Account
Electronic Engineering, Camera System- 5yr Service Agreement $10,239.50
Grant Wood AEA, KnowBe4 Security Risk Training Licenses $426.67
Johnson Controls, Deposit- HS Fire Panel Replacement $3,570.60
UMB Bank N.A., SAVE Revenue Bond Fees $255,315.95
Vista Software LLC, Accounting Software- Qtr 3 ..... $2,225.00
Total $271,777.72

Total of Funds $608,288.24

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

At 9:00 a.m., Chairperson Richard Young called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors which took place in the Washington County Courthouse. Items on the agenda included the following: Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda as amended, public comment related to agenda items, quarterly report – Sheriff, personnel change requests – Sheriff, personnel change request – Ambulance, personnel change request – Conservation, liquor license renewal for Wooden Wheel Vineyards, LLC, second reading for approval and adoption of Ordinance 25-1 readopting the existing Code of Ordinances of Washington County, Iowa, as the Code of Ordinances of Washington County, Iowa, 2025, Department Head comment, adjourn. The agenda was amended to add a tour of the current project at Building 3 Orchard Hill project prior to adjournment.

Supervisors Bob Yoder, Jack Seward Jr., Marcus Fedler and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included Kalen McCain with the SE Iowa Union, County Attorney Nathan Repp, Chief Deputy Sheriff Shawn Ellingson, Civil Deputy Sheriff Bill Fiordelise, Ambulance Director Jordan Wright, and Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via Zoom.

Stoops led the individuals assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

On motion by Yoder seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Office of Sheriff's Quarterly Cash Report for the 2nd quarter of FY25. The report, presented by Civil Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of $18,715.58, total receipts including unallocated funds in the amount of $60,925.99, total disbursements of $59,782.63, and an ending balance of $17,889.65, which takes into account a computer error in calculations. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office for the change in rate of pay for Patrol Deputy Lucas Snedigar, effective February 20, 2025, at the rate of $36.68 hourly from $2,934.62 bi-weekly, due to change in shift and rotation.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office to terminate the employment of Patrol Deputy Jason Schlabaugh, effective February 14, 2025, due to retirement after over 22 years of service.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office to terminate the employment of reserve Deputy Charles "Nick" Shelman, effective February 3, 2025, after over 38 years of service. Chief Deputy Ellingson noted that Shelman is the 7th longest acting deputy in the State of Iowa.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office for the change in rate of pay for Patrol Deputy Doug Conrad, effective February 20, 2025, at the rate of $39.40 hourly from $3,151.97 bi-weekly, due to change in shift and rotation.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office for the change in rate of pay for Patrol Deputy Nathan Schmuecker, effective February 1, 2025, to remove the monthly $100.00 K9 stipend upon the retirement of K9 Drako.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff's Office to terminate the employment of Patrol K9 Drako, effective February 1, 2025. Drako retired after over 10 years of loyal service.

The retirement agreement for K9 Drako was also approved on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, and authorized the Sheriff to sign.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Ambulance Services for the change of status of Paramedic Matthew Haney, effective February 28, 2025, from part-time to full-time at the same rate of $29.52 hourly.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation Department to terminate the employment of Conservation Center Substitute Christine Conry, effective October 25, 2024.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a Class C retail alcohol license for Wooden Wheel Vineyards, LLC.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to consider adopting proposed Washington County Ordinance 25-1 to readopt the existing Code of Ordinances of Washington County, Iowa, as the Code of Ordinances of Washington County, Iowa, 2025. Changes to the list of ordinances over the last five years include improper use of county roads, reprecinting, flood plain management, wind ordinance assessment of wind energy conversion property, authorizing the ambulance service to bill for services and collect unpaid amounts from patients, and regulating the placement of wind energy conversion systems on property located in the unincorporated areas of Washington County. This is the second reading of Ordinance 25-1. The third reading was waived on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler.

During Department Head the Board shared their weeks' activities which included budget work sessions. Additional work sessions will be scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Seward reported working towards resolution to a fence dispute in Lime Creek Township along with County Attorney Nathan Repp and County Engineer Jacob Thorius. Fedler gave an update on the courthouse remodel stating that the Board's tentative move out date is February 13, 2025.

At 9:23 a.m. the Board took a brief recess to travel to the Orchard Hill location to tour Building 3. Work is continuing to have the facility ready for Board of Supervisors use on February 13.

At 10:22 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:s/ Tamera S. Stewart, Washington County Auditor

1ST AYD CORPORATION, Supplies	364.00
4M PLUMBING & HEATING, Furnace	1,149.15
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, Lease	96.40
ACE N MORE, Supplies	933.48
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HLTHCARE, Servie	13,605.29
AFE CRANE, Parts	857.20
AGRILAND FS INC, Propane	3,347.23
AHLERS & COONEY PC, Service	2,500.00
ALL AMER TERM PEST CONTROL, Pest control	230.00
ALLEGIANT TECHNOLOGY, Software	46.42
ALLIANT, Utilities	17,783.94
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	213.85
AMERICAN CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST, Service	160.50
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Parts	589.74
ASPEN BROMELL, Reimb	23.59
BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS, Supplies	1,035.02
BAKER PAPER, Supplies	187.20
BOB BARKER CO, Supplies	1,079.10
BONNIE LINS, Reimb	550.20
BRETT JOHNSON, Reimb	40.00
BRIGHTREE HOME HLTH & HOSPICE, Software	2,981.00
BULLTOWN REPAIR, Service	186.81
CALHOUN BURNS & ASSOC, Inspection	3,140.20
CARMAN DAVIS, Reimb	98.00
CARRIE RICH, Reimb	123.60
CARSON PLUMBING & HEATING, Repairs	1,334.84
CDW GOVERNMENT, Computers	4,331.88
CEDAR RAPIDS POLICE DEPT, Service	37.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC, Supplies	240.00
CINTAS, Service	2,016.60
CITY OF KALONA, Utilities	74.15
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Utilities	1,143.88
CJ COOPER, Service	275.00
CJS OIL CO, Fuel	606.43
CLAIM MD, Software	100.00
COLEMAN CONSTRUCTION, Snow removal	215.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO, Meals	16,550.55
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, Fuel	213.86
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, Repairs	1,176.00
COPY SYSTEMS INC, Copies	83.06
CRITICAL HIRE, Service	300.00
CULLIGAN WATER COND, Water	381.58
CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, Plaque	76.19
DAN RUTH, Service	100.00
DANIELLE IMHOFF, Reimb	30.00
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES, Gloves	151.80
DELONG CONSTR, Remt	4,987.50
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, Claims	4,484.49
DIANE WALDSCHMIDT, Reimb	505.40
DOUDS STONE LLC, Roadstone	457.55
EASTERN IA CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE, Service	90.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER, Utilities	1,270.40
EJS ENTERPRISES, Rent	200.00
ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES, LLC, Fuel	4,744.43
EMBROIDERY BARN, Service	79.00
ENERGY SALES, Parts	324.00
EQUATEK INTERACTIVE, Subscription	10.00
FIN & FEATHER, Service	552.91
FIRST RESPONSE EXTINGUISHER, Service	39.50
FREDERICK ENGEL II, Reimb	40.00
GALLS INC, Uniforms	768.07
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY, Copies	120.19
GRAINGER, Parts	47.01
GRP & ASSOCIATES, Service	52.00
HEALTHCARE FIRST, Survey	110.44
HENRY SCHEIN INC, Supplies	2,149.69
HOGAN MILLER, Reimb	224.00
IA ASSN OF CO COMM VET SERV OF, Registration	75.00
IA CO RECORDERS ASSOC, Dues	250.00
IA PRISON IND, Pants	199.96
IA ST ASSN OF CO, Registration	210.00
IA ST MEDICAL EXAMINER, Fee	6,156.00
IGRAPHIX INC, Supplies	52.00
IMAGING SPECTRUM, Supplies	291.42
IMPRESSIONS COMPUTERS, Maint	270.00
INTERNATL ASSN CHIEF OF POLICE, Dues	220.00
IRENE MCDOWELL, Reimb	468.30
JACKIE BROWN, Reimb	539.00
JAMES SMITH, Reimb	66.72
JET PHYSICAL THERAPY, Service	2,315.50
JIMS SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, Supplies	209.43
JOAN KRON, Refund	9.00
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF, Service	139.60
KALONA CO-OP TELE, Internet	1,926.17
KALONA TIRE, Tires	688.33
KALONA VET CLINIC, Vet	194.50
KARLAS KLEANING, Cleaning	270.00
KARRI FISHER, Reimb	42.00
KATHRYN CRUMLY, Reimb	43.31
KCII, Ads	113.52
KELTEK INC, Equipment	28,670.45
KIRKWOOD COMM COLLEGE, Registration	199.00
LAURA MCDOWELL, Reimb	53.04
LINN CO SHERIFF, Service	36.70
LORI HOBSCHEIDT, Reimb	6.30
MAIL SERVICES, Postage	896.26
MARION POLICE DEPT, Service	35.00
MARTHA HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, Reimb	52.50
MCMASTER CARR SUPPL, Supplies	699.97
MEGAN JORGENSEN, Reimb	55.36
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, Service	792.90
MIDWEST WHEEL, Tools	334.08
MILLER TRACTOR & ENGIINE REPAIR, Chainsaws	1,577.38
MILLERS METAL SUPPL, Insulation	2,831.84
MOORES BP AMOCO TOWING, Service	510.00
NOLAN BURKE, Reimb	32.08
OCV LLC, Mobile ap	13,815.50
ONE SOURCE, Service	196.00
OREILLY AUTO PARTS, Parts	3,685.58
PAYGROUND INC, Fees	35.82
PHYSICAL THERAPY, Service	340.00
POLK CO SHERIFF, Service	83.20
PRINTERS WORKSHOP, Newsletter	836.02
QUILL CORP, Supplies	657.81
RACHEL KELLY, Reimb	25.44
RACOM CORP, Parts	225.00
RANDI BRASE, Reimb	68.84
RENDEE CAMPBELL, Reimb	52.95
REPUBLIC COMPANIES, Signs	868.40
REXCO EQMT INC, Parts	173.73
RICHARD GAUMER, Hearing	165.68
RMB CO, Repairs	652.48
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR, Maint	267.06
SEAT, Registration	25.00
SEMCO, Service	2,979.90
SETH ADAM, Reimb	87.58
SHELBY HILL, Reimb	406.00
SHOTTENKIRK - WEST BURLINGTON, Parts	26.40
SIOUX SALES CO, Pants	104.90
SUSAN RICH, Reimb	39.17
THE NEWS, Publications	3,220.67
THOMSON REUTER WEST, Westlaw	2,181.01
TOWN & COUNTRY VET CLINIC, Vet	133.53
TRI STATE TOWING, Tow	825.00
TUCKER MILLER, Service	40.00
U I HLTHCARE, Service	364.00
US CELLULAR, Cell phone	3,635.35
US POST OFFICE, Rent	100.00
US POSTAL SERV, Postage	2,650.09
USIC LOCATING SERVICE LLC, Service	400.00
VIRGINIA MILLER, Reimb	191.10
VISA, Supplies	1,248.03
VISA WASH STATE BANK, Supplies	1,542.83
WALMART CARD, Supplies	146.39
WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOC, Service	78.48
WASH AUTO CENTER, Repairs	655.95
WASH CO AUDITOR, Reimb	58,804.00
WASH CO CLERK OF COURT, Fees	150.00
WASH CO EMS, Dues	100.00
WASH CO SECONDARY, Service	3,004.61
WASH CO SHERIFF, Service	111.70
WASH LUMBER & HOME CENTER, Supplies	161.68
WASHINGTON DISCOUNT TIRES, Tires	32,492.51
WELLMAN CO-OP TELEPHONE ASSN, Phone	270.92
WELLMARK/WAGEWORKS, Claims	15,606.80
WEMIGA WASTE INC, Disposal	15.00
WEX BANK, Fuel	138.15
WINDSTREAM, Phone	1,072.04
WITTHOFT FARM SUPPL, Supplies	58.35
WMPF, Publications	4,975.79
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION, Renovation	150,438.20
ZACHARY ROZMUS, Reimb	21.49

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

The Washington County Emergency Management Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Meeting Date/Time: 3/11/2025 05:00 PM | **Contact:** Marissa Reisen | **Phone:** (319) 653-3015

Meeting Location: Washington County EOC, 2183 Lexington Blvd, Washington

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Administration and Operations	1,344,641	-36,688	1,307,953	Insurnace reduced
Capital Outlays	116,000	580,696	696,696	Outdoor warning siren project
Total	1,460,641	544,008	2,004,649	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Washington County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/11/2025 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Washington County EOC, 2183 Lexington Blvd, Washington
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

		Actual FYE June 30 , 2024	Estimated FYE June 30 , 2025	Proposed FYE June 30 , 2026
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	1	153,203	166,124	663,325
REVENUES:				
County Contribution	2	1,283,416	1,318,416	1,385,728
Other Revenues	3	24,137	602,738	0
Total Revenues (2+3)	4	1,307,553	1,921,154	1,385,728
EXPENDITURES:				
Administration and Operations	5	1,278,403	1,323,953	1,369,728
Capital Outlays	6	16,229	100,000	16,000
Total Expenditures (5+6)	7	1,294,632	1,423,953	1,385,728
Total Ending Fund Balance	8	166,124	663,325	663,325

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Assessing Jurisdiction: WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/11/2025 Meeting Time: 05:15 PM Meeting Location: 2183 Lexington Blvd, Washington IA
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.
Contact Name: Christy Tinnes Contact Telephone Number: (319) 653-7738

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be RaisedBy Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	562,461	663,894	645,070		200,267	195,870	30,049	0	619,418
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. TOTAL	562,461	663,894	645,070	0	200,267	195,870	30,049	0	619,418

Proposed taxation rate per $1,000 valuation: $ 0.40158
Virtual Meeting Information:
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CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 7:00 PM

Regular meeting of the Kalona City Council with Mayor Robe presiding. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded J Schmidt, approving the agenda.

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

Motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by G Schmidt approving the meeting's minutes on February 3, 2025. With all voting yes, the minutes were approved and published.

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

A Tech/Freeman Alarm, Library Board	158.54
Access Systems, Monthly	340.60
Acco, Water Chemicals/Parts	1,750.50
Acme Tools, WCRF Grant - Student House	5,561.00
Amazon, WCRF Grant - Student House/Supplies/Library Board	1,310.07
Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Library Board	32.00
Center Point Large Print, Library Memorials	50.34
Chem-Sult, Water Chemicals	694.00
City of Kalona, General transfer to Water-ACH	16,078.54
Cj's Oil, Fuel/Part	2,005.03
Delta Dental, Vision Insurance	78.16
Delta Dental, Dental Insurance	693.24
Demco, Library Board	175.66
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Street Lighting	32.25
Eocene Environmental, Grant Writing Contract	2,250.00
Gambles Store, Tools/Supplies	691.98
Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn, 23-24 Audit Progress	2,000.00
HE Trucking, Hauling	2,997.50
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes)	2,498.08
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Budget)	4,236.36
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Budget)	3,334.62
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll)	5,742.87
Ingram Library Services, Library Memorial	1,557.06
Iowa City Press-Citizen, Library Board	227.02
Iowa League of Cities, Clerk Class - Chmelar	50.00
Iowa Municipal Financial Officers Association, Annual Dues	50.00
Iowa State Fair, Chamber Match	4,600.00
Itech, Monthly	271.35
Jackie Etheredge, Library Board	1,190.00
Kalona Auto Parts, Parts	365.29
Kalona Builders Supply, Supplies	584.34
Kalona Machine & Fab, Misc. Welding Projects	572.00
KC Tree Service, Tree Removal	300.00
Konica Minolta, Library Board	33.29
Kuenster Heating & Air, Library Board/City Shop Service	255.78
Mark Robe, Meeting Mileage	36.40
Martin Equipment, Monthly Maintenance	456.50
Midwest Frame & Axle, Salt Spreader Repair	654.75
MSA Professional Services, Engineering	46,863.43
One Source, Library Board	19.00
Principal Life Insurance, Life Insurance	372.45
Reliable Tires & Service, Tire Repair	18.00
River Products Company, Rock	744.52
Southeast Iowa Union, Library Board	110.00
State Hygienic Laboratory, Lab Testing	237.50
Stout Companies, Ice Melt	649.25
TASC, Monthly	27.48
USA Blue Book. Water Testing Supplies	634.97
Vessco, Water Supplies	140.59
Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Health Insurance	9,145.85
Welter Storage Equipment, WCRF Grant - Student House	3,097.00
Yotty's, Storage	1,094.10
Yotty's, Library Board	78.13
Zippy's Salt Barn, Salt/Sand	8,726.90

WITHDRAWALS:

Transfer funds	$ 15,811.93
General Fund	25,650.55
Washington Co. Riverboat Fd	56,312.40
Library Memorial Fund	1,916.77
Library Board Fund	2,488.86
Local Option Sale Tax Fund	2,250.00
Road Use Fund	17,657.01
Trust & Agency Fund	6,215.79
Water Fund	4,236.36
Sewer Fund	3,334.62

DEPOSITS:

Transfer Funds	$ 59,916.54
General Fund	31,019.12
Garbage Fund	16,545.00
Storm Sewer Fund	3,735.38
Trust & Agency Fund	799.16
Tax Increment Finance Fund	935.6
Debt Service Fund	397.75
Water Fund	17,554.48
Sewer Fund	24,709.50

Setting of Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Levy Tax Hearing on April 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM, to be held at the Kalona Community Center – City Hall council chambers. The rate being proposed is equivalent to last year's. A motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by J Schmidt. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

Steve Rich was present with the Shiloh Committee to present the Kalona Council with a $1,000,000.00 donation towards a trail project for the construction of a walking/biking path from Kalona City Park to Kalona Vista Park. City staff read a memo from the Council thanking the Shiloh Committee for their donation and commitment to the community.

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

Los Amigos Taqueria – Class C Retail Alcohol License.

A motion was made by Beisheim, and seconded by J Schmidt, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk
MARK ROBE, Mayor

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CITY OF WELLMAN

FEBRUARY 18, 2025
WELLMAN, IOWA

The Wellman City Council met in regular session in the Wellman City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Mayor Ryan Miller presided with the City Administrator, City Clerk and the following Council Members: Angela Stutzman, Fern Bontrager, Nathan Klostermann & Shannon McCain; Aaron Fleming absent. The Consent Agenda was approved by Klostermann, seconded by Stutzman and all present voted ayes. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting and the following:

2/14 PAYROLL

Jonathan J Adam	$92.12
Carrie R Geno	$1,157.51
Gabrielle M Geno	$78.96
Melissa J Fleming	$415.30
Megan E Harris	$381.15
Ryan J Miller	$276.78
Beth A VanWinkle	$1,820.80
Betty J Johnston	$100.38
Timothy J Garrett	$2,546.15
Travis D Hartley	$1,593.30
Rex A Peck	$1,459.46
Josh S VanWinkle	$1,478.31
Eli M Conrad	$24.24
Debra S Hill	$732.65
Landon P Humble	$310.30
Damayanti Banuelos Ortega	$92.12
Shirley Y Brown	$498.22
Cynthia P Gassmann	$172.53
Anita J Kanagy	$359.20
Kelly L Litwiller	$2,445.21
Cynthia S Thrapp	$1,421.57
Fed Taxes	$5,294.71
State Taxes	$1,287.83
IPERS	$7,325.52
BC/BS	$8,617.74
AFLAC	$216.44
Alliant Energy, City Utilities	$10,096.22
Amazon, Library Books/DVD's/Supplies	$510.56
Baker & Taylor Books, Library Books	$555.40
Carrie R Geno, February Library Reimbursements	$45.68
Central Iowa Distributing, WTP Supplies	$288.08
Christopher Adams, Library Trivia Fundraiser	$200.00
City of Wellman, City Utilities	$2,961.42
Clayton Energy Corporation, January Gas Purchase	$30,270.36
Cox Sanitation & Recycling, WTP Dumpster	$30.00
Dakota Supply Group, Water Supplies	$16.00
Delta Industries, WWTP Service Call	$1,110.48
Eastern IA Light & Power, Lift Station	$194.28
Finish Line Technology, Library Cameras	$1,460.00
Freeman Foods, Skate Merchandise for Resale	$274.07
Freeman Foods-Sr. Dining Acct., Goodwin Center Food	$122.42
Hi-Line, Gas Supplies	$494.80
ION Environmental Solutions, WTP/WWTP Labs	$567.00
Iowa Bridge & Culvert, 9th Ave. Bridge Project	$90,161.00
JB Repair, Equipment Supplies/Repairs	$541.76
Kalona Machine & Fab., February Tank Rental	$20.00
Kanopy, Library Renewal	$8.00
Mahaska Bottling Co., Skate Pop for Resale	$436.52
Megan E Harris, Library Books Reimbursement	$15.90
Merchant Services, January Merchant Fees	$292.79
Office Express, City Hall Office Supplies	$144.84
Pefa, Inc., January Gas Purchase	$26,662.51
Project Share, Project Share x2	$400.00
The News, City Minutes	$220.18
Thrapp Electric, Electrical Work	$140.00
USABluebook, WTP Supplies	$274.33
USDA February Parkside Payment	$2,532.00
USDI, January Retainer Fee	$225.00
Visa Library/Skate C/C Payment	$676.55
Visa, City Hall C/C Payment	$3,041.92
Wapello Rural Water, January Contracted Water Used	$4,710.00
Wellman Auto Parts, Water Supplies	$74.49
Westrum Leak Detection, Water Leak Surveys	$2,900.00
Yotty's, Water Supplies	$397.95
TOTAL	$223,271.01

No one spoke in public forum.

Ellis was not present for the sheriff's report.

Mary Audia, WEDG Director, gave a summary of what she has been working on for the past year since her last update.

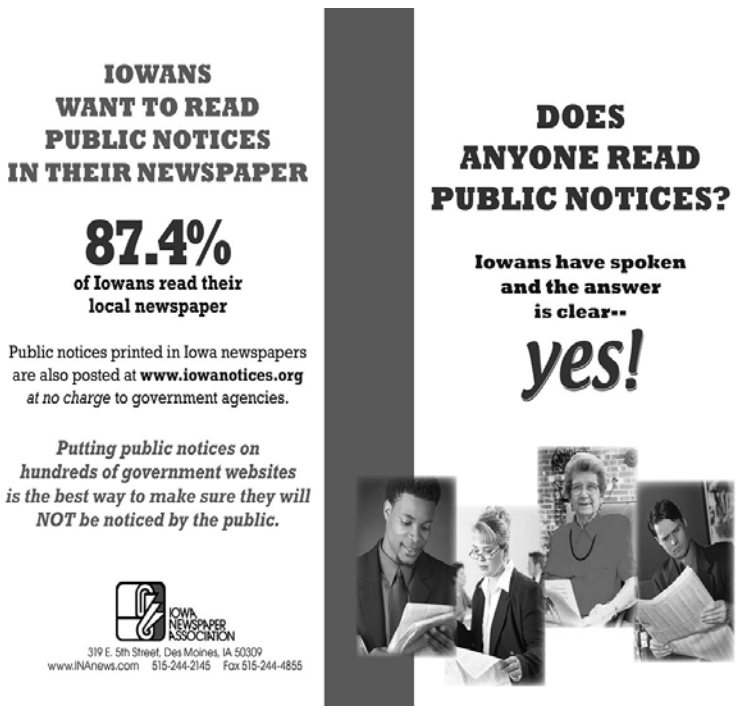
Klostermann made a motion to set public hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 on April 7, 2025, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes.

McCain made a motion to approve ESI quote & Electric Pump quote – Flow Control Valve & SCADA integration for Wapello Rural Water connection for $15,261, Bontrager seconded and all present voted ayes.

With no further business to be discussed, Bontrager moved for adjournment at 5:57pm, Stutzmam seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be held Monday, March 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Ordinances 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 Green called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building Boardroom at 5:30 p.m. **Members present:** V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Mandi Remington, and Rod Sullivan.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the agenda as presented except by striking agenda item D. 24 -Consider an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Axiom Consultants in the amount of $283,695.00 for the Building Envelope Stabilization project for 511 Capitol Street, the Sheriff's Office/Jail. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. The claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for February 13, 2025, in the amount of $1,781,727.76:

401 Scott Blvd C/O Wes..... 750.00
645 Westwinds Llc.....462.50
Aaron R Hammes..... 118.00
Abbe Center For Comm.....86515.28
Abbehealth Inc..... 203160.31
Access Systems..... 461.56
Action Sewer & Septic..... 135.00
Advance Builders Corpo..... 953.49
Advanced Electrical Se..... 100.00
Aging Services Inc..... 1145.24
Ahlers & Cooney Pc..... 2369.00
Airgas Usa Llc..... 179.16
Alliant Energy..... 47.20
Allison Tunnicliff Sco.....302.32
Alphagraphics..... 273.24
Amazon.Com Capital Se..... 1558.07
Annette F Martin..... 183.60
Anthem Bcbs.....537.85
Apartments Near Campus..... 624.00
Arc Of Southeast Iowa..... 5153.65
Arnold Motor Supply L..... 1118.67
Aureon Communications..... 2463.95
B&H Photo Video Pro Aud.....38.76
Benton County Sheriff T.....82.25
Bfc Property Managemen..... 700.00
Billion Of Iowa City..... 1817.08
Black Hawk County Sheri.....39.70
Blaine W Opheim..... 850.00
Blair & Fitzsimmons Pc..... 529.45
Bound Tree Medical Ll..... 2768.78
Bremer County Sheriff.....98.90
Caring Hands & More L..... 1205.14
Cedar County Sheriff..... 2730.00
Charles Heath..... 700.00
Charm Homes..... 1130.00
City Laundering Co..... 308.80
City Of Iowa City - Ut..... 200.00
Cj Cooper & Associates..... 585.50
Coffelt & Zwick Holdi..... 1450.00
Community Crisis Ser.....99935.89
Concord Technologies..... 473.91
Consumers Cooperative..... 6822.27
Cory R Gonzales Pl.....48.22
Cove Equipment..... 4421.99
Custom Hose & Supplies.....66.07
D & R Pest Control.....50.00
Daida..... 1977.18
Dan's Overhead Doors..... 4189.00
David G Baumgartner.....372.60
Delta Dental Of Iowa.....11310.48
Dkc Real Estate Llc..... 800.00
Doula Consultants Llc..... 675.00
Eastern Iowa Tire Inc.....622.12
Ecolab Pest Eliminatio..... 105.12
Economy Advertising Co/..... 47.50
Elite Fire Sprinkler Sy.....72.45
Emerson Point Apartmen..... 650.00
Ems Learning Resources..... 263.50
Enchanted Neighborhood..... 545.45
Eo Johnson Business Te..... 110.01
Esjay Creative Works..... 4000.00
Farmers Electric Coope..... 501.96
Field To Family..... 250.00
First Judicial Distr.....22102.90
Foundation 2..... 215135.47
Francis Mungai..... 356.45
Fresh Start Ministrie..... 1128.59
Frog Hollow Kid Campu..... 2030.46
Galls Llc..... 769.53
Gazette Communication..... 2180.14
Golden Engineering Inc..... 140.00
Golfview Estates Llc..... 540.00
Goodfellow Printing I..... 1912.00
Gray Law Pc..... 298.53
Greater Ic Housing Fel..... 750.00
Hacap.....2450.00
Hands Up Communicatio..... 1642.50
Harrys Custom Trophies..... 231.72
Hawkeye Fire & Safety C.....87.00
Hawkeye Weld & Repair I.....50.00
Heartland Co-Op.....37108.00
Heartland Shredding Inc.....87.00
Henry County Sheriff.....22920.00
Hillcrest Family Ser.....10762.13
House Of Trophies..... 119.85
Hr-One Source..... 448.60
Hundred Acre Woods..... 2000.00
Ihs Pharmacy.....1309.69
Ines Beltre.....97.42
Inside Out Reentry Inc..... 819.39
Insight Public Sector.....20.84
Integrated Telehealt.....14159.36
Interstate All Batter.....1385.70
Interstate Power Syst.....3150.43
Iowa City Mhp Llc..... 579.00
Iowa City Property Ow..... 1400.00
Iowa Dept Of Agricultu..... 149.76
Iowa Northland Region.....3954.00
Iowa Paper Inc.....1476.81
Irish Reporting Inc.....98.05
J & Kp Llc.....1600.00
Jerry F Sehr..... 700.00
Jessica Lang..... 215.31
Johnson Controls Inc..... 7377.71
Johnson County Audi..... 167251.40
Johnson County Audit.....14809.39
Johnson County Infor.....14742.00
Johnson County Socia.....10860.43
Joint Emergency Communi.....70.07
Joshua F Busard.....3625.65
Kirkwood Community Col..... 109.00
Kristal Wenger..... 196.00
Lake Ridge Inc.....527.00
Language Line Services.....10.24
Larrabee Center Inc.....1195.14
Lexisnexis.....2160.00
Linda A Ogden..... 57.00
Linde Gas & Equipment I.....80.33
Lindeman Law.....2040.00
Linn County Access..... 105378.15
Linn County Lifts..... 966.00
Linn County Sheriff..... 701.92
Little Clippers Child.....1120.80
Lowe's.....15.75
Lower Holdings Llc..... 750.00
Lsa Customer Service..... 375.00
Mail Services Llc..... 4777.37
Mandy Rose Coates..... 106.50
Mark C Farmer..... 700.00
Mason City Clinic Pc.....60.00
Medical Associates Cl.....2545.50
Melrose Daycare.....1719.45
Menards - Iowa City..... 183.19
Mercy Medical Center.....16544.61
Mercy Psych Group/Merc..... 525.00
Meridian People Devel.....2400.00
Michael P Maher..... 675.00
Mid American Energy.....1210.86
Midwest Frame & Axle.....2651.70
Midwest Mailworks Inc.....527.41
Motorola Inc.....7753.20
Moxant Financial Llc.....1014.77
Nami Dubuque.....2600.00
Napa Auto Parts.....1645.93
Nathan M Mueller.....1484.55
National Association.....3380.00
North Iowa Juvenile D.....7455.96
Northwest Iowa Youth.....3500.00
Office Express Office Pr..... 9.09
One Property Manageme.....1400.00
Origin Design Co.....5700.00
Ottsen Oil Co.....1932.42
Park Place Apartments.....532.00
Patricia D Desjardins.....1445.87
Peak Construction G..... 105090.70
Phelan Tucker Law Llp..... 661.20
Polk County Health S.....72213.93
Premistar Iowa.....5644.78
Project Lifesaver Inc.....84.96
Psc Distribution..... 430.40
Purple Bloom School L.....4660.91
Pyramid Services Inc.....48.32
Racom Corporation.....1073.26
Rangemasters Training.....3976.00
Raymond J Jiras.....1260.00
Recreational Off-Hig.....11000.00
Resources For Human D.....1228.26
Reutzel Pharmacy Inc.....23.32
Safelite Autoglass..... 361.06
Sanel Dzafic..... 700.00
Sarah M Hyatt.....8.50
Schindler Elevator Cor..... 511.68
Search And Recovery Co..... 400.00
Secretary Of State.....30.00
Sixth Judicial Distr.....15192.44
South Slope Coop Comm.....1224.61
Southgate Property Man..... 750.00
Spire Property Managem..... 550.00
Staples Advantage..... 424.88
Stericycle.....67.44
Storey Kenworthy Corp..... 713.51
Stryker Medical.....2122.38
Student Publications.....2048.19
Successful Living.....58.70
Sunrise Village Llc.....747.00
Symmetry Health Llc.....1140.03
T-Mobile Usa Inc..... 259.60
Tac10 Inc..... 323.00
Tailwind Iowa City Llc..... 620.00
Tanager Place.....57779.59
Telecom Services Of Io..... 309.00
The Holub Apartments..... 700.00
The Lodge Apartments.....2100.00
Tigerhawk Estates..... 750.00
Tms Inc..... 453.60
To The Rescue.....7306.78
Towncrest Pharmacy.....72.79
Tractor Supply Credit P.....64.97
Treasurer State Of I.....23231.14
Treasurer State Of Io.....1218.75
Trilix Marketing Gro.....14405.52
Truck Country Of Iowa..... 106.63
Tw Training.....1188.00
United Action For You.....2168.48
Unitypoint Health..... 995.81
University Of Iowa De.....5855.35
University Of Iowa Ho.....2546.00
Us Cellular..... 1447.54
Vantage Point Llc.....10000.00
Visa.....272.31
Wellmark Blue Cross..... 181000.00
Williamsburg Communit.....4683.28

2. The Formal Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025.

3. Payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials.

4. Application for an alcohol license for Duck Inn LLC DBA Wildwood Saloon, as contained in the agenda packet of the meeting.

Approved unanimously.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:32 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-24-28584 of Raymond Slach, requesting rezoning of 1.58 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 3987 Johnson Cedar Rd SE, approximately 350 ft north of 400th St SE, in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 79 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Scott Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Recessed at 5:32 p.m. to address a technical issue in the boardroom. Reconvened at 5:35 p.m. with the public hearing previously described.

Planning, Development and Sustainability (PDS) Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. Applicant Raymond Slach was present to answer questions. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:37 p.m.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Remington, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-24-28584. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Remington, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-24-28584 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:39 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-24-28624 of David Brown, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 1605 Seneca Rd NW, approximately 7,000 ft southeast of Blain Cemetery Rd NW, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 81 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Wilensky reviewed the application. Lacey Stutzman of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:41 p.m.

Motion by Remington, second by Green-Douglass, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-24-28624. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Remington, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-24-28624 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:42 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-24-28637 of Nicklas Hlavacek, requesting rezoning of 0.046 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential and 0.031 acres from R-Residential to A-Agricultural. The property is located at 1214 Highway 1 NE, approximately 440 ft southeast of 120th St. NE, in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 81 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M. in Big Grove Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

PDS Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., was present to answer questions. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-24-28637. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-24-28637 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Remington, Green, Fixmer-Oraiz, Sullivan.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:46 p.m. on a Subdivision Application PZC-24-28585 of Raymond Slach, requesting preliminary and final plat approval of Slach Vikel Subdivision. The property is located at 3987 Johnson Cedar Rd SE, approximately 350 ft north of 400th St SE, in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 79 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Scott Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Wilensky reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-01
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF SLACH VIKEL SUBDIVISION, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-24-28585 for approval of the preliminary and final plat of Slach Vikel Subdivision is submitted for final approval. **Board Action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-01. Approved unanimously.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:49 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-24-28627 of David Brown, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 1605 Seneca Rd NW, approximately 7,000 ft southeast of Blain Cemetery Rd NW, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 81 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Wilensky reviewed the application. Stutzman was present to answer questions. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:51 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-02
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF SENECA ACRES, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-24-28627 for approval of the preliminary and final plat of Seneca Acres is submitted for final approval. **Board action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-02. Approved unanimously.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:52 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-24-28623 of Tony Serbousek, signed by Jerry Serbousek, requesting preliminary & final plat approval of White Oak Corner Addition. The property is located on the east side of White Oak Ave. NE, approximately 3,600 ft south of 180th St. NE, in the SW 1/4 or the NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 81 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Cedar Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Simon reviewed the application. Gerry Serbousek, a family member of the applicant, was present to answer questions. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:54 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-03
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF WHITE OAK CORNER ADDITION, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-24-28623 for approval of the preliminary and final plat of White Oak Corner Addition is submitted for approval. **Board action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Remington, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-03. Approved unanimously.

Convened a **Public Hearing** at 5:55 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-24-28626 of Herbert Farms, Inc., requesting preliminary & final plat approval of Leah Meadows Addition. The property is located at 2976 Black Diamond Rd SW, approximately 660 ft northwest of Highway 1 SW, in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 79 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Union Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

PDS Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. **Public Hearing** closed at 5:57p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-04
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF LEAH MEADOWS ADDITION, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-24-28626 for approval of the preliminary and final plat of Leah Meadows Addition is submitted for approval. **Board action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-04. Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-05
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF ROHRET WEST SUBDIVISION, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-24-28628 for approval of the final plat of Rohret West Subdivision is submitted for approval. **Board action:** Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-05. Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-06
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A DEFENSE AND PAY CERTAIN CIVIL PENALTIES AND FINES FOR THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND THEIR PERSONNEL ARISING UNDER IOWA CODE CHAPTER 39A

Summary: The Board of Supervisors recognizes that the County Auditor and staff may be subject to exceptional and specific fines for technical infractions issued by the Iowa Secretary of State and wishes to defend its officers and employees. **Board Action:** The County Auditor, any deputy auditor or employee performing election related responsibilities within the scope of said technical infractions will be provided with a defense at County expense and the County will pay any fines related to civil technical infractions.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-06. Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-07
AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS

Summary: Secondary Roads seeks approval to place weight embargos on certain roads as necessary due to soft subgrade and surface conditions. **Board action:** Authorized County Secondary Roads to restrict all traffic to an 8-ton gross load if necessary and to place temporary signs to comply with Code of Iowa Section 321.472.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-07. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Remington, to set a bid letting date of March 11, 2025, at 9 a.m. for the 2025 Dust Control Safety Program and authorize the Auditor to publish the Notice to Bidders. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Remington, second by Sullivan, to set a bid letting date of March 11, 2025, at 9 a.m., for the 2025 Bituminous Resurfacing (Seal Coat) Program and authorize the Auditor to publish the Notice to Bidders. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the job description for the new position of PDS Economic Development Coordinator, effective February 13, 2025. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and Lone Tree Community School District Library in the amount of $3,000. Approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13-25-08
FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION CHANGES TO
CENTRAL SERVICES (DEPT. 18) AND INSURANCE (DEPT. 22)

Summary: The appropriations for the Insurance Department were not sufficient to meet payments for impending expenditure obligations, but Central Services Department has available funds that can be transferred pursuant to Code of Iowa 331.434(6). **Board action:** Authorized the apportionment of $200,000 to the Insurance Administration Service Area from Central Services Administration Service Area.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 02-13-25-08. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

/s/Jon Green, Chair, Board of Supervisors
Attest: /s/Julie Persons, Auditor
On the 20th day of February, 2025
Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board
These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on February 20, 2025.

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Riverside City Council meeting started at 6:00 pm in the Riverside City Council Chambers. Mayor Allen Schneider called the meeting to order with Ryan Rogerson, Kevin Kiene, Lois Schneider and Kevin Mills present. Tom Sexton was absent.

Schneider moved, seconded by Mills to approve the agenda moving item #10b Solid Waste & Recycling Proposals after agenda item #6. Passed 4-0.

Rogerson moved, seconded by Kiene to approve the consent agenda of minutes, expenditures, and January Fire Department report. Passed 4-0.

Amber Talbot of Paws & More provided an annual update on animal control services, the organization's new facility, and a 28E agreement renewal.

Motion made by Rogerson, seconded by Kiene to open Security & Access Control Project Public Hearing at 6:05 pm. Passed 4-0.

No comments were made by the public.

Motion made by Rogerson, seconded by Schneider to close the Public Hearing at 6:07 pm. Passed 4-0.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Kiene to pass Resolution 2025-13 approving the final plans, scope of work, cost estimate, and bid letting process for the Security & Access Control Project. Passed 4-0.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Schneider to pass Resolution 2025-14 awarding the Solid Waste and Recycling Services to Lakeshore Recycling Systems with a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030.

Jed Wolf, PeopleService, Inc. presented the January water and wastewater operations report. Wolf reported on membrane replacement and pH/Conductivity probe installation.

City Admin Smith gave an update on the City Engineer's Report consisting of updates on PCC Improvements, Community Center, Cherry Lane Street Extension Project, Hall Park Pickleball Courts, CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project, Building Inspections and City Facility Security & Access Control Project.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Kiene to approve submission of the WCRF Municipal Grant application for the Hall Park Pickleball Court Project. Passed 4-0.

Rogerson motioned, seconded by Mills for a 5-minutes recess. Meeting resumed at 6:58pm.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Kiene to pass Resolution 2025-15 to approve Pay Request #2 for UV Disinfection System Replacement to WRH, Inc. in the amount of $5,225.00. Passed 4-0.

Rogerson motioned, seconded by Mills, to table the contract with Goerdt Inspections and Consultation Services, LLC for building and code enforcement services until the next meeting. Passed 4-0.

City Council reviewed January financials.

Schneider moved, second by Kiene to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Passed 4-0.

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

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 at 6:00 pm – Work Session

Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm – City Council Meeting

Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 6:00 pm – City Council Meeting

ATTEST:
Stephanie Thomann, City Clerk
Allen Schneider, Mayor

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EXPENDITURES FEBRUARY 18, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING

BILLS
AIRGAS, FD-EMS.....$434.80
A TECH, FD.....$84.00
BULLTOWN REPAIR, REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE.....$3,639.81
DAKOTA SUPPLY PLOW BLADE.....$380.00
ECICOG, DTR.....$1,275.00
FIRST RESPONSE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, ANNUAL SERVICE .$321.20
IAMRESPONDING, FD-SUBSCRIPTION.....$809.00
IOWA PAPER, SUPPLIES.....$114.76
IOWA SOLUTIONS, JAN SERVICE & LAPTOP.....$3,863.50
MARTIN GARDNER , DWTN FAÇADE.....$1,208.25
MENARDS, FD.....$129.62
OFFICE EXPRESS, SUPPLIES.....$408.70
NAPA, SUPPLIES.....$53.44
NAPA, FD.....$181.62
PYRAMID, MOWER MAINTENANCE.....$594.65
REC, SERVICE.....$8,957.48
SCHNOEBELEN INC, UPS.....$202.21
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY SERVICE..... $75.00
THE NEWS, PUBLICATIONS.....$633.46
TOTAL BILLS.....$23,366.50

IPERS, CONTRIBUTIONS - JAN 2025.....$3,198.89
1ST NAT'L BANK, HEALTH SAVINGS.....$716.68
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, IOWA W/HOLD - JAN 2025.....$488.77
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, IOWA SALES TAX - JAN 2025 .....$685.41
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, IOWA WET TAX - JAN 2025.....$1,385.03
IRS, 941 TAX DEPOSIT - JAN 2025.....$4,587.69
PAYROLL, PAYROLL - JAN 2025.....$15,278.17
TOTAL PAID BILLS $26,340.64

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $49,707.14

MTD TREASURERS REPORT
REVENUES ..... EXPENSES ..... BALANCE
1/31/25
GENERAL FUND
$13,371.69 ..... $142,880.73 ..... $443,287.73
FIRE DEPT FUND
$11,076.84 ..... $9,120.71 ..... $270,899.77
ROAD USE TAX FUND
$13,374.34 ..... $2,932.47 ..... $168,595.04
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
$17,233.61 ..... $ - $91,464.22
TIF REVENUE
$ - ..... $ - $9,505.26
CASINO REVENUE RUND
$131,440.62 ..... $4,479.41 ..... $1,794,531.77
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
$2,752.46 ..... $20,606.19 ..... $568,304.11
COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDS
$1,545.48 ..... $8,650.00 ..... $1,454,933.39
WATER FUND
$27,509.50 ..... $28,948.69 ..... $148,724.57
SEWER FUND
$28,311.22 ..... $51,065.59 ..... $561,102.83
STORM WATER FUND
$1,735.96 ..... $ - $13,226.89
TOTAL
$248,351.72 ..... $268,683.79 ..... $5,524,575.58

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

DOCUMENT 25031001
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Grade-Alike Attendance Center Changes for the 2026-2027 School Year
Mid-Prairie Community School District
In the County of Washington, State of Iowa

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that at 6:30 p.m., Central Time on Monday, March 10, 2025, in the Community Room of the Central Office, 1636 Hwy 22, Wellman, Iowa there will be a public hearing to provide for public comment on the proposed Grade-Alike transitions for the 2026-2027 School Year. Any persons interested may appear and to provide comment to the options provided.

The proposal is to make the East Elementary School in Kalona, Iowa, changed from Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 to Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 and make the West Elementary School in Wellman, Iowa, changed from Preschool, Grades 3 and 4 to Grades 2, 3, and 4. These changes would be implemented in the 2026-2027 School Year. Questions may be directed to Mr. Brian Stone, Superintendent of Schools at bstone@mphawks.org, or 319.646.6093, or by appointment at the School District Central Office, 1636 Hwy 22, Wellman, Iowa, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Published by order of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District.

By: Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber
Title: School Board Secretary

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Alta M. Miller, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR036680

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Alta M. Miller, Deceased, who died on or about November 15, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Alta M. Miller, deceased, bearing date of August 10, 2010 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Merlin D. Miller was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated February 19, 2025.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Odena Miller, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR036681

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Odena Miller, Deceased, who died on or about June 24, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Odena Miller, deceased, bearing date of April 22, 2008 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Merlin Dean Miller was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated February 19, 2025.

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LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 12, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE

The Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District workshop was called to order by Vice President Ogren at 6:12 p.m., February 12, 2025, in the District Office.

PRESENT: M. Hotz, Ogren, Viers, Eden-remote, Sladek-arrived @ 6:30 p.m.
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Upon motion by Viers, seconded by Eden, it was
RESOLVED: to approve the February 12, 2025 workshop agenda
ALL AYE: Motion Carried

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR
Discussion on the number of snow days/hours the district currently has for the 2024-25 school year. The board reviewed potential snow make up days to capture back hours lost.

PPEL/SAVE & SUMMER PROJECTS
Supt. Hotz recommended approval of the floor resurfacing quotes provided for the 2025 summer projects at the February regular meeting. Further discussion on potential projects; sidewalks, batting cage concrete, curtain for the stage, mulch for the playground, projector for gym, 2nd-5th grade hallway, school bus.

GREENHOUSE & WRESTLING ROOM
Discussion held on the potential sites and costing offered by Shive-Hattery involving a greenhouse addition and the remodel/relocation of the current wrestling room.

JH GIRLS WRESTLING COACH (NEW POSITION)
Discussion was had on the need of adding a JH Girls Wrestling Coach.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/EARLY GRADUATION
Brief discussion on the current graduation requirements. Further discussion tabled for the March workshop.

CERTIFIED BUDGET
Superintendent Hotz provided information on; timeline and dates for the certified budget, guidance provided from the state, current and suggested tax rates.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY
The board will need to set a hearing for March.

POLICY PRIMER VOL. 33 #2 (SECOND REVIEW)
Board reviewed policy primer. No new changes

ADJOURNMENT
Upon motion by Viers, seconded by M. Hotz, it was
RESOLVED: to adjourn
ALL AYE: Motion Carried
President Sladek declared the workshop adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

EXEMPT SESSION
Negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers or employee organizations, mediation and the deliberative process of arbitrations. Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting, February 19, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Lone Tree School Library

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Mid-Prairie Community School District intends to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for coverage under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities."

The storm water discharge will be from construction activities. This property is located in the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 18, Township 77 N, Range 8 W in Washington County, which is to the north of 1634 Iowa Highway 22 in Wellman, IA 52356. Runoff from this project will drain to existing field drainageway, to Smith Creek, and ultimately to the English River.

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

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