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## State investigation uncovers thousands of dollars in abuse of Johnson County Conservation funds

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

### IOWA CITY

A state auditor's special investigation covering more than five years of transactions and activities within Johnson County Conservation has shown more than \$63,000 in improper disbursements and more than \$24,000 in unsupported disbursements.

The report also shows department purchases and property being utilized for personal use, and investigated charges of former Director Larry Gullett and Operations Superintendent Wade Schultz rarely working in the office for months at a time.

The investigation, led by State of Iowa Auditor Rob Sands, covered the period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

The investigation names Gullett, the former director of the conservation department who is now deceased, and Schultz, Operations Superintendent who was placed on administrative leave in 2024.

The investigation, which was requested by Johnson County officials, comes on the heels of a \$30 million bond referendum for Johnson County Conservation being approved last November. Results of the investigation have been forwarded to law enforcement and also the Johnson County Attorney, along with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

"Johnson County is grateful for the investigative assistance provided by the Taxpayers' Watchdog, Auditor of State Rob Sand, and the report which was issued on March 4," Johnson County Supervisors Chair Jon Green said in a statement. "Dedicated and attentive Johnson County employees noticed something seemed off in the Conservation Department and reported it to Johnson County officials, who then requested Auditor Sand's involvement. We thank them."

One staff member, who was not identified, told investigators that, of Gullett's time in the office, they "haven't seen him

much at all in the last couple of years," dating back to 2022 in the investigation period. Schultz, staffers said in interviews, was also not in the office regularly and not for a full day. "It's very normal for him to leave for huge extended amounts of time," a staffer told investigators.

Examination of credit card usage and phone records, along with interviews of department staff, showed a history of county vehicles and property being used for personal reasons. There is evidence of Schultz using department materials to build a personal desk for his wife, who posted a photo of the desk on Facebook.

Improper and unsupported financial transactions were reported to be in the thousands of dollars.

Sands recommended Johnson County strengthen its procedures, establish an inventory system and perform independent reviews of credit card usage and other financial transactions.

The improper amounts include more than \$38,000 in unauthorized payroll.

Gullett was replaced by Brad Friedhof as director following his death.

"We're lucky to have Brad and will continue doing what's necessary to strengthen oversight and financial controls," Green told The News.

"The findings of this report are deeply concerning since public trust is essential to our mission," Bill Waldie, Johnson County Conservation Board President, said in a statement. "The integrity of our operations and programs is a top priority."

What happens now is unclear. The report has been sent to law enforcement and Johnson County Attorney Rachel Zimmermann Smith.

"Johnson County will continue to adopt Sand's recommendations and any other improvements we find along the way," Green said in a statement. "The report speaks for itself, and given that it has been referred to law enforcement, further comment is imprudent."

## TrekFest '25: Enterprise actors Trinneer, Keating coming to Riverside

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### RIVERSIDE

Before there was Captain James T. Kirk and the famed starship Enterprise NCC-1701, there was Captain Jonathan Archer and the starship Enterprise NX-01.

Connor Trinneer and Dominic Keating, who played major characters on the prequel TV show, "Star Trek: Enterprise," will be the featured stars in this year's Trek Fest 40 festival, to be held June 26 through 28 in Riverside.

Trinneer, an American actor from Washington who played Commander Trip Tucker in the TV series that ran for four years beginning in 2001, was a young brash officer and chief engineer (think: Scotty, but 100 years before Scotty) who was the first male Starfleet officer to become, well, pregnant.

Keating, a British actor, played Lieutenant Malcolm Reed, a Brit who was the Enterprise's armor officer and a friend of Tucker.

"We can travel faster than the speed of light," Reed once said to the ship's medical officer during a particularly ill day. "You'd think we could find a cure for the common cold."

Trinneer and Keating will be among the featured guests in the Saturday, June 28 parade along Highway 22 in Riverside.

Also expected to appear, Riverside Area Community Club President Travis Riggan told The News, is Wyatt Weed, a visual effects artist and actor

from St. Louis who appeared as a Rutian police officer in "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

A full schedule of Trek Fest events has not yet been finalized, but entertainment events will be held June 26 through 28, mostly at Hall Park and also at the Voyage Home Museum.

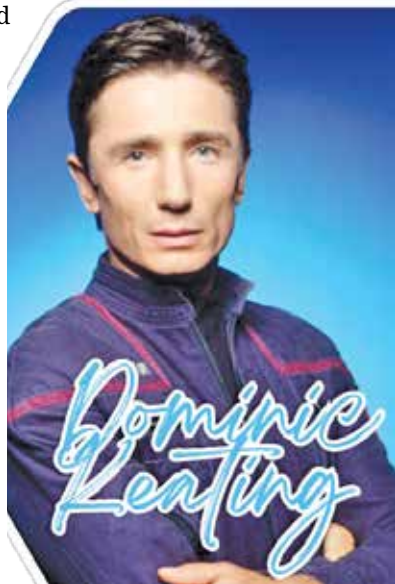
Trinneer played college football at Pacific Lutheran University and obtained a master's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He also appeared "Star-gate Atlantis," "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles" and TV guest-starring roles in "One Life to Live," "Sliders" and "Touched by an Angel."

Trinneer and Keating were co-hosts of a podcast, "The Shuttlepod Show," from 2022 to 2024.

Oh, and about that pregnancy, which came after Commander Tucker visited an alien ship.

"I'm the chief engineer," Tucker, Trinneer's character, said on the episode, Unexpected. "I spent years earning that position. I never had any intention of becoming a working mother."

No, Trip didn't give birth, although he did grow a nipple on his arm.



## Community center talk in Riverside gets serious; \$9M facility could open in 2027

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### RIVERSIDE

Riverside is shooting for a 2027 grand opening of a proposed community center following years of on-again, and off-again discussions.

When a steering committee of residents met last week in a kickoff meeting at Riverside City Hall, some of them having served on a similar committee several years ago when a proposal for a community center was tabled by the City Council, current City Council member Ryan Rogerson was clear in the city's new direction.

"We have the council now to get it done," Rogerson said. "It appears everyone is on board."

The plan for a community center has advanced so much that OPN Architects of Iowa City is working on a design

for a facility that would cost between \$8 million and \$9 million. Axiom Consultants, of Iowa City, is partnering with OPN in the project. Months ago, City Council members visited the Lester Buresh Family Community Wellness Center in Mount Vernon to get ideas for what Riverside's community center could be.

The city already has land secured for the community center, just west of Highland Elementary School.

The size of the center would be between 30,000 and 35,000 square feet.

Cole Smith, City Administrator, said that \$1.4 million is already in a fund reserved for the community center. The city plans on putting a bond referendum on the November 2025 election ballot. Additional funds are expected to be requested in a Washington County Riverboat Founda-

tion grant.

"I do think we're in a very good position to make this happen," Smith said.

The steering committee was formed, in part, to help spread the word around town. It will meet once a month. At some point, this spring or summer, a public meeting will be held once designs for the center are closer to completion.

The facility is expected to include a full-sized basketball court, a running track above the court, locker rooms and a number of function or workout rooms. The community center will be run by the city and there have been preliminary discussions about moving city offices to the new building.

There is also talk of a privately run child-care center being a part of the community center.

## Around Town

### Legislative Briefing

Washington County residents are invited to the final 2025 Legislative Briefing with Sen. Dawn Driscoll and Rep. Heather Hora on Friday, March 14 at noon at the City of Washington Council Chambers, 215 E. Washington St., Washington. The 1-hour format includes a 20-minute update from the legislators and 30 minutes of comments/questions from the public. Bring your own lunch if desired; food/beverage will not be provided.

### Purple Martin Workshop

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Purple Martin Workshop/Seminar will take place Saturday, March 15 with building opening at 8 a.m. and program start at 9 a.m. \$3.00 admission; lunch available; children under 10 free. Location: CAM Iowa Clothing Center, 1005 Nutmeg Ave, north of Kalona. For more information, contact Evan Gingerich at 319-359-0997 or Jim Walters at 319-466-1134.

### PAWS & More Gala

PAWS & More animal shelter's 2nd annual gala, themed Denim & Diamonds, will be held on Saturday, March 15 at the Riverside Casino. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., presentation and live auction 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$75 single, \$150 pair, \$500 table for eight; purchase online at givebutter.com/FjivuM.

### Port City Coin Club Annual Show

The Port City Coin Club of Muscatine will hold its annual show on March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Rendezvous, 3127 Lucas Street, Muscatine. Free admission: door prizes, gold coin raffle, and gifts for kids are part of the event. For more information, call 563-264-8148.

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Mon-

day, March 17 from 5-6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Kalona YMCA. Comments/questions, call 319-656-5347.

### Captain Kirk's Birthday Party

The Riverside Area Community Club will host a Birthday Bash for Captain Kirk on Saturday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Riverside VFW. Cake and door prizes; music by Luke Thomas; free and open to the public.

### Kids Health Workshop

Bright Futures Chiropractic will hold a free workshop on kids health on Monday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at 131 E Ave., Kalona. Learn how chiropractic care can improve your child's wellness, posture, and overall development. RSVP at 319-656-2888.

### Iowa City Genealogical Society

The Iowa City Genealogical Society will meet via Zoom on Saturday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. Non-members wishing to attend must send a request to icgsnews@gmail.com for permission to attend. Meeting includes a Roots Tech video on solving brick walls.

### Iowa Scenic Views by Foot

Tyler Sullivan will speak on his adventures throughout Iowa on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the English Valleys History Center, 108 N. Main St., North English. All are invited; no charge; donations accepted.

### Community Foundation of Washington County

Welcome spring with the Community Foundation of Washington County on Monday, March 31 at 5 p.m. at the Kalona Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Learn more about the Community Foundation and how you can make a difference in

our community; light meal included. RSVP by March 21 to cfwashington-county.com.

### Kalona Fire Pancake Day

The Kalona Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual Pancake Day on Saturday, April 5 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kalona Fire Station. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs; free will donation; dine in or carry out. Proceeds go towards the purchase of a new battery operated rescue cutter/spreader and rescue air bag equipment.

### Wellman YMCA Gala

Support the Wellman YMCA by attending the 70's themed gala on Saturday, April 5 from 5-9 p.m. at the Wellman Parkside YMCA. Dinner, drinks, raffle items, and guest speaker. Individual tickets \$70; table for 8, \$500. Call 319-646-8439 or email apacha@washingtonny.org to reserve.



4-H SENIORS



KENZINGTON MILLER

Kenzington Miller attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Lime Creek Livewires 4-H Club. “Throughout my nine years in 4-H I have learned more life lessons than I can count,” she said. “One that has always been present, no matter the age, is responsibility. Taking care of livestock is no easy or temporary task. You must wake up early and go to bed late sometimes, and that’s not always fun, but it’s one of the most important experiences you will take with you for the rest of your life.” Miller plans to attend the University of Iowa and apply to the Diagnostic Sonography Program.

Peighton Ford attends Mid-Prairie High School and is a member of the Lime Creek Livewires 4-H Club. “I have learned leadership, responsibility, public speaking skills, communication, life skills, and community service,” she says. “Everyone can learn something through 4-H with different activities, events, and project areas.” Ford plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science.



PEIGHTON FORD

Wellman Rotary raises over \$3K for veterans/first responders memorial

Wellman Rotary Co-Presidents James Palmer (center) and Jeremiah Gingerich (left) presented Mayor Ryan Miller (right) with a \$3,465 check representing the proceeds from the recent Wellman Rotary Club Soup Supper. The funds will be used to help construct a Veterans and First Responder Memorial along Highway 22 in Wellman.



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HAWK VIEW



Mr. Foster's 8th grade ag students at Hickory Hollow Farms.

Middle School

Mid-Prairie Middle School's eighth grade students recently toured Hickory Hollow Farms to learn about cattle production and careers in the agriculture industry. This provided a great opportunity for students to see what a modern farm looks like, as questions about the ag industry, and view livestock that serve various purposes.

On March 4, all eighth graders attended the Kirkwood Community College Regional Center in Washington. They toured facilities, asked questions, and had the opportunity for hands-on equipment use. They also learned about the programs available to students, including Pre-Med (Health Care), Criminal Justice, Business/Education, Construction, Architecture, Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing, Welding, and Automotive Technology.

The school expresses thanks to Hickory Hollow Farms and Kirkwood Community College for hosting the eighth graders.

Mid-Prairie sent 10 high school students to participate, each of whom was placed in a different group with students from other schools. By the end of the day, students had formed new friendships and shared stories about the fun they had.



Addyson Asher (left) and Lois Hochstedler (right).

High School

On Feb. 28, Williamsburg High School hosted a “Together We Play” day for area schools and their Adapted PE programs. The event was organized by the school's FCCLA and PE departments and featured a variety of activities that every student could enjoy.

Home School

The Home School Assistance Program hosted its annual enrollment day for new and returning families, the first day families can enroll for the 2025-2026 school year. The program anticipates serving close to 700 students in the upcoming school year.



The HSAP secretary team: Pat Winborn, Misy Yoder, and Jodi Meader.

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# Memories of Opa

This is the story of a man of humble origins who moved to a new country and worked hard but never acquired wealth or fame. This man was my maternal grandfather and this year will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing.

My grandfather was born in an East Frisian village near Weener, Germany, in 1892. He was named after his father, Dirk Gelder, but I knew him as Opa, the German and Dutch word for “grandpa.”

Opa’s father died in 1899 leaving his mother a penniless widow with seven children, Dirk being the youngest. According to family lore, Hinderk, the oldest of Opa’s siblings, wanted to go to the United States. Hinderk was mildly challenged and his mother was reluctant to see him to go by himself so she encouraged her four oldest daughters to accompany him.

Hinderk and his sisters did indeed emigrate to the United States, settling near Cleves, a tiny village in Iowa’s Hardin County. A few years later Opa’s mother, Lamke Gelder, along with my grandfather and his youngest sister left Germany and settled near Cleves.

Opa learned English in Iowa and became a naturalized citizen.

I know little of Opa’s early years in Iowa but he obviously got around. As a young man he became acquainted with fellow East Frisian immigrants in the Hamilton County community of Kamrar which is located 40 miles west of Cleves.

I have several photos of Opa with friends in Kamrar, including two members of the Gray (anglicized from Grau) family who had emigrated to Kamrar about the same time Opa settled in Cleves. The Grays had come to Iowa from Bellingwolde, The Netherlands, which was just 10 miles southwest of Opa’s hometown.

It turns out that the Gray boys had a good-looking little sister, Marijke, who caught Opa’s eye. I know little of their romance but they married in 1913 and quickly began a family.

Over the next 25 years, Dirk and Marijke had 13 children. The youngest died shortly after birth in 1938.

Early in their American experience my grandparents anglicized their names. Opa chose Dick, which is close to how Dirk is pronounced in his native Low German. My grandmother, who I called Oma, be-



Arvid Huisman  
Country Roads

came known as Marie.

With limited educations and a new baby arriving nearly every other year, Opa and Oma experienced an impoverished life. Opa supported his growing family by working as a farm hand for many years. The family moved frequently, living in tenant houses provided as part of Opa’s compensation.

When they were finally able to purchase a rundown acreage northwest of Wellsburg in Iowa’s Grundy County Opa took a job in road construction.

When their older children became teenagers they were hired out to area farmers with their income going directly to my grandparents. It’s difficult to imagine this situation today, but during the Depression and into World War II it was a matter of survival for a large family.

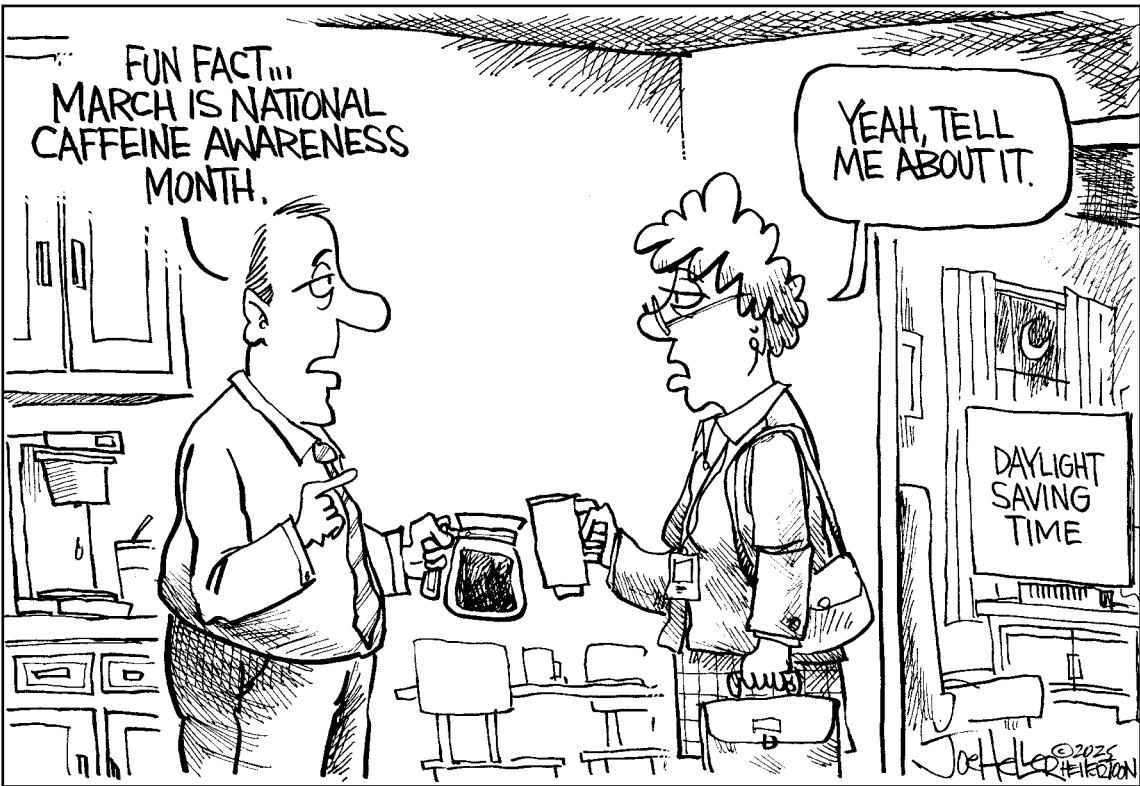
At the age of 59 Opa suffered a massive heart attack. Also living with diabetes, Opa never fully recovered. In the seventeen years I knew Opa he was an enfeebled man who moved slowly with a cane.

I was the eighth of Opa’s nearly 50 grandchildren. None of us had significant one-on-one time with Opa but those of us old enough to remember him recall a kind, older man who enjoyed playing cribbage with Uncle Bud. Opa preferred chatting in his mother tongue but could speak English with a heavy accent.

In his later years, Opa spent daytime hours in a comfortable chair next to a kitchen window. Smoking Velvet tobacco in his pipe, he kept an eye on cars passing on their gravel road and the comings and goings in their farm yard.

Less than eight years after Opa’s passing my wife and I named our son after his great-grandfather. When we took Dirk to meet his great-grandmother she fussed over him and repeatedly said, “Mien lüt-tje Dirk” (my little Dirk.)

Opa Gelder never won acclaim or wealth. However, he lived a good and honorable life and, with Oma at his side, raised a dozen kids (including my mother) who all turned out to be kind and generous adults. In that regard, my grandfather died a rich man.



# Funnel Week in the Iowa Senate



Dawn Driscoll  
Driscoll Dispatch

This week was “funnel week” in the legislature, which means we had our first deadline for Senate bills to be passed through their respective committees (with a few exceptions). Any bills that were not passed through committee are now deemed “dead,” which means they won’t be considered for the rest of the legislative session.

At the beginning of the legislative session, we start with the hundreds of bills that are introduced. What remains at the end of the “funnel” are the bills we will continue to consider the rest of the year. This helps us narrow our focus during the session to prioritize the most important pieces of legislation.

## Agriculture Committee

In committee this week, we discussed three bills: Senate File 432, Senate Study Bill 1158, and Senate Study Bill 1160. SF 432 dealt with “partition fences,” which are fences that separate two properties. Currently, the law states that if a landowner builds or maintains a partition fence, the neighboring landowner must share the cost of such. SF 432 states that these rules for private landowners also apply to government agencies (like the DNR), which means agencies must share the costs of partition fences.

Next, SSB 1158 is what I like to call the “food pyramid” bill. This bill modifies Iowa’s K-12 curriculum to include instruction on the nutritional benefits of animal-based protein and the role of real meat, dairy, vegetables and fruit in a balanced diet. This bill is another example of the legislature investing in the long-term success of Iowa students—physi-

cally and academically.

Finally, SSB 1160 updates and strengthens agricultural regulations regarding crop production and fertilizers, livestock care, animal health, and meat processing. Each of these bills passed through committee on Tuesday.

## Bills Sponsored

I also want to highlight the bills I’ve sponsored this session, several of which passed through their committees to remain “alive” in the legislature. Senate File 22: A bill for an act relating to the use of an electronic device in a voice-activated or hands-free mode while driving, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.

Senate File 111: A bill for an act relating to school personnel training, emergency care planning, authorizations for assisting, and limitations of liability concerning students with epilepsy or a seizure disorder.

Senate File 114: A bill for an act relating to the baiting of deer on public or private property and providing penalties.

Senate File 140: A bill for an act relating to the establishment of satellite absentee voting stations on school property.

Senate File 321: A bill for an act prohibiting the expenditure of certain public moneys for dues or membership fees to high school organizations that do not use required enrollment calculations when determining school classifications for extracurricular interscholastic activities.

Senate File 451: A bill for an act relating to the duties of fire officials and reports of fires and emergency responses.

## Gender Identity

Finally, I briefly want to mention a topic of conversation from last week. Senate File 418, which removes the phrase “gender identity” from Iowa’s Civil Rights Act, passed both the Senate and House last week, and Governor Reynolds

signed this bill into law on February 28.

I ultimately voted for this piece of legislation because I believe it offers necessary protections for all girls and women in Iowa, especially in places like locker rooms, bathrooms, and athletics. Without removing “gender identity” from Iowa Code, courts could overturn existing laws that currently keep biological males out of these spaces, thus compromising spaces designated for biological females.

The rationale behind my vote was shared by many of my constituents, too - almost all the individuals who called, emailed, and left messages overwhelmingly supported this measure.

## Day in the District

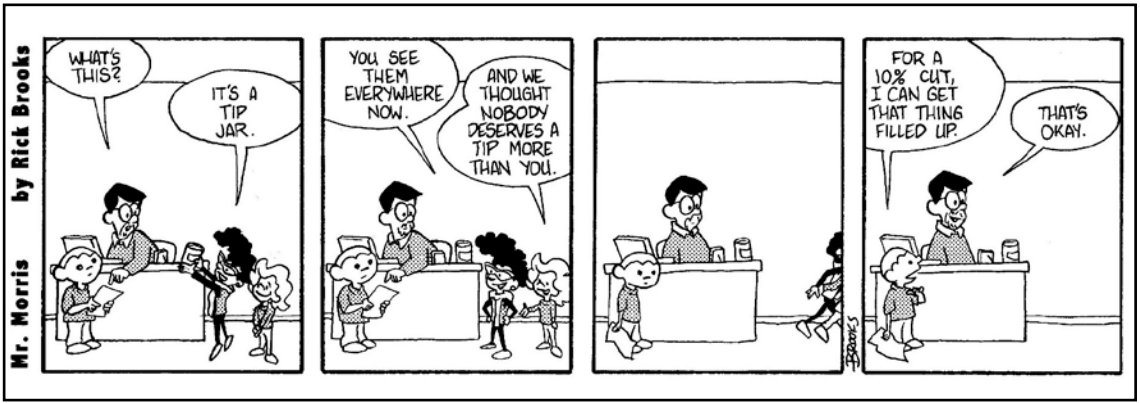
The past few weeks have made for busy Days in the District. Over these weeks, Representatives Lawler and Hora and I made several trips to hospitals around the district, including Washington County Hospital and Compass Memorial Hospital. We spent time touring these facilities and speaking with hospital faculty about present issues in rural health care. These conversations reinforced how grateful I am for all our medical and health care workers and the critical services they provide in our communities.

Additionally, Representative Lawler and I recently visited Kinze Manufacturing, which is a leading manufacturer of innovative and easy-to-use agricultural equipment for our communities. We toured the Kinze facilities and spent time with several members at Kinze discussing their plans to expand production. I want to commend the products that they provide for our communities and for the agriculture industry.

As always, it is an honor to serve District 46. It was an especially busy week at the legislature, so if you have any questions about specific bills, please reach out to me.

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BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS



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OBITUARIES

Douglas Gene Goschke

1947 - 2025

Douglas Gene Goschke, 77, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Iowa City, passed away peacefully at home March 2, 2025.

Douglas Gene Goschke was born July 7, 1947, to Amil Gene Goschke and June Berniece (Newell) Goschke in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Raised in Wellman, where his parents owned the local newspaper, the Wellman Advance, Doug learned the importance of hard work from their example. His parents' generosity and dedication set a path for him that he followed throughout his life.

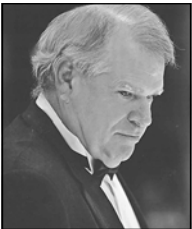
Doug graduated from Mid-Prairie High School in 1965, where he was involved in many activities, including the newspaper and science clubs, choir, and band, perfecting the saxophone. From an interview in 2022, Doug shared that he "specialized" in athletics during high school, playing both football and basketball.

After graduating in 1965, his talent as a football player earned him scholarships at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, where he also played football. He later attended Illinois State University on a football scholarship and played as an offensive guard, eventually earning his Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University.

Life was just beginning for Doug, as he would live in Wayne, Michigan; San Diego, California; Centerville, Iowa; Richmond, Virginia; Muscatine, Iowa; McKinney, Texas; Ottumwa, Iowa; and finally in Iowa City, and Port St. Lucie, Florida, during his retirement years.

After graduating from Illinois State, Doug was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served his country for two years during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in August 1971.

Following his time in the service, Doug worked for various companies, including General Motors and HNI Corporation. After many successful years in management, he tran-



sitioned to growing and leading a global management consulting business named Simpler Consulting. The company grew to over 150 employees with offices across the country and overseas.

Doug met and married his wife, Ann Marie Berrier, in December 1981 in Ottumwa. Doug and Ann led a life focused on hard work, family, and friends. Throughout his retirement years, Doug spent his time golfing, collecting art, smoking cigars, and drinking wine. Doug and Ann loved traveling and visited all 50 US states and many national parks, with Teddy Roosevelt National Park being their favorite. The memories of their travels live on through anecdotal postcards that Doug would send out from every location.

Doug's unwavering generosity was received by all who knew him, as he was driven to give back to his community. Doug made profound differences with his contributions to Mid-Prairie High School, from smaller donations in the beginning to support Mid-Prairie's indoor facility, to a larger starter donation towards a new high school auditorium, along with two scholarship funds for students.

In 2021, in honor of Doug's late sister, Junean, Doug and Ann gifted the University of Northern Iowa Panther football program the outdoor football facility they desired and deserved. As a loyal Hawkeye fan, whose heart bled black and gold, Doug supported the University of Iowa through his donation to the Kinnick Edge Campaign and gifted art to the UI Stanley Museum of Art.

The most significant and recognized gift was undoubtedly to the University of Iowa Wrestling Program. On May 30, 2024, the University of Iowa held the grand opening for The

Goschke Family Wrestling Training Center, celebrating and elevating the highly successful legacy of the Iowa Wrestling program.

Doug Goschke left us a long list of accomplishments, achievements, and contributions, but those aren't what defined him. Doug loved his wife, children, and grandchildren with all of his heart. Doug played a huge role in every life he came into contact with. Doug left everything better than he found it and he will be greatly missed.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife: Ann Goschke of Port St. Lucie; children: Douglas Amil (Marianne) Goschke of Tiffin, Eric (Tracy) Blomme of Kalona, Samantha (Eric) Wiese of New Liberty, Iowa, Tony (Annette) Blomme of Camanche, Iowa, and Chandra Goschke of Kalona; eight grandchildren: Carah Reimer, Douglas Wiese, Alex Meister, Thomas Blomme, Matthew Blomme, Robert Wiese, Harper Goschke, and Mia Goschke; and siblings: Pamela Goschke (Tim Meyer) of Amana and Sue (Gary) Gravert of Albia, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents: June B. and Amil Gene Goschke; and his sister: Junean E. Witham Grady.

Fry Funeral Home of Tipton, has been entrusted with his care, with Lensing Funeral Home kindly assisting and providing their facilities for the visitation and funeral services.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Lensing Funeral Home. Doug will be laid to rest at Wellman Cemetery. For questions on any of the services or the Celebration of Life, please email goschkequestions@gmail.com.

Online condolences, fond memories, and photos of Doug may be shared at Fry Funeral Home's website: www.fryfuneralhome.com.

Lynne P. Schnoebelen

1959 - 2025



obituary is pending and will be available shortly on the Adams Funeral Home website, and online condolences may be left for Lynne's family at www.adamssoderstrum.com.

Robert Marshek

1943 - 2025



He supported his kids and grandkids at 4-H shows and was always up for a good game of cards or Dominoes. Robert was involved in

many "tractor cades" and he had the grand champion feeder pig truckload at the Iowa Feeder Pig Expo. He was also on the Iowa Barn Quilt list.

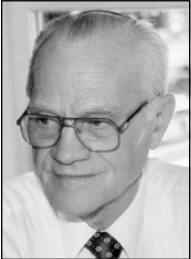
Robert is survived by his devoted wife: Donna; children: Lisa (Gary) Johnson, Kevin (Jill) Marshek, Karen (Chris) Hoenig and Keith (Cammie) Marshek; grandchildren: Kyle (Megan) Johnson, Moriah Johnson, Austin Marshek, Allison Marshek, Matt Hoenig, Megan Hoenig, Kailee Marshek and Kelly Marshek; great grandchildren: Andrew Johnson and Rylee Johnson; as well as several extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-laws; brothers and sisters-in-law; and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Iowa City Hospice.

Werner H. Will

1931 - 2025



they spent their last years at the Presbyterian Communities Home. At the Community, Will led several educational

programs such as Great Decisions and Comparative Religions. One of his favorite activities was a weekly German Stammtisch where he helped his friends and neighbors converse in German.

His childhood experience of living under a dictatorship, first in Nazi Germany and then in Communist East Germany, informed the rest of Will's life. He keenly appreciated the advantages of a free and open society and endeavored to promote these ideas inside and outside of the classroom. He documented his experience in his autobiography, From the Oder to the Bitterroot, enjoyed by many for its first-hand account of his earlier life and the transformative power of knowledge and critical thinking.

Will brought joy and inspiration to his friends, colleagues, and students with his quick wit and wide ranging discussions of ideas, be it in world politics, books, music, religion, or philosophy. Will is survived by his wife: Grace; his children: Kurt D. Will, Karl E. Will, Katrina M. Will, Konrad H. Will; and his grandchildren: Olivia, Parker, Hannah, and Jakob.

Memorial service to be held at Presbyterian Communities Chapel in Summerville, South Carolina, March 30, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Baptismal services held at Lovina's house

I want to write this column before I leave this morning. Daughter Loretta and I are attending the coffee break our church ladies are having for neighbor Susan. She had hip replacement surgery so this should cheer her up. Everyone always brings a lot of good food and it's nice to visit before we all go home and start our day's work. Dustin isn't working today due to the rainy weather so he will keep a few of their children home with him.

I need to wash laundry when I get back home. I have lots of clothes to wash plus lots of dish towels from Sunday. I went with my husband Joe to his appointment yesterday so I didn't get to the laundry. I also have extra blankets to wash that we had in the nursery area for small children that take naps during the service.

Sunday we hosted church services and two young souls were baptized. We had over double the amount of people we usually have at a regular service. Both sides of the pole barn had benches set up and they were filled. My guess is we had well over three hundred people here. Not all of the youth stayed to eat but we still served over thirteen tables with some of us eating before so we could serve.

Our menu was homemade wheat and white bread (almost 60 loaves), ham (45-50 pounds), cheese spread (3 batches of the recipe I'll share. The recipe is also in "The Essential Amish Cookbook"), peanut butter spread (it took all but a gallon of the recipe I shared last week), pickles (22 quarts), pickled red beets (8 quarts), hot peppers (8 pints), strawberry



and grape jam, butter, coffee (ten gallons), spearmint/peppermint tea (5 gallons), and a variety of cookies. I had bought all disposable dishes so the women didn't have to wash as many dishes.

I am so glad this church is over now but I was glad to host it for such an important reason. In two weeks, church services will be here again, Lord willing. It should be quite smaller. Daughter Elizabeth and Tim couldn't be here for church services on Sunday. They attended the funeral of his Aunt Mattie and Uncle Lavern ages fifty-seven and fifty-eight. Such a sad tragedy. They were biking home from their church ice cream supper and were almost to their driveway when they were struck by a vehicle that didn't see them. They leave to mourn seven children, eleven grandchildren, a father, brothers, and sisters. Our sympathy goes out to them. May God help them through this difficult trial in life. Elizabeth and Tim left Abigail, 8, and Timothy (TJ), 6, here for church as they didn't have enough room to take them along. The funeral was in a nearby community.

After church services Daughter Susan and Ervin and several of their children left to go to Fort Wayne, IN to visit with Ervin's Dad who is admitted to the hospital. We

pray he will be better soon. Tim and Elizabeth came here after the funeral and took four of Ervin and Susan's children home after supper. Son Joseph and Grace also joined us for supper. They attended church in another district. Joseph's friend and coworker Thomas was baptized that day.

I made spaghetti and meatballs for our family that stayed or came for supper. Also on the menu was ham sandwiches, chips, and ice cream. It was a simple but easy meal to make after a long day. Needless to say, we were all glad to see bedtime come. This next weekend plans are to butcher pigs here. One for Ervin and Susan, One for Dustin and Loretta and one for us. Another job we will be glad is done. More on that next week.

God's blessings!

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6 pounds process cheese spread (Velveeta or other brands of your choice)  
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Put all three ingredients in a big roasting pan and bake at 150° to 200°, stirring every 15 minutes until all is melted.  
Cover with plastic wrap to prevent it from getting a crusty top while cooling. The spread is served on a sandwich with or without meat. It is good just spread on bread with some pickles.

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.

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Monday – Corned beef w/cabbage, potatoes & carrots, biscuit, ice cream cup, St. Patty's cookie

Tuesday – tuna melt, potato cubes, pea salad, cupcakes

Wednesday – Shredded beef gravy on mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry doo dad bars

Thursday - Grilled chicken salad w/cheese, eggs, tomatoes &

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

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Friday – Cheesy potato soup, salad, crackers, apricots, ice cream

Monday – Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, tropical fruit, dessert

Tuesday – Ham & noodle casserole, stewed tomatoes, pears

Wednesday – \*\*Meatloaf, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, rosemary applesauce, cake, ice cream

Thursday – Chicken Alfredo,

lettuce salad, bread stick, peaches  
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Pleasantview

Thursday – Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, country green beans, Jell-O salad, chocolate lava cake, ice cream

Tuesday – Liver & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, cherry crisp, ice cream

Wednesday – Salmon patties, sauteed vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, pickled beets, strawberry shortcake

Thursday – Apple chicken salad, French onion soup, fresh baked bread, oreo fluff

Pleasantview Meals on Wheels

Thursday – Classic meatloaf, fried potatoes, brown butter & garlic roasted peas, frosted peach cake

Friday – Breaded fish filet, glazed carrots, apple raspberry crisp, vanilla ice cream

Monday – Turkey a la king, biscuit, brown sugar glazed beets, marbled cherry pie cake

Tuesday – Ritzy chicken divan casserole, fresh baked bread, apple butter, honey buttered carrots, gingerbread cookie bar

Wednesday – Pork loin w/Dijon sauce, onion roasted potatoes, cascade blend vegetables, lemon cheesecake

Thursday - Enchilada bake, Spanish rice, black bean & corn salsa, tortilla chips, apple pear walnut crisp

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.

SENIOR DINING MENUS MARCH 13-20



# Property tax bills likely to increase in Johnson County

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

## IOWA CITY

Property tax bills will be increasing in Johnson County in Fiscal Year 2026. But just how much?

As the Board of Supervisors and the county's financial staffers finalize the FY26 budget, the proposed tax askings have increased to \$78.2 million from \$72.3 million in FY25.

The proposed tax levy for county residents is \$6.73092 per \$1,000 of assessed property, up from \$6.43080 in FY25. For rural residents, the rate is remaining at \$3.61169.

Those who live in unincorporated areas of Johnson County pay the combined rural and county rate of \$10.34261. Those living in cities pay their city tax rate, plus the county rate.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rates will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 26 in Iowa City. Jon Green, Board Chair, told The News that the state requires an average of a 10% increase statewide, but he said the increases on individual properties will be much lower. Johnson County's budget calls for an increase of 3%.

Pending state legislation would change many of the rules for property taxes, resulting in a moving target.

"It's a damned mess made messier by years of patches and exemptions and attempts to flub the numbers for the taxpayer," Green said.

Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz suggested to Finance Director Dana Aschenbrenner that an explanatory letter accompany tax bills to county residents.

The county's proposed spending budget for FY26, which begins July 1, is a record \$86.4 million.

Supervisors informally approved the budget at a work session March 5 following two previous rounds of cuts, but few appeared enthusiastic about the final product.

"We tried," Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass said. "We got to this point."

The final version of the budget is expected to be approved in April.

## Opioid Project

Johnson County is moving ahead with a plan to spend \$100,000 of \$2.1 million in expected opioid settlement funds to make Naloxone available around the county to treat opioid overdoses.

Naloxone is a medication that can quickly reverse a suspected overdose from fentanyl, heroin and prescribed painkillers.

Allison Wells, Special Projects Manager, proposed a first round of action, costing about \$100,000, that would make Naloxone available, possibly through vending machines.

A second project round of \$1 million would be used in grants of up to \$400,000 for organizations serving individuals with services that would include recovery support, housing, transportation, job placement and childcare.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan recommended that the local group, Systems of Care, be involved in the project.

"I'm excited about the potential here," Sullivan said.

## Board Action

The Board approved a change order of \$31,031 with McComas-Lacina Construction for work done on the Administration, and Health and Human Services building remodels.

The Board approved job descriptions for Conservation Field Worker I and Office Coordinator, County Attorney's office.

**Next meeting:** The Board's next formal session is at 5:30 p.m. March 13. This is the monthly evening session that includes public hearings for a number of zoning and platting applications.

# Board to discuss an HR department

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

## WASHINGTON

Following a less than hour long work session after its March 4 regular meeting, the Washington County supervisors agreed to obtain further information about establishing a Human Resources Department. The county has long had an HR position, currently

held by Amber Armbruster, a deputy auditor. She and County Attorney Nathan Repp agreed to research what would be involved in having a formal department, presenting the information and possible recommendations to the board at its March 18 meeting.

Discussion during the work session included the need for an actual office to afford pri-

vacy to meet confidentiality needs, noting the possibility it could be located in the lower level of the courthouse where remodeling, already planned for the county attorney's office, is expected to be done this year. Technically, the county does have an HR entity that, if the move is approved, would gain an actual office space.

# Highland's tax levy rate to drop 2 cents in proposed FY26 budget

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

## RIVERSIDE

The property tax levy for residents of Highland Community Schools in Fiscal Year 2026 will be 12.93299, or about \$12.93 for each \$1,000 of assessed property.

The question is, will the levy stay at that rate?

The rate includes money for a \$15 million bond that was approved last November by voters. However, the vote is under appeal at the district court level because some of the ballots were incorrectly given to Washington County voters who don't live in the school district.

If the schools eventually lose the court case, which could last for months, the levy rate would be lowered and money would be refunded to taxpayers by Washington County.

The school's levy is 2 cents lower than the FY25 rate. The district is in the final months of paying off a 2019 bond referendum.

The debt service levy rate (bond) is 2.7.

The levy rate will allow the district to collect \$4.7 million for a proposed spending budget of \$11.9 million. Another \$3.9 million in revenue will come from the state and \$290,000 from federal aid among other sources of income.

A public hearing on the tax levy will be held at 5 p.m. March 24, after which the School Board can approve the tax rate.

Another public hearing, on the overall budget, is scheduled for April 14.

## Highland & WACO

The superintendent sharing agreement between Highland and WACO Schools will change, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

The Highland School Board approved a new three-year 28E agreement with WACO at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday. But this time, the agreement is changing from a 75-25% sharing agreement to 50-50.

Both districts will equally share the annual base salary of \$160,000 that has been agreed to by incoming superintendent Spencer Lueders. The entire annual package of salary and benefits is expected to approach or surpass \$200,000.

Nate Robinson, Board President, told The News he is supportive of the new agreement although he said it could be adjusted after each year of the agreement. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Current Superintendent Ken Crawford normally spends about one day at WACO and the rest of his time at Highland. That time sharing is expected to change when Lueders arrives to start the new 28E agreement.

## Supers Meeting

Lueders, the new schools superintendent, visited with Crawford, the retiring superintendent, this week and they intend to meet again in early April.

"We've had some good conversations," Crawford said. Lueders, who is principal at Central DeWitt Intermediate School, begins work July 1 at Highland and WACO. He is expected to be invited to the Board's June formal session.

## New Board

Aaron Friederich, a Vice President at GreenState Credit Union and a volunteer assistant football coach at Highland, joined the Board for the first time Monday after being appointed to a vacant seat in late February.

He was welcomed by Board Vice President Dan Ruth and others.

Friederich, who lives in District 3 in the northern portion of the school district and replaced Monica Jepson, plans to continue as assistant football coach since it is a volunteer unpaid position.

Friederich was assigned to Jepson's spot on the Financial & Personnel Committee.

## WCRF Grant

The Board voted to apply for a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant of \$13,113 for the creation of a makerspace classroom at the Secondary School building. The space would be used for a number of creative studios, including podcast, graphic design, photography and video recording.

The district will finance the other half of the \$26,996 project.

## Board Action

The Board awarded the 2025 lawn care contract to Colbert Lawn Care for \$15,550.

The Board approved resolutions for a 2025-26 levy tax budget guarantee and the issuance of up to \$15 million in bonds through the November 2024 bond referendum.

The Board approved the appointments of Kylie Davis, Elementary Grade 2 teacher; and Jenna Dotson and Chelsea Nichols, Elementary associates.

The Board approved job descriptions for Nurse and Assistant Varsity Coach.

The Board approved a number of policy updates.

## Next Meeting

The board will hold its next formal meeting at 5 p.m. April 14. A work session and public hearing was scheduled for March 24.



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## 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@kcctc.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 Helmut; 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.lonetreeowachurch.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. windham-church.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).



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# Behind the Banner: John Roetlin, Marine Corps

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

## KALONA

When the veteran banners go up for the first time in May, those driving down B Avenue, 4th Street, and 6th Street in Kalona will see the names and faces of local service men and women fluttering in the breeze. Who are these heroes who dedicated a portion of their lives to protecting our freedom? Every one of them has a story.

The very first banner application received when the Kalona Chamber began accepting them in January was submitted by John Roetlin of Kalona. Roetlin served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1955 to 1961 in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and because he was “a special operations guy,” much of what he did was classified.

While much from the Vietnam era has been declassified in recent years, some things considered sensitive to national security have not been made public, so “I don’t really know how specific I can be,” Roetlin said when talking to The News. However, he did share some of his experience with us, including that he drove down to Tipton, which put up their own veteran banners in 2020 and served as a model for Kalona,

when he first read about the new project in The News.

“I thought that was pretty impressive,” he said, and he subsequently went down to the Chamber office and applied for a banner of his own, which will fly from May to November in 2025 and 2026 before going home with him.

Roetlin began life in Wisconsin, where his Swiss dad was a cheesemaker. In 1947, when he was 11 years old, the family moved to Kalona so his dad could run the Kalona Cheese Factory.

Once he enlisted in the Marine Corp, Roetlin didn’t exactly miss Kalona.

“I kind of liked what I was doing,” he says. “My job was a little bit different than what most people would think.”

But at a certain point he had leave time to burn, “because you can only accumulate 60 days of leave and then you start losing it,” and his brother was hanging out in Kalona, so he came back for a visit in July 1960.

After the adventure he’d been having on the beaches of Okinawa and the jungles of Thailand, though, Kalona was rather dull.

“I told [my brother] this Kalona was pretty slowed-down for me. I was a Type A

guy. I told him I was going to go back; I was going to quit Kalona and go back to California,” Roetlin says.

His brother told him about the town’s Barbecue and Horse Show Day. It was going to be a grand affair, with a giant parade in the morning, a speech by the Governor, and a free beef barbecue. Horse and talent shows would follow, and in the evening, there would be a square dance in the school gym.

Roetlin agreed to stay for the event, which drew a crowd of nearly 7,000. But when telling the story, he doesn’t mention all those people. He only mentions one. Joanne.

“I came down, and I met her that night,” he says of the young woman who worked at Farmers Savings Bank alongside Sally Skola, whose family was a part of the bank for nearly the entire 20th century. A local guy who ran the restaurant where the girls lunched introduced the couple.

Roetlin stayed in town for an additional two weeks, during which time he and Joanne went out “a couple times.” But ultimately, he went back to Camp Pendleton. “I actually was going to reenlist,” he says. However.

# Supervisors set record

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

## WASHINGTON

In eight minutes Tuesday, the Washington County supervisors said the Pledge of Allegiance, then approved the agenda, two personnel issues and a resolution.

The first personnel item was termination for Sherie Hazen, part-time Conservation Center coordinator, who had health issues; her last day of work was October 12, 2024. The second

was hiring Duston Sorrels as her replacement at the Center effective March 12.

The third item was approval of Resolution 25-08 for Washington County Public Health to seek a \$10,000 grant for an immunization clinic in Building 2 at the Orchard Hill complex, which will be the department’s new quarters by July 1. The clinic will serve some 600 children in the area.

The board also learned from supervisor Bob Yoder, who attended the Washington County

Economic Development Group (WEDG) annual dinner meeting Monday, that Washington County Hospital, honored by WEDG, is a top critical care facility for the county and surrounding areas, has 600 employees and provides an \$80 million economic revenue impact for the county. As such, he noted, changes and improvements in the last 10 years have made it a major health asset.

## AROUND TOWN

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### Life Line Screening

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Life Center will host affordable screenings by Life Line Screening on Friday, April 11 at 575 Howard St., Kalona. Learn about your risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic serious conditions. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants can create a customized package for you. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com to preregister (required) or learn more.

### Holy Week at

#### Sharon Center UMC

Sharon Center United Methodist Church will hold the following Holy Week events: Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Presentation of the Last Supper; Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m., Good Friday Celebration; Sunday, April 20 6:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Sunrise Service with breakfast following at the Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m., regular service.

### Lone Tree: Call for Volunteers

Moments Hospice has a large number of hospice patients in Lone Tree who could benefit from volunteer visitors who can provide them with positive social interaction. There are several ways to make a difference: patient visitor, administrative and virtual volunteering, bereavement volunteers, pet therapy volunteers, death doula volunteers, Reiki volunteers, and vigil volunteers are all needed. To find out more about these opportunities, visit [momentshospice.com](http://momentshospice.com), call 1-877-MOMENTS, or email [info@momentshospice.com](mailto:info@momentshospice.com).

### KHV Easter Egg Hunt

The Kalona Historical Village will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19. Doors open at 10 a.m.; the hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. in the east lot. Pony rides, a bounce house, and food (hotdogs, chips, and cookies) will be located in the east gravel parking lot. Parking available at City Park or D Avenue.



Vietnam veteran John Roetlin reserved the first veterans banner going up on the streets of Kalona this spring.

“On the way back, 500 or 600 miles out over Nebraska, I had a lot of time to think. And I thought to myself, I’d been in almost six years then and seen quite a bit, and I decided maybe it’s time to get out, because I was pretty lucky,” he says.

He had six months left on his contract, which he spent in Southeast Asia. Then Roetlin left the military, returned to Kalona, and started working for his dad at the Cheese Factory. And continued to date Joanne until they married a short time later.

The rest, as they say, is history.

But it’s a history that causes Roetlin to reflect.

“I was pretty highly trained. They had a lot of money invested [in me], different schools – scuba, airborne, all this badass

stuff,” he says of the Marine Corp. “Me and my best friend were told they wanted us to re-up and go back in, and I decided not to do it. My friend decided to do it. I’m still breathing and he’s not. He got killed. So, you know, later in life it kind of lit a lightbulb. It was probably the right decision to make.

“Back in those early years, we didn’t have much support. The American people didn’t know much about Vietnam or Southeast Asia. The American people don’t know much about geography or history, either one. They don’t get taught at school. But yeah, I have several friends on the wall [Vietnam Memorial] in D.C.”

Now when you look up at his banner flying over the streets of Kalona, you’ll know a little bit more of his story.

## VETERANS BANNERS STILL AVAILABLE

Banners honoring veterans are still available from the Kalona Chamber. For \$150, families can sponsor a color banner, 2 feet by 5 feet in size, featuring the veteran’s name, photo, and service details. The banners will fly on light poles on B Avenue, 4th, and 6th Streets in Kalona from May to November for two years before being retired and given to the family. Contact the Chamber at 319-656-2660 or [info@kalonachamber.com](mailto:info@kalonachamber.com) for details, or stop by the Chamber office at 514 B Avenue, Kalona for an application.

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**Shop Equipment/Tools:** Rollaway Toolboxes, Very Nice; Lots of Asst Hand Tools; Jepson Steel Chopsaw; Slime Air Compressor; Stihl Leaf Blower; Karcher 220 Elec 2900 PSI Pressure Washer; Storage Cabinets; Stihl Cement Saw; Workbenches; Vises; Anvils; Alum Ext Ladders; Fiberglass Ext Ladders; Lots of Construction Tools; Expecting 12-15 Hayracks of Hand Tools & Supplies.

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13' Kew cultimulcher on rubber, steel on side; 6' JD 609-3pt rotary mow; Danuser 3 pt post hole digger; 18' hayrack w/ hoist, 2" floor on steel; 5 bale inline hyd trailer; JD 30 pull type combine on rubber; IH 234 mtd picker; 2-15' JD 400 rot hoes; Lilliston 4R-38' cult; IH 540, 4-16" plow; NH 25 Whirla-feed silage blower; Flare box wagons; 225 bu gravity wagons; 16' BH livestock trlr-on steel; 11' Krause wheel disc; Brady crimper; Farm & Country 500-3pt tub seeder; 7' IH drawbar sickle mower; McCormick 76 combine; NH 479 mower cond on rubber; 4 sect drag harr-good cond; 2 sect drag harr; 9' pull type cultimulcher; Oliver semi mtd 4-14" plow; IH 133 4R cult; KMC 4R rolling cult; Kew 500 elevator; 300 gal sprayer; 22' bale conveyor; 7' Howard 3pt rotavator; 7' Ford 3pt blade; **The following mach is on steel:** NH 718 chopr w/corn & HH; 9' IH 1190 mower cond; 12' Kew wheel disc; 6'x10' barge box wagon w/hoist; NI 402-5 bar rake; 3-16' hayracks; 12' steel bed hayrack; JD 4 bar rakes; NH hay crimper w/steel rolls; Barge wagon; 4'x8' steel wheel hyd dump trlr; Flare box wagon w/endgate seeder; 2 wheel box trlr; 3pt bale mover; Steel wheeled sprdr-yard ornament; 2R flail chopr-rough; Running gear; 550 gal poly tank; Fox forage blowers; Herd 3pt seeder; 2-7'x14' hayracks; 3pt hyd log splitter; Clipper panning mill; JD grd driven sprdr-needs drive gear; Pts equip; 6 bolt frt steel wheels; Steel imp wheels; Air water pump; Buzz saw **BUGGYS – CART – LIVESTOCK – MILKING EQUIP – 60 NET WRAPPED 4'X5' CORN STALK BALES:** Double & single buggys; Road cart w/lights & top; Hack wagon; Pony cart & wheels; Single driving harness; Harness pts; 3T bulk bin; Bale ring feeders; Fiberglass bale feeder; 300gal Sioux cattle water; 2-Sioux mineral feeders; 7'x15' port chicken roost wagon on steel; 10'x12' port steel chicken coop; Hog feeder scoop bulk bin; 10 bu rot pig feeders; Salamander heater; Johnson tank heater; 150 gal Milkepper SS milk tank; 2 DeLaval 55lb milker buckets; 70lb milk bucket; SS Surge milk bckt; 3-SS milk cans; Gas brooder; Barn fan; 2-4' Yuneek rol away laying nests; Chicken feeders/waters; Steel siding; Wire rabbit cages; Wire panels; Woven wire; Ele fence supplies; Old scaffolding; Picket fence **MOBILE HOME – LAWN EQUIP:** '79 American 14'x70' mobile home-needs rep; Troy Bilt (Horse) tiller w/6.5hp eng; 48" Bob-Cat walk-behind mower w/Kaw eng; X-mark (Turf Racer) hydro manure pusher w/mow dk & Honda eng; 36" Honda self-prop walk-behind mower; Bachtold fenceline mower; Push garden tiller; Wheel barrows; Doors/windows; Dog kennel panels **SHOP EQUIP:** Miller Big D4 diesel power welder; Delta table saw; Port air compr w/Honda eng; Squirrel cage fan; Belt/ disc sander; Rigid pipe threader; Hand tools; Hyd floor jack; Post hole diggers; Bolt bin; Misc gas engines; Ele motors; Feeder/smoker **APPLIANCES – HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE – KITCHEN & MISC:** Crystal Cold 18 cu ft gas refrig; Maytag wringer washers 1 w/air motor; Peerless LP gas heating stove; Older wringer washers; DeLaval cream sep; 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HILLCREST ACADEMY’S DOUBLE FEATURE

Middle and high school performances directed by Natalie Silbaugh and Jess Hart wowed March 7-8 at Celebration Hall

PHOTOS BY JEFF YODER

Hillcrest Academy’s middle school students performed “Ants & the Grasshoppers”; cast included Myka Widdel, Livia Lundberg, Amelia Vigneron, Vincent Yoder, Reghan Good, Payton Gray, Eliza Widmer, Emma Parizek, Isaiah Detweiler, Celie Shetler, Adia Scott, Sofia Flores-Caliz, Elise Hartsock, Ruby Fernau, Molly Birky, Clara Miller, Eden Willems, Sofia Acevedo-Cruz, Jalise Bailey, Brooklyn Heusinkveld, Ellen Rempel, Cora Minino, and Kara Widdel.



High school students performed “Waking Sleeping Beauty”; cast included Brynna O’Rourke, Addison Miller, Morgyn Nafziger, Adrianne Blauvelt, Ruth Witthoft, Hailey Chalupa, Nora Swartzen-druber, Ava Miller, Jeremiah Danker, Andrew Kaufman, Izzy Fredrerick, Vivian Ward, Gibson Scott, Charlie Hughes, Payton Lunkley, Lincoln Miller, Eliana Popejoy, and The Beez (Weasley).



Middle and high schoolers, get out your cameras

Entries due May 16 for Kalona Optimists photo contest

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

**KALONA**  
It may not bring you fame and fortune on a grand scale, but it will bring you community recognition and potentially a \$100 gift card.  
Each year for the last three years, hundreds have flocked to the display of matted photographs in downtown Kalona during Kalona Days, eager to study the entries and vote for their top choice in the Kalona Optimists’ photo contest. The winners of the People’s Choice Award are announced near the end of the festival, and they take home plaques and a \$100

gift card. Then the photos go on to be displayed at locations around town, where people show up specifically to admire them.  
It’s a really cool thing to be a part of, and all you need to do is snap an engaging picture.  
The contest is open to all middle and high school students attending schools in the Mid-Prairie school district. Hillcrest Academy, Pathway, and Mid-Prairie homeschool students all qualify, in addition to traditional Mid-Prairie students.  
Kalona Optimists fund and support the contest; their goal is to “provide visibility and recognition for the students’ creativity, photography, and art skills,” contest organizer Roger Weber says.

Now until May 16, students can submit up to two photos to the Kalona Optimist Facebook page; they will then be evaluated by Mark Gromko of the Iowa City Camera Club, who will choose the top six entries from grades 5-8 and 9-12. These 12 entries will be matted and displayed at Kalona Days, where the winners will be chosen by the public.  
All entries will receive written feedback from Gromko, which is a boon to young photographers looking for insight



ROGER WEBER

The top 12 entries in the 2024 Kalona Optimists Photo Contest, on display at the Kalona Chamber.

as what they’ve done well and where they might improve.  
Weber, himself a photographer, understands how taking photos can expand and enrich your life.  
“There’s a lot of different elements to it,” he says. “A person can take a snapshot, like a family photo, and it goes into the album. You can always come back, and that brings back all the memories, the picture telling a story. Or you can look at the picture as an artwork. You see this beautiful landscape, and you take a picture and you tweak it, and you try to make it as good as you can, make it a real piece of artwork.”  
It is his hope that the contest will “drive students to a lifelong hobby or maybe something that they look forward to doing as a career.”  
Fellow Optimist Ken Weir mentions that Weber’s work on the photo contest has made him a go-to for other Optimist groups in the state who would like to emulate Kalona’s success.

photo contest.  
The Kalona Chamber has played an important part as well, providing space for the photograph display and integrating the contest into Kalona Days events.  
“That’s a hard target audience to engage with, middle school, high school. I’m really grateful that the Optimists are attentive to that and found a way to connect with that audience,” Chamber director Tonia Poole says. “We just make space for them to do what they’re doing, and we help share it.”  
The Chamber also provides a pickup point at their office for contest entrants to pick up their photographs after they have been on display all summer. This is important to note – photographers do get to have their photos back, and Weber will do whatever he can to make that happen, even mail a photo overseas to an exchange student if that is what’s necessary.

Poole also appreciates that the photo contest allows young people to express and explore their own interests.  
“Even if you’re not really into photography, if you have a passion for ag or a passion for automotive, this allows you, whatever your passion is, to highlight it,” she says. The photograph display is “kind of a chance to see the world through that age group.”  
Students need not have fancy cameras to take great photos; many entrants simply use their cellphone to take the photo they enter in the contest.  
“A lot of times the judging comes down more to the subject than the technical ability,” Weber notes. In recent years, “animals have been pretty popular. Like the pig and the hose; who’s going to forget that?” he says, referencing a 2023 winning photo.

Entries for the 2025 Kalona Optimists Photo Contest are due May 16; submit them on the Kalona Optimist Facebook page. If you have questions, email kalonaoc40077@gmail.com.  
The Kalona Optimists thank the Iowa City Camera Club, Kalona Chamber of Commerce, The News, Kalona Public Library, CBI Bank, and Hills Bank for their contributions to the contest.

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The Hillcrest boys basketball team celebrates a successful basket during a home conference game in February.

# RAVING ABOUT RAVENS

*Hillcrest boys basketball boast six Ravens to all-conference teams*

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

KALONA

A historic season on the court for Hillcrest boys basketball led way to their first 21-season in seven years and capturing their first conference championship since 2011.

It's no easy feat to reach these goals but it becomes more manageable when you have a roster stocked to the brim with talent and with players who trust one another in any given situation. Recognized for their play, a total of six Ravens earned all-conference selections.

There was no question where Seth Ours belonged when it came to all-conference teams as the standout senior was a unanimous choice for 1st team all-conference for the Southeast Iowa Super Conference-North.

Ours, an elite scorer, would be on the top of the list on opposing teams' scouting reports. The four-year starter was effective on both sides of the ball, leading the team in points (356) and being second in steals (45). His 3-ball was his friend more often than not, shooting 37% from beyond the arc, sixth best in the conference.

Joining his fellow senior teammate,

Bryce Bailey caps off his final year playing for Hillcrest with a 1st team all-conference selection. Scoring a career high 302, Bailey had the second most points for Hillcrest. The 6'3" senior also ended his year with 82 rebounds, 49 assists, and 30 steals.

When it came to 2nd team all-conference, both Mason Bender and Rowan Miller were unanimous selections.

Bender shined in his senior season. In his second year as a starter, Bender

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## Ready for hoops? Time for March Madness



Paul Bowker  
Columnist

The Madness is about to begin. Selection Sunday is just a few days away.

The men's and women's tournaments begin next week.

Soon, we'll be cheering for last-second shots and last-second blocks.

We'll learn that the Cougars are from Southern Illinois Edwardsville. Hint: They were the first to secure an NCAA men's berth in the Ohio Valley championship game last Saturday. We'll learn that the Terriers are from Wofford.

The Bulldogs of Drake are already in. The Hawkeyes are probably out. The Cyclones will be in.

And Lone Tree's Steve Forbes, the head men's basketball coach at Wake Forest, will be in with his Demon Deacons.

Brackets will fly around offices and bars and restaurants and social media by Monday, and the betting windows will be open.

March Madness has arrived.

And that brings me to the "dream job."

Imagine that you're on the selection committee that picks the 64, oops, 68 teams, that get into the men's tournament.

Oh, sure, there's the pressure that comes with the job.

But there are hoops. And hoops. And hoops. All week long. Nothing but conference tournaments. One slip by a conference's top seed in its own tournament spells doom. If a number three knocks off a number one in, say, a conference championship game on the mid-majors level, do you take the number three (which you have to because it's an automatic selection) and toss out number one? Or do you still keep number one because it's only lost five games all year, and then have to toss out one of the teams in a power conference, like maybe a Wisconsin or Indiana in the Big Ten.

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# Double signing day for Highland soccer seniors Diaz and Macareno

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

RIVERSIDE

Almost reaching maximum capacity, the Highland Boardroom was filled to bursting last Thursday with family, teammates, and coaches all present to support the double signing day of Highland seniors Jared Diaz and Jaydee Macareno.

Putting pen to paper, both Diaz (committing to Waldorf University) and Macareno (committing to Grand View University) signed letters of intent to continue their soccer careers at the college level.

"I was a bit nervous at first, but when I saw all my friends, I was kind of thankful," Diaz said about his signing day. "Because this is the community we have, and the fact that we're all friends and that they're out here supporting us on our signing day. It means a lot to me."

"It's gonna be memorable. It's always gonna be in my heart," Macareno said about her signing day. "And just to see how everyone has come out and supported us on this journey, it's pretty outstanding."

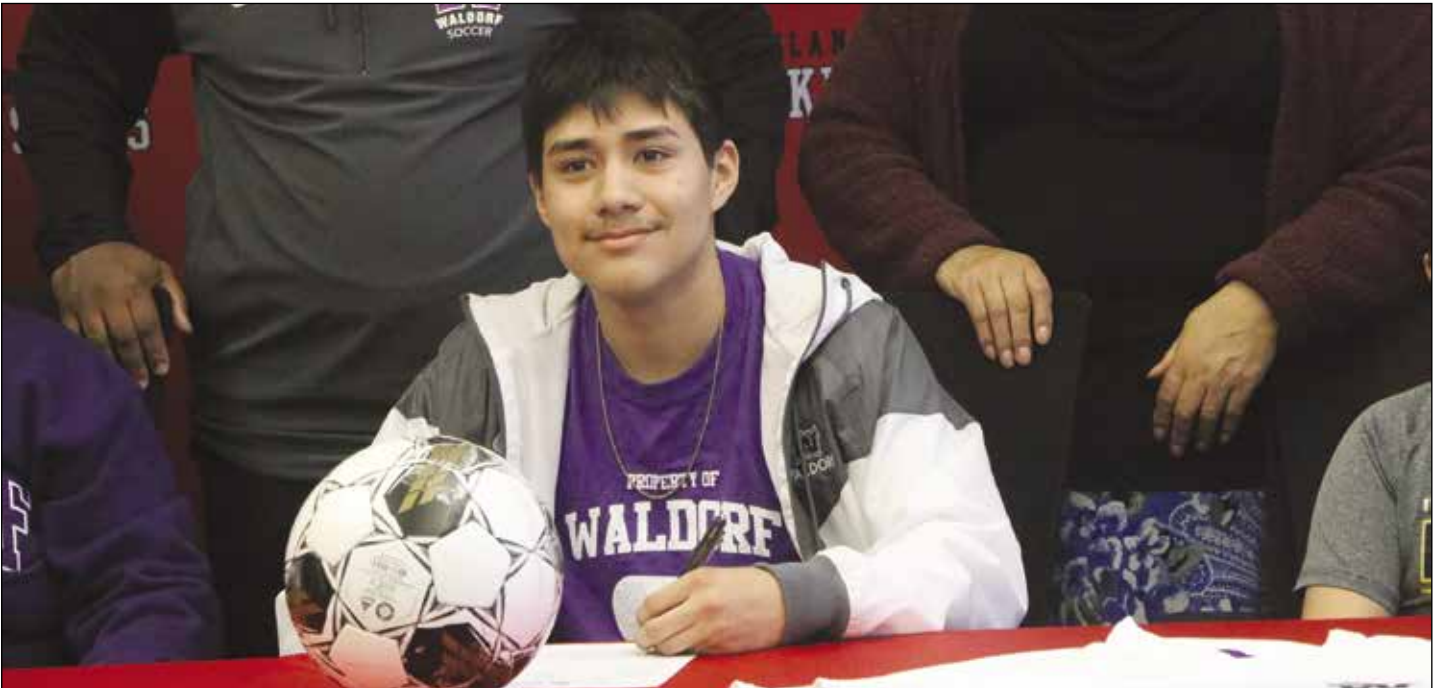
Trading Highland Huskies red for Waldorf Warriors purple, Diaz made a visit to the college campus located in Forest City back in the beginning of February and was impressed by what he saw and the coaches he met.

"I thought the coach had a good idea of soccer, and it basically determined where I was going," Diaz said about his decision to play college soccer for Waldorf.

During Macareno's decision process she visited three schools: Clark, Waldorf, and Grandview. While Waldorf was a strong consideration, in the end it was Des Moines' Grand View University that won Macareno over.

"Grandview was just my school. I really thought I was gonna go to Waldorf, but Grandview was a good fit," Macareno said. "Everything about the coach, everything about the education program, was intriguing."

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Highland soccer seniors Jared Diaz (above) and Jaydee Macareno (below) during their signing day at the Highland high school last Thursday.





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led the Ravens with a career high 180 rebounds (third most in the conference) and scored a career high 266 points, good enough for third most on the team. A force for the Ravens all year long, Bender was also responsible for 74 assists, 39 steals, and eight blocks.

Miller did a little bit of everything for Hillcrest this year. The primary distributor for the Ravens, Miller dished out a team leading 162 assists (first in the conference and fourth most in class 1A) along with scoring 208 points. He also led the Ravens in steals with 58 (fifth best in the conference).

Capturing honorable all-conference selections were junior Lincoln Miller and sophomore Kale Bailey. Kale Bailey scored 208 points, pulled down 110 rebounds, and tied the team lead in blocks with 9. Lincoln Miller finishes his season with 44 points and 27 assists, shooting 46% from the field and 45% from beyond the arc.

It was another exciting season of Hillcrest boys basketball and the familiar man in charge of the Ravens, Dwight Gingrich, adds to his already more than impressive hall of fame resume by being named the Co-Coach of the Year for the SEISC-North.

In the offseason Hillcrest will say goodbye to seniors Seth Ours, Bryce Bailey, Mason Helmuth, and Mason Bender.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Hillcrest senior Seth Ours (2), junior Rowan Miller (3), senior Bryce Bailey (10), and senior Mason Bender (14).

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With one more season with Highland to look forward to before making the leap to college, both Diaz and Macareno are looking forward to making their senior years ones to remember.

“I really thought about it and I just want to make it far and have a winning record and make it past the first round,”

Diaz said about his goals for his senior season. “Highland hasn’t done that, so I want to be the team that brings it to the next round.”

Hoping to outdo his impressive junior year, last season Diaz led the Huskies in goals (13), assists (4), and was named first team all-conference in the

SEISC-North.

As a junior Macareno was an honorable mention all-conference and finished the year with three assists.

“It’s the last ride,” Macareno said about her senior season. “There’s nothing to really lose this last season, so just give it your all.”

Highland finished with five wins last year, the most for the program since 2015 and they will begin its new campaign playing against Mid-Prairie on the road in the season opener on April 1.



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Jared Diaz (left) and Jaydee Macareno (right) put pen to paper. After high school Diaz will attend Waldorf University and Macareno will attend Grand View University to continue their soccer careers.

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It is a tricky numbers game. And still a dream job. Of the 68 spots (four teams get into Tuesday’s play-in round), 31 are determined by conference championship games. The other 37 are at-large bids. Sounds like a lot. It’s not.

Members of the selection committee, who are athletic directors or commissioners recommended by their conferences, are instructed to consider strength of schedules, quality of wins, statistical performance and win-loss records.

So it’s not just a “this week” thing, even if it can turn into that.

Who puts on a good show? Which team won 15 games in the first three months of the season, but had a losing record in February?

Which team fell apart in the first round of its conference tournament?

Which team has been on an absolute roll since January?

Let’s take Iowa. The Hawkeyes needed to defeat Nebraska on Sunday to grab the 15th, and final, spot in the Big Ten Tournament. And they did. What if the Hawkeyes win a couple of games in the Big Ten Tournament? Does that mean they’re in? What if they make it to Sunday’s title game?

I’d say, well, yeah, that would certainly put the Hawkeyes in.

The beauty of the NCAA selection system is that even the lowest-seeded team in a conference tournament (Iowa) can still get to the Dance simply by winning its conference tournament. Every-

body gets a shot.

You can be Southern Illinois Edwardsville winning a league title in Evansville, Indiana, or Wofford playing in Ashville, North Carolina, or Drake playing in St. Louis.

This is the Madness.

And then, there are the women, a tournament made so famous over the last couple of years by Iowa’s Caitlin Clark.

The Hawkeyes are likely in.

The Cyclones are on the bubble.

And defending national champion South Carolina is back as a likely top seed.

UCLA and Southern Cal are title contenders.

More March Madness.

I like Duke in the men’s tourney.

I know, that’s easy. The Blue Devils enter this week’s ACC Tournament with a 28-3 record. They lost just one ACC game during the regular season. They beat conference rival North Carolina twice. They beat Wake twice. Their only loss was at Clemson. Duke freshman Cooper Flagg is one of the top players in the country and just the fourth in ACC history to win ACC Player of the Year and ACC Rookie of the Year.

I like blue.

Normally, that’s Kansas.

This time, Duke.

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Macareno accounted for three assists as a junior and was an honorable mention all-conference selection in the SEISC-North.



Diaz led Highland with 13 goals as a junior and was named first team all-conference in the SEISC-North.



All-Conference: Southeast Iowa Super Conference-North

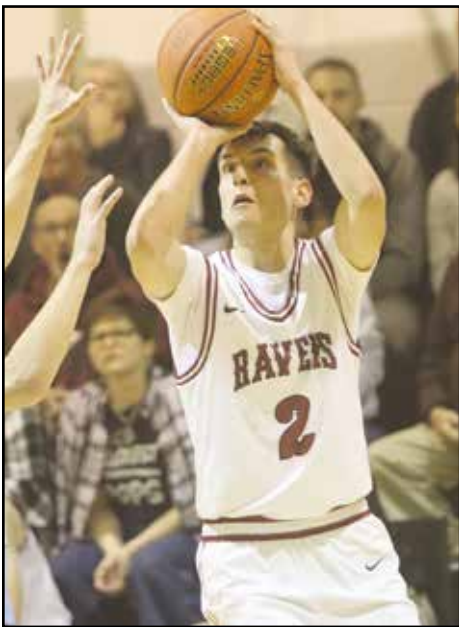
1st Team All-Conference \*=Unanimous Selection



**\*Finley Jacque**  
**Lone Tree Jr.**  
16.1 ppg | 4.2 spg | 3.8 apg



**\*Kamryn Fink**  
**Highland Fr.**  
16.0 ppg | 14.5 rpg | 3.1 spg



**\*Seth Ours**  
**Hillcrest Sr.**  
14.2 ppg | 2.5 apg | 1.8 spg



**\*Emmett Burke**  
**Lone Tree Jr.**  
15.9 ppg | 5.0 apg | 5.9 rpg



**\*Malia Yoder**  
**Hillcrest Sr.**  
14.1 ppg | 7.2 rpg | 4.4 spg



**Vivian Zaruba**  
**Lone Tree Sr.**  
9.5 ppg | 5.1 rpg | 3.3 apg



**Bryce Bailey**  
**Hillcrest Sr.**  
12.1 ppg | 3.3 rpg | 2.0 apg



**Dwight Gingerich**  
**(Hillcrest Boys)**  
**Co-Coach of the Year**

2nd Team All-Conference \*=Unanimous Selection



**\*Rowan Miller**  
**Hillcrest Jr.**  
8.3 ppg | 6.5 apg | 2.3 spg



**\*Mason Bender**  
**Hillcrest Sr.**  
10.6 ppg | 7.2 rpg | 3.0 apg



**Cate Sexton**  
**Lone Tree Sr.**  
10.5 ppg | 6.2 rpg | 1.7 spg



**Claire Withrow**  
**Hillcrest Jr.**  
14.9 ppg | 2.6 rpg | 1.7 apg



**Hailey Brun**  
**Highland So.**  
9.6 ppg | 4.9 rpg | 4.4 spg

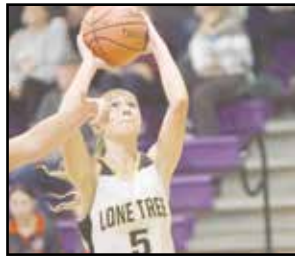


**Bryce Hazelett**  
**Highland Jr.**  
14.0 ppg | 2.7 rpg | 1.5 spg

Honorable Mention All-Conference



**Ava Christofferson**  
**Lone Tree Jr.**  
9.4 ppg | 4.3 rpg



**Rylee Shield**  
**Lone Tree Sr.**  
4.8 ppg | 7.2 rpg



**Lincoln Miller**  
**Hillcrest Jr.**  
1.8 ppg | 1.1 rpg



**Kale Bailey**  
**Hillcrest So.**  
9.5 ppg | 4.4 rpg



**Emersyn Schultz**  
**Highland Jr.**  
8.0 ppg | 5.6 rpg



**Katie Herrig**  
**Highland Sr.**  
4.4 ppg | 3.6 apg



**Jack Patterson**  
**Lone Tree Sr.**  
5.5 ppg | 4.2 rpg



**Reece Holbrook**  
**Lone Tree Jr.**  
12.1 ppg | 7.0 rpg



**Delaney Shaw**  
**Hillcrest Sr.**  
4.7 ppg | 8.8 rpg



**Niva Helmuth**  
**Hillcrest Jr.**  
8.6 ppg | 7.7 rpg



**Logan McFarland**  
**Highland Sr.**  
7.3 ppg | 4.9 rpg



**Louis Horak**  
**Highland Sr.**  
6.9 ppg | 7.1 rpg



CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA  
CITY HALL  
MARCH 3, 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: Bender J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim.

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)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Acme Tools, WCRF Grant - Student House Tools.....                  | 1,889.00  |
| Alliant Energy, Monthly.....                                       | 20,798.46 |
| Amazon Capital Services, Power Cords.....                          | 68.40     |
| Anthony Hoover, Refund Water Rent Deposit Balance.....             | 36.40     |
| Garden & Associates, Engineering.....                              | 14,838.51 |
| Goerdts Inspection and Consultants, Building Inspections.....      | 630.00    |
| Hardman Printing, Rec Painting.....                                | 5,140.00  |
| Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Budget).....           | 58,470.64 |
| Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Budget).....           | 13,659.61 |
| Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes).....    | 2,498.08  |
| Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll).....          | 5,742.87  |
| Iowa City Landscaping, Cleanup.....                                | 588.75    |
| Iowa Department of Revenue, State Withholding.....                 | 1,039.78  |
| Iowa Department of Revenue, Water Excise Tax.....                  | 1,948.84  |
| Iowa Department of Revenue, Sewer Sales Tax.....                   | 295.41    |
| Iowa Public Employee Retirement System, IPERS.....                 | 6,853.62  |
| Itech, Monthly.....  | 271.35    |
| Jackie Etheredge, Office Cleaning.....                             | 200.00    |
| Johnson County Refuse, Garbage/Recycle Contract - February 2025 .. | 16,523.50 |
| Konica Minolta, Printer.....                                       | 27.19     |
| Kuester Heating & Air, Service Calls.....                          | 1,176.58  |
| MSA Professional Services, Engineering - Vista Park Project.....   | 1,858.75  |
| Reserve Account, Postage.....                                      | 1,200.00  |
| Standard Pest Control, Monthly.....                                | 85.00     |
| The News, Publications.....  | 660.12    |
| The Northway Corporation, Water Plant Well Services/Repairs.....   | 45,379.68 |
| Thrappe Electric, WCRF Grant - Student House Trailer.....          | 2,440.00  |
| Washington Co Recorder, Filing Fee.....                            | 7.00      |
| YMCA of Washington County, YMCA Agreement.....                     | 4,500.00  |

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| WITHDRAWALS:                     |              |
| Transfer funds.....              | \$ 80,371.20 |
| General Fund.....                | 24,941.24    |
| Washington Co. Riverboat Fd..... | 6,187.75     |
| Library Board Fund.....          | 2,952.66     |
| Garbage Fund.....                | 16,523.50    |
| Road Use Fund.....               | 1,150.89     |
| Trust & Agency Fund.....         | 2,325.80     |
| Water Fund.....                  | 60,419.48    |
| Sewer Fund.....                  | 13,955.02    |
| DEPOSITS:                        |              |
| Transfer Funds.....              | \$ 15,811.93 |
| General Fund.....                | 61,719.31    |
| Library Board Fund.....          | 470.80       |
| Garbage Fund.....                | 21.00        |
| Local Option Sales Tax Fund..... | 31,900.30    |
| Road Use Fund.....               | 26,353.91    |
| Sewer Fund.....                  | 16,078.54    |
| Water Fund.....                  | 6,084.89     |

Public Form:  
JJ Johnson, a resident of Richmond, IA was present to share his concerns regarding SF-418.

First Reading of Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Section 63.04 Special Speed Zones. Section 63.04 shall be amended to the following:

- a) 133rd Street to Nutmeg Avenue the Speed will be set to 45 mph.
- b) Nutmeg Avenue at the intersection of Nutmeg and Vista Dive 650 Feet

North and 550 Feet South the Speed will be set at 35 mph. This is the only section set to 35 mph all the rest of Nutmeg Avenue located in corporate city limits will be set to 45 mph.

A motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by J Schmidt to approve the first reading of the ordinance. The mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called the following named council members voted: Bender, Spitzer, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, and Beisheim, each voting yes.

Whereupon, the mayor declared the motion duly carried.

Consideration was held by the council for purchasing equipment for the City of Kalona public works department. Staff shared with the council a TORO 7500-D Series 114in Mower. The mower would be housed at the City of Kalona shop, and a currently owned mower would be relocated to Kalona Southtown. Staff shared that with the new mower deck size, and the 75+ acres the city is responsible for maintaining, the mower would be more efficient plus save time. The price of the equipment at the municipal price would be \$67,321.33, with funds being allocated out of Cemetery, Road Use, and Local Option Sales Tax. Council member Spitzer shared concerns about the cost of the mower. A motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by J Schmidt, to approve the equipment purchase. With a 4-1 vote, the motion carried.

Discussion of the Kalona Trails Committee was held by the council. Staff shared the scope of the goals and responsibilities of the committee for the trail connection from Kalona City Park to Kalona Vista Park. Along with connection, the committee will create a broader long-term vision for trail development that reflects the goals in Kalona's Comprehensive Plan. The council directed staff to continue establishing the committee.

Consideration of signing an agreement for part-time building inspection services with Terry Goerdts was reviewed by the council. The paperwork for permits would be through City Hall while any inspections and scheduling would be set by Mr. Goerdts. The agreement is for \$45.00 an hour with a 2-hour minimum. A motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by Beisheim to sign the agreement. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-D, a resolution establishing temporary closing from 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., Saturday, April 19, 2025, for the Kalona Historical Village Easter Event, all motor vehicle traffic shall be closed on the following street as hereby stated:

- a) 9th Street: Closed from D Avenue to E Avenue.

A motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by J Schmidt, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim, each voting yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk  
MARK ROBE, Mayor

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 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 at Orchard Hills. Items on the agenda included the following: Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda, public comment related to agenda items, personnel change request - Emergency Management, approval of Washington County official seal, approval of change order for Orchard Hill regarding film to doors for Board of Supervisors hallway, Department Head comment, adjourn.

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, Mary Zielinski with The News, Emergency Management Coordinator Marissa Reisen, and Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via Zoom.

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

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

There was no public comment.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Emergency Management to terminate the employment of Coordinator Marissa Reisen, effective March 28, 2025. Motion passed four to one with Stoops voting nay.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board approved the county seal design as presented to be the official seal of Washington County, Iowa.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign a change order in the amount of \$1,590.52 for adding privacy film to doors for the Board of Supervisors hallway at Orchard Hill.

During Department Head comment, Supervisor Seward gave an update on the sunset recommendations report for Mental Health and Disability Services regarding board members terms which

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end at the end of April 2025. Seward also updated the Board regarding the data request from Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS). There still is no clear language to be used for the waiver to accompany the data request. This item is still on hold pending additional information.

Supervisor Fedler gave a brief update on the status of Orchard Hill Building 2 stating that additional data drops were still going in as well as the possible need for an additional camera and various other small items. The courthouse remodel is on schedule to start in the next week.

At 9:18 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

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

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| 1ST AID CORPORATION, supplies.....           | 130.00    |
| 4M PLUMBING & HEATING, water heater.....     | 1,346.26  |
| AERO RENTAL, supplies.....                   | 181.50    |
| AIRGAS, Oxygen.....                          | 404.00    |
| ALLIANT, utilities.....                      | 903.06    |
| ALTORFER MACHINERY, parts.....               | 2,239.61  |
| BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS, supplies.....      | 609.77    |
| BMB CONDO ASSOC, dues.....                   | 720.00    |
| BOUND TREE, supplies.....                    | 825.77    |
| CAPPER AUTO CENTER, service.....             | 1,466.48  |
| CARL A NELSON & CO, service.....             | 16,188.45 |
| CARRIER ACCESS IT, service.....              | 244.00    |
| CARSON PLUMBING & HEATING, repair.....       | 188.05    |
| CDW GOVERNMENT, equipment.....               | 304.24    |
| CITY OF WASHINGTON, utilities.....           | 75.04     |
| CITY OF WELLMAN, utilities.....              | 599.29    |
| CITY OF WEST CHESTER, utilities.....         | 52.00     |
| CONTINUOUS TOUCH, service.....               | 383.23    |
| COURTESY DOOR SALES & SERV, repair.....      | 825.00    |
| CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, plaques.....         | 329.85    |
| DANIEL STIGERS, reimb.....                   | 221.00    |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, claims.....            | 1,468.71  |
| DESIGN HOUSE PLUS LLC, brochure.....         | 95.01     |
| DONS TRUCK SALES, parts.....                 | 157.70    |
| EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER, utilities.....     | 1,046.82  |
| ELDON C STUTSMAN INC, tiling.....            | 114.08    |
| ELECTRIC MOTORS OF IA CITY, supplies.....    | 278.19    |
| ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES, LLC, fuel.....        | 23,357.38 |
| EMBROIDERY BARN, service.....                | 243.00    |
| EMS DETERGENT SERV, repair.....              | 873.85    |
| EQUATEK INTERACTIVE, fee.....                | 10.00     |
| FARMERS CO-OP KEOTA, service.....            | 896.15    |
| FEDERATION BANK, rent.....                   | 6,800.00  |
| GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC, service..... | 2,533.00  |
| GORDON FLESH COMPANY, copies.....            | 97.00     |
| HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, premium.....     | 2,876.76  |
| HIWAY SERV CTR, parts.....                   | 483.56    |
| HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT, lodging.....            | 806.40    |
| HYGIENIC LABORATORY, tests.....              | 534.00    |

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| HYVEE FOOD, supplies.....                      | 287.64    |
| IA COLLISION & PAINT, tow hooks.....           | 156.00    |
| IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ori.....             | 300.00    |
| IA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM, gemt.....             | 5,580.38  |
| IA PRISON IND, supplies.....                   | 82.85     |
| IA ST MEDICAL EXAMINER, fee.....               | 2,076.75  |
| IA ST UNIVERSITY, registration.....            | 220.00    |
| IGRAPHIX INC, Shipping.....                    | 16.25     |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, parts.....               | 740.50    |
| KALONA CO-OP TELE, internet.....               | 681.16    |
| KARLAS KLEANING, cleaning.....                 | 270.00    |
| KELTEK INC, camera.....                        | 150.00    |
| KIRKWOOD COMM COLLEGE, fee.....                | 18.00     |
| KRIS ENGINEERING INC, parts.....               | 433.22    |
| LANGUAGE LINK, service.....                    | 6.27      |
| LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING, tires.....             | 557.17    |
| LYDIA HOUSTON, reimb.....                      | 46.56     |
| MCKESSON MEDICAL, supplies.....                | 138.39    |
| MEDICAL PRIORITY CONSULTANTS, software.....    | 24,934.55 |
| MILLER TRACTOR & ENGINE REPAIR, fuel.....      | 118.00    |
| MOSE LEVY CO, supplies.....                    | 71.84     |
| MP CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES, software.....           | 599.00    |
| NATL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSN, fee.....          | 35.00     |
| NEOCERTIFIED, email.....                       | 343.00    |
| NEXTRAN TRUCK CENTERS, parts.....              | 761.96    |
| NORTHWEST IA ASSESSOR ASSN, registration.....  | 375.00    |
| PAUL TOWNER, fee.....                          | 35.00     |
| QUILL CORP, supplies.....                      | 411.04    |
| RIVER PRODUCTS CO, roadstone.....              | 30,861.51 |
| RONALD GREINER, reimb.....                     | 2,734.32  |
| RONDA STAUFFER SOBASKI, cleaning.....          | 150.00    |
| SANDRA LOVETINSKY, reimb.....                  | 50.00     |
| SANOFI PASTEUR, supplies.....                  | 4,621.52  |
| SENECA CORP, service.....                      | 470.08    |
| SHOTTEKIRK - WEST BURLINGTON, parts.....       | 29.93     |
| SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC, supplies..... | 54.32     |
| STRYKER SALES CORP, equipment.....             | 227.55    |
| TAC 10 INC, service.....                       | 10,996.00 |
| TAMARA STEWART, reimb.....                     | 45.72     |
| THRIVY, ads.....                               | 25.00     |
| TRI CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY, phone system.....   | 20,627.59 |
| TRIZETO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS LLC, service.....   | 218.96    |
| US CELLULAR, Cell Data.....                    | 28.79     |
| VANGUARD APPRAISALS, service.....              | 165.00    |
| VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Data.....               | 120.03    |
| VISA WASH STATE BANK, supplies.....            | 8,949.07  |
| WASH CO AUDITOR, reimb.....                    | 400.00    |
| WASH CO HOSPITAL, supplies.....                | 2,100.08  |
| WASH CO SECONDARY, fuel.....                   | 6,724.32  |
| WASH RENTAL, equipment.....                    | 36.72     |
| WASHINGTON DISCOUNT TIRES, tires.....          | 1,325.30  |
| WELLMAN/WAGETWORKS, claims.....                | 91,189.07 |
| WELTER STORAGE EQUIP, service.....             | 6,860.00  |
| WEMIGA WASTE INC, service.....                 | 15,185.28 |
| WINDSTREAM, phone.....                         | 1,717.63  |
| WMFP, subscription.....                        | 110.00    |

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Thomas J. Strabala, Deceased CASE NO.  
ESPR008321

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Thomas J. Strabala, Deceased, who died on or about February 18, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on February 26, 2025, the undersigned was

appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on February 27, 2025.

Wendy L. Strabala  
Administrator of the Estate  
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Ainsworth, IA 52201

Caleb T. Detweiler, ICIS#: AT0013386  
Attorney for the Administrator  
Honohan, Epley, Braddock &  
Brenneman, LLP  
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**THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**FORMAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

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

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

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comment** – County Auditor Julie Persons reminded the public the Johnson County Auditor's Office will be open Saturday March 1, 2025, 8 am to 5 pm, for in-person early voting.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- The claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for February 27, 2025, in the amount of \$1,530,159.83:
- 4 Cs Community Coord.....11000.03
- 43 North Iowa.....5285.94
- 611 N Johnson Llc.....700.00
- A-1 Propane.....509.73
- Abbe Center For Comm.....8185.36
- Abbehealth Inc.....74607.48
- Abc Disposal Systems I.....482.87
- Ability United Llc.....7448.37
- Advancement Services O.....990.60
- Aging Services Inc.....250.00
- Agvantage Fs A Divisi.....2561.43
- Airgas Usa Llc.....736.03
- Alliant Energy.....965.74
- Alterations.....25.00
- Altorfer Inc.....302.00
- Amazon.Com Capital Se.....1036.40
- American Secure Car L.....4245.59
- Amn Language Services.....166.88
- Andreas Wilz.....128.44
- Applied Ecological S.....78315.00
- Apts In Lc Llc.....750.00
- Arbssession Inc.....395.91
- Arnold Motor Supply Ll.....468.32
- At&T Mobility.....651.96
- AvaaP Usa Llc.....209810.25
- B & D Services Inc.....16159.76
- Banacom Signs Llc.....319.42
- Bankers Ad Co.....2562.65
- Benton County Access.....7745.33
- Benton County Transpo.....2450.76
- Blair & Fitzsimmons Pc.....596.60
- Bp Retail Partners Inc.....26.55
- Brad Freidhof.....30.00
- Brandon D Richmond.....207.00
- Brehme Sr Eng Inc.....122.11
- Brenda S Essington.....100.87
- Buchanan Housing Inc.....200.00
- Bur Oak Land Trust.....4789.50
- Cale Lehman.....63.00
- Caring Hands & More Li.....996.60
- Catholic Charities Of.....5000.00
- Cedar Valley Communit.....6737.50

- Cedar Valley Ranch I.....55394.85
- Central Iowa Detention.....374.33
- Challenge To Change.....23900.00
- Charm-Tex Inc.....960.10
- Christian Findlay.....1.00
- Cierra Lacina.....175.00
- City Laundering Co.....174.42
- City Of Iowa City - U.....1971.74
- Cj Cooper & Associates.....165.00
- Compass Minerals Ame.....18698.58
- Complete Mechanical S.....4800.00
- Consumers Cooperative.....4732.05
- Cott Systems.....2405.00
- Cozy Corner Adult Day.....1328.16
- Cr Care Pharmacy.....20.00
- Crest Services.....7022.87
- Critical Hire.....50.00
- Custom Hose & Supplies.....48.15
- Darrell E Davis Adult.....1420.64
- David G Baumgartner.....399.60
- Deborah R Hide.....1.97
- Deborah Vandergaast.....32.10
- Deery Brothers.....132.61
- Deery Brothers Ford Lin.....98.00
- Dell Marketing Lp.....2084.16
- Delta Dental Of Iowa.....8312.85
- Derek E Johnson.....168.66
- Dkc Real Estate Llc.....700.00
- Dlouhy Law Pc.....372.00
- Doran A Williams.....175.00
- Dream City.....2770.33
- Dubuque County Sherif.....1391.00
- Dylan Thomas Attorney.....109.50
- Eastern Iowa Light & P.....132.86
- Eldon C Stutsman Inc.....114.74
- Emerson Point Apartmen.....650.00
- Eo Johnson Business Te.....187.53
- Eocene Environmental.....6040.82
- Families Inc.....9033.75
- Fatoumata Traore.....15.24
- First Resources Corp.....1165.60
- Freeman Alarm.....72.00
- Fresh Start Ministries.....855.00
- Gannett Iowa Localiq.....494.81
- Gary L Burge.....16.38
- Gazette Communications.....818.51
- Get Fresh.....90.00
- Grainger.....115.81
- Gray Law Pc.....153.16
- Greater Ic Housing Fel.....800.00
- Guardians Of Ne Iowa.....2000.00
- Hands Up Communication.....405.00
- Hawkeye Weld & Repair.....126.50
- Hayley Abdo.....2803.20
- Heartland Shredding Inc.....75.00
- Hemocue America/Radio.....1168.00
- Horizon Capital Invest.....750.00
- Hy-Vee #1080.....25.00
- Hy-Vee #1281.....110.60
- Iacvs.....75.00
- Imagine The Possibil.....13593.61
- Inclusion Connection I.....406.33
- Ines Beltre.....50.00
- Insight Public Sector.....7872.36
- Interstate All Battery.....295.00
- Iowa Assoc Of County C.....150.00
- Iowa City Mhp Llc.....579.00
- Iowa County Sheriff's.....262.30
- Iowa County Transport.....2698.60
- Iowa Department Of Pub.....300.00
- Iowa Social Science R.....6054.00
- Iowa State Prison Indu.....174.90
- Iowa Valley Rc&D.....8750.00
- Jacob Belay.....166.16
- Jacquelyn Langenhorst.....16.91
- Jesse Lenz.....45.00
- Joanne Downes.....50.00
- John Deere Financial F.....302.00
- John Lorenzen.....579.00

- John Scott.....700.00
- Johnson County Audit.....22366.21
- Johnson County Public.....3467.39
- Johnson County Recorde.....169.35
- Johnson County Seats.....10527.62
- Jones County Jets.....1021.00
- Josephine Dalton.....170.00
- Joshua F Busard.....928.36
- Kalona Tire.....872.52
- Karl Chevrolet Inc.....58704.80
- Kelly D Steele Attorne.....115.60
- Kelly Schneider.....16.10
- Kindred Coffee.....1070.00
- Kirkwood Community Coll.....18.00
- Kmb Property Managemen.....430.00
- Lakeview Ridge Hoa.....355.20
- Larry Jon Hingtgen.....50.00
- Laura Jennifer Semprin.....225.00
- Linn County Rec.....3319.83
- Linn County Sheriff.....1203.24
- Lisa Parlato.....22.26
- Little Clippers Child.....6302.93
- Lone Tree Preschool.....90.00
- Lowe's.....168.68
- Lynette Jacoby.....28.14
- Lynn Snyder.....615.00
- Mailboxes Of Iowa City.....15.74
- Martha Anderson.....185.50
- Martin Equipment Of Il I.....8.78
- Mckesson Medical Surgic.....46.78
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- Menards - Iowa City.....972.08
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- Midwest Frame & Axle.....76.44
- Midwest Spray Team & S.....607.50
- Modern Piping Inc.....297.00
- Mohammad Chaichian C/O.....710.00
- Nami Dubuque.....9343.50
- Nami Of Johnson Count.....5300.00
- Nathan Peters.....22.00
- Neighborhood Centers.....60973.66
- Nest Property Manageme.....750.00
- Neumann Monson Pc.....603.96
- Night Owl Support Syst.....285.00
- North Iowa Juvenile De.....739.28
- Office Express Office.....242.81
- Office Machine Consulta.....45.10
- Om Home Llc.....150.00
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- Options Of Linn Count.....5438.83
- Ottsen Oil Co.....2009.30
- Pace Property Manageme.....800.00
- Pacific Interpreters.....109.50
- Patricia D Desjardins.....1084.24
- Peak Construction Gr.....70079.60
- Peterson Contractor.....128937.40
- Phelan Tucker Law Llp.....691.60
- Premistar Iowa.....3573.77
- Priscilla Ludvick.....257.35
- Psc Distribution.....13.54
- Purple Bloom School L.....6785.80
- Pyramid Services Inc.....139.30
- Rapids Reproductions I.....292.55
- Rebecca Hackett-Leas.....40.00
- Rem Developmental Serv.....228.60
- Rem Iowa Community S.....17019.37
- Richard Woodburn.....700.00
- Robert B Fischer Law F.....189.00
- Roberta Sloat.....8.22
- Roy R Fisher.....4500.00
- S & G Materials.....85.80
- Sanel Dzafic.....700.00
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  - Streamline Architects.....2748.00
  - Streichers.....428.00
  - Successful Living.....12339.98
  - Susan Vileta.....19.00
  - Symmetry Health Llc.....1434.04
  - Systems Unlimited Inc.....1534.50
  - Tanager Place.....25360.00
  - The Masters's Touch L.....9328.00
  - The Powder Shop Inc.....200.00
  - Theisens Inc.....337.75
  - Thrive.....1268.94
  - Tim Dunton.....63.00
  - Tk Elevator Corp.....705.00
  - To The Rescue.....24240.39
  - Towncrest Pharmacy.....44.91
  - Treasurer State Of Io.....1687.62
  - Truck Country Of Iowa.....3312.17
  - United Action For You.....2556.46
  - Unitypoint Health.....17086.24
  - Unlimited Services In.....8000.28
  - Unplugged Wireless Com.....831.20
  - Us Cellular.....1697.20
  - Verizon Wireless.....320.28
  - Vermeer Sales & Service.....14.04
  - Villa Garden Apartment.....850.00
  - Vinton Shellsburg Co.....23796.47
  - Visa.....9041.76
  - Watskey Law Pllc.....292.00
  - Wellmark Blue Cross.....181000.00
  - William A Lansing Pc.....449.88
  - William J Blanchard.....57.00
  - Willis Dady Emergency.....252.00
  - Your Best Interest Llc.....200.00
- The minutes of the Formal Meeting for February 20, 2025.
  - Payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials.
  - Application for an alcohol license for Pleasant Valley Inc. dba Pleasant Valley Golf Course, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting.

**PROCLAMATION NO. 02-27-25-01**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND**  
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
**MARCH 2025**

**Summary:** March 8 is observed around the world as International Women's Day to celebrate women's achievement, raise awareness about discrimination, and take action to promote gender parity. The Johnson County United Nations Association and over 20 local businesses, non-profit organizations, and University of Iowa entities are sponsoring Night of 1000 Dinners, a community celebration of International Women's Day on Thursday, March 6, at the Unitarian Universalist Society. Board Action: Proclaim March 8 and the month of March 2025 to be International Women's Day and Women's History Month in Johnson County, Iowa, and urge all persons to recall the achievements of women and recommit to the goal of full gender parity.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve Proclamation No. 02-27-25-01. Approved unanimously. Johnson County United Nations Association Board member Jim Olson spoke.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to accept the bid of \$423,000 and award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Swanson Construction, Bettendorf, for the Johnson County Courthouse Third Level Of-

fice Renovation Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-27-25-01**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SEC-**  
**ONDARY ROADS BUDGET**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**Summary:** The Secondary Roads Department is required to have their budget approved by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on or before March 31, 2025, and entered into the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) Transportation Program Management System prior to April 15, 2025. Board Action: Resolved to approve the Secondary Roads Department Fiscal Year 2026 budget. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution No. 02-27-25-01, effective February 27, 2025. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve the 2025-2029 (Fiscal Year 2026-2030) Five-Year Construction Program and Maintenance Rehabilitation Program Right-of-Way Needs Map and List, and Future Projects List. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve 28E Agreement for the Sharing of Maintenance Responsibilities of Certain Roads between Johnson County and the City of West Branch for Cedar-Johnson Road Improvements. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding Veteran Affairs Office Operating as Veteran Services Office between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Johnson County Commission of Veteran Affairs. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve the Master Services Agreement with Pictometry International Corp. dba EagleView, Rochester, NY (corp. formed under the laws of the State of Delaware), for aerial photography products and services in an amount of \$518,746. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve Quote Number Q101276 with Nearnap US, Inc., Lehi, UT, for aerial photography subscription, as contained in the agenda packet of the meeting. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to appoint Faraji Hubbard, Coralville, to the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission, to fill a vacancy of a six-year term expiring December 31, 2026. Approved unanimously.

**Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to appoint Cathryn Schau, North Liberty, to the Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2027. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

/s/ Jon Green, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Julie Persons, Auditor

On the 6th day of March 2025

Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board  
These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on March 6, 2025.

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

**RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 03, 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, Tom Sexton, Lois Schneider, and Kevin Mills present.

Schneider moved, second by Sexton to approve the agenda moving item #11a Hotel/Motel Grants to after agenda item #9. Passed 5-0.

Rogerson moved, seconded by Kiene to approve the consent agenda of minutes and expenditures. Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Sexton, seconded by Rogerson to open the Cherry Lane Extension Project Public Hearing at 6:02 pm. Passed 5-0.

No comments were made by the public.

Motion made by Kiene, seconded by Schneider to close the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm. Passed 5-0.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Mills to pass Resolution 2025-16 awarding the Cherry Lane Street Extension Project to Jones Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$247,887.77. Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Rogerson, seconded by Sexton to open the Hall Park Pickleball Courts Project Public Hearing at 6:06 pm. Passed 5-0.

No comments were made by the public.

Motion made by Mills, seconded by Sexton to close the Public Hearing at 6:07 pm. Passed 5-0

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Kiene to pass Resolution 2025-17 awarding the Hall Park Pickleball Project to Bowker Pinnacle Mechanical in the amount of \$216,192.67. Passed 5-0.

Dennis Klinsky, Altorfer Power Systems, was present to answer questions from City Council members on proposed generator repairs.

Chief Chad Smothers, Riverside Fire Department, gave an annual update on call volume, incident locations and

statistics, department personnel, and recent/upcoming projects.

Motioned by Rogerson, seconded by Mills to pass Resolution 2025-18 approving Hotel/Motel Grant applications for the Riverside History Museum in the amount of \$22,000 and the Riverside Area Community Club in the amount of \$25,000. Passed 5-0.

Brian Boelk, Axiom Consultants, gave the City Engineer's Report consisting of updates on the Community Center, Cherry Lane Street Extension Project, Hall Park Pickleball Courts, CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project, Building Inspections, and City Facility Security & Access Control Project.

Rogerson motioned, seconded by Schneider to pass Resolution 2025-19 setting the date for Public Hearing for the FY2026 Proposed Property Taxes for April 7, 2025. Passed 5-0.

Kiene motioned, seconded by Rogerson, to pass Resolution 2025-20 approving the contract with Goerdrt Inspections and Consultation Services, LLC for building and code enforcement services. Passed 5-0.

Marissa Reisen, Washington County Emergency Management was present to answer questions on the proposed locations of emergency sirens.

Rogerson moved, seconded by Schneider, to authorize City Administrator, Cole Smith to approve emergency siren locations. Passed 5-0.

Rogerson moved, second by Mills to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Passed 5-0.

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

Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 6:00 pm – City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:00 pm – City Council Meeting

ATTEST:  
Stephanie Thomann, City Clerk  
Allen Schneider, Mayor

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**EXPENDITURES MARCH 03, 2025**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**BILLS**

- ACCESS SYSTEMS, COPIER LEASE.....\$501.60  
ALLIANT ENERGY, SERVICE.....\$4,358.42  
AXIOM CONSULTANTS, ENGINEER.....\$40,476.25  
STEPHANIE THOMANN, CELL ALLOWANCE.....\$50.00  
COLE SMITH, CELL ALLOWANCE.....\$50.00  
LOGAN MICHEL, CELL ALLOWANCE.....\$50.00  
BRYAN LENZ, CELL ALLOWANCE.....\$50.00  
HENRY SCHEIN, FD - EMS.....\$1,952.27  
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE, FEB CARTS.....\$7,464.00  
KUM & GO, FD-FUEL.....\$190.27  
MID AMERICAN ENERGY, SERVICE.....\$443.00  
MIDWEST ALARM, PROXIMITY READER,LABOR.....\$971.34  
MIDWEST FRAME & AXLE, REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE.....\$318.94  
OFFICE EXPRESS, OFFICE SUPPLIES.....\$187.96  
PEOPLE SERVICE, SERVICE.....\$26,281.00

- SHARON TELEPHONE, SERVICE.....\$493.89  
RHINO, WYTP MEMBRANES.....\$79,710.00  
RIVERSIDE HISTORY CENTER, HOTEL MOTEL GRANT 2ND PYMT.....\$11,000.00  
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC, SERVICES.....\$708.50  
VISA, CITY HALL | STREETS | FD.....\$1,178.01  
WALKER, SIGN RENTAL.....\$300.00  
TOTAL BILLS.....\$176,735.45

- DELTA DENTAL, DEN/VIS - FEB.....\$251.58  
WELLMARK, BC/BS - FEB.....\$3,296.26  
US CELLULAR, FD.....\$73.95  
VERIZON, GATEWAYS.....\$63.56  
LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE, LIFE INS - FEB.....\$353.87  
TOTAL PAID BILLS.....\$4,039.22  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$180,774.67

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| COUNTY NAME:<br>JOHNSON COUNTY   | NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY<br>Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 |  | COUNTY NUMBER:<br>52                        |
| The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:<br>Meeting Date: 3/26/2025   Meeting Time: 05:30 PM   Meeting Location: Johnson County Boardroom 2nd Floor HHHS Building Room 203C 855 South Dubuque Street Iowa City, Iowa 52240<br>At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.   |  |  |   |
| County Website (if available)<br>www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov   |  | County Telephone Number<br>(319) 356-6000    |   |
| Iowa Department of Management  | Current Year<br>Certified<br>Property Tax<br>FY 2024/2025  | Budget Year<br>Effective Tax<br>FY 2025/2026 | Budget Year<br>Proposed Tax<br>FY 2025/2026 |
| Taxable Valuations-General Services  | 9,755,282,933  | 10,124,745,723                               | 10,124,745,723                              |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service   | 47,464,622   | 47,464,622                                   | 50,273,716                                  |
| Taxable Valuations-Debt Service  | 10,766,537,453   | 11,153,286,596                               | 11,153,286,596                              |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service   | 16,852,538   | 16,852,538                                   | 19,691,016                                  |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates   | 64,317,160   | 64,317,160                                   | 69,964,732                                  |
| Tax Rate-Countywide  | 6.43080  | 6.19896                                      | 6.73092                                     |
| Taxable Valuations-Rural Services  | 1,956,141,438  | 2,009,496,641                                | 2,009,496,641                               |
| Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies  | 7,064,976  | 7,064,976                                    | 7,257,679                                   |
| Tax Rate-Rural Additional  | 3.61169  | 3.51579                                      | 3.61169                                     |
| Rural Total  | 10.04249   | 9.71475                                      | 10.34261                                    |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed   |  |  |   |
| Residential property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000   | Current Year<br>Certified<br>Property Tax<br>FY 2024/2025  | Budget Year<br>Proposed Tax<br>FY 2025/2026  | Percent<br>Change                           |
| Urban Taxpayer   | 298  | 351  | 17.79                                       |
| Rural Taxpayer   | 465  | 540  | 16.13                                       |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed   |  |  |   |
| Commercial property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000  | Current Year<br>Certified<br>Property Tax<br>FY 2024/2025  | Budget Year<br>Proposed Tax<br>FY 2025/2026  | Percent<br>Change                           |
| Urban Taxpayer   | 1,315  | 1,569  | 19.32                                       |
| Rural Taxpayer   | 2,054  | 2,412  | 17.43                                       |
| Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.<br>Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:<br>County courthouse improvements, jail and sheriff's office restorations, increased transfers to Secondary Roads department and library support for rural residents |  |  |   |

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WASHINGTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE

**Jan. 27 - 31, 2025**  
Sheryl A Tornow, grantor; David F Tornow, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Lots 8A & 8B in Lot 8 of Parc B in NE SE 01-75-8 & in SE NE 01-76-8

CK Investment Properties LLC, grantor; Katy L Starr, grantee; warranty deed; Beg at SW Corn Ainsworth OP Lot 8 Block 5 Thence E Along N Side of Alley to E Line of W4 of Lot 9; \$75,000  
Mark E Schneider, Maureen T Schneider, grantor; Lisa R Kesten, Thomas J Kesten, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc G in Part SE SE 01-77-9 & In Part NE SE 01-77-9

Sanford E Miller, Malinda K Miller, grantor; Philip J Miller, Kathryn F Miller, grantee; warranty deed; part N2 SE 06-77-7; \$767,500

Mark E Schneider, Maureen T Schneider, grantor; Mark E Schneider Trustee, Mark E Schneider Revocable Trust, Maureen T Schneider Trustee, Maureen T Schneider, grantee; quit claim deed; Lot 2 of NE SE 01-77-9; Part Aud Parc E, Cont 10.6 Acres in NE NE 12-77-9; Part Aud Parc E, Cont 37.10 Acres in SE SE 01-77-9

Eric D Adam, Madison Adam, grantor; Chad Romoser, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Hotles 2nd SD Lot 3 Block 1; \$170,000

Molly J Hartzler, grantor; Christopher R Harzler, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Aud Parc A in SW SW 33-76-6

Floyd R Helmuth, Charlene S Helmuth, grantor; Floyd R Helmuth, Charlene S Helmuth, warranty deed; Part W2 SE 03-77-8; Part E2 SW 03-77-8; Part SE NW 03-77-8

Floyd R Helmuth, Charlene S Helmuth, grantor; Brandon Helmuth, Nicole Helmuth, grantee; contract; Aud Parc F, 1.78 Acres in Part SE SW 03-

77-8  
Dennis A Witthoft, Sandra F Witthoft, grantor; Dennis A Witthoft Trustee, Dennis A Witthoft Trust, Sandra F Witthoft Trustee, Sandra F Witthoft Trust, grantee; warranty deed; E 812 Ft of N 775 FT NW SW 13-76-7 W 30 FT of N 775 FT NE NW 13-76-7

Jared Gent, Natalee P Gent, Natalee Gent, grantor; Jared W Gent Trustee, Jared W Gent Revocable Trust, Natalee P Gent Trustee, Natalee P Gent Revocable Trust, grantor; special Warranty deed; Kalona Kreekside SD Lot 2

Patrick Terry Gent, Krista Jean Gent, Krista Gent, grantor; Patrick T Gent Trustee, Patrick T Gent Revocable Trust, Krista J Gent Trustee, Krista J Gent Revocable Trust, grantee; special warranty deed; Aud Parc C, Part SE SW 10-76-8

Springtown Ranch LTD, grantor; Harbison Cattle Company LLC, grantee; warranty deed; SE SW 12-74-9; SW SE 12-74-9; NE NW 13-74-9; Aud Parc B, part NW NE 13-74-9 & Part SE NW 13-74-9; Easement Agreement on: SE SW 12-74-9; NE SW 12-74-9; 25 Acres in NW SE 12-74



CITY OF LONE TREE

CITY OF LONE TREE  
MARCH 3, 2025

Mayor Spilman called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Hamm, Ford, Zadow, Goedken and Gluba present. Zadow, Gluba motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0. Ford, Zadow motioned to approve the consent agenda (previous minutes, reports, bills, etc). CARRIED 5-0. Water samples were read from 501 E Pioneer and 302 N DeVoe both reported safe and filed.

Gluba, Zadow motioned to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2025-1 by title only. CARRIED 4-1, Goedken opposed.

Gluba, Ford motioned to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-1 an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Lone Tree, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to adding special school speed zone limit. CARRIED 4-1, Goedken opposed.

Ford, Zadow motioned to waive 3rd reading of Ordinance 2025-1 an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Lone Tree, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to adding special school speed zone limit. CARRIED 4-1, Goedken opposed.

Ford, Hamm motioned to approve Resolution 2025-B designating camping areas for Lone Tree Flyers event. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to have clerk organize and send out RFPs for garbage/recycling contracts. Sealed submissions due back to City Hall by 4:00 PM on March 26, 2025. Sealed bids to be reviewed and awarded at regular city council meeting on April 2, 2025. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Gluba motioned to approve clerk to attend IMFOA conference in Des Moines on April 10-11. City paying for registration, hotel and mileage. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Hamm motioned to approve automatic and mutual aid agreement for fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services in and surrounding Johnson County Iowa. CARRIED 5-0.

Hamm, Ford motioned to adjourn at 5:45 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

FOLLOWING CLAIMS PAID IN FEBRUARY ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC SERVICE \$800.00, camera & root saw - sewer main  
BOLAND RECREATION \$32,750.00, rubber mulch  
CITY OF IOWA CITY \$5,536.25, library agreement  
DIANE FELLOWS \$35.41, reimbursement/sr dining  
ELECTRIC PUMP \$1,236.75, lift station repair  
FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAV BANK \$35.00, safe deposit box  
FERGUSON WATERWORKS \$2,054.50, utility billing annual software  
FUTURE LINE TRUCK BODIES \$683.30, cutting edges/snow  
IMFOA \$20.00, membership dues  
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS \$6,664.35, wastewater & water plant management  
IOWA ONE CALL \$5.40, locates

JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$5,971.33, police contract  
JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE \$9,268.50, refuse contract  
MARTIN EQUIPMENT \$60.28, backhoe parts  
PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE \$1,372.94, food supplies  
RITTENMEYER TRUCKING \$905.00, mixed salt sand  
SCHWAB ELECTRIC, LLC \$300.00, in-stall cameras  
STANDARD PEST CONTROL \$35.00, spray com bldg. & city hall  
THE NEWS \$103.32, legals  
WINDSTREAM \$234.62, wastewater plant phone & internet/water plant phone  
DOLLAR GENERAL \$62.80, food supplies  
ELLIOTT OIL COMPANY \$164.00, fuel  
FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY \$248.86, food supplies  
US CELLULAR \$81.42, public works cell phones  
VISA \$268.87, Amazon - office supplies/ clerk & community dining supplies  
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE \$52.73, city hall phone  
ALLIANT ENERGY \$9,526.61, street lights & electrical  
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA \$149.46, employee premium  
EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER \$260.41, street lights & electrical  
WELLMARK \$6,385.35, employee premium  
WINDSTREAM \$364.77, city hall & shop internet, com bldg. phone, lift station phone  
IPERS \$2,307.38, IPERS payment  
IRS \$2,618.86, FICA payment  
FEBRUARY PAYROLL \$12,284.01, all employees

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| RECEIPTS.....       | DISBURSEMENTS..... |
| GENERAL FUND.....   |                    |
| \$7,806.47.....     | \$31,058.47        |
| ROAD USE TAX.....   |                    |
| \$13,691.72.....    | \$8,786.23         |
| LOST.....           |                    |
| \$27,076.79.....    | \$0                |
| TIF.....            |                    |
| \$43.36.....        | \$0                |
| WATER FUND.....     |                    |
| \$13,031.67.....    | \$9,661.66         |
| SEWER FUND.....     |                    |
| \$17,671.11.....    | \$13,495.07        |
| SEWER REVENUE.....  |                    |
| \$10,706.99.....    | \$0                |
| REFUSE FUND.....    |                    |
| \$10,191.88.....    | \$9,208.50         |
| TRUST & AGENCY..... |                    |
| \$150.00.....       | \$0                |
| ARPA.....           |                    |
| \$0.....            | \$30,637.55        |
| CEMETERY TRUST..... |                    |
| \$60.00.....        | \$0                |
| TOTALS.....         |                    |
| \$100,429.99.....   | \$102,847.48       |
| Cash On Hand.....   | \$2,946,224.40     |
| Sav Cert.....       | \$298,564.71       |

JOSH SPILMAN, MAYOR  
ATTEST  
STEPHANIE DAUTREMONT, CITY CLERK  
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amending provisions pertaining to adding special school speed zone limit. Said Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and available to public inspection during normal working hours.

Stephanie Dautremont, City Clerk

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CITY OF LONE TREE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Code of Iowa, of the final passage of Ordinance No. 2025-1 by the City Council of the City of Lone Tree, IA on March 03, 2025. A summary of which is as follows: Ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the City of Lone Tree, Iowa, 2020, by

CITY OF WELLMAN

MARCH 3, 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 via zoom, City Clerk and the following Council Members: Angela Stutzman, Fern Bontrager, Nathan Klostermann, Aaron Fleming & Shannon McCain. The Consent Agenda with Item #5 property address being changed to 818 10th Ave. was approved by Bontrager, seconded by Stutzman and all present voted ayes. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, Approval of January Financials and the following:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Jonathan J Adam.....  | \$87.73    |
| Carrie R Geno.....  | \$1,157.51 |
| Gabrielle M Geno.....   | \$141.29   |
| Melissa J Fleming.....  | \$415.30   |
| Megan E Harris.....   | \$381.15   |
| Beth A VanWinkle.....   | \$1,884.64 |
| Betty J Johnston.....   | \$165.12   |
| Timothy J Garrett.....  | \$2,546.15 |
| Travis D Hartley.....   | \$1,595.16 |
| Rex A Peck.....   | \$1,459.46 |
| Josh S VanWinkle.....   | \$1,478.31 |
| Eli M Conrad.....   | \$24.24    |
| Debra S Hill.....   | \$740.41   |
| Landon P Humble.....  | \$269.08   |
| Damayanti Banaelos Ortega.....                                    | \$92.12    |
| Shirley Y Brown.....  | \$588.69   |
| Anita J Kanagy.....   | \$340.97   |
| Kelly L Litwiler.....   | \$2,445.21 |
| Cynthia S Thrapp.....   | \$2,031.48 |
| Fed Taxes.....  | \$5,359.35 |
| Beth VanWinkle-City Clerk, February Petty Cash.....               | \$32.59    |
| Cynthia S Thrapp, February Cell Reimbursement.....                | \$70.00    |
| Co-Sanitation & Recycling, February Recycling/Large Stickers..... | \$4,822.00 |
| Josh S VanWinkle, February Cell Reimbursement.....                | \$70.00    |
| Kelly L Litwiler, February Cell/Mileage Reimbursement.....        | \$145.60   |
| Merlin J Hernandez, February Banquet Hall Cleaning.....           | \$350.00   |
| William D Nickell, March Yard Waste.....                          | \$175.00   |
| Paws & More, February City Contribution/Customer Donations.....   | \$620.13   |
| Rex A Peck, February Cell Reimbursement.....                      | \$70.00    |
| Ryan J Miller, February Mileage Reimbursement.....                | \$56.00    |
| Treasurer State of Iowa, February Gas Use Taxes.....              | \$17.15    |
| Shirley Y Brown, February Goodwin Center Food Reimbursement.....  | \$241.48   |
| Standard Pest Control, March Pest Control.....                    | \$115.00   |
| Timothy J Garrett, February Cell Reimbursement.....               | \$70.00    |
| Travis D Hartley, February Cell Reimbursement.....                | \$70.00    |
| Treasurer State of Iowa, February Sales/Water Excise Taxes.....   | \$5,643.48 |
| Beth A VanWinkle, February Cell Reimbursement.....                | \$70.00    |
| Wellman Emporium Assoc. March Goodwin Center Condo Fees.....      | \$136.54   |
| Access Systems Leasing, City Hall New Copier Lease.....           | \$443.00   |

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| Alliant Energy, City Utilities.....                                      | \$887.16    |
| Bernatello's, Skate Pizza for Resale.....                                | \$165.00    |
| Bimms & Stevens Dust Control, Fir Ave/Gum Ave Dust Permit Fee.....       | \$100.00    |
| Diamond Vogel, Yellow Traffic Paint.....                                 | \$87.50     |
| Elliott Bulk Services, City Equipment Fuel/Gasoline.....                 | \$1,330.60  |
| Garden & Associates, Water System Improvements.....                      | \$1,395.00  |
| Hawkins, WTP Chemicals.....  | \$2,054.50  |
| Hi-Line, Gas Supplies.....   | \$62.40     |
| Industrial Sales, Gas Wire Tracer.....                                   | \$274.07    |
| Josh S VanWinkle, Grapple Bucket Part Reimbursement.....                 | \$100.00    |
| Kohl Wholesale, Goodwin Center Food/Skate Merchandise for Resale.....    | \$1,062.39  |
| Kuenster Heating & A/C, Gas Service Call.....                            | \$401.25    |
| Leaf, City Hall Old Copier Lease.....                                    | \$119.01    |
| Menards-Iowa City, Goodwin Center Faucet/Shop Supplies.....              | \$104.98    |
| MSA, Veteran's Memorial Park Project.....                                | \$1,636.00  |
| The News, City Minutes/Special Section Advertising.....                  | \$187.68    |
| USABluebook, WTP Supplies.....   | \$181.79    |
| Wellman Co-op Telephone, City Telephones/City Hall Telephone System..... | \$6,509.20  |
| TOTAL.....   | \$53,179.87 |

No one spoke in public forum. Discussion on RFP's received for Solid Waste & Recycling was had. Council discussed the different options and companies for the new contract that will be begin in November of this year. McCain made a motion to table this item until the next council meeting, Fleming seconded and all voted ayes.

Discussion and action on property located at 818 10th Ave. was had. Klostermann moved to table this item until information from some local realtors was gathered, Stutzman seconded and all voted ayes.

Bontrager made a motion to approve submission of Wellman Municipal Gas System Annual Reports, Stutzman seconded and all voted ayes.

Council moved into a work session with the public works department. Items discussed were Equipment needs – Skid Loader, Sales of Equipment – Dump Trucks(s), and Clean Up Days – setting the dates.

With no further business to be discussed, McCain moved for adjournment at 7:02 pm, Bontrager seconded and all voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be held Monday, March 17, 2025, in the Municipal Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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HIGHLAND CSD

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|  |  | NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED<br>PROPERTY TAX LEVY<br>Proposed HIGHLAND Property Tax Levy Fiscal<br>Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 |  |
| Location of Public Hearing: Highland High School Board Room, 1715 Vine<br>Avenue, Riverside, IA, 52327.                                      |  | Date of Public Hearing: 3/24/2025  |  |
| Location of Notice on School Website:<br><a href="https://www.highlandhuskies.org/resources/">https://www.highlandhuskies.org/resources/</a> |  | Time of Public<br>Hearing: 05:00 PM  |  |

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

|  | Current Year | Final Property<br>Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy<br>(No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY<br>2026 | Budget Year Proposed<br>Property Tax Dollar Levy FY<br>2026 |
|--|--------------|---|---|---|
| General Fund Levy                        | 1            | 2,658,311                                 | 2,658,311   | 2,925,356   |
| Instructional Support Levy               | 2            | 253,547                                   | 253,547   | 168,097   |
| Management                               | 3            | 511,407                                   | 511,407   | 204,762   |
| Amana Library                            | 4            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Voted Physical Plant and Equipment       | 5            | 361,328                                   | 361,328   | 372,084   |
| Regular Physical Plant and Equipment     | 6            | 119,238                                   | 119,238   | 122,788   |
| Reorganization Equalization              | 7            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Public Education/Recreation (Playground) | 8            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Debt Service                             | 9            | 770,951                                   | 770,951   | 1,004,628   |
| Grand Total                              | 10           | 4,674,782                                 | 4,674,782   | 4,797,715   |

|                       | Current Year | Final Property<br>Tax Rate FY 2025 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No<br>change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026 | Budget Year Proposed<br>Property Tax Rate FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Grand Total Levy Rate |              | 12.95455                           | 12.60309  | 12.93299  |

| Property Tax Comparison  | Current Year | Property Taxes | Proposed Property Taxes | Percent Change |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Residential property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000 |              | 600            | 675                     | 12.50          |
| Commercial property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000  |              | 2,650          | 3,015                   | 13.77          |

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Declining enrollment means the district is on the Budget Guarantee which is fully funded by property taxes, however, the district's total property tax levy is less in FY 2026 than in FY 2025.

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

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|  |  | NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED<br>PROPERTY TAX LEVY<br>Proposed MID-PRAIRIE Property Tax Levy<br>Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 |  |
| Location of Public Hearing: Mid-Prairie Central Office Community Room, 1636<br>Highway 22 E, Wellman, IA 52356   |  | Date of Public Hearing: 3/24/2025   |  |
| Location of Notice on School Website:<br><a href="https://www.mphawks.org/district/leadership/school-board/reports/property-taxes">https://www.mphawks.org/district/leadership/school-board/reports/property-taxes</a> |  | Time of Public<br>Hearing: 06:15 PM   |  |

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

|  | Current Year | Final Property<br>Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy<br>(No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY<br>2026 | Budget Year Proposed<br>Property Tax Dollar Levy FY<br>2026 |
|--|--------------|---|---|---|
| General Fund Levy                        | 1            | 4,626,803                                 | 4,626,803   | 4,879,922   |
| Instructional Support Levy               | 2            | 318,234                                   | 318,234   | 371,922   |
| Management                               | 3            | 561,953                                   | 561,953   | 587,032   |
| Amana Library                            | 4            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Voted Physical Plant and Equipment       | 5            | 417,003                                   | 417,003   | 396,714   |
| Regular Physical Plant and Equipment     | 6            | 197,910                                   | 197,910   | 206,965   |
| Reorganization Equalization              | 7            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Public Education/Recreation (Playground) | 8            | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Debt Service                             | 9            | 1,619,266                                 | 1,619,266   | 1,693,335   |
| Grand Total                              | 10           | 7,741,169                                 | 7,741,169   | 8,135,890   |

|                       | Current Year | Final Property<br>Tax Rate FY 2025 | Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No<br>change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026 | Budget Year Proposed<br>Property Tax Rate FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Grand Total Levy Rate |              | 13.10453                           | 12.51290  | 13.15139  |

| Property Tax Comparison  | Current Year | Property Taxes | Proposed Property Taxes | Percent Change |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Residential property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000 |              | 607            | 686                     | 13.01          |
| Commercial property with an<br>Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000  |              | 2,680          | 3,067                   | 14.44          |

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

The District is on Budget Guarantee (BG) of \$221,305 due to declining enrollment & Iowa State Supplementary Assistance. BG is all Prop. taxes. Managemnt Fund: The District Prop & Casualty Ins. cost reflects increases due to State & National natural disaster events. Debt Svc is early paydown of debt.

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CITY OF LONE TREE

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF LONE TREE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 52-484  
LONE TREE Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/2/2025 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: City Hall 123 N Devoe St

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)  
lonetreeciowa.com

City Telephone Number  
(319) 629-4615

| Iowa Department of Management   | Current Year<br>Property Tax 2024 - 2025 | Certified<br>Property Tax 2024 - 2025 | Budget Year Effective<br>Property Tax 2025 - 2026 | Budget Year Proposed<br>Property Tax 2025 - 2026 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service                                       | 48,742,406                               |                                       | 52,377,620  | 52,377,620                                       |
| Consolidated General Fund   | 393,409                                  |                                       | 393,409   | 410,437  |
| Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit                                     | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Aviation Authority  | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Liability, Property & Self Insurance  | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.  | 1,008                                    |                                       | 1,008   | 1,484  |
| Unified Law Enforcement   | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Police & Fire Retirement  | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)                                       | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Other Employee Benefits   | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)                                    | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| Taxable Value for Debt Service  | 51,503,936                               |                                       | 52,377,620  | 52,377,620                                       |
| Debt Service  | 0  |                                       | 0   | 0  |
| CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX   | 394,417                                  |                                       | 394,417   | 411,921  |
| CITY REGULAR TAX RATE   | 8.09188                                  |                                       | 7.53026   | 7.86445  |
| Taxable Value for City Ag Land  | 425,472                                  |                                       | 453,929   | 453,929  |
| Ag Land   | 0  |                                       | 0   | 1,364  |
| CITY AG LAND TAX RATE   | 0.00000                                  |                                       | 0.00000   | 3.00375  |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed                                      |  |                                       |   |  |
| Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000 | Current Year<br>2024/2025                | Certified<br>2024/2025                | Budget Year<br>2025/2026                          | Percent<br>Change                                |
| City Regular Residential  |  | 375                                   | 410   | 9.33   |
| Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000  | Current Year<br>2024/2025                | Certified<br>2024/2025                | Budget Year<br>2025/2026                          | Percent<br>Change                                |
| City Regular Commercial   |  | 1,655                                 | 1,834   | 10.82  |

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Decreasing .53%

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

March 3

Caller reports a couple bales of hay in the road near Riverside. Unable to locate.

Caller reports it appears a vehicle hit something and now there are car parts and glass all over the road at Ginkgo Ave and 120th St., Wellman. Deputy responded. Plastic pipe pieces, possibly some construction work being done.

Caller reports a subject is driving her vehicle and she would like him to exit her vehicle, but he is refusing. No weapons. No other passengers. Responded and attempted to locate the vehicle but it continued into Johnson County.

March 4

Traffic stop at 6th St. and 6th Ave., Wellman. Arrested Robert Brooks Muir, 73, of Kinross for possession of controlled substance marijuana first offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, open container, interference with official acts and failure to obey traffic sign.

Caller reports a loose horse at Highway 22 and Redwood Ave.

March 5

Johnson County reports a vehicle on fire in the 5700 block of Oakcrest Hill Road, Riverside. No one around. Extinguished.

Caller in Wellman reports sheep, a goat and a pig in the trailer court. Owners responded and collected the animals.

Vehicle stop at Highway 22 and Vine Ave., Riverside. Arrested Vincent Manuel Garcia, 49, of Mount Vernon for interference with official acts, driving under suspension, no proof of insurance and operating a non-registered vehicle.

March 6

Caller in Wellman reports a lone sheep wandering around. Deputy responded.

Deputy reports suspicious activity in the 800 block of 6th Street, Wellman. Brishen William Counts of Grundy Center was trespassing from all Mid-Prairie buildings.

Caller in Kalona reports two students were in a physical altercation. Deputy responded and spoke with the caller and students. One juvenile charged with assault and disorderly conduct.

March 7

Search warrant executed at 1355 Tulip Ave., Riverside. All animals seized.

Caller reports there is a confused female subject at Casey's Riverside. She is trying to ask for a ride but can't form sentences. Responded. Able to locate the subject who was okay.

Caller reports her mom was in Wellman and hasn't checked in for over an hour. Prior to deputy being dispatched caller's mother made contact and was fine.

March 8

Vehicles parked north of 121 8th Ave., Wellman in a no parking area. Written warning given.

Caller in the 400 block of 7th St., Kalona, request to speak to a deputy about a civil issue. Made contact and spoke to the caller.

Caller in the 500 block of 3rd St., Wellman, reports his daughter was walking her dog past a neighbor's house and the neighbor's dog was off leash and barked at the daughter and her dog. Request to speak with an officer. Responded. Spoke with the caller and will attempt to make contact with the owner

of the other dog.



105 YEARS AGO - MARCH 11, 1920

**Kalona**  
Hal Figgins is the owner of a Case tractor. The practical and useful implement is relieving many a faithful old horse in the Prairie Flower neighborhood.

John A. Yoder of Iowa City was here Tuesday looking after his farm south of town. Mr. Pitman, who has rented the farm has been sick, and could not move at the first of the month, so it developed on Mr. Yoder to come down to attend to things.

Lemons? Well you ought to see the sample of lemons that Wes Boehme picked from a tree in Florida and brought home with him. Bigger than any grapefruit we ever saw, weighs about 2 and one half pounds or something like that. It makes an ordinary lemon look like next to nothing.

Mr. Morg Hartsock, who has been quite sick with the grippie, is getting better at this writing.

Watch the center show window at Edmonson's store on Saturday morning, March 13, if you are looking for good things to eat. Through the courtesy of Mr. Edmonson, a school bake sale will be held there and that window, it is hoped, will be converted into a veritable delicatessen shop.

The money raised by the sale is to be used in further payment of the lantern and stereopticon views which have been purchased by the school.

To make Kalona an up-and-coming school in all lines, as it has proved itself in the field of athletics, the whole-hearted support of the town is needed. The school children will undoubtedly see to it that their mothers furnish something for the sale, and it is earnestly hoped that the rest of the town will show its loyalty to the school and interest in its activities by also contributing.

Lewis Leqsa out on Route 3 had the misfortune to fall from a load of hay one day last week, resulting in a dislocation of one shoulder and some minor bruises.

With the sale of the equipment of the Casey barn at auction today, Washington's last livery barn is about to pass out of existence. For about a month the Casey barn will continue to shelter horses, if applied to by their owners, and then the buildings will give place to a garage.

That the girls of Washington County are taking advantage of the rights given them by the fact that 1920 is leap year, is indicated by the increase in the number of marriage licenses issued at the office of the Clerk of the Court.

Last year up to March 6, licenses had been granted to the number of 26, but the marriage license books on the same date this year show that 42 licenses have been granted.

Pocket-handkerchief is the queerest word in the language. At first it was kerchief, a covering for the head; then it became a handkerchief, a covering for the head carried in the hand, and at last pocket-handkerchief, a covering for the head held in the hand and kept in the pocket.

One reason a man has more pockets than a woman is because his collar is too tight to permit him to throw things down his shirt front.

Nobody is exempt from Income Tax. An obligation is

laid directly on the shoulders of each citizen and resident to consider his own case and to get his return in on time if one is due.

With each return showing a tax due, a payment must accompany the return in the full amount of the tax or at least one-quarter of the tax.

All returns for 1919 must be filed on or before March 15.

Ladora farmers can raise hogs too big for the Chicago packing houses to slaughter. Joe Cummings of Ladora sent a carload of hogs to Chicago, 32 head in all, which averaged 620 pounds, the largest of the lot tipped the beam at 850 pounds. When they reached their destination the stock yard officials took one look at them and decided they were too large to handle. The packing house had no slaughtering machinery large enough to take care of them and they were disposed of to the butcher shops over the city, who did their own butchering. They were the most remarkable lot of hogs for size ever received at the Chicago yards and they drew a lot of attention.

Almost every paper in the U.S. comes out with big headlines fairly eulogizing that dirty pup of a "Missouri poet," Lee Shippy, who committed the nastiest, lowest crime known to mankind, that of gaining the confidence and love of a simple little French girl and then taking advantage of his position in her affections to gratify his lust, all the time wearing the "red triangle" of the American Y.M.C.A. to set himself off as a hero and saint. Now he purposes to right crime No. 1 with another one almost as mean: that of casting off his lawful wife and child so that he can wed his "Mlle. Babin" whom its dollars to doughnuts he'd treat meaner than he does his wife, for, in the trite words which we read the other day, "a woman chaser is never cured till you have him in his coffin and the last nail drove in," and a man who is false to one woman will prove the same to two or three, or half dozen more. His legal wife, is refusing him a divorce, to preserve her own and her son's respectability and probably to keep the old man from making any bigger fool of himself, and she is rated as a sort of a tyrant who stands in the path of true love. Such rot! Mlle. Madeleine Babin should be sent back to her native land where illegitimacy is not uncommon nor disreputable, and the "Missouri poet" should be put to work on a Missouri rockpile instead of parading as a war hero if that is the sort of "work" the American Y.M.C.A. is engaged in it's about time they took "M" and "C" out of their name.

**Lone Tree**  
Mr. F.H. Kirchner, who has been a resident of Lone Tree for the last 30 years, is the newly appointed vice president of the Muscatine Packing Company, Muscatine's new \$3,000,000 incorporation, according to an announcement made recently. Mr. Kirchner has already assumed his duties as an executive of the company and is amply qualified to fill the place, having had considerable business experience and having served as an official in various capacities during the many years which he has resided in

this community.

An auto collision, which luckily did not result in the injury of the occupants of either of the two vehicles, occurred on the road near the Frank Lutz place, two miles south of Lone Tree Monday afternoon, when the heavy county truck crashed into Dr. A.H. DeLano's Buick car.

Dr. DeLano was going south, and the big truck, which is being used to transport material for the repairing of the Gould bridge, was going north, when the accident happened. Dr. DeLano's car sustained a broken wheel and was otherwise damaged.

Glenn Rayner had the misfortune of having a horse fall on his foot, which is quite painful to him, the member being badly bruised.

Our busy merchant, Mrs. Anna Houseal, has a large force of men at work now enclosing a large lot of ice which was put up this winter. Owing to the cold weather, she was not able to lay the cement blocks at the time the ice was put up.

The grain elevator, owned and operated by J.J. Fiala at Solon, was destroyed by fire Monday morning. The fire is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion. The elevator was nearly full of grain and the loss is quite heavy. The owner, Mr. Fiala, who is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hora of Lone Tree, had his hand slightly burned while aiding the firemen in fighting the flames.

Johnson county's big truck has been busy this week hauling heavy steel and other material to be used in repairing the Gould bridge, seven miles southwest of Lone Tree.

This bridge has been out of repair for nearly two years and it is good news to residents of this community to learn that it will be ready for use again before many weeks.

William McCullough, a long time resident of Louisa County, passed away at his home in Lone Tree Saturday morning following an illness of less than twenty-four hours. He was stricken with paralysis Friday morning and passed away on the following morning.

The many friends of the Rev. E.C. Brooks family in this vicinity will regret to hear of his misfortune and that of his son, Herbert. The venerable pastor was severely burned in a fire which destroyed their parsonage and church at Tiffin and Herbert received severe burns about the face and arms. Rev. Brooks was pastor of the Methodist church here until a year ago last fall, filling the local very successfully for five consecutive years.

A number of the rural pupils were not able to come to school last Thursday because of the severe cold and blizzard.

Mable Miller was absent a few days last week because of the pink-eye which has become quite a popular epidemic among the pupils.

Report cards were not handed out this week because so many were absent when the tests were given. They will not be sent out until some of these tests have been taken and may not be handed out at all until the end of the next six week period since a number of students are still absent because of sickness.

Mrs. Austin Hendrickson, a well known resident of the vicinity of Gladwin, fell dead

on the porch of her home as a result of heart failure yesterday afternoon. She was past 77 years of age.

Fire, the origin of which has not been definitely determined, completely destroyed the Catholic church at Nichols last Saturday morning. The blaze was discovered about nine o'clock, but had gained such headway that volunteers rushing to the scene could do nothing to save the magnificent structure, which soon burned to the ground.

The church was erected about nine years ago at a cost of \$25,000. Insurance to the amount of \$14,000 will only partly cover the great loss. No plans for rebuilding have yet been announced, according to the statement made by the Rev. Father Kottenstette of Lone Tree, who visited Nichols yesterday.

**Wellman**  
Home canned corn, asparagus, and beans have been found bearing the poison of the bacilus botulinum, hitherto reported only in ripe olives and olives stuffed with pimentos.

Health Commissioner Robertson issued a warning yesterday to all householders to be very careful of their canned goods.

"Canned good of any kind showing even the slightest unnatural odor or color, or swelling of the container, or sign of gas, should not be eaten," says the warning. "In practically every case of botulism, the food was shown to have an offensive or abnormal odor."

The foregoing is taken from a Chicago paper, and contains a warning which should be heeded by everyone. We have read something about this poison before, and the article said that the "patent" store canned goods was practically immune because of the high rate of heat to which they were subjected with steam pressure cooking. If this statement is incorrect we would be glad to have someone who knows, set us right. It seems that home canners would do well to invest in a steam pressure outfit for canning if this be true. The writer we read from said "this poison could not be detected, sometimes, except by the hissing noise of gas escaping when the cover on the jar was released, otherwise the contents of the jar would appear all right." Shortly after reading this, we opened a jar of home canned corn, which "hissed" otherwise looking and smelling ok, but we threw it in the garbage pail, so we can't tell you whether it was deadly poison or not. We were not taking chances.

Ellery Foster, a pioneer citizen of this vicinity, passed away Feb. 28, at his home in Oklahoma City, Okla., the cause of his death being hemorrhage of the stomach, from which he suffered about two weeks.

It was with regret that young Frank Bishop's many friends learned of the sad end of his valiant struggle against the dread disease that finally overcame him. He had been ill less than two weeks with bronchial pneumonia which followed an attack of the flu, and only the day before his death he was thought to have favorable chances for recovery, but with the characteristic treachery of the disease, a turn for the worse came suddenly and he passed away last Thursday evening.

Everett Lewis' have moved to their property purchased of Nick Snider, and Nick and wife have moved to Mrs. King's house in the southeast part of town. Dr. Austin's are now occupying their own home, vacated by the Lewis families, and Bunk Booth's have moved to their property vacated by the Austin's. in nearly all the "moves" the property is occupied by its owner. Looks like a house to rent will soon be as scarce as the proverbial hen's tooth.

We were much surprised to learn last week of the death of Palmer Greigg, who formerly resided here. We had not heard of his illness, although he had been ailing for some time with cancer of the bladder. He was operated on for this trouble over a year ago, but found no relief. A second operation was resorted to just before his death, but with no success, and after suffering intensely for a week, he passed away at the West Side hospital in Chicago Saturday at the age of 63 years.

Prices can not be expected to drop much so long as the demand far out runs the supply, and this will continue to be the case so long as we have so many lazy people to support. That's what ails industrial conditions more than anything else.

Too many girls on the street and too few in the kitchen, too many boys loafing and too few in places of honest labor. And the same thing can be said of a lot of men and women, as well. All the idle ones (and those engaged in a lot of superficial tasks belong to that class) are consumers. They must be fed and clothed off the fast diminishing producer's products, thus we see the scale of H.C.L. go up. Parents should see that their children are engaged for a few hours each day, in some useful, producing labor. They owe that duty to their country, even though they may be rich enough to hire the work done. It won't be any harder on the children than street-walking, dancing, gambling or cigarette smoking, or even the less strenuous ways of "just killing time."

John Brandt, who has been seriously ailing for the past year or two, passed away yesterday morning, the end coming suddenly. About one year ago, he spent a number of weeks in an Iowa City hospital, where he was operated on for his trouble, but could not afford him relief. After coming home, he has lingered on, weak, but not apparently much worse. On the day preceding his death, he sat up and ate, as usual. He had suffered much during his sickness and no doubt death came as a sweet relief to his pain.

John Brandt was a good man. He was strictly honest and upright, and industrious. He came here with nothing, and by his industry and thrifty habits acquired an ample competence to care for himself and family. His example is one that is worthy of emulation of the present generation. Moreover, he had a kind heart. He met everyone kindly, and as a friend, his loyalty was unquestioned. He was a faithful husband and loving father, and will be long remembered with affection by those who knew him best. He has been for many years a particular friend of the proprietor of The Advance, and when his health permitted rarely missed a weekly visit to this shop.

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**Dec. 23 - 27, 2024**

Lory Young, grantor; Carroll L Yoder, Linda Batey, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Bradens Add Lot 6-8 Block 4; \$40,000

Perry E Bontrager revocable Trust, Dannie Gingerich Trustee, grantee; Sher-yl L Moreland, grantee; warranty deed; part NW SW 06-77-7; \$687,000

Moyna Holdings Inc, Adam Kos Power of Attorney, grantor; Eric Goheen, Katelyn Goheen, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Vista Ridge SD Pt 1 Lot 5; \$58,000

Arnold Castaneda Estate, Antonia Castaneda Executor, grantor; Antonia Castaneda, grantee; court officer deed; Beg at SW Corn Washington Moothars 1st Add Lot 7 thence W 6 FT, Thence N, E & S Cont 360 Sq FT

Antonia Castaneda, grantor; Antonia Castaneda Trustee, Morayma Carrera Trustee, Antonia Castaneda Living Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Moothars 1st Add Lot 7; Beg at SW Corn Washington Moothars 1st Add Lot 7 thence W 6 FT, Thence N, E & S Cont 360 Sq FT

Matthew S Kindred, grantor; Kathy J Keifer, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Smiths Add Lot 7 Block 4; S 10 FT Wellman Smiths Add Lot 8 Block 4; \$103,000

Peggy J Buffington, grantor; Lea Ann Rink, Kevin M Rink, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc M in Lot 4 of Aud SD W2 Washington 75-7-08 SW; \$246,000

Robert B Kremer, Rebecca A Kremer, grantor; David W Kiers, grantee; warranty deed; Crawfordsville OP Lot 4 Block 7; \$6000

Michael C Roder, grantor; Michael C Roder Trustee, Michael C Roder Revocable Trust grantee; warranty deed; Washington Perdocks SD Lot 7 Block 2

Larry G Blumenstein, Christine K Blumenstein, grantor; Patrick Cady, Karmen Cady, grantee; warranty deed; W 20 FT Wellman OP Lot 1 Block 11; \$10,000

Samantha Jo Fleming, grantor; Jenelle Beachy, grantee; warranty deed; Nira Original Town Nira Block 8; Vacated Streets & Alleys, Part RR Depot Grounds

Shirleen S Huber Revocable Trust, Shirleen S Huber CoTrustee, John E Huber CoTrustee, grantor; Jolisa Marie Bombe, Derek Daniel Bombe, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/12 Interest: Aud Parc B in SE NE 17-75-8

John E Huber Revocable Trust, Shirleen S Huber CoTrustee, John E Huber CoTrustee, grantor; Jolisa Marie Bombe, Derek Daniel Bombe, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/12 Interest: Aud Parc B in SE NE 17-76-8

Arnold Castaneda Estate, Antonia Castaneda Executor, grantor; Antonia G Castaneda, Antonia Castaneda, grantee; court officer deed; Washington Moothars 1st Add Lot 7; Beg at SW Corn Washington Mootharts 1st Add Lot 7 thence W 6 FT, thence N, E & S, Cont 360 Sq FT

David J Zieser, Jill C Zieser, grantor; Frederick W Garretts Jr, Brandi J Garretts, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Foss SD Lot 7; \$255,000

Richard L Kessler, Richard Kessler, Lora Kessler, grantor; Jade B Pullen, Michael J Pullen, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 1 Aud SD of SWFR4 SW 18-75-7; \$149,000

Anita M Lister Estate, CBI Bank & Trust Executor, grantor; Judy M Graf, grantee; court officer deed; S 60 FT of E2 Washington South Washington Block 5; \$115,000

thence S 1321.8 FT Cont 25.33 Acres; Aud Parc C, Cont 21.99 Acres in W2 NW 22-77-7

**Jan. 6 - 10, 2025**

Michael Edward Gingerich Estate, Susan Y Jones Administrator, Mark Gingerich Administrator, grantor; J33 Investments LLC, Jodi R Gehman, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm at a Point on N Line of Railroad St & at SE Corn Riverside OP Lot 6 Block B

Michael A Mitchell, Susan J Mitchell, grantor; Adam R Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, grantee; contract; Comm 595.11 FT N of SE Corn 12-74-7 thence SW 353.48 FT Cont 2.25 Acres

KW Peele LLC, grantor; Robert K Humphrey, grantee; warranty deed; W 58 FT Washington Northeast Washington Lot 9 Block 1; \$97,500

Steve Hall, Kerry Hall, grantor; Shtieb Enterprises LLC, grantee; quit claim deed; Riverside Op Lot 8 Block 20 Ace Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Premium Home Builders Inc, grantee; warranty deed; Washington NLW SD plat 2 Lot 11; \$60,000

Laura L Crockett Ewalt, Laura L Ewalt Crockett, grantor; Carolann R Ewalt, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Aud Parc B, Cont 5.722 Acres in Part NE NE 04-75-8 Commencing at SE Corn Aud Parc B, thence NW 45.03 FT

Lynelle A Mellecker, grantor; Playlife LLC, grantee; warranty deed; W 24 FT Kalona OP Lot 15 Block 2; \$250,000

Jerald L Dietz Trustee, Marilyn J Howell Trust, grantor; George Pfeifer, grantee; warranty deed; S2 SE 35-75-6; \$1,015,500

Fulton legacy Acres LLC, grantor; Colton Mellinger, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C in Part NE NE 08-74-6; \$307,500

Nancy Marie Brown, Nancy M Brown, Bradley W Brown, grantor; Elizabeth Muth, Blain Muth, grantee; warranty deed; N 129.85 FT Lot 3 Aud Plat of E 4076 FT Ainsworth Marrs Add Lot OL B; \$260,000

Mr Os Café LLC, grantor; JMM Rentals LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Wellmans 2nd Add Lot 1 Block 2; Part Comm 75 FT E of SW Corn Wellman Smiths add Lot OL2; Part Wellman OP Lot 1-2 Block 9; Part Wellman Varneys SD Lot 6 Block 1; \$320,000

Dina G McFarland, grantor; Tyler W McFarland, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc F in Frac NW4 Frac NE 4 03-76-71 \$118,000

William L Huber, William Huber, grantor; Joel A Huber, Laura Huber, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided ½ Interest: Part S2 SE 05-78-9; S2 N2 SE 05-76-9; \$875,000

Laura Miller, grantor; Paul L Miller, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Kalona OP Lot 4-5 Block 4

DW Homes LLC, grantor; Tom Brizzi, Sue Brizzi, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington AW Chilcotes OL Add Lot OL 2; \$198,000

Sharon K Hahn, grantor; Edward P Hahn, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; E2 SW 23-76-9; W2 SE 23-76-9

Cheryl Adam Trust, Cheryl Adam Trustee, grantor; Gent Park LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E, Cont. 53.74 Acres in NEFR4 06-76-8; \$550,500

Stephen J Adam Trust, Stephen J Adam Trustee, grantor; Gent Park LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E, Cont 53.74 Acres in NEFR4 06-76-8; \$550,500

Rebecca Anderson, grantor; Barbara J Johnson, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc A, Cont 1.460 Acres in SW SW 15-75-6

David R Anderson, grantor; Barbara J Johnson, grantee; quit claim deed; ; Aud Parc A, Cont 1.460 Acres in SW SW

15-75-6

Michael E Hankins, Diana L Galloway Hankins, Diana L Hankins Galloway, grantor; David J Schantz Revocable Trust, Regina K Schanta Revocable Trust, grantor; warranty deed; Aud Parc I in Part SW SE 15-74-7; \$5000

**Jan. 13 - 17, 2025**

Craig E Wright, Lynette R Wright, grantor; Wright Family Farms LLC, grantee; quit claim deed; Part NE 26-74-9 Beginning at SW Corn SW SE 23-74-9 thence 92 FT N Cont 3 Acres

David J Schantz Trustee, Regina K Schantz Trustee, David J Schantz Revocable Trust, grantor; Michael E Hankins Trust, Diana I Galloway Hankins Trust, Diana L Hankins Galloway Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Aud parc H in part NE SW 15-74-7; Part NW SE 15-74-7; \$5000

De Ette Rae Weiss, De Ette Rae Link, Michael D Weiss, grantor; De Ette Rae Weiss, Michael D Weiss, grantee; warranty deed; rural Subdivisions Twin River Bluff Pt 1 Lot 3

Antonia G Castaneda Trustee, Antonia Castaneda Trustee, Morayma Carrera Trustee, Antonia G Castaneda Living Trust, grantor; Lesley E Redlinger, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Mootharts 1st Add Lot 7, Thence W 6 FT, Thence N, E & S; \$100,000

Jeffrey A Enfield, Aimee J Enfield, grantor; Marlin Eugene Miller, Ida Fern Miller, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Country Club SD Lot 2; \$45,000

Nathan Conrad, Janet Conrad, grantor; Marlin Eugene Miller, Ida Fern Miller, grantee; warranty deed; rural Subdivisions Country Club SD Lot 3; \$325,000

Matthew Smith, M Smith, grantor; Kevin T Paper, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc F, Cont. 5.00 Acres in SE SE 09-74-8

Rose Smith, grantor; Kevin T Paper, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc F, Cont 8.00 Acres in SE SE 09-74-8

Matthew Smith CoExecutor, M Smith CoExecutor, Rose Smith CoExecutor, Douglas Smith Estate, grantor; Kevin T Paper, grantee; court officer deed; Aud Parc F, Cnt 5.00 Acres in SE SE 09-74-8; \$204,000

Royal Hotel IA LLC, Royal Hotels IA LLC, grantor; OM Hospitality IA LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Washington P&E Company SD Lot 16; \$1,600,000

Robert A Sweet Jr Estate, Robert A Sweet III, grantee; court officer deed; part Lot 5 in SD of SWFR4 18-77-6

Burich Farms LLC, grantor; William I Huber, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B, in Part NW SW 24-76-7; \$810,000

Tim Michael Klopfenstein, Tim M Klopfenstein, Barbara Angela Klopfenstein, Barbara A Klopfenstein, grantor; Tim M Klopfenstein CoTrustee, Tim M Klopfenstein Revocable Trust, Barbara A Klopfenstein Revocable Trust, Barbara A Klopfenstein CoTrustee, grantee; special warranty deed; Washington Bruty Steele SD Lot 3

Karen S Sojka, grantor; Karen S Sojka Trustee, Karen S Sojka Revocable Trust, grantee; special warranty deed; Unit B Kalona Valley View SD Lot 2

Haley M Kopsieker, Haley Kopsieker, grantor; Bridger C Wolcott, grantee; quit claim deed; W 215 FT of S 200 FT of SW SW SW 16-74-9; \$38,000

Susan L Soden Evans, Susan L Evans Soden, grantor; Jeffrey M Evans, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Washington Kendalls SD Lot 8-9

Lonnie R Oswald, Lonny R Oswald, grantor; Joyce J Oswald, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; rural Subdivisions Kola venue SD Lot 1-2

Eldon Yoder, grantor; Phyllis Yoder,

grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Wellman Deer Meadow Estates II SD Lot 7

Chandler D Mullens, grantor; Stevie Nicole Nowell, Tammy Young, grantee warranty deed; Washington South Washington Lot 8 Block 4; \$135,000

Brady J Copeman, Brady Copeman, grantor; Brady J Copeman Living Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc G in Part Crawfordsville 74-6-15 NW SE & in Part Crawfordsville 74-6-15 NE SW

**Jan. 20 - 24, 2025**

Cheryl Lea Karr, grantor; Eugene L Redlinger, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Part Wellman Downing & Desing Add Lot 3-4 Block 1

Kevin E Hora, Kevin Edward Hora, grantor; Caleb G Hora, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc I Cont 1.94 Acres in SW SE 18-76-7; \$250,000

Linda A Gerdner Revocable Trust, Linda A Gerdner Trustee, grantor; Jordan Benson, Cole Benson, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Sunset Hills Estates Pt 1 Lot 20; \$440,000

Victor M Gingerich, grantor; Chantelle D Gingerich, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Part Rural Subdivisions Gingerich Tiliings SD Lot 2

Jessica L Read, Jon S Read, grantor; Jon S Read Trustee, Jon S Read Revocable Trust, Jessica I Read Trustee, Jessica L Read Revocable Trust, grantee; special warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions West Lake View SD Lot 9

David L Miller, Martha Miller, grantor; David Miller Trustee, David Lee Miller Trust, Martha Miller Trustee, Martha Miller Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Lot A in SD of Kalona Snider & Allen SD Lot 6; S 10 FT Kalona Snider & Allen SD Lot 5; \$238,000

Cooper C Tonning, Courtney Tonning, grantor; Hannah Ball, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Gingerich SD Lot 2 Block B; \$238,000

William H Edgar, William Harlan Edgar, Deanne K Edgar, Deanne K Ackerman, grantor; Gabriel Cedeno Bernal, grantee; warranty deed; Part Crawfordsville 74-6-15 NW SE; \$138,000

Chester G Ropp, grantor; KMB Rentals LLC, grantee; quit claim deed; S 165 FT of Aud Parc F-1 in AudParc F in Part S2 NWFR4 06-77-7

Gerald D Vittetoe, Debra J Vittetoe, grantor; Jordan T Vittetoe, grantee; special warranty deed; Aud Parc A, Cont 3.17 Acres in NE SE 11-75-9

Gerald D Vittetoe, Debra J Vittetoe, grantor; Jeremy D Vittetoe, grantee special warranty deed; Aud Parc D, Cont 1.70 Acres SE SE 11-75-9

Kimberly Vaughn, grantor; Jarod Graber, Lisa M Graber, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc D in S 600 FT of W 12 Acres Of SE SW 22-74-7; \$32,000

Washington County Sheriff, Andrew Mask, Debora A Mask, Community 1st Credit Union, Onemain Financial Group, Carrington Mortgage Service LLC, grantor; Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, grantee; sheriff deed; Commencing 4 Rods N of SW Corn Washington Add to Washington Lot OL 8 Thence N 4 Rods

Lonny R Oswald, grantor Joyce J Oswald, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Rural Subdivisions Kola Avenue SD Lot 1

ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Brock Bean, Katharine Bean, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Northern heights SD Lot 7; \$315,000

Jeffrey P Hazlett, Kimberly K Hazlett, grantee; Deena P Parrish Trustee, Deena P Parrish Revocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C, Cont 4.195 Acres in SW SW 34-74-7 & In NW SW 34-76-7; Lot 12A in Rural Subdivisions Waters Edge SD Lot 12; Undivided Int in Well Number 4; \$400,000