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MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS CELEBRATES 75

The "Big Boy" mascot is over 85 years old, although this handsome guy likely dates to the 1950s. If you were at the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion this weekend, you could have brought him home for a mere $2,595. What would the neighbors think? For more photos from Old Threshers, *see page 7A.*

Mid-Prairie teacher, principal honored with state Family and Consumer Sciences awards

Glenda Seward, IFCSE Educator of the Year

When students step into Glenda Seward's classroom at Mid-Prairie High School, the first thing they see is her smile. It's been that way for more than two decades — and it's part of why Seward was recently named the 2024-25 Educator of the Year by the Iowa Family and Consumer Sciences Educators (IFCSE).

For Seward, teaching Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) has always been about more than coursework. Her lessons blend practical skills, leadership development and life wisdom that students carry with them long after graduation.

"She doesn't just recognize a problem, she solves it," wrote former student Brylee Gearhart in a recommendation letter. "She is the best role model a high school freshman could have asked for. These last four years I have learned everything I know about being a leader, a great student, and young woman from her."

A career built on innovation

Before joining Mid-Prairie, Seward ran her own home-based preschool, emphasizing nature-based learning and skill development for young children. She later taught as an adjunct instructor at Kirkwood Community College, where she inspired college students with her hands-on approach.

Glenda Seward

Her talents eventually caught the attention of Mid-Prairie High School's principal, who recruited her to build up the school's FCS program. Since then, Seward has transformed the department into a hub of activity, innovation, and leadership.

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Chuck Banks, IFCSE Administrator of the Year

When Mid-Prairie High School Principal Chuck Banks talks about the success of the school's Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) department, he often says, "I just stay out of the way."

That simple line is less about stepping back and more about trust. It reflects Banks' philosophy that great educators thrive when they're supported with resources, respect, and the freedom to innovate.

That approach has now earned him statewide recognition. The Iowa Family and Consumer Sciences Educators (IFCSE) has named Banks its 2024-25 Administrator of the Year, honoring his leadership in strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at Mid-Prairie.

Banks, who began his career as a physical education and health teacher before moving into administration, has become a champion for programs that focus on practical life skills. At Mid-Prairie, that includes a thriving FCS department where students learn everything from culinary arts to child development.

Teachers say his support has been transformative.

"He fosters an environment where innovation is not just permitted, but actively encouraged," wrote Mid-Prairie FCS educators Glenda Seward and Sarah O'Rourke in their nomination letter.

Chuck Banks

"He provides [educators] with the resources and autonomy they need, and removes obstacles, allowing them to excel and truly impact student lives."

Under his leadership, the school has invested in a new industrial culinary facility, expanded

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Kalona Optimists Meeting

The Optimists of Kalona will meet on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Kalona YMCA LOFT room. $12 catered meal; program arranged by Ken Wehr. Prospective members and guests are welcome to attend and receive a free meal.

Life Line Screening

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Life Center will host screening for plaque buildup in arteries, HDL and LDL cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, kidney and thyroid function and more on Friday, Sept. 5 at 575 Howard St., Kalona. Special package pricing starts at $159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Pre-registration required; call 1-877-237-1287 or lifelinescreening.com.

The Chuck Wagon Gang

Legendary country/bluegrass/gospel group The Chuck Wagon Gang will perform on Friday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Fairview Mennonite Church, 2605 540th St. SW, Kalona. Suggested free will offering $10-15. Call 319-936-7763 for more information.

Lone Tree Housing Public Input Session

Johnson County will host a public input session on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Lone Tree Community Center, 203 ½ N. Devoe St. Community members are invited to continue a discussion on housing issues. For more information, call 319-356-6083 or visit johnsoncountyiowa.gov/housing-assessment-study-2025.

Mid-Prairie Class of 1968

The Mid-Prairie Class of 1968 will have a class picnic/potluck get together on Friday, Sept. 12 at noon near Kalona. Please contact Julie Zahs for details and if you plan to attend so organizers can plan accordingly for provided food: 319-621-6785 or juliezahs@gmail.com. Encourage other classmates/partners to attend.

Cooper 33 Fundraiser

Show support for Keylen Cooper at the Cooper 33 Saturday, Sept. 13 at Washington Country Club. 33-mile run and relay begin at 8 a.m.; 1-mile and 5K walk/runs at 9 a.m.; golf tournament at 1 p.m. and kids activities and food will be available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds go toward easing the financial burden of medical expenses following Keylen's leukemia diagnosis in early 2025.

Kalona Farmers Market

The next Kalona Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13. Market hours are 9 a.m. to noon; downtown Kalona. Music by The Great Bluegrass Herons.

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Kalona Rotary visits Thuy Nguyen quilt exhibit

The Kalona Rotary Club took time to admire quilts created by artist Thuy Nguyen at the Kalona Historical Village at their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The exhibit in the English Quilt Gallery will remain through Dec. 10, 2025.

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Sharon Center UMC to host Cowboy Sunday Sept. 7

Sharon Center United Methodist Church will host **Cowboy Sunday** on Sunday, Sept. 7, with services at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A chuckwagon crew will serve a cowboy supper at 5:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall, followed by an evening service featuring music from the Anderegg Family Band.

Attendees are welcome to wear western attire such as hats, boots, and fringe, though it is not required. (No firearms, please.)

The church is located at 2403 520th St. SW, north of Kalona near Sharon Center.

Hillcrest Academy 2025-26 Staff

Back, from left: Chris Nachtigall, David Fleming, Bryn Hovde, Christopher Marriott, Tami Brenneman, Bob Kackmarynski, Mike Severino-Patterson, Adam Voth Unruh, Nate Miller, Corben Weaver Boshart, Beau Risley, Megan Torchia. Middle: Marian Marley, Bryan Neuschwander, Anita Beachy, Laurie Miller, Angela Snakenberg, Natalie Silbaugh, AshLee Miller, Beth Swantz, Sheri Martin, Mikayla Tackaberry. Front: Ledru Miller, Mike Shapovalov, Lauren Heck, Amy Tackaberry, Ann Schultz. Not pictured: Tom Carey, Rebecca Beachy Miller, Jess Hart, Maria Boucher, Heidi Willems, Jeremy Ours.

Washington County 4-H youth shine at state Awardrobe competition

SUBMITTED

Ava Greiner of Washington County earned a Top Five $20 Challenge award at the Iowa State Fair Aug. 7. Additional winners pictured are Brynn Ostrem, Hamilton County; Anna Blanchard, Warren County; Taylor Rohrig, Adair County; and Kendra Robinson, Shelby County.

Three Washington County 4-H members represented the county at the 2025 Awardrobe Clothing Event, held Aug. 7 at the Iowa State Fair. The annual event brings together high school 4-H members from across Iowa to showcase their design skills, creativity, and knowledge of fashion and textiles.

Ava Greiner, Marlee Greiner, and Adrianne Blauvelt all qualified to participate at the state level. Ava earned special recognition in the *Top Five $20 Challenge* statewide, where participants purchase and style an entire outfit for $20 or less using thrift or resale sources.

In addition, Nora and Lily Cornell of Washington County served on the statewide youth leadership team that helped plan the runway show, decorations, and program. Youth earn leadership team spots by winning a clothing project area award through State 4-H Recognition Day.

The Awardrobe event combines hands-on learning and presentation skills. Participants prepare written reports, meet with judges in one-on-one interviews, and finish with a runway show. Categories include Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, Innovative Design, and the $20 Challenge.

In all, 149 youth from 70 counties competed this year. Judges evaluated not only the outfits themselves but also each participant's ability to explain design choices, garment care, and even cost-per-wear.

Washington County 4-H's presence stood out in a field of creative competitors, with Ava Greiner bringing home one of the event's top honors and county youth contributing to the leadership and success of the statewide program.

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Forecasts for North Washington County

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Thursday Sept. 4	Friday Sept. 5	Saturday Sept. 6	Sunday Sept. 7	Monday Sept. 8	Tuesday Sept. 9	Wednesday Sept. 10
68° 53°	66° 42°	67° 42°	72° 46°	73° 52°	74° 53°	77° 56°
RealFeel® 69°	RealFeel® 66°	RealFeel® 67°	RealFeel® 74°	RealFeel® 77°	RealFeel® 73°	RealFeel® 80°
Mostly sunny, breezy and less humid	Breezy in the morning; sunny, cool	Partly sunny	Comfortable with clouds and sun	Sunny	Sun through high clouds	Partly sunny with a shower in spots

SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset		Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:36 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	Thursday	6:14 p.m.	2:41 a.m.
Friday	6:37 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	Friday	6:44 p.m.	3:53 a.m.
Saturday	6:38 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	Saturday	7:09 p.m.	5:07 a.m.
Sunday	6:39 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	Sunday	7:33 p.m.	6:22 a.m.
Monday	6:40 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	Monday	7:56 p.m.	7:37 a.m.
Tuesday	6:41 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	Tuesday	8:19 p.m.	8:52 a.m.
Wednesday	6:42 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	Wednesday	8:46 p.m.	10:10 a.m.

Full Sep 7 · Last Sep 14 · New Sep 21 · First Sep 29

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	6	6	6	6	6	2	5
Pollen Level Forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing forecast	4	6	9	8	6	6	4
Soil Moisture forecast	9	9	9	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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

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

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

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

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

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Mary Swander's "Coop" Performance
Bad Angle Events presents "Coop," a new play by Mary Swander, on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at Celebration Hall, Hillcrest Academy. The play, a work of historical fiction, brings to life the stories of Amish and Mennonite conscientious objectors during the World Wars. Free; open to the public; one hour run time with talk-back discussion to follow.

Mumm's Jr. Rifles Class
Registration for the Lone Tree American Legion Post 457 Mumm's Jr. Rifles Class will be held on Sept. 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Lone Tree. The registration fee is $30 plus the cost of a rifle sling. Beginners must be in sixth grade and above to attend. The class will start on Monday, Sept. 22 and continue for four weeks. After finishing the class, the beginners will join the rest of the team to practice on Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact Lowell Baker at 319-629-5409 or email lowelllbaker68@gmail.com or Terry Boyd at 319-930-7449 or email tboydusmc@hotmail.com.

Free Family Fun Night
The Optimists of Kalona will sponsor a Free Family Fun Night on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5-8 p.m. at Kalona City Park, Shelter A. Moon bounce, obstacle course, giant slide, bag toss, kite making, light refreshments. All are invited to the free evening of family fun.

Free Dental Clinic for All Ages
Iowa Mission of Mercy will host a free dental clinic for all ages on Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 at Hyatt Regency Coralville, 300 E. 9th St., Coralville. The all-day clinic opens at 6 a.m. each day. No charge; first-come/first-served; prepare for long waits. Services include cleanings, fillings, x-rays, endodontic, periodontic, pediatric and some oral surgeries. Visit iowamom.org for more information.

Lone Tree Garage Sales
Lone Tree city-wide garage sales will be held Saturday, Sept. 20.

Great Bluegrass Herons /Sharon Center School Fundraiser
The Friends of Historic Sharon Center High School, in combination with Summit Hill Backyard Music, present The Great Bluegrass Herons on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. at 4306 Naples Ave SW, Iowa City. Free accessible parking for autos and buggies; BYO drinks, lawn chairs, and a dish to share. The potluck fundraiser benefits the Historic Sharon Center School.

Lone Tree Pack the Park
The Slaughter Family and Lone Tree Community Foundation invite you to Pack the Park on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 4-8 p.m. at North Park, Lone Tree. Socialize in memory of Aaron Slaughter and see the patriotic park renovations; corn hole, basketball, tennis, pickleball, horseshoes, music, playground and food trucks available. Bring lawn chairs; water provided.

Kalona Chamber Growth Session
The Kalona Chamber will host a Growth Session, "Start Strong," with business coach Paul Heath of the Small Business Development Center on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. at Kalona Coffee House, 425 B Ave., Kalona. Heath with share essential information for getting your business started strong. $5 KACC members; $7 general; complementary drinks and pastries for all attendees. RSVP to 319-656-2660 or info@KalonaChamber.com

11th Annual 5K Rack Run
Team Breast Friends invites the community to join them for the 11th Annual 5K Rack Run on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area in Iowa City. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.; race starts at 10 a.m.; walkers and fun runners start at 10:15 a.m. $35 registration fee; prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided. All proceeds remain in the community to provide treatment and support for those impacted by breast cancer. Visit teambreastfriends.org for more information.

St. Joseph's Annual Fall Dinner
St. Joseph's Church of Wellman will serve a Fried chicken and Pork Loin Buffet Style Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet includes homemade dressing, noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry relish, green beans, rolls, desserts and drinks. Adults $15, children 4-10, $6, three and under free. Indoor seating, handicap accessible, drive-thru available entering 11th Street, west of Parkside Activities building.

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In 2006, she launched the school's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter, giving students opportunities to lead projects, compete in skills-based events, and serve their community. She also played a key role in designing the school's industrial-grade culinary facility — a professional-level kitchen where students learn in an environment that mirrors the restaurant industry.

She regularly brings in guest chefs, organizes tours of restaurants, and hosts collaborative culinary events where students work alongside professionals. These experiences connect classroom learning directly to the real world, preparing students for careers in hospitality and beyond.

Influence beyond Mid-Prairie

Seward's work has extended across Iowa and even nationally. She was part of the team that developed the widely used "Take Charge Today" curriculum, which teaches financial literacy and life management skills. She also mentors other FCS teachers, sharing her expertise and materials to strengthen programs in other schools.

Her leadership at Mid-Prairie includes serving on the school's building leadership team, where colleagues rely on her practical perspective and focus on student success.

A life of resilience and service

Seward's career is only part of her story. She has faced profound personal challenges, including the loss of her first husband and a battle with cancer. Friends and colleagues say she has met those hardships with resilience and grace.

Today, she enjoys life with her later-in-life husband — her high school sweetheart — and treasures her role as grandmother. She is active in her church, serving on committees and contributing her design sense to a recent renovation project. Outside the classroom, she finds joy in her garden, where she raises plants to share with friends and neighbors.

A lasting legacy

Students say what they'll remember most about Seward isn't just the skills she taught, but the way she made them feel welcome and capable.

"As a culinary teacher she was no different. A smile and a good morning to every student that walked in, and then always right down to business," Gearhart wrote. "There isn't a day that goes by in one of Mrs. Seward's classes that you don't learn something. Maybe it's a life lesson you picked up without even realizing she taught it to you."

For Mid-Prairie and the wider FCS community, Seward's award is no surprise. It's simply recognition of what her students and colleagues have long known: that she is not only an excellent teacher, but also a mentor, innovator, and cornerstone of the community.

CHUCK BANKS
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curriculum offerings, and emphasized life-readiness courses like Parenting and Life Management, which all seniors take before graduation. Banks also encourages teachers to pursue professional development and advocates for CTE at the district and community levels.

Students have noticed his impact too. In her letter of recommendation, former student Brynn Younge praised Banks for being present and involved: "What stands out most about Mr. Banks is that he shows up," she wrote. "He asks questions, listens to student ideas, and helps create opportunities for us to grow both in and out of the classroom."

Beyond facilities and funding, Banks' leadership is felt in hallways and classrooms. He makes it a point to visit classes, stop in on student projects, and attend FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) events. Teachers say his calm, common-sense approach to discipline has also helped create an atmosphere where learning comes first.

For Banks, it all comes down to preparing students for life after high school. Whether they pursue college, careers, or family life, he believes skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences are essential.

"[Mr. Banks] intrinsically understands that the skills taught in CTE are not merely academic," O'Rourke and Seward wrote, "but truly transformative for students' lives."

With the state award now in hand, Banks is the first administrator to be recognized by IFCSE for going above and beyond in support of Career and Technical Education. At Mid-Prairie, though, his legacy is already clear: programs that are thriving, teachers who feel empowered, and students who know their principal believes in them.

COLLEGE HONORS

Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Those honoring this distinction include Brenna Jehle, Kalona; Lacee Kos, Kalona; Isaac Lybeck, Kalona; Audrey Schwartz, Kalona; Dani Pettitt, Lone Tree; Camren Munn, Riverside; Jacob Donaldson, Wellman; Bryttany Lovegreen, Wellman; Josh Nicholson, Wellman; Kurt Schneider, Wellman.

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Who knows what changes next?

Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

The world is changing so quickly we hardly notice anymore when some changes take place. For those of us over 70, many things have quietly faded from our lives. For example, when is the last time you saw…

• Clothespin bags. Sure, you still might see clotheslines in backyards. However, you seldom see the clothespin bags which used to hang from nearly every set of clotheslines. Some of those bags were plain; others were made from colorful fabrics to resemble little dresses. And they all held the wooden clothespins that held the laundry to the clothesline.

• Sprinkler bottles. In the days before steam irons, a sprinkler bottle was a necessity. (If you don't know why, ask your great-grandma.) In fact, our second-grade class made sprinklers as Christmas gifts for our mothers. The few pop cans available at the time had a cone-shaped top with an opening which resembled the mouth of a pop bottle. After enthusiastically consuming the contents, each student painted a pop can, decorated it with a colorful decal and stuck a sprinkler head in the opening. Mom loved it.Well, she said she loved it.

• Flash bulbs. The electronic flash has been a great benefit to professional and amateur photographers alike. I remember having to pop in a flash bulb for each indoor shot and recall as well the unusual aroma the flash bulbs released as they fried and bubbled.

• Corn cobs. Now that combines shell the kernels from the cob as the corn is harvested, you don't see many corn cobs. Back when corn was picked and stored on the cob, cobs were often found piled high on a farm yard after a shelling project. Among other things, the cobs provided fuel for heating and cooking and a great nesting place for rodents. I remember both.

• Steering wheel knobs. Also known as spinners, these knobs were attached to a steering wheel to make steering easier. In the days before power steering and bucket seats, a young male driver had to keep his right arm around his honey and a spinner made it easier to drive with the left arm. Good times!

• TV lamps. In the early days of television, homemakers often placed an attractive (or not) lamp on top of the TV set. The lamp provided soft room lighting which did not reflect in the TV screen or otherwise interfere with viewing an often-lousy black and white picture. Oma Gelder's TV lamp featured a color photographic transparency of Holstein cows in a pasture, backlit by an electric bulb.

• Console radios. These days some radios can fit in your pocket. There was a day, however, when radios were larger than many of today's television sets. Those furniture-quality wooden cabinets with their vacuum-tube chassis and massive speakers produced excellent sound despite the audio limitations and inherent static of the AM band. Before my family acquired a television set I often sat in front of a tall, wooden console RCA radio and listened to the Lone Ranger, The Great Gildersleeve and other great radio shows.

• Salves. When I was a kid our medicine cabinet contained two miracle drugs which helped heal minor rashes, burns, cuts, scrapes and other "owies" active kids might suffer. Watkins® brand cow teat salve came in a big red, black and gold tin. It was a thick, brown ointment with a medicine-like odor. The other, Cloverine® brand salve, came in a smaller black and white tin. It was a lighter, clear ointment with a sweet scent. I'm no doctor but, doggone it, I believe both worked. (I must admit to a prejudice, however. As a youngster, I sold Cloverine® salve to neighbors and relatives to earn money and prizes.)

• Adding machines. There's a calculator function on most cellphones these days and many calculators can be tucked in your pocket, but you don't often see an honest-to-goodness adding machine. Most of these bulky, mechanical contraptions could add and subtract - that was it.

So which life conveniences will change next?

Will Rogers said it decades ago: "The only thing that I can tell you about the future is that it is going to be different."

The History and Understanding of the Declaration of Independence

Part 1: The Beginning

BY JIM MILLER

To understand what led up to the Declaration of Independence coming to fruition, we must first recognize the driving force that caused these early groups of people of different backgrounds and religions to risk their lives for a new life. What was this common thread that knits all these groups to come to the eastern shores of America?

As David and Tim Barton described in *The American Story the Beginnings* it was "The Golden Thread."

So, what is this Golden Thread you may ask, and how has it created and shaped our country and our founding documents? This thread that is running through every area of the tapestry of the American story is the watchful eye of God's Divine intervention, making it the bedrock of our foundation and bringing into being our identity as a people. Whether it's obvious to men or oblivious to them, it makes no difference, because without that thread, America would not have become the nation she has.

When looking at the front of the tapestry you will see a beautiful picture that tells a story. On the reverse side you see a conglomeration of different colored threads that give a picture of confusion and chaos. Depending on what side you focus on will determine how you perceive the story. No matter what side of the American tapestry you look at, the Golden Thread, though hidden from sight, is still there.

Let's begin to see that Golden Thread in action. In 1607, the settlers landed on Cape Henry and kneeled and gave thanksgiving to God for their safe arrival and dedicated their new home. They also made and planted a wooden cross where they had disembarked. Then the Chaplain, Robert Hunt, gave a dedication prayer: "We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth. May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains, and may this Land, along with England, be Evangelist to the World…"

Even though this colony was created for profit and exploration, in their charter of 1606 it states, "Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship God." Thus began this Golden Thread of God moving to be woven into the American tapestry. Granted these settlers failed many times to follow the path of the Christian principles, however, Virginia did have a proclaimed Christian intent. Whether obvious or oblivious God still is moving.

Eleven years later, in 1620, a group of Christians, called Pilgrims, who were persecuted by the Church of England and the British government for their religious beliefs, made the decision to go to America after a brief stay in Holland. They sailed from Plymouth, England on September 16 with 102 Pilgrims and a group of non-Pilgrims (strangers), plus the ship's crew. They set out on the Mayflower, which was about the size of a volleyball court and headed for the northern part of Virginia to settle there, and submit to the king-appointed government.

But the Mayflower was blown off course due to violent storms, and after sixty-six days at sea, on November 20 arrived at the northern tip of Cape Cod. After failing to get to northern Virginia, they realized that God wanted them in the Cape Cod area. On December 6 they disembarked, falling onto their knees and giving thanks to God, in an area which they called Plymouth, for Plymouth, England.

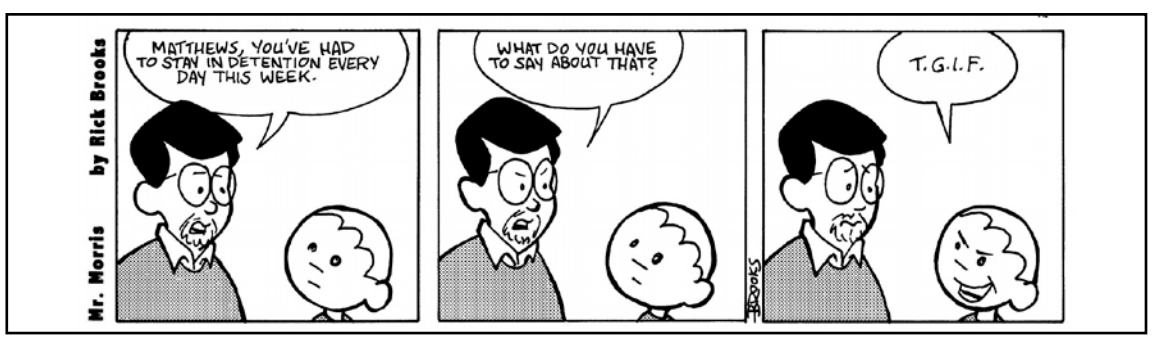
In *Who is King in America? and Who are the Counselors to the King?* William Federer states, "This now caused a dilemma, as there was not a king-appointed person on board to take charge. To solve this, the Pilgrims did something unprecedented – they gave themselves the authority and created their own government – The Mayflower Compact."

Do you realize what these men did? They made a covenant with each other by signing this Compact, and for the first time in human history a body of people became a self-governing community.

"Where did they get such an idea?" After asking this question, Federer gives the answer from a section of Pastor John Robinson's farewell letter. He instructed them, "… whereas you are to become a body politic, using amongst yourselves civil government, and are not furnished with any persons of special eminency above the rest [i.e... no Gentleman on the passenger list], they would have to choose their leaders from among equals…"

Watching this Golden Thread weaving itself into the American tapestry, whether it is obvious as with the Pilgrims or obscure to the eye as with the Virginia colony, there is no denying that there is no such thing as happenstance, or nothing happens by accident when God is the focus.

In our next article we will watch how the Golden Thread is woven into the establishment of the Plymouth colony and what those people went through. We will also observe the Golden Thread being weaved into the American tapestry with the arrival of the Puritans and their establishing of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have a choice between democracy and fascism

If you watch YouTube videos you may have noticed that just about every other commercial is a Republican ad touting their so-called Big Beautiful Bill. We see wonderful visions of a coming golden age.

The ad, like the performance put on by Sen. Ernst and Rep. Hinson and two local businesspeople recently, should come with a laugh track. But America is not laughing.

The bill, in essence, reduces government funding for the poor, infirm, and old to give the billionaire class a tax break. The smaller tax breaks like on tips and overtime expire in 2028, unlike the tax cuts for the wealthiest among us, which are made permanent.

If the bill is so good, why did they delay implementation until after the midterm elections? And by putting the tax cuts for the rich on the national credit card, many economists agree that we will increase the national debt to stratospheric levels that could endanger the economy.

With the White Nationalist Christians/Christian Taliban and a cadre of billionaires slowly strangling the life out of American democracy, it is clear that Americans have between now and the midterm elections to decide if they still prefer democracy or would rather choose fascism.

The Founding Fathers envisioned the rise of an authoritarian. This is why they created a government of three coequal branches. I doubt they anticipated that people like Grassley, Ernst, Miller-Meeks and Hinson would cede their Constitutional power to an unstable Executive branch. And when the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, the fix was in.

Sending Federal troops to American cities, deportations without due process, gutting clean air and water initiatives, ending the separation of church and state, crippling scientific research for a generation, and making ICE Trump's gestapo aren't popular. Republicans know they will lose on the issues.

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Lovina's family grills 1,000 pounds of chicken

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

It is almost 8:30 on this cool Monday evening. The temperature is already down to 60°. Our house actually feels chilly. A sign that autumn is just around the corner.

Today sister Verena helped me can 22 quarts of vegetable juice (V8). We cooked a variety of peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, onions and garlic together until soft enough to put through my Victoria strainer. Usually I put in celery but I didn't have any on hand. You can pretty much add whatever you want. I don't like to add potatoes as I don't think it's as good for my husband Joe with him being diabetic. These ingredients already make a good flavor.

Saturday was a busy but enjoyable day for our family. Our day started early. We gathered at daughter Loretta and Dustin's house by 2 a.m. to start grilling a thousand pounds of leg quarters.

The chicken was seasoned with a combination of seasonings, then sprayed with a mixture of butter, vinegar and some other ingredients. They mixed it up the night before so I'm not sure what was all in it. No sauce was added but it had a really good flavor.

Thirteen grills were set up with Joe and I, son-in-laws Tim, Dustin and Daniel, daughter Verena and Daniel Ray, son Joseph and Grace, and Jake (a brother to Dustin, Daniel and Grace) all helping. We had good teamwork going and less than five hours later we were done.

At 7 a.m. son-in-law Ervin, nephew Ben and Crystal, Tim's sister Dena and Sam came to help deliver the chicken door to door. Daniel Ray and Verena with our friend Jodi also headed out with a cooler of steaming hot freshly grilled chicken to deliver. In three hours the chicken was sold out. This was all for a benefit and donations went to daughter Elizabeth and Tim.

Tim and Elizabeth have made living quarters in their garage since they were told by experts to move out of their house. They were all having respiratory issues with Timothy (TJ) needing an inhaler constantly. Since moving out he has rarely needed it. If he goes back into the old house for a few minutes to get something he starts coughing again.

Everything they can salvage has to be treated and disinfected a certain way to not drag it into their garage. They weren't able to keep a lot of their belongings. They had around 5 toxic molds in their house. I

It's surprising how fast this mold spreads. We thoroughly cleaned their house for church services one time and a few months later their box spring under their bed was layered with mold. It is nothing fun to deal with. I had no idea what health problems it can cause until seeing this.

Tim's have several air purifiers running in their living quarters now. We have several dehumidifiers in our house run by our solar power. Especially in the basement where it tends to get damp quicker. When the humidity gets high it makes a higher chance of dampness.

Tim and Elizabeth appreciated all the help they have received so far. Although we were all tired we enjoyed the time working together to make this a success. A special thanks to Dustin and Loretta for coming up with the idea and being in charge of this. We enjoyed coffee and donuts as we grilled and after we were done Jake grilled bacon and also mushrooms wrapped in bacon for us to eat.

Friday, August 22nd was sister Verena's 59th birthday. She spent quite some time at sister Emma's house. Sunday she came here and has been here since. Congratulations to Lucas and Lena! We wish you a long, happy married life! We are sorry we were unable to attend.

Congratulations to niece Emma and Menno as they welcomed their 4th child Michael Lee on August 14th. Two days later, granddaughter Brooklyn Nyah was born to daughter Lovina and Daniel.

When Lovina was a little girl son Kevin couldn't pronounce her name and would call her La nyah. Somehow all our children started calling her Nyah which is how that name began for her. Little Brooklyn went down to 4 pounds 15 ounces which is normal for a baby to lose a few ounces in the first week. She has a doctor's appointment today and I'm sure she's back to or past her birth weight. They feed her every two hours and have found out how precious sleep is when taking care of a newborn.

God's blessings to all!

Homemade Vegetable Soup (V8)

15 pounds tomatoes, cut into chunks
4 onions, diced
4 green bell peppers, seeded and diced
6 large jalapenos, diced
6 banana peppers, diced
3 carrots, peeled and diced
3 stalks celery, chopped
3 cucumbers, sliced
2-3 teaspoons garlic powder
salt or fresh garlic

Combine all ingredients except the salt in a 3-gallon stainless steel pot over medium-high heat. Cook until soft enough to go through a Victoria strainer, about 30 minutes. Strain and put into sterilized quart jars and add 1 teaspoon salt to every jar. Process according to your canner's directions. Makes 14 quarts.

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.

SENIOR DINING MENUS SEPT. 4-11

Goodwin Senior Dining

Friday – Chicken wrap, potato chips, macaroni salad, pudding

Monday – Pork tenderloin sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, tapioca orange salad

Wednesday – Liver & onions, hash browns, seven layer salad, apple cake

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

Lone Tree Senior Dining

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

Friday – Porkburger, baked beans, chips, pineapple, ice cream

Monday – Baked fish, fried potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, brownies

Tuesday – Pork-rites, seasoned potatoes, fruit cocktail

Wednesday - **Ham loaf, au gratin potatoes, peas, pears, Jell-O

Thursday – Spaghetti bake, breadstick, mixed veggies, rosey applesauce

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

***Call for reservations AT LEAST 2 days in Advance*

Pleasantview Meals on Wheels

Thursday – Glazed meatloaf, cheddar mashed potatoes, tomato, cucumber & onion salad, banana bread, seasonal fresh fruit

Friday – Tilapia w/sour cream dill sauce, fried potatoes & onion, creamy coleslaw, fresh baked bread, strawberry shortcake

Monday – Reuben sandwich, Dutch potato salad, bacon ranch green beans, white chocolate raspberry cheesecake

Tuesday – Steak house salad, w/asiago cheese crisps, fresh baked bread, turtle cake

Wednesday – Porkloin w/ honey garlic glaze, fried potatoes, creamy coleslaw, vanilla ice cream, strawberry rhubarb crisp

Thursday – Meatloaf, garlic parmesan mashed potatoes, parmesan roasted broccoli, cream cheese fruit cobbler

Meals on Wheels, M-F, $10 within city limits. Call 319-656-2421 by 9 a.m.

WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're going on a Bear Hunt! Join us at the library for our Bear Hunt Movers & Shakers on Friday, September 5th at 10:30 for a fun story and adventure.

Want to stay in the know about events at the library? Sign up for our monthly newsletter, complete with a full list of all the happenings at the Wellman Library. Visit our website, wellmanlibrary.org, and sign up using the form on the left of the home screen or by heading to our events page.

Join us at the library for our upcoming events:

Wed, Sept 10 at 10:30 – Fall Story Time

Fri, Sept 12 at 10:30 – Colors Movers & Shakers

Wed, Sept 17 at 10:30 – Bugs! Story Time

Fri, Sept 19 at 10:30 – Over & Under Movers & Shakers

Tue, Sept 23 at 6:30 – Iowa True Crime

Wed, Sept 24 at 10:30 – Harvest Story Time

Fri, Sept 26 at 10:30 – Music Movers & Shakers

Tue, Sept 30 at 6:30 – Cook Around the World, Thailand

New Children's Books: The BIG Squeeze by Molly Harris; Duck, Duck, Goose by John Hare; Sam & Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett

New Junior & Young Adult Books: Earl & Worm: the Big Mess and Other Stories by Greg Pizzoli; Roll for Danger: The Cursed Catacombs by Nick Eliopulos; Truly Tyler by Terri Libenson; Demon Slayer: 10 -12 by Koyoharu Gotouge

New Adult Books: For Richer For Poorer by Danielle Steel; The Perfect Mismatch by Debbie Macomber; Kiss Her Goodbye by Lisa Gardner; Fox Creek by William Kent Krueger; You Belong Here by Megan Miranda; The Winds from Further West by Alexander McCall Smith; Raising Resilience: How to Help Our Children THRIVE in Times of Uncertainty by Tovah P. Kelvin

New Large Print Books: For Richer For Poorer by Danielle Steel; The Man in Black: and Other Stories by Ellie Griffiths

Visit us online at www.wellmanlibrary.org to learn more about library events and services.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Programs resume with Storytime on Wednesday, September 3rd and Teen Gaming Lounge on Thursday, Sept 4th. Check out our calendar online for more scheduled Programs.

Edible Weeds with Cassie Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

Book Sale Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30-1:00 (9:00-9:30 Early Bird Friends Sponsor Members) Become a Friends Sponsor TODAY!

New Adult Fiction: "Fools Rush In -Whistle Stop Cafe Mysteries #6" by Beth Adams; "The Island Bookshop" by Roseanna M. White; "Deep Water" by Maren Stoffels; "The Goldens" by Lauren Wilson

New Non-Fiction: "Abundance" by Ezra Klein; "Mistakes that Made Me a Millionaire" by Kim Perell

New Graphic Novels: "Animorphs- the Capture #6" by Chris Grine; "The New Girl-#1" by Cassandra Calin; "I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011" by Georgia Ball

New Juvenile Fiction: "Arthur Locked in the Library!" by Marc Tolon Brown; "The Frindle Files" by Andrew Clements; "Bravelands-The Spirit-Eaters #5" by Erin Hunter

New Easy Readers: "Horrible Harry and the Scarlet Scissors" by Suze Kline; "Horrible Harry on the Ropes- Horrible Harry Series #24" by Suze Kline

New Picture Books: "Tiny T. Rex and the First Day Oopsies: a back to school book" by Jonathan Stutzman; "The Helping Sweater" by Rachel Mas Davidson; "A horse called Now" by Ruth Doyle; "The Light Within You" by Namita Moolani Mehra

Sevendust concert at Riverside Casino rescheduled to April

The Sevendust concert originally set for Friday, Sept. 26 at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort has been postponed. The new date is Friday, April 17, 2026.

Tickets already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled show. Those who cannot attend may request a refund by Sept. 30. Refunds are available in three ways:

In person at the casino's Gift Shop with tickets and proof of purchase.

By email for online orders not yet picked up at will call, sent to tickets@riversidecasinoandresort.com with name and order confirmation number.

By mail, sending tickets and purchase receipt to Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Attn: Marketing, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327.

For more information, call 319-648-1234 or email tickets@riversidecasinoandresort.com.

Healthy lawn program offered for homeowners in Lone Tree, Hills

Homeowners who would like to have greener and healthier lawns without the use of chemicals can apply to have 50% of the costs for soil quality restoration reimbursed (up to $2,000) through the Johnson County Soil Health - Soil Quality Restoration Program.

Good, quality soil absorbs more water and provides the nutrients that a lawn needs to be healthy. The result is a reduced need for watering, fertilizers and pesticides, with less runoff and fewer pollutants going into local streams.

Residents of unincorporated Johnson County and Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Shueyville, Solon, Swisher, Tiffin, University Heights and the parts of West Branch located within Johnson County are eligible to apply for the program.

Homeowners who wish to participate must be pre-approved by the program coordinators and use a contractor from a designated list. Approval for program participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The soil quality restoration process involves aeration, which removes small plugs of earth from the lawn to reduce soil compaction, followed by the application of clean compost to add life-restoring organic matter to the soil.

Interested homeowners can learn more and apply for the program by visiting johnsoncountyiowa.gov/soil-quality-restoration. An informational video is available at https://tinyurl.com/SHPjc.

Free dental clinic coming to Coralville

For the first time, the Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) will bring its large-scale free dental clinic to Coralville on September 19–20, transforming the Hyatt Regency

Coralville's exhibit hall area into a field clinic with 100 patient chairs. The annual event rotates to different communities throughout Iowa each year to expand access to care.

The two-day clinic will be powered by nearly 1,000 volunteers — including numerous dental professionals and general volunteers such as translators, childcare workers, and patient escorts — many from the Coralville/Iowa City community. Together, they will provide no-cost dental care to hundreds of patients, most of who have limited financial resources, are uninsured or under-insured, or are otherwise unable to visit a dentist regularly.

"This event is a remarkable example of what happens when a community comes together with compassion and purpose," said Dr. Kobi Voshell, Local Committee Chair. "From local businesses donating supplies to neighbors stepping up as volunteers, Coralville is embracing this opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives, and I am proud of my community."

Dr. Voshell also praised Coralville and Iowa City area organizations and foundations for their generous financial support, noting that the free dental clinic would not be possible without them. Major financial and in-kind support is provided by IMOM's Crown and Gold sponsors: Hyatt Regency Coralville, Delta Dental of Iowa, City of Coralville, Principal Foundation, Patterson Dental, Event Decorators of Iowa,

KCRG Show You Care, DentaQuest, and Washington County Riverboat Foundation. In total, over 50 local companies, organizations, and individuals have contributed tax-deductible financial aid and in-kind donations to help cover over $340,000 in costs for equipment, supplies, pharmaceuticals, and food for this major charitable event.

IMOM offers a wide range of dental services — including cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals, and x-rays — at no cost, regardless of income, insurance status, or place of residency. Patients at the Iowa Mission of Mercy are seen on a first come, first served basis. Doors to the clinic open at 6:00 AM on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20 and patients will be accepted until the clinic reaches capacity.

Since its inception in 2008, IMOM has provided more than $13 million in free dental care to over 18,000 children and adults statewide. The Coralville clinic represents the next chapter in that mission.

Iowa Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic Quick Facts

- When: Friday & Saturday, September 19–20, 2025
- Where: Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center
- Hours: Doors open at 6 a.m. daily. First-come, first-served.
- Cost: Free — no insurance, proof of address, or pre-registration required
- Services Offered: Cleanings, fillings, extractions, minor oral surgeries, root canals, x-rays, and a limited number of partial dentures (no crowns, full dentures, implants, or wisdom teeth extractions)
- Open to: All ages (minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- Free childcare available for families

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Candidate filing period open for city/school election

Nomination papers for the November 4, 2025 City/School Election are now being accepted. Nomination Petitions and Affidavits should be filed with the respective City Clerks and School Board Secretaries for the term sought. The filing period begins August 25 and will end at 5:00 p.m. on September 18.

Nomination papers are available at the County Auditor's Office, on the Washington County website (washingtoncounty.iowa.gov) and at all City Clerk and School Board Secretary offices. For more information and to find out the number of signatures needed, contact the Washington County Auditor's Office at (319) 653-7717.

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Thurs Eve – Sept 25, 2025 – 4:30pm
Real Estate sells at 6:00pm
1 acre m/l w/Home & Pole Building

Note: Personal Property sells at 4:30pm. Duwa's Auction Service LLC shall assume no liability for any errors, omissions or inaccuracies in the information provided. All critical information shall be independently verified. **TERMS:** 15% down day of auction, w/balance due Oct 27, 2025. **CLOSING & POSSESSION:** On Oct 27, 2025. **TAXES:** Prorated to date of closing. All announcements day of auction take precedence over all previous advertising. Not responsible in case of theft or accidents

KATIE ANN SHETLER: OWNER
Auctioneer: Dwight Duwa - 319-646-6775
Attorney: Michael Brenneman, 330 E Court St, Iowa City, IA 52240
Web: duwasauction.com

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To settle the Estate of Ruth Palmer, we will offer for auction the following Farmland located ½ mi South of Wellman, IA on Ginkgo Ave.
Fri–Sept 26, 2025 – 10:00am
396.25 acres m/l
Washington Co- Lime Creek Twp - Sections 24, 25 & 30
To be sold in 6 Individual Tracts. Auction will be conducted at Duwa's Auction Building 1365 Hwy 22, Wellman

Tract I: 6.50 acres m/l w/Home & Buildings
Tract II: 124.50 acres m/l,
Tract III: 85 acres m/l
Tract IV: 38.25 acres m/l,
Tract V: 80 acres m/l,
Tract VI: 62 acres m/l

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Auctioneer: Dwight Duwa-319-646-6775 or 319-330-6023
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WaCo supervisors see savings in road, construction projects

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WASHINGTON

In a 17-minute meeting Tuesday, the Washington County Supervisors gave the go-ahead on two projects that will cost them less than expected. The first was a scope change for the engineer's office building project; supervisors approved changes for how water, sewer and gas exit the building, saving the county $7,400 according to County Engineer Jacob Thorius.

The second was a roads project that will see paved shoulders added to a stretch of W61 (Riverside Road) from the Washington city limits north to G36. Two bids were received for the project, from Norris Asphalt Paving Co. of Ottumwa and L.L. Pelling Co. of North Liberty; supervisors approved the lower of the two, from L.L. Pelling, in the amount of $797,895, which is about 25% under estimate, Thorius said.

The short project, which is expected to begin next summer with completion in September 2026, is part of the county's 5-year road plan and will be paid for with safety funds earmarked for such in previous years.

In other business, the supervisors approved a street name application for 167th Lane within the newly created Pawstang Subdivision, and approved a due diligence Estoppel certificate request from EIP Holdings II, LLC for the leased communications tower in Brighton.

In the supervisors' comments portion of the meeting, supervisor Marcus Fedler noted that work should be completed on the courthouse basement remodeling shortly, with the county attorney moving into his office potentially the week of Sept. 22, and the relocation of court services from the old Federation Bank building the following week. Construction of the engineer's building is about two weeks behind schedule.

JoCo Supervisors approve census numbers that will be used in redistricting plan

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

An opening step toward a new election procedure for Johnson County Supervisors was completed last week when the Board formally approved a redistricting worksheet that will be sent on to the Secretary of State's office in Des Moines.

State legislation passed earlier this year will result in five Johnson County Supervisors being elected through geographical districts instead of being elected on an at-large basis. The districts will be drawn up by the state by the end of 2025 with the first district supervisor elections taking place in November 2026.

Supervisors serve four-year terms, with Rod Sullivan, Lisa Green-Douglass and Mandi Remington winning at-large elections in November 2024. That will all change in 2026.

For example, Jon Green of Lone Tree, the Board's current chair, will only be able to run in the district that includes Lone Tree. There are no other supervisors who reside in Lone Tree, but three supervisors live in Iowa City, an area that is expected to include at least two supervisor districts and maybe even three.

The bill was co-sponsored by Dawn Driscoll (R-District 46) of Williamsburg.

At a legislative forum held in February in Washington, Driscoll, who represents Washington, Iowa and portions of Johnson counties, said, "We hear it all the time that the rural voices do matter and that people want to be heard."

The redistricting document, which was finalized by the Johnson County Temporary County Redistricting Commission, includes populations from the 2020 Census. The county's total population of more than 152,000 includes 1,993 in rural Lone Tree and the City of Lone Tree, 1,349 in Sharon Township, and 27 precincts in Iowa City.

Jail Resolution

The Board, by a 4-0 vote at its August 28 formal session, approved a resolution that clears the way for Johnson County officials to move forward on a potential law enforcement center with the City of Iowa City.

A study conducted by Shive Hattery Architecture & Engineering, and OPN Architects of Iowa City estimates the cost of a joint county and city jail, along with sheriff and police department offices, at $106 million for a facility that includes 140 beds. The targeted site is near the Iowa City Municipal Airport, a property that is owned by Iowa City at the junction of Riverside Drive and Highway 6.

A tentative timeline includes a bond referendum going before voters in November 2026 and a two-year construction project beginning sometime in 2027.

A survey conducted by the University of Iowa's Center for Social Science Innovation indicated more than 70% of respondents were in favor of a new county jail.

Talking Labor

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of Labor Day, and captured the moment to speak on some government movements that have surfaced.

"It feels like such an attack on all of us," Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass said.

"All of these things are under attack," Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz said, mentioning labor and human rights. "We are the antidote to a lot of what is going on. We have to remember that."

Board Action

The Board approved a professional services agreement with Field to Family for $90,000.

The Board approved job descriptions for Office Support Specialist I and II, Department of Planning, Development and Sustainability.

The Board approved transitioning Johnson County's financial accounting to Workday software, which will delay vendor payments from September 10 to October 9.

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. September 4.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

AINSWORTH

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

HILLS

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

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

IOWA CITY

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

KALONA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH ENGLISH

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

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

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Jayne St; Pastor: Father David Paintsil, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

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

NICHOLS

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

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

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

OXFORD

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

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Midwest Old Threshers Reunion

The 5-day event over Labor Day weekend in Mt. Pleasant celebrated its Diamond Jubilee this year.

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Row upon row of antique tractors were lined up on the grounds for folks to admire; not all of them were green or red, as these lilac and fuchsia tractors attest.

Check the license plates in the parking lots and you'll find folks have driven to Mt. Pleasant from all over the country. Fortunately, OT Pork Shop had pork on the grill at 10 a.m. so they could enjoy Iowa's iconic meat.

Electric rail was a fun way to see festival grounds.

A 1922 Russell 30 HP owned by Pub & Sarah Melsha of Springville was the featured steam engine of the year.

The tractor powered corn shelling demo had lots of folks taking video.

Steamroller printing was one of the interesting demonstrations Friday

Folks were captivated by machinery in action at the Heritage Museums.

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Carrots

BY DEBRA PERSONS

You can find carrots served so many ways these days, from a simple and humble carrot stick dipped in ranch, or a lovely baked carrot and cheese casserole, to a cinnamon-y and tender classic carrot cake. I saw a recipe recently for carrot jelly!

I even marinated and baked a carrot into a vegetarian hot dog once. It took a bit of finesse, as there were lots of steps to follow, and sadly, in the end, it did not even impress a vegetarian.

Carrots are very nutritious. They are full of fiber and Vitamin C, Vitamin A, and potassium.

Carrots are considered one of the top ten most important vegetable crops in the world.

Originally, carrots were a wild and bitter weed. The earliest carrots were white. The Greeks called them Karoton, which is related to the word horn, for the early carrots had a horn shaped root.

Carrots were medicinal, used for compresses and stomach tonics, snake bites and maladies.

In Europe, the carrot was not well known until the Middle Ages. Then some people ate the root, while others used the feathery fronds to decorate their dresses, coats and hair.

Carrots then grew to include purple, yellow, black and red varieties.

The familiar sweet orange carrots were developed by the Dutch between the 16th and 17th centuries. Many people liked the orange carrots because they did not discolor the stews and soups like the purple ones did.

Carrot seeds are very small. Two thousand seeds can fit in a teaspoon. Carrots can be left in the ground all winter.

Some say that carrots are the nation's favorite vegetable. It may surprise you, but the very popular baby carrot comes from a large carrot that has been rolled and rubbed down and thrown around in a metal cage to get rid of the imperfections found on some big carrots at harvest. This process first came about when a California farmer, Mike Yurosek, could not bear to discard his blemished carrots.

Over the years I have collected many wonderful carrot recipes.

My family loves this dish called Cumin Chili Roasted Carrots, which I make often.

Cumin Chili Roasted Carrots

1 lbs. carrots, peeled and cut into sticks
2 Tbs. vegetable oil
1 Tbs. honey or maple syrup
2 tsp. cumin
2 tsp. chili powder
½ tsp. salt

Heat the oven to 425°.

Grease a large baking sheet.

Place carrots in a large bowl, then add oil and honey. Toss.

Sprinkle on cumin, chili powder and salt. Toss.

Spread in a single layer on a baking sheet. Roast for 20 minutes, turning once. Serve.

If you have any of these seasoned roasted carrots left over, put them in the blender with some oil and whirl for an easy caramelized carrot oil, which can be drizzled on cream soups or used to make a vinaigrette.

You can easily include carrots in a salad, too.

I had a salad once, at a fancy restaurant, that featured roasted carrots with a vinaigrette. It had a pea tendril and golden raisin garnish. You can pair a variety of dressings and garnishes with roasted carrots to make a fabulous, posh salad.

Carrot Copper Coins is a very old-school recipe that is starting to make a comeback. I saw it at a graduation party recently. We used to eat Carrot Copper Coins as a salad, but the host was serving it on crackers as an appetizer.

Carrot Copper Coins

2 lbs. carrots, peeled and cut into coins
1 can tomato soup
½ c. oil
1 c. sugar
¾ c. vinegar
1 tsp. mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire
Salt and pepper
1 small green pepper, minced
1 medium onion, minced

Cook carrots in water until tender.

In a bowl, combine the soup, oil, sugar, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Add drained and cooked carrot coins and the minced peppers and onions. Stir well.

Refrigerate for 12 hours before serving.

But I must admit, my all-time favorite way to eat carrots is in a very fine carrot cake. I'm sure many of you will feel the same way. I was given this recipe several years ago by Betty. It is a basic carrot cake that is simple and delicious. This cake is frugal and really celebrates the carrot. It is best slathered with cream cheese icing.

Betty's Carrot Cake

In a big bowl, combine the following ingredients:

2 ¾ c. flour
2 c. sugar
1 2/3 c. oil
5 eggs
1 tsp. salt
2 1/3 tsp. soda
½ tsp. allspice
1 tsp. cinnamon
4 c. grated carrots

Mix well.

Pour the batter into a greased 9x13 cake pan or 2-3 greased layer cake pans.

Bake in an oven preheated to 350° for approximately 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Baking time will vary depending on the pan size.

Once cooled, cover with your favorite icing or eat plain.

I hope you have found a way to enjoy the carrot. I don't think it's going to go away any time soon!

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Mid-Prairie senior running back Hudson Ehrenfelt scored four touchdowns in the Golden Hawks' season-opening 50-34 win over Washington.

HAWKS HAMMER DEMONS

Mid-Prairie mounts furious comeback over Washington in season opener

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

The 2025 season wasn't even four minutes old, and Mid-Prairie was down by 15 points last Friday in its season-opener against Washington.

Golden Hawks head coach Daren Lambert hadn't called one offensive play.

Brooks Weber, a junior quarterback making his high school varsity starting debut, hadn't run a play.

"Our mantra is don't flinch," Lambert said. "We constantly, constantly preach, don't flinch, whether things are going great or going bad.

"It was bad. It was bad in those first five minutes."

After those first 3 minutes and 51 seconds, the Golden Hawks outscored the Demons, 50-19, for a 50-34 victory, defeating Washington for the first time since 2008 and giving Lambert a win for the first time in a season opener.

Mid-Prairie senior running back Hudson Ehrenfelt scored four touchdowns, including three on running plays. He scored two touchdowns in a streak of five consecutive Golden Hawk scores over the second and third quarters that changed a 22-6 Washington lead into a 19-point Mid-Prairie advantage.

When the Golden Hawks finally got the ball on offense for the first time following a pair of Washington touchdowns and a Washington recovery of the ball on a kickoff, Ehrenfelt finished off a Mid-Prairie scoring drive with a 4-yard scoring run.

"The first drive, we knew we had it," Ehrenfelt said. "We were moving the ball with ease. We just had to ride that out the whole game."

The first half matched up a pair of wild-swinging offenses as Mid-Prairie, an Iowa 2A quarterfinalist last year, answered Washington's scores, and then the Demons, a 3A team, did the same. Carson Ryan of Washington returned the kickoff, following Ehrenfelt's touchdown, 80 yards for a touchdown. Then, in the second quarter, Ehrenfelt returned a punt 60 yards for a score.

"They came back and threw a punch," Lambert said, "and we'd respond."

The entertaining first half ended with Mid-Prairie junior offensive lineman Tommy Miller, a state shot putter, scoring his first career touchdown on a 2-yard power run into the end zone.

"That was amazing, that was amazing," Miller said. "I just put my head down and ran through that hole. Give it to my linemen. They opened that thing up for me. Couldn't do it without them."

One of the Golden Hawks opening up Miller's running

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Tick-tock, tick-tock … what's the time?

Paul Bowker
Columnist

The moment was terrifying.

When Cornell College began its football preseason scrimmage against Simpson College one night last week with a kickoff, a rookie was in the press box.

Namely, me.

Oh, I have been in many a press box over the years as a journalist. Clemson's Death Valley. Florida State and Florida. Gator Bowl. The Big House in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Kinnick. Every football stadium in the Mid-American Conference, and most of the stadiums in the Big Ten and ACC.

But Cornell College in Mount Vernon?

Never. Until now.

As that kickoff sent the ball into the air at Cornell's Van Metre Field, my finger was poised on the game clock button. My stomach was in knots. The rest of my body was shaking.

"What are you doing here, Paul?" my inner voice kept telling me.

"Why?"

"Why do you always take the most intense jobs?"

Game clocking at an NCAA college football game? Yes. It is intense. Anxiety? Oh, yeah.

After the kickoff, when does the clock start? When does it stop? When the offense takes over the ball, when does that clock start? At the snap? When the ball is placed? When?

First downs?

Fumbles?

Out of bounds?

The thing is, in college football, the rules change at the two-minute mark of the first half and the two-minute mark of a game. Before that two-minute mark, the clock now runs on first downs. After 2:00, it stops. So, just when you think you've got the job nailed, you don't.

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Mid-Prairie girls race to runner-up finish at Mount Vernon-Lisbon invite

PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS
Kendal Landstrum, right, and Brooklyn Stutzman of Mid-Prairie finished fourth and fifth.

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

MOUNT VERNON

Running right out of the cornfields last week at Mount Vernon's Elliott Athletic Complex, Mid-Prairie sophomore Rachel Hostetler and junior Kendal Landstrum established fast starts for a Golden Hawk cross country girls team that is defending a state championship.

How fast?

In the first meet of the year, the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Invitational on August 26, Hostetler and Landstrum posted personal-best times and finished second and fourth, respectively.

"It was a little hard just getting back into it," said Hostetler, who finished with a time of 19 minutes, 10.2 seconds and was less than 2 seconds behind winner Evelyn Moeller of Mount Vernon-Lisbon.

Hostetler, Landstrum and junior Brooklyn Stutzman ran 3-4-5 for much of the race behind Moeller and Kiersten Swart, also of Mount Vernon-Lisbon, but Hostetler took over second place (twice) in the final lap of the 3.1-mile race.

Their finishes helped the Golden Hawks to a second-place team finish behind Mount Vernon-Lisbon with 38 points. Mount Vernon-Lisbon scored 36 for the win.

Four Golden Hawk runners finished among the top seven. Landstrum was fourth with a time of 19:23.7, Stutzman was fifth in 19:36.6 and Tessa Brokaw, a sophomore, was seventh with a time of 20:33.7.

Hostetler and Brokaw were winners of the top two runners in the girls grade 9-10 division.

Rebekah Wallington, a se-

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

HUDSON EHRENFELT
MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR
Ehrenfelt put together a four touchdown performance in Mid-Prairie's 50-35 home season opener victory over Washington on Aug. 29. Ehrenfelt rushed for 136 yards on 18 carries with three rushing TDs and scored another TD on a 55 yard punt return.

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Team (district record)	W	L	PCT.
Central Lee (0-0)	1	0	1.000
Mid-Prairie (0-0)	1	0	1.000
West Burlington Notre Dame (0-0)	1	0	1.000
Mediapolis (0-0)	0	1	.000
West Liberty (0-0)	0	1	.000
Wilton (0-0)	0	1	.000

Highland

DISTRICT A-5

STANDINGS

Team (district record)	W	L	PCT.
New London (0-0)	1	0	1.000
Pekin (0-0)	1	0	1.000
Wapello (0-0)	1	0	1.000
Columbus (0-0)	0	1	.000
Danville (0-0)	0	1	.000
Highland (0-0)	0	1	.000
Van Buren County (0-0)	0	1	.000

Upcoming Schedules:

Highland Huskies

- Volleyball at Hillcrest (Sept. 4, 7:30 pm)
- Football at Wapello (Sept. 5, 7 pm)
- Volleyball at Keota (Sept. 8, 5:30 pm)
- Cross country at Sigourney (Sept. 9, 4:30 pm)
- Volleyball vs Lone Tree (Sept. 9, 7:30 pm)

Lone Tree Lions/Lady Lions

- Cross Country at Sigourney (Sept. 9, 4:30 pm)
- Volleyball vs Columbus (Sept. 4, 6:30 pm)
- Volleyball at Highland (Sept. 9, 7:30 pm)

Hillcrest Ravens

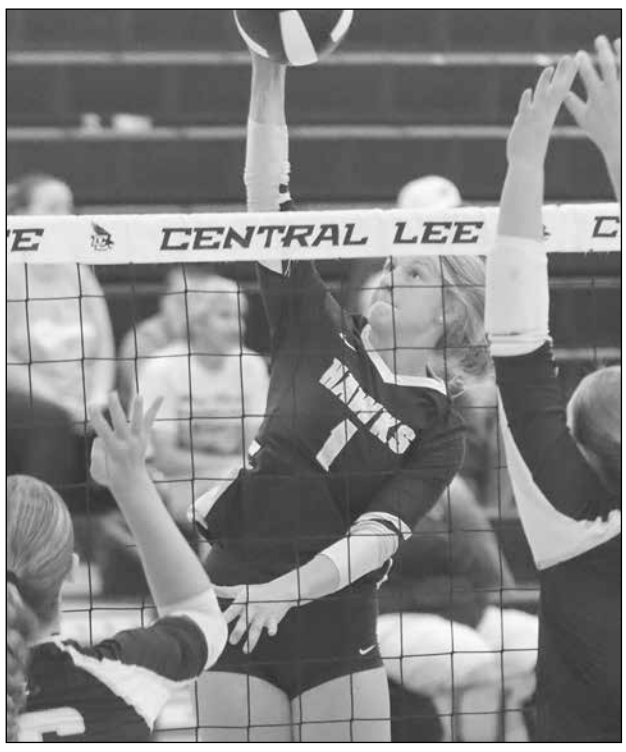
- Volleyball vs Highland (Sept. 4, 7:30 pm)
- Volleyball at English Valleys (Sept. 6, 9 am)
- Volleyball at HLV (Sept. 8, 5 pm)

Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks

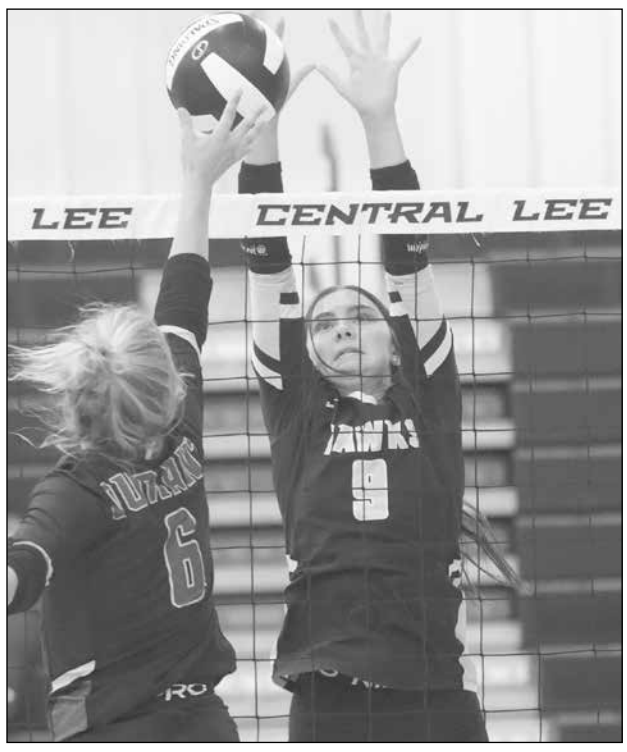
- Volleyball at West Branch (Sept. 4, 7 pm)
- Football at Alburnett (Sept. 5, 7 pm)
- Volleyball at Washington (Sept. 8, 7:15 pm)

No. 4 Mid-Prairie claims Central Lee tourney title for second straight year

Mid-Prairie sophomore Jeorgia Evans digs the ball during pool play at a Central Lee tournament on Aug. 30.



Mid-Prairie senior captain Jovi Evans with a spike at Central Lee.



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Mid-Prairie senior captain Katelyn Harland meets a Durant player at the net for a block attempt.

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

DONNELLSON

An electric start to the season only continued to pick up steam as No. 4 Mid-Prairie (8-0) celebrated its Labor Day weekend by sweeping the competition at the Central Lee Tournament to claim the team title for the second straight year.

The Golden Hawks did not drop a single set in pool play where they defeated West Burlington 2-0 (21-9, 21-9), Pekin 2-0 (21-6, 21-11), and Central Lee (21-6, 21-8).

During pool play Mid-Prairie standout senior Jovi Evans totaled 19 kills, 18 assists, 12 digs, and 12 service aces.

The semifinals is where the Hawks dropped their first set of the tournament against conference foe, Durant. This dropped set only served as added motivation for Mid-Prairie as they rallied to win the match in convincing fashion, 2-1 (19-25, 25-10, 15-9).

Jovi Evans accounted for 12 kills, 12 assists, and 13 digs in the win over Durant. Fellow senior Avery Helmuth also ended with 12 assists. Jeorgia Evans, a sophomore, reached 10 kills with 12 digs.

In the championship game against Burlington, the Hawks once again dropped the first set but replicating their semifinal success they took the next two sets to claim victory, 2-1 (22-25, 25-16, 15-7).

Once again Jovi Evans led the way with a triple double of 13 kills. 16 assists, and 15 digs. Helmuth notched 15 assists and Jeorgia Evans ended with a team high 16 digs.

Up next for Mid-Prairie is a road conference clash against West Branch (2-2) on Sept. 4.

Mount Vernon Quad

Starting the season with a trio of victories, Mid-Prairie went undefeated at a Mount Vernon hosted quad on Aug. 28

The Golden Hawks picked up victories against Bondurant-Farrar 2-1 (15-25, 25-14, 15-13), Pella 2-0 (25-18, 25-19), and Mount Vernon 2-1 (25-21, 12-25, 15-9).

Setting the tone for what is sure to be an exceptional senior season, Jovi Evans led the way for the Hawks with a total of 26 kills, 30 assists, and 31 digs. Another senior shining on opening night was Avery Helmuth who finished with 38 assists. Sophomore Jeorgia Evans also impressed by accounting for 47 digs.

SUBMITTED

Rory White, Marketing for KCTC (left), and Pete Cavanaugh, Mid-Prairie Activities Director (right), stand with the new donor recognition. KCTC designed and donated the sign to thank all community members who contributed to the scoreboard upgrade project.

KCTC Champions Community Support for Mid-Prairie Football/ Track Scoreboard Replacement

SUBMITTED

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company (KCTC) is proud to demonstrate its commitment to local education and athletics through its support of the Mid-Prairie Community School District's recent scoreboard renovation project.

KCTC assisted the project by designing, creating, and donating a permanent recognition sign to honor all the local businesses, families, and individuals who made the successful upgrades possible.

"As a local, member-owned cooperative, investing in our community is at the heart of everything we do," said Casey Peck, KCTC General Manager. "We are incredibly proud to support the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks. This project is a shining example of what our community can accomplish together, and we were honored to create a sign that permanently recognizes every contributor who stepped up for our schools."

The new scoreboard will provide a modern and inspiring environment for student activities. The upgrades are a source of pride for the district and will serve students for years to come.

"We are immensely grateful for the partnership and opportunity to play a role in such an incredible project." said Rory White, KCTC Marketing. "This donor recognition sign is a lasting way for us to show our deep appreciation to everyone who invests in our community."

The new sign and facility upgrades will be visible to all fans attending games and events for the upcoming school year.

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Penalties?
Injuries?
Wait … college football has a two-minute warning now?

Inside voice: "Stop! Stop!!" No, not the clock. Stop talking to yourself!

I had spent years chatting with other journalists in college football press boxes, laughing and eating (yes, they feed you well in the big places) and complaining about game clock mistakes in the final seconds of a game.

Now, that's me.

And as fate would have it, the final minute of the scrimmage included a drive for one last touchdown. When a play goes out of bounds with 3 seconds left, you'd better believe all eyes are on the clock operator and the one-button operation.

In the big college football stadiums, I never saw the clock operators except through glass partitions. The scoreboard and clock operators have their own booth at the big places. At Cornell and other NCAA DIII stadiums, the clock operators, PA announcer and stats crew are all in one shared space. It gets noisy. And intense.

It takes a team. Two people work the time clocks, one person working the game clock and one person on the play clock. A third person operates the scoreboard. There is a PA announcer. Spotters. And three stat crew members.

These jobs are so important that Big Ten requirements call for clock operators to be on the scene two hours prior to kickoff. They meet with game officials 90 minutes prior to kickoff. And in the Big Ten and other NCAA DI schools, add in the instant replay officials who help from above. Clock officials are required to have stop watches … just in case.

After the scrimmage game was over, I hurried down to the field so see if I could have a few words with the head official.

"Hey, I was the clock operator. How did I do? What did I screw up?"

The referee looked at me and responded. "You were the clock operator? That was you?"

Softly, I said, "Yes."

He stopped his quick walk toward the officials' locker room and said, "That was the best clock I've ever had here."

We chatted for five minutes and actually hugged.

Whew.

This may have been the best football moment. Ever. I had never done a clock before, not even when I was in junior high or high school. I rocked it.

Now I'm ready. Season opener. Thursday night. Cornell versus Coe.

Let's do this.

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Highland 2025 homecoming court

SUBMITTED

Highland 2025 Homecoming Court: (L to R) Greta Piette, Cassidy Duster, MacKenzie Davis, and Brena Hazelett, Jose Pulido, Owen Knox, Chase Hickenbottom, and Allan Nass

Blue Devils ground Huskies in low-scoring defensive battle

GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Highland junior Jacob Schneider rushes the passer during a home game on Aug. 29. Schneider finished with six tackles on defense.

Tyler Pierson, a junior, alludes a Martensdale-St Marys defender on a rush attempt in the second half of Highland's home season opener.

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

RIVERSIDE

The Huskies in red tackled the gridiron for the first time this year as they opened up their season at home against Martensdale-St Marys and while this young Highland squad showed tremendous fight, it was the Blue Devils who picked up a hard fought win.

"It was a good learning experience for us," Highland head coach Cory Quail said after Mart-St Marys defeated Highland, 13-0, last Friday.

"We're a really young team, and we have a lot of guys that have had success on the JV level, but varsity level, it's a different ball game, different speed."

Highland's first offensive drive of the game ended in a blocked punt which gave the Blue Devils excellent field position.

Credit to the Huskies for standing tall on defense after the block, forcing Mart-St Mary to turn the ball over on downs, but this led to a first half where Highland's average starting field position was near its own goal line.

"That first half, we just got stuck on that goal line. And when you're learning a new offense, and you're stuck there, and teams can be more aggressive, and you gotta be a little bit more careful on your play calling," coach Quail said.

This back and forth, where the Highland defense made goal line stands and the Highland offense couldn't get rolling while pinned near its goal line, was broken by a game changing interception from Mart-St Mary sophomore Brady Baker.

Baker's INT came with less than three minutes to go before halftime. Taking advantage of the turnover, the Blue Devils scored what ended up being the game winning points with a rushing touchdown.

Highland aimed to even the score in the third quarter, putting together a promising drive, but a fumble recovered by Mart-St Mary proved to be another game changing play.

On the first play after the turnover, the Blue Devils connected on a 48-yard pass. Despite the big play the Huskies did not waver and came close to turning the ball over on downs but a pass interference call on fourth down gave Mart St-Mary new life.

The Blue Devils did not waste this opportunity, scoring another rushing TD but missing the PAT to arrive at their final score of 13.

It was a more than promising opening night defensive performance for the Huskies as they limited their opponent to two scores, turned the ball over on downs four times, and recovered a fumble.

"Our defense was wonderful. I thought our guys fought so hard," said coach Quail. "I thought they did an amazing job coming back from a lot of adversity. I just told them right now, I love them so much, and I thought they played so hard for each other tonight."

Leading the Huskies in tackles with 10 was sophomore Caleb Wheeler. Wheeler was also the starting quarterback, finishing with three completed passes on 10 attempts for 18 yards.

Aiden Yoder, a sophomore, led the rushing attack with 45 yards on nine carries. Juniors Garrett Beeson and Tyler Pierson both ended the night with 17 rushing yards.

While there were some flashes on offense, penalties and turnovers put a mighty damper on Highland's scoring chances and the Huskies ended up being shutout for the first time since 2023.

"Our guys fought and every time that something didn't go their way, it took a second to just kind of recognize and realize what was going on, and then they're right back in it," said coach Quail. "They're right back there fighting. I can't fault our guys for that. I can't fault anything outside the fact that I just have to go back to the drawing board as a coach and put them in a better place successfully."

Up next for Highland is competing in its first road game of the season against Wapello (1-0) on Sept. 5.

"It's on me as a coach to make sure we're prepared. And we got to take that into practice and do a tough game in Wapello next week," said coach Quail. "It falls on me, making sure that we're prepared and ready to go and just clean up some of those things and put us in the best place possible."

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nior, finished 21st and Hannah Rodgers, a senior, was two spots back.

"The girls could have won it," said head coach Mark Hostetler.

In the boys varsity race, Max Swartzentruber captured a Top 10 finish, placing ninth with a time of 17:42.

Mid-Prairie finished seventh with a team score of 179. Mount Vernon-Lisbon, which had four of the top five finishers, won the boys title with a score of 23. Dawson Scheil won the race with a time of 16:06.2.

Jesse Stultz of Mid-Prairie was 34th (team placing, 29), followed by Reece Waters, Tyson Huber and Cayce Damschen.

MOUNT VERNON-LISBON INVITE

(At Elliott Athletic Complex, Mount Vernon, Aug. 26)

GIRLS TEAMS: 1, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 36; 2, Mid-Prairie, 38; 3, North Scott Eldridge, 112, 4, CR Xavier, 115; 5, Urbandale, 128; 6, West Delaware, 155; 7, Marion, 160; 8, Vinton-Shellsburg, 218.

GIRLS TOP FIVE: 1, Evelyn Moeller, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 19:08.4; 2, Rachel Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 19:10.2; 3, Kiersten Swart, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 19:11.1; 4, Kendal Landstrum, Mid-Prairie, 19:23.7; 5, Brooklyn Stutzman, Mid-Prairie, 19:36.6.

ADDITIONAL MID-PRAIRIE: 7, Tessa Brokaw, 20:33.7; 21, Rebekah Wallington, 22:29.8; 23, Hannah Rodgers, 22:35; 29, Kyrie Poll, 22:57.

BOYS TEAMS: 1, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 23; 2, Vinton-Shellsburg, 64; 3, North Scott Eldridge, 85; 4, CR Xavier, 103; 5, West Liberty, 151; 6, West Delaware, 158; 7, Mid-Prairie, 179; 8, Marion, 202.

BOYS TOP FIVE: 1, Dawson Scheil, Mount Vernon-Lisbon 16:06.2; 2, Alex Torres, Vinton-Shellsburg, 16:32.8; 3, Chasen Caskey, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 16:56.2; 4, Sawyer Feldman, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 17:00.5; 5, Benjamin Brinkmann, Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 17:02.

MID-PRAIRIE: 9, Max Swartzentruber, 17:42; 34, Jesse Stultz, 19:15.3; 60, Reece Waters, 20:23.9; 71, Tyson Huber, 21:04.8; 102, Cayce Damschen, 23:17.5.

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Mid-Prairie sophomore Rachel Hostetler chases after race winner Evelyn Moeller of Mount Vernon-Lisbon in the season-opening Mount Vernon-Lisbon Invitational. Hostetler finished second with a personal-best time of 19 minutes, 10.2 seconds.

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hole was Ehrenfelt.

"That was awesome," Ehrenfelt said. "Tommy's a great player. You see him on defense, getting all these tackles for loss, stomping everybody."

And he is fast.

"The dude runs a 4.9 40," Lambert said.

Ehrenfelt wound up with 136 yards on 18 carries, and ranked second in Iowa 2A in touchdowns (4), rushing touchdowns (3) and all-purpose yards (167).

Weber completed 13-of-16 passes for 136 yards and a QB rating of 181.4. Nolan Jergens, a junior, caught the first two TD passes of his varsity career, including a 37-yarder from Weber in the third quarter.

Despite Mid-Prairie's assault of five straight touchdowns, the Demons threatened to change things up again in the second half. A 49-yard scoring pass from Kael Williams to Liam Roberts in the third quarter closed the Golden Hawks' lead to 43-28. Roberts added a scoring run on the final play of the game.

"We kept telling them, this is not over," Lambert said. "It's a rivalry game. They're not going to give up."

The game was the first meeting between the two Washington County schools since 2017, a game Washington won by 48 points. They will meet again in 2026.

"Great night tonight, great atmosphere," Lambert said. "It's fun. These are the games the kids have fun. Credit to Washington. They're gonna have a great year. Lot of great players and their (coaching) staff does a great job."

GAME STATS

Washington 22 0 6 6 -- 34

Mid-Prairie 6 23 14 7 -- 50

W: Kael Williams 15 run (Braedon Tappan kick)

W: Nic Stone 1 pass from Williams (Williams run)

M-P: Hudson Ehrenfelt 4 run (run failed)

W: Carson Ryan 90 kickoff return (Tappan kick)

M-P: Nolan Jergens 12 pass from Brooks Weber (Kaden Kos pass from Weber)

M-P: Ehrenfelt 60 punt return (Koss pass from Weber)

M-P: Tommy Miller 2 run (Kale Miller kick)

M-P: Ehrenfelt 12 run (Kale Miller kick)

M-P: Jergens 37 pass from Weber (Kale Miller kick)

W: Liam Roberts 49 pass from Williams (pass failed)

M-P: Ehrenfelt 24 run (Kale Miller kick)

W: Grant Whisler 18 run

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing: Washington, Kael Williams, 10-21-138, 2 TDs, 1 INT; Mid-Prairie, Brooks Weber, 13-16-136, 2 TDs, 1 INT.

Rushing: Washington, Williams, 21-103, 1 TD; Grant Whisler, 9-62, 1 TD; Clayton Evans, 2-48; Carson Brown, 4-8; Mid-Prairie, Hudson Ehrenfelt, 18-136, 3 TDs; Weber, 6-15; Tommy Miller, 2-3, 1 TD; Ryan Henry, 1-2.

Receiving: Washington, Liam Roberts, 1-49, 1 TD; Brown, 4-45; Nic Stone, 2-11, 1 TD; Aidan Schmitz, 1-26; Carson Ryan, 1-4; Isaac Medrano, 1-3; Mid-Prairie, Kaden Kos, 5-21; Ehrenfelt, 3-31; Nolan Jergens, 2-47, 2 TDs; Gentry Bontrager, 2-32; Kendrick Kos, 1-5.

Tackles: Washington, Blaine Rees, 9; Caden Greiner, 5; Evans, 3.5; Mid-Prairie, Ryan Henry, 6.5; Kaden Kos, 6; Kendrick Kos, 5.5.

Mid-Prairie lineman Tommy Miller scored his first high school touchdown on a 2-yard run against Washington.

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Brooks Weber, a junior, made his high school varsity starting debut for the Golden Hawks, completing 13-of-16 passes.

LOOK AHEAD

Mid-Prairie vs. Alburnett

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Martin Sports Complex, Alburnett

Records: Mid-Prairie, 1-0; Alburnett, 1-0

History lesson: This will be the first meeting between the Golden Hawks and Pirates

Golden Hawk to watch: Senior RB Hudson Ehrenfelt, who scored four TDs in the season opener last week.

Pirate to watch: Alburnett junior Cooper Franklin had a team-high 10 tackles and four pass receptions in the Pirates' 14-0 win last week over Center Point-Urbana.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 Hill. Items on the agenda included the following: Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda, public comment related to agenda items, County Attorney to reappoint Katie Mitchell to Civil Service Commission for a six-year term ending August 15, 2031, Resolution 25-29 to designate voting representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), 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, County Attorney Nathan Repp, Public Health Administrator Jenifer Roberts, and Citizens Lynette Iles and Lynn Kubit. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via Zoom.

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

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

Lynette Iles spoke during public comment period to remind the Board that the Pledge of Allegiance states "Liberty and Justice for All" and does not exclude those we don't agree with, those who are different, undocumented or those some consider sinful. She also stated that Jesus did not exclude these people. There was no further comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board acknowledged the reappointment of Katie Mitchell to the Civil Rights Commission for a six-year term ending August 15, 2031. County Attorney Nathan Repp stated Mitchell has been on the commission since 2013.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 25-29 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 25-29 on behalf of the Board.

Resolution 25-29
To Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC)

WHEREAS, Washington County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and

WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: **Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., Marcus Fedler, Richard Young, Stan Stoops**
Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association: **Jared Schneider**
Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: **Nathan Repp**
Iowa State Association of County Auditors: **Tamera Stewart**
Iowa State County Treasurers Association: **Jeff Garrett**
Iowa County Recorders Association, Inc.: **Teresa Mangold**
Iowa County Engineers Association: **Jacob Thorius**
Iowa State Association of Assessors: **Christy Tinnes**
Iowa Community Services Association: **vacant**
Iowa Emergency Management Association: **To Be Determined**
County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: **Zach Rozmus**
Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: **Jason Taylor**
Iowa Counties Public Health Association: **Jenifer Roberts**
County Zoning Officials of Iowa: **Marcus Fedler**
Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: **Cyndie Sinn**
Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: **Carrie Rich**

The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to support@iowacounties.org.

During Department Head comment period, Public Health Administrator Jenifer Roberts alerted the Board of the open house for the new Public Health offices. The open house will be held Friday, August 22, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m., at the new location at Building 2 of Orchard Hill, located at 2175 Lexington Blvd. in Washington. Tours and snacks will be provided.

At 9:09 a.m., on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:s\TAMERA S. STEWART, Washington County Auditor

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FORMAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2025

Proclamations, ordinances, and resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors are only summarized in the published minutes; the full text may be inspected at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. 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, Mandi Remington, and Rod Sullivan. **Members absent:** V Fixmer-Oraiz.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Remington, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - No one from the public spoke.

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

1. The claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for August 21, 2025, in an amount not to exceed $1,205,065.36.

4 Cs Community Coord	10000.00
A-1 Propane	476.07
Abbehealth Inc	4034.15
Abc Disposal Systems I	184.00
Aging Services Inc	250.00
Alexis Fire Equipment C	81.34
Amazon.Com Capital Se	1754.99
Aspen Ventures Llc	800.00
B & L Rentals Llc	700.00
Belmont Apartments	700.00
Benco Dental	1019.00
Bfc Property Managemen	700.00
Bluepath Finance Fc I	3476.05
Bob Barker Company Inc	117.33
Brighten Properties	500.00
Business Radio Sales A	252.00
Central Ia Juvenile	19057.92
Centurylink	91.24
Charm-Tex Inc	551.64
Choice It Global Llc	270.15
Chris Rhodes	1701.08
Chris Wisman	486.00
City Of Iowa City	20.00
City Of Iowa City - L	4994.43
City Of Iowa City - Ut	509.08
City Of Iowa City-Acc	7334.12
City Of North Liberty	109.63
Civicplus Llc	12133.80
Cj Cooper & Associates	55.00
Community Crisis Serv	5166.90
Communityscale Llc	28143.00
Consumers Cooperative	3460.35
Coralville United Meth	100.00
Corridor Woods Lp	850.00
Cummins Inc	14.75
Custom Hose & Supplies	16.34
Danielle Pettit Majews	102.20
Del Ray Ridge Lp	677.00
Delta Dental Of Iowa	8645.35
Dkc Real Estate Llc	700.00
Drone Works	9856.00
Eastern Iowa Light & Po	19.20
Energy Control Of Iow	6300.00
Eo Johnson Business Te	154.61
Erin Shane	214.35
Fareway Stores Inc	84.85
Fastenal Company	2.01
First Avenue Partnersh	497.50
Fredregill Family Fun	1710.00
Freeman Alarm	8659.49
Gatr Truck Center	727.21
Gazette Communications	127.10
Gerald A Fuhrmeister	48.00
Graybill Communicatio	1200.00
Greater Iowa City In	33278.83
Gretta Rempel	793.00
Hacap Housing	708.00
Hayley Abdo	1014.72
Heartland Shredding In	290.00
Helping Hands Play Sc	2521.18
Henry County Sheriff	10740.00
Henry Schein	906.18
Holiday Wrecker & Cran	490.50
Horizons A Family Se	33289.00
Hospers & Brother Prin	166.64
Hy-Vee #1080	35.00
Ic Housing Group Llc	700.00
Inside Out Reentry Inc	500.00
Iowa City Sober Living	600.00
Iowa Law Enforcement A	150.00
Iowa League Of Cities	3500.00
Iowa State Associatio	2125.00
Iowa Valley Habitat F	8539.87
Iowa Valley Rc&D	783.65
J & Kp Llc	700.00
Jeffrey M Gingerich	486.00
Jessica Erhart	115.00
Jessica Rojas	17.98
Johnson County Audito	4768.91
Kelly Schneider	52.80
Krm Stenography Llc	101.05
Lenovo (United State	40200.00
Lepic Rentals Llc	800.00
Life Assist Inc	1213.03
Linn County Rec	126.89
Linn County Treasurer	2083.33
Little Clippers Child	6235.25
Loving Arms Kids Care	1216.38
Madison National Life	5612.18
Melissa Ringnalda	37.00
Menards - Iowa City	378.93
Mid American Energy	4032.60
Midwest Mailworks Inc	409.16
Midwest Underground S	1393.71
Mike Hynes	486.00
Monoprice Inc	126.72
Mutual Wheel Company	76.05
Napa Auto Parts	229.00
Neighborhood Centers	1893.48
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Ocv Llc	4000.00
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Pacific Interpreters	249.00
Powerdms Inc	5185.00
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Star Equipment Ltd	71.95
Streichers	653.92
Student Publications	1398.77
Sular Capital Investme	700.00
Summit Food Service	24979.72
Sunrise Village Llc	724.00
The Daily Iowan	40.00
The News	55.00
Thomson Reuters-West	193.00
Tw Training	1800.00
Ui Diagnostic Labora	23566.19
Villa Garden Apartmen	1350.00
Visa	4801.57
Wellmark Blue Cross	794820.18
Western Hills	700.00

2. The minutes of the Formal Meeting for August 14, 2025.

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

4. Acknowledge receipt of Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting of July 14, 2025, and the Report of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of August 11, 2025

5. Receive and Place on file with the County Auditor: The County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees collected January through March 2025.

6. Alcohol License Application for Tipsy Traveler for an event at the Celebration Farm.

Approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-21-25-01
Zoning Application PZC-25-28707
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JOHNSON COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM AR-AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-RESIDENTIAL AND FROM R-RESIDENTIAL AND AR-AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R3-RESIDENTIAL

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by changing the classification of the real estate described below from AR-Agricultural Residential and R-Residential to R3-Residential and from AR-Agricultural Residential to R-Residential located in Penn Township and comprised of approximately 4.72 total acres to wit:

TRACT 1: A Portion of Lot 13 Lake Ridge Estates Located in The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Of Section 6, Township 80 North, Range 6 West Of The 5th P.M., Johnson County, Iowa More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At The Northeast Corner Of Lot 13 Lake Ridge Estates As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Book 30 At Page 219 Plat Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder, Also Being The Southeast Corner Of Lot 1 M. & H. Subdivision As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Book 29 At Page 71, Plat Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder; Thence S00°46'13"E Along The East Line Of Said Lot 13, A Distance Of 75.00 Feet; Thence N35°56'41"W Along An Old Fence, 92.00 Feet To Its Intersection With The North Line Of Said Lot 13; Thence N89°26'58"E Along Said North Line, 53.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Containing 0.05 Acres, At The Time Of Survey, And Is Subject To Easements And Restrictions Of Record. And- Lot 1, M. And H. Subdivision According To The Plat Thereof, Recorded In Book 29 At Page 71, Plat Records Of Johnson County, Iowa, Including That Area Referenced In The Affidavit Recorded In Book 2431 At Page 65 In The Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder. Except - A Portion Of Lot 1 M. & H. Subdivision Located In The SW 1/4 Of The SE 1/4 Of Section 6, Township 80 North, Range 6 West Of The 5th P.M., Johnson County, Iowa More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southwest Corner Of Lot 1 M. & H. Subdivision As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Plat Book 29 At Page 71 And The Affidavit Recorded In Book 2431 At Page 65 Each In The Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder; Thence N00°39'10"W Along The West Line Of Lot 1, A Distance Of 131.92 Feet To Northernmost Corner Of Lot 13 Of Lake Ridge Estates As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Book 30 At Page 219 In The Plat Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder; Thence S45°36'08"E, 186.73 Feet To A Point On The South Line Of Said Lot 1; Thence S89°26'58"W Along The South Line Of Said Lot 1, 131.92 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Containing 0.20 Acres, At The Time Of Survey, And Is Subject To Easements And Restrictions Of Record is hereby changed from AR-Agricultural Residential and R-Residential to R3-Residential.

TRACT 2: A Portion Of Lot 1 M. & H. Subdivision Located In The SW 1/4 Of The SE 1/4 Of Section 6, Township 80 North, Range 6 West Of The 5th P.M., Johnson County, Iowa More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southwest Corner Of Lot 1 M. & H. Subdivision As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Plat Book 29 At Page 71 And The Affidavit Recorded In Book 2431 At Page 65 Each In The Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder; Thence N00°39'10"W Along The West Line Of Lot 1, A Distance Of 131.92 Feet To Northernmost Corner Of Lot 13 Of Lake Ridge Estates As Shown On The Plat Thereof Recorded In Book 30 At Page 219 In The Plat Records Of The Johnson County, Iowa Recorder; Thence S45°36'08"E, 186.73 Feet To A Point On The South Line Of Said Lot 1; Thence S89°26'58"W Along The South Line Of Said Lot 1, 131.92 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Containing 0.20 Acres, At The Time Of Survey, And Is Subject To Easements And Restrictions Of Record is hereby changed from AR-Agricultural Residential to R-Residential. Effective Date: After its passage, approval, and publication as part of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, only upon recording of a Subdivision Plat or Boundary Line Adjustment of the subject properties which contains only one zoning district per lot. Motion by Remington, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application Zoning Application PZC-25- 28707 of David M. West, MMS Consultants, on behalf of Andrew & Leah McEleney & Sherilyn Logel on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 08-21-25-01 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Remington, Sullivan; absent: Fixmer-Oraiz.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-21-25-02
Zoning Application PZC-25-28723
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JOHNSON COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM C-COMMERCIAL TO A-AGRICULTURAL AND FROM C-COMMERCIAL TO R-RESIDENTIAL

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by changing the classification of the real estate below from C-Commercial to A-Agricultural and from C-Commercial to R-Residential located in Newport Township and comprised of approximately 2.33 acres to wit:

TRACT 1-Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Outlot "A", Newport Meadows Subdivision, in Accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 57 at Page 351 in the Records of the Johnson County Recorder's Office; thence S60°33'44"W, along the Centerline of Newport Road NE, 3.66 Feet; thence S60°33'44"W, along Said Centerline, 131.91 Feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence Continuing along Said Centerline S60°33'44"W, 196.73 Feet; thence N12°35'07"W, 335.00 Feet; thence N73°20'12"E, 371.58 Feet; thence S70°21'51"W, 232.68 Feet; thence S22°34'12"E, 280.07 Feet, to the Point of Beginning. Said Rezoning Parcel #1 Contains 1.22 acres and is Subject to Easements and Restrictions of Record is hereby changed from C-Commercial to A-Agricultural.

TRACT 2: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Outlot "A", Newport Meadows Subdivision, in accordance With the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 57 at Page 351 in the Records of the Johnson County Recorder's office; thence S60°33'44"W, along the Centerline of Newport Road NE, 3.66 Feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence S60°33'44"W, along Said Centerline, 131.91 Feet; thence N22°34'12"W, 280.07 Feet; thence N70°21'51"E, 232.68 Feet; thence S00°40'47"E, 272.00 Feet, to the Point of Beginning. Said Rezoning Parcel #2 Contains 1.11 acres and is Subject to Easements and Restrictions of Record is hereby changed from C-Commercial to R-Residential. Effective date: After its passage, approval, and publication as part of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, only upon recording of a Subdivision Plat or Boundary Line Adjustment of the subject properties which contains only one zoning district per lot. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-25- 28723 of Robert & Kayla Thompson on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 08-21-25-02 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Remington, Sullivan; absent: Fixmer-Oraiz.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21-25-01
RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Summary: The Johnson County Planning and Zoning Commission has filed its report and recommendations for certain actions. Board Action: Set a public hearing for September 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. CT in Boardroom 301, Johnson County Health & Human Services Building, 855 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa, on the following applications: A. Zoning applications filed by Larry Barnes (PZC-25-28740); John and Carol Schneider (PZC-25-28741); Mark Slabaugh (PZC-25-28746). B. Platting applications filed by Larry Barnes (PZC-25-28744); Andrew Ahrens (PZC-25-28726). Authorize the County Auditor to publish the official notice of the above public hearing. **Motion** by Green-Douglass, second by Remington, to approve Resolution No. 08-21-25-01. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to authorize Chairperson Green to sign a response letter to Havenpark Communities on behalf of Johnson County Residents United regarding manufactured home communities. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to authorize Chairperson Green to sign the subdivision participation form to be a part of the opioid settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Remington, to authorize Chairperson Green to sign a letter in opposition to the closure of the State Historical Society facility in Iowa City. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Service Agreements between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the following entities: 1. Antelope Lending Library, in an amount not to exceed $34,015. 2. Greater Iowa City, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $185,000. 3. Iowa City Bike Library, in an amount not to exceed $27,500. 4. Iowa City Senior Center, in an amount not to exceed $62,430. 5. Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, in an amount not to exceed $10,000. 6. Johnson County Agricultural Association, in an amount not to exceed $41,300. 7. Workplace Learning Connection at Kirkwood Community College, in an amount not to exceed $15,285.49. Approved unanimously.

The Board discussed two requests from Supervisor Sullivan: 1. To participate in the United Way Iowa Shares program. Green said he would meet with the County Employee Engagement and Events Committee to develop a plan to better promote the program. 2. Adopt a resolution concerning Gaza-related divestment. Sullivan said the City of Iowa City has adopted a similar policy. The County Attorney's Office will vet the resolution and return it to the Board for review of implementation.

***Closed Session*- Motion** by Sullivan second by Green-Douglass, to enter closed session at 9:29 a.m., pursuant to Iowa *Code § 21.5(1)(c),* to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Remington, Sullivan; absent: Fixmer-Oraiz.

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.; reconvened in closed session at 9:32 a.m.

Green adjourned the closed session at 9:56 a.m.

Adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

/s/ Jon Green, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/ Julie Persons, Auditor

On the 28th day of August 2025

Recorded by Auditor's Office: Eric Van Lancker, Deputy Auditor (Minutes)

These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on August 28, 2025.

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER
MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356
AUGUST 25, 2025– 6:15 P.M.
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President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Randy Billups, Gabrielle Frederick, Ryan Schlabaugh, Jed Seward, and Jake Snider.

Board members absent: Mary Allred and Denise Chittick.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Read the School Mission Statement by Vice-President

Gabrielle Frederick moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jed Seward. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Meeting

Consent Items

Jed Seward moved to approve the following consent items.

Payment of Bills

The bills as listed for August 25, 2025, and prepaid bills;

Open Enrollment Requests

Open Enrollment In Requests total 6 students;

Open Enrolled Out Requests total 2 students;

Personnel Items

Work Agreement issued to Marcelena Billups, West Elementary Preschool Paraprofessional, $15.50 per hour;

Work Agreement issued to Chloe Kruse, West Elementary Paraprofessional, $15.50 per hour;

Work Agreement issued to Noah Marlin, East Elementary Paraprofessional, $15.50 per hour;

Work Agreement issued to Kali Miller, East Elementary Paraprofessional, $15.50 per hour;

Work Agreement issued to Libby Peiffer, West Elementary Paraprofessional, $15.50 per hour;

Resignation of Jeremiah Lassy, High School Paraprofessional, $15.59 per hour, effective August 13, 2025;

Fundraising Requests – Nothing submitted

Gabrielle Frederick seconded the consent items. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Item - Finance

East Elementary Additional Special Education Paraprofessionals Proposal

Superintendent Stone directed the Board to the Proposal by Kristan Hunter, Principal at East Elementary and Doug Stafford, Special Education Director for the need for one Special Education Paraprofessional positions at East Elementary. These needs are determined by the Individual Education Plans for students in the building.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to approve one Special Education Paraprofessionals position as presented for East Elementary. Ryan Schlabaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Session

IASB Feedback and Activities

Superintendent Stone worked through the material provided as a result of the August 14, 2025, Board Development session with Tammi Drawbaugh using her report to Snider and Stone after the session. The Board discussed the next steps that might be taken to discuss the Boards goals and areas of focus. Discussed the need to be intentional with this at meetings, though the exact form is not settled, whether it is at the end or the beginning of the agenda—what was a positive since the previous meeting, or "what did we tackle at the end of the meeting." The Board discussed 2 strengths to focus on and an area to build on as part of the previous sentence. Also, discussion of other activities and time the Board may be able to take part of within the buildings during the school day.

"Whose Job is It"- Possible Self-Check Idea

Superintendent Stone worked through the document provided by Drawbaugh in the August 14, 2025, Board Development session. Stone suggested this document could be a self-check exercise. It was suggested that this might be a quarterly activity that reviews Board accomplishments for the previous quarter within a Work Session.

Survey from Board to Staff

Superintendent Stone asked the Board about next steps and details for surveys conducted by an outside firm to go to all staff for collection of data from staff on elements of job satisfaction. An independent third party takes the detail responses away from the Board and Superintendent for compilation. The surveys spread over the year, maybe 2 or 3 different surveys, allow for trends to be developed and studied within a year or over a span of years. Schlabaugh will approach a few firms. Stone will talk with IASB staff, also.

Tour of New MP Activity Center

The Board toured the construction in process Activity Center behind the High School to see the current status.

Next Meeting and Suggestions for Next Agenda

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. at the construction site.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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100 YEARS AGO - SEPT. 3, 1925

Kalona

All of the expectations with regard to the great biennial Mennonite conference being held in Eureka this week are being surpassed. All of the early part of this week the cars have been rolling in from every part of the United States and it is thought that including those from this immediate vicinity there well be in the neighborhood of 5,000 members of the church in attendance at the conference.

A recent rumor was circulated that John H. Baker, who has for so long been with the U.S. Navy, had been instantly killed in duty on the U.S. Ship, Arkansas. Mrs. Jennie Schilling, his mother, wrote to the officers of the ship, asking for information. This week she received an answer from the officers, of the ship, stating that John H. Baker was alive and in good health on board his ship, and further stated that John would write to his mother and keep her informed of his whereabouts.

The East Union congregation are enjoying some very fine meetings this week, there is an immense crowd of people at almost every session. A big tent has been secured to hold the meetings in and a large attendance of visiting pastors provides an abundance of talented speakers and one good talk is following another in a manner that affords a great treat for all those who are interested in the Bible and its teachings. The benefits of such a conference to the people, in training their lives along right lines, can hardly be estimated, they are beyond human comprehension.

Swampscott, Mass. President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to the summer White House after an absence of a week. The 145-mile afternoon automobile ride from Northampton was without incident.

Still undecided as to when he will return to Washington, the President, on arrival at White Court, found a mass of business had accumulated during his absence.

The departure from the home at Northampton, of Mrs. Elmira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Coolidge, was made in a drizzle.

East Las Vegas, N.M. Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor and storm center of New Mexico politics, shot and killed John B. Lassatter, a state employee, in a hotel here when, in a fight with former district Judge D.J. Leahy, his political enemy, he drew a revolver and fired. Lassatter was a bystander.

Magee fired two shots after he had been knocked to the floor, by Leahy, the first shot striking Lassatter and the second wounding Leahy in the arm. Leahy was the district judge who tried Magee in two cases, both of which gained national publicity. Magee was taken into custody.

Prince Talleyrand Perigord seems to have been responsible for the introduction to the French of the snail as a delicacy. He was giving a dinner to the Emperor Alexander I of Russia and racked his own brains, as well as those of Anacreon, the cleverest chef of his age, to discover a new and exotic dish. Suddenly the prince remembered an exquisite concoction of snails which he had eaten in Vienna. The dish achieved instantaneous success, and has remained a favorite delicacy in France ever since.

Last week we told of Menno S. Yoder delivering 238 baskets of tomatoes in one day. It should have been two days delivery instead of one. Menno called in to correct that part, as he wants to report the exact truth. Well, that's a good showing for two days.

One of the most notable improvements in town residence this year, has been made by S. W. Yoder. He has had the old buildings along the alley torn down and out of the lumber saved from the wreck, has built a dandy nice garage and hen house. Then he has had the house and other buildings nicely repainted, making his place look fine.

Prairie Flower Church is Burned. A tall chimney and the basement walls are all that remain of the Prairie Flower Baptist Church, eight miles northwest of Washington.

Yesterday the loyal band of people for whom this pretty little edifice was a church home, held their usual inspiring religious services, directed by their pastor, Rev. A.J. Unthank, although without a suspicion that by morning the building would be destroyed and the congregation faced with the greatest crisis of its career.

It was about 11:30 last night that Lloyd Hill, a Washington high school boy who was returning after an evening spent with friends in Seventy-six township, saw the building aflame while still more than a mile away. He thought at first it was an automobile burning, and hurried to the scene, to find that the church was well on its way to destruction.

He awakened Rev. Mr. Unthank, who lived across the road from the church, and the alarm was immediately spread in the neighborhood. But it was impossible to save either the church or any of its contents which were soon entirely consumed.

When discovered by Lloyd, the fire was confined to the southwest corner, but spreading with great rapidity. From its appearance, he believes it originated in the basement in that corner. Investigation today failed to disclose any definite clues as to how the blaze started, altho there are various speculations.

This fire is the first that the Prairie Flower congregation had ever experienced. With the previous individual lighting system, a serious fire was narrowly averted and the new lights had been recently installed to guard against a fire from that source.

The pastor and members of the church were stunned today by the suddenness and completeness of the destruction wrought by the fire, and no plans for the future have been made. A decision will be reached soon as to the re-building.

We wish to announce to the public that since Mr. Deane has moved back to Washington, we have secured the services of Mr. Kracaw of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Kracaw is an experienced baker, and will bake bread, pies, cakes, and all other pastries that will please you. We invite the community to give him a trial.

Clean, Wholesome and Fresh Bread Daily at Grady's Bakery.

Two automobiles collided at a corner on the Riverside road about two miles northeast of Kalona, Monday forenoon. Mrs. N.G. Kessler was driving south on the road past the Kessler farm going to a neighbors house south of the Riverside road. As she came to the cross road, another car driven by a Mr. Anderson from over near Washington, was passing the lane and the two cars collided and both of the automobiles were overturned and considerably wrecked. The Kessler car had a broken wheel and other damages. The Anderson car was also damaged considerably. Mr. Anderson had a cut on his face, but was not seriously hurt. Mrs. Kessler was of course considerably shocked, but fortunately escaped serious injury. It is indeed very fortunate none of the passengers in the two cars were not more seriously injured.

Lone Tree

A Reo roadster occupied by three young men from a neighboring town, went over a 25 foot bank some time Saturday night down along the old river bed. The young men were thrown clear from it and escaped with only a few scratches and bruises. Had they been shut in the car, they would doubtless have been injured or smothered as there was mud and water in the ditch where the car finally stopped.

The young men slept on the road all night,and the next morning went to the Henry Schlaapkohl home, where Eddie went to their assistance with his tractor. He pulled the car up on the bank and they cleaned it off a little and drove it home on its own power. Fenders were bent and a little damage was done, but nothing serious resulted. The young fellows may consider themselves very fortunate.

Many readers of The Reporter have read with sorrow of the death of Miss Mary Jensen, a young lady who was injured in a car accident last week. In company with some other young people, she was returning to Iowa City one night last week at about 1:00 a.m. and as they rounded the Hotz corner about 5 miles southeast of Iowa City, their car turned turtle and she was injured to such an extent that it was necessary to take her to an Iowa City hospital. Her injuries were not considered serious, but she did not improve and within a few days, passed away. She was a niece of Weggo Jensen, who resides northwest of Lone Tree and of the John Claussen family also. We were sorry to learn of the passing of this young lady who was only about 19 years of age. It may be taken as a warning to other autoists to be more careful in rounding corners.

It is reported that Jack Zeigler had a finger broken the first of the week while playing ball. If this is true, it is doubtful whether he will be able to play any more professional ball this season.

Gladys Riggs, who has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cyril Rife, is better at this writing and is now able to be out and about again. Her school in the northwestern part of the state started Monday, but she was unable to be there for the first week. She will very likely be there next week.

Clarence Forbes, who resides about 7 miles southeast of Lone Tree has erected a new dance pavilion on his farm and will open his series of dances on Tuesday evening of next week with a big dance to which all orderly people are invited. During the intermission there will be some special entertainment. Loracks will furnish the music. We have been told that a new pavilion is being built east of town also, but we are not positive regarding this. It seems to be quite the thing now, as everyone is doing it. Clarence says his is a good one and no doubt there will be plenty of people there next Tuesday evening to try it out.

The community was saddened last Friday to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Ben F. Stevick, a local resident for the past many years and one of the respected citizens of the community. He was in Dr. M. Spellman's office, and was just getting up to leave, we have been informed, when suddenly he was stricken and died instantly, apoplexy being given as the immediate cause.

Mr. Stevick was well educated and for the past several years has served as Justice of the Peace in Lone Tree. He was a fine writer and took pride in his work, as he had a perfect right to do. He was always bright and cheerful in his appearance and enjoyed mingling with people of the community. He was a lover of the out-of-doors, and spent a great deal of his time there, walking about.

Walter Stafford has recently installed a new vapor oil burner in his baking oven, and now he is able to prepare his baked goods and pastries on much shorter notice than before. When wood was used, it took in the neighborhood of three hours to get the oven hot enough for baking; now with the new burner it can be heated in 45 minutes. Mr. Stafford uses kerosene, but he states that a cheaper oil can be used if wanted. He is getting good results from the new outfit and thinks he is going to like it fine.

The old Baptist church, which for many years has stood on Devoe Street, just south of where the Rex Theatre now stands, has been sold and is being torn down and the lumber will be moved out of town. We have been told that the place where it stood will be filled in and that it will be sodded. If this is done, it will leave a very nice looking lawn and will improve the appearance of the street greatly.

Tuesday of this week, a horse on the Edward Urbanek place apparently went mad, breaking from the barn and tearing around the lot until it became entangled in the wire fence where it was killed by order of Dr. Chas. Ham, our local veterinarian, who had been summoned.

The crazed animal, however, snapped at Mr. Urbanek and succeeded in biting him, so it will be necessary for him to take the Pasteur treatment. The horse's brain was sent to Iowa City and was found to be infected with rabies. The animal had probably been bitten by some stray dog, unknown to the owner.

Wellman

"That the way of a manufacturer of intoxicants is hard" is the conclusion reached by Martin Glantz, who appeared Saturday afternoon before Judge Charles A. Dewey, plead guilty to the charge of having a still in his possession, and received sentence.

He must pay a fine of $300 and serve three months in the county jail, Judge Dewey imposing that sentence.

Glantz, who lives northwest of Wellman, on the border line of Washington County, was arrested April 21, following a raid by county authorities, and has since been out on bond.

Mike Slabaugh had a lucky accident last Thursday evening, when the car in which he was riding turned over twice. He failed to turn a corner squarely, with the result that the car turned over and he suffered a scratched hand.

Miss Emma Pokrantz, who underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils at the Williamsburg hospital a week ago Tuesday morning, was in a very serious condition for several days following the operation. Her throat had been badly infected for some time, and the poison had so entered her system, that her heart and general health as well had been greatly weakened. She remained in such a serious condition for some time after the operation that her recovery was somewhat despaired of, but due to skillful medical aid and good care, she is now recovering nicely.

Misses Ada and Irene Zillmer also had their tonsils removed at the same time, and they are recovering in regulation style.

Dr. Watts, of Williamsburg, performed the operations.

Mr. J.D. Zook now has his molasses mill operating. Joe makes a mighty fine sorghum. He brought a sample to The Advance office last fall, and we never saw any nicer looking or better tasting sorghum. You will find his mill one-half mile east of the Franklin church.

Several operations are being performed this afternoon. A son of Will Butterbaugh, a son of Marvin Mathess and Russell Plecker are to have their tonsils removed, while Burton Denison is to have an operation for the removal of a cyst on his leg.

The Wellman schools, which were to have opened Monday, September 7, have been postponed one week, or until September 14. The change of date has been made necessary owing to some changes which had to be made in the construction of the alterations of the old building, which necessitated ordering more material. The weeks' delay should give the contractors time to get everything in place, after which it will take a few days to get the building thoroughly cleaned and in respectable shape for the students and teachers.

Wayne (Jiggs) Lewis had his tonsils removed one day last week, by Dr. Wayne Foster at Cedar Rapids. And now this week, he has a sty on his eye, which is o pleasant thing to have.

Mr. A.J. Nichols, Dr. McIntosh and Ad. Whetstine were expecting to leave today for the classic banks of Skunk River, where they were going to put to test their skill at hooking a few members of the finny tribe. They were expecting to stay a couple of days. We are mighty sorry that the Advance publisher could not accept an invitation to go along, as there is no sport quite so exciting and pleasing as landing a fair sized catfish with rod and line and nothing more appetizing than having before you, a big platter of fried catfish, with a side dish of fried potatoes and bread and butter, all of which will no doubt be on their bill of fare.

The Old Settlers' Day picnic at Wellman last Thursday, was one of the most successful efforts of that wide-awake town. The weather was unfavorable in the morning, but towards noon had cleared away and one of the biggest crowds ever seen in the town, gathered for the afternoon. The program was fine and the spectators were satisfied and amply repaid for their attendance.

The boys who have been breaking into buildings had better stop such work. The next time they are caught breaking into my buildings, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Nels Glider.

The Grey Heath Orchard, which is located about two miles north of Bonaparte, Van Buren County, is the largest orchard in the state, according to R. S. Herrick of the State Horticultural Society, in a report to the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

This orchard consists of 160 acres, of which about 142 acres are in apples, 12 acres in pears and the rest unplanted. The apple orchard is 15 years of age and consists of Jonathans, Grimes, Delicious, Ben Davis and a few other varieties.

The manager, Mr. Warren E. Beebe, estimates that the 10,000 apple trees will produce a total of from 40,000 to 50,000 bushels of apples this year. Unless something happens to the crop, the total returns will be approximately $200 per acre or more than $30,000 for the entire orchard.

The orchard has received four thorough sprayings and the quality of the fruit is exceptionally good. Mr. Beebe cultivates the orchard during the early part of the season and is trying out a cover crop of clover. The results of this orchard show what proper care, combined with the right varieties, will accomplish when the orchard is located on well drained, high lands, which free from frosts.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Pamela M. Bender, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR008420

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Pamela M. Bender, Deceased, who died on or about June 13, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on August 25, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Pamela M. Bender, deceased, bearing date of November 25, 1989, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Amy J. Botine was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated August 26, 2025.

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