

FFA members attend district conference



MP-FFA.jpg: Mid-Prairie FFA Greenhands who attended Greenhand Fireup were, L-R: Lynde Cole, Kenley Jeffries, Stevie Gingerich, Macie Ihrig, Rena Lyle, Graci Hershberger, Leah Kelley, Jayce Gillam, Levi Luers, Gavin Luers, Logan Pacha, Nickolas Peck, Preston Ford, Ty Gearhart, Anthony Slabaugh, Kylar Kiefer, Cole Troyer, Morgan Northup, Samuel Meader, Lyndon Peak, and Brendan Fisher.

BY ADELYN HUSTON AND AVERI JANECEK
MID-PRairie FFA REPORTERS

Each year the Southeast FFA district and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Greenhand Fire Up (GFU) Conferences for FFA members in the SE FFA district. The Cedar Rapids Prairie FFA welcomed FFA chapters from all over the SE FFA district on Sept. 22.

There were approximately 785 members from 38 chapters who attended this year's GFU. Mid-Prairie had 22 members of our FFA Chapter representing at this conference. They were accompanied by FFA Advisor Elsa Schmidt. Mid-Prairie FFA member Adelyn Huston also assisted by presenting at the conference for her District Officer duties.

While at the event, district and state officers lead four in-

teractive workshops for first year high school FFA members, also known as Greenhands, for the annual Greenhand Fire Up Conference. The workshops were leadership focused with an emphasis on the experiences that occur in the lives of beginning high school students.

Southeast State Vice-President, Cooper Vanderheiden, stated, "Greenhand Fire Up provides a chance for first-year high school members to get a sneak peek of the opportunities that FFA holds, and is a conference for members to meet and interact with state and district officers."

The officers prepared and facilitated workshops of: authenticity, balancing priorities, communication, and FFA opportunities – in order to provide the first-year FFA mem-

bers with skills they would use both within and outside of FFA. The goal was to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.

Following the Greenhand Fire Up activities, these members of the Mid-Prairie FFA traveled to the Kirkwood Community College Campus in Cedar Rapids to visit the agricultural facilities. Brad Kinsinger, the Dean of Kirkwood's Agricultural Sciences and Hospitality Arts, and a Mid-Prairie FFA Alumni, gave the tour. Members were able to learn more about educational opportunities available through Kirkwood including Diesel Mechanics, Ag Business and Veterinary Technician.



Gorgeous locally grown blooms filled a VW Bug Saturday morning at the Kalona Farmers Market. Just one more market remains this season; be sure to peruse the goods on Saturday, Oct. 11.



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SCHLABAUGH CELEBRATES 109TH BIRTHDAY



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Kalona resident Madena Schlabauah celebrated a remarkable milestone: she turned 109 years old on Saturday, Sept. 20. A birthday party was held the following day at Pleasantview, where she resides. She was joined by her family, Seth Ulin and granddaughter Stacey Schlabauah, great-granddaughter Lakelyn Ulin, of Morristown, TN, and Madena's son, Richard Schlabauah of Riverside. Schlabauah, originally from Wellman, has been a longtime member of the Kalona community.



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Madena Schlabauah and her daughter, Laurel Schlabauah at her birthday party held Sunday at Pleasantview.



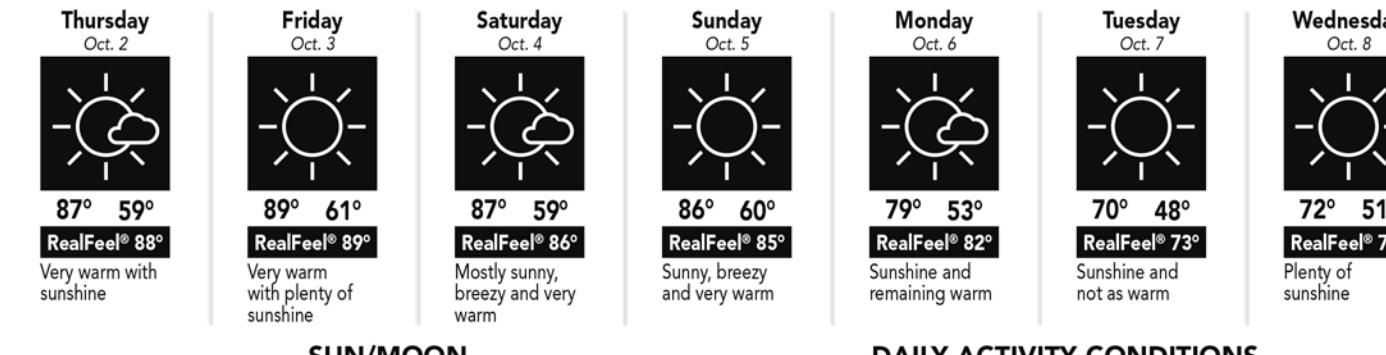
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Asbury Methodist Church of Wellman had a birthday party for Madena Schlabauah on Sunday to celebrate her 109th birthday.



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Friday 7:06 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Friday 5:08 p.m.	2:43 a.m.
Saturday 7:07 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	Saturday 5:33 p.m.	3:56 a.m.
Sunday 7:08 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	Sunday 5:56 p.m.	5:10 a.m.
Monday 7:09 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	Monday 6:19 p.m.	6:26 a.m.
Tuesday 7:10 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	Tuesday 6:45 p.m.	7:44 a.m.
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Pleasantview Benefit Sale preparations are in progress

Planning for the 68th Annual Pleasantview Home Sale is in full swing. Food committees are finalizing food orders and securing people to help serve and bus tables. Steering committee members are picking up silent and live auction items; community people are busy finishing up quilts and projects that will be for sale. Quilt committee people will soon meet to organize all the quilts. The web site (pvkalona.com/benefit-sale) is being updated frequently with pictures and lists of auction items, and it will continue to be updated through October 25.

Net proceeds from the benefit will support the purchase of a desperately needed new chiller to help keep residents, staff, and visiting families healthy and cool.

According to Nyle Kauffman, chair of the Benefit Steering Committee, "This is a major expense, over \$260,000, which is generally beyond what our Benefit raises. Therefore, a campaign is currently in place to kick-start the fund-raising using a \$50,000 matching pledge for funds received by October 31."

Should the \$260,000 goal be met, any additional funds would be used for the general

welfare of all Pleasantview residents.

You won't want to miss this community event. Held at the fully accessible Hillcrest Academy, 1421 540th St SW, Kalona, it begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31. Find your way to the cafeteria in the lower level and enjoy a turkey tenderloin meal which is served until 7 p.m. There will be music by the Auction Acapella and The Doilies in the gymnasium, beginning at 5:30, and the live auction will start at 6 p.m.

There will be a minute or two break at 7 p.m. to end the silent auction. You can purchase pieces of mouth-watering pie and ice cream throughout the evening and take home items from the Bake Sale when you leave.

Saturday morning will feature an all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage breakfast in the cafeteria from 7 to 9:30 a.m. The live auction picks up again at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. It typically ends about noon when all the items are sold.

Items sold at the auctions include gift certificates from area individuals and businesses; quilts, comforters, and wall hangings; hand-crafted items; baby swiss cheese, Boyd's Bologna, and frozen packages of

locally raised, USDA inspected, beef and pork. Have you ever wanted to ride in a combine or experience spring planting in Iowa? We have gift certificates for that!

More unique auction items are meals to be served in the donors' homes, and we expect to have a nice selection of them. One can purchase a fried chicken meal donated by an Amish family near Kalona, traditional meals, Sri Lankan meal, homemade ice cream, ladies' tea, a 4-course soup supper, and a Brazilian Churrasco-style meal where 10 people will watch the skewered meat grill slowly over an open flame and leisurely enjoy their meal. These are usually sold by the event, and the buyer invites the specified number of people to attend with him/her. If pies are your weakness, a seasonal home-made pie delivered in the odd numbered months has been donated.

Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend. Admission is free. Contact Grace at 319-936-7411 if you have auction items to donate or bring to the front desk at Pleasantview. Remember, the Benefit is a week earlier than last year:

October 31 and November 1.

Mid-Prairie launches Staff Walk of Fame

BY JJ PETERS

The News

WELLMAN

The Mid-Prairie sociology class has something exciting in the works. The class was recently challenged to design a project that could improve the school, community, county, or even the state of Iowa. Their answer? A creative new idea called the Staff Walk of Fame.

So, what is the Staff Walk

of Fame? It's a tribute to each decade of Mid-Prairie history, honoring eight generations of past and present Golden Hawks staff. Both current and former Mid-Prairie employees are invited to participate.

The Staff Walk of Fame, organized by the sociology class, will debut on Friday, October 10, during the Mid-Prairie football game.

The event will be held next to the home bleachers, weather

permitting. In the case of bad weather, it will move inside to the high school cafeteria/auditorium.

For those unable to attend, staff members can still sign their names at the high school.

Football game admission is free for all current and former staff members. Sociology teacher Schuyler Snakenberg and the class hope to see you there on October 10.

Alliant Energy partners with HomeServe, plans new easements in Kalona

BY JJ PETERS

The News

KALONA

Alliant Energy has some good news for Kalona residents. A few weeks back, it was announced that Alliant would be upgrading its power grid. This week, however, they revealed a new partnership with HomeServe. HomeServe is an independent company recognized for providing home repair solutions.

Every homeowner now

qualifies for protection and repair plans. It offers peace of mind, knowing that if electrical issues arise in your home, you'll have coverage through HomeServe. Their plans are affordable and feature dependable service from local contractors. These plans will remain separate from your Alliant Energy service. Customers of Alliant can expect more information in the mail soon about HomeServe. You can also visit HSRepairsAE.com or call 1-844-858-2904.

Alliant further shared that additional electrical easements are planned in Kalona. Back in the spring, some easements were completed at the Sharon Hill cemetery.

Now, six months later, a few more are set for Kalona. Alliant stated about five will be added in the city before the year ends.

They also announced that Riverside and Hills will receive new easements as well. For any questions about electrical easements, contact Alliant Energy.

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OPINION

A little bit of childhood

Sixty-five years ago one of the favorite things our mother would say to us was, "We're going to Titonka (or to Wellsburg) Sunday." Those were the Iowa communities where our grandparents lived.

A trip to Wellsburg meant spending a Sunday with our maternal cousins and a trip to Titonka meant a day with our paternal cousins.

Cousins played a big role in the lives of my siblings and me and we had a lot of them. Our mother was one of 12 children and our father one of six. In total we had 55 first cousins and dozens of second cousins, some whom were nearly as close to us as first cousins.

These days our mother's family gets together every July but our father's family not as regularly.

So you can understand my enthusiasm for a Huisman Cousins Reunion scheduled for earlier this month. It had been some 30 years since I had seen some of these cousins with whom we had spent many good times at our grandparents' home.

First cousins came to the reunion from the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas and all over Iowa.

We met for lunch at 1 p.m. and then migrated to a church fellowship hall near the family's ancestral hometown in central Iowa. Our gatherings used to be picnic potlucks but this time everyone enjoyed a restaurant pizza buffet. Times they are a changing.

The oldest of our first cousins celebrated his 85th birthday last month and he was feted at our reunion. The youngest cousin is 57 and her attendance reminded us older cousins that even the baby cousin is now a middle-ager.

The first thing I noticed was how many of us cousins are walking with the assistance of a cane or rollator walker. Though our walking may be a little slower, our minds are sharp enough to remember many good times.

Cousins Kenny, Loren and I were the Three Musketeers when we got together at our grandparents' home years ago. As younger kids we explored Grandpa's farm and as teenagers we jumped into one of the automobiles and talked about all the things that concern teenage boys. Usually, that was girls.

I was the youngest of the trio and learned a lot.

Out of the nearly two dozen



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

Huisman cousins, we have lost only two but six of us cousins have lost spouses. Four of us have remarried and our new mates were in attendance, too. As the afternoon ended I asked one of the new wives if after witnessing the crazy stories shared that day she was still happy to have married into the family. She assured me she was.

One of the joyful observations from the reunion is that all the cousins, now obviously much older than when we spent time at our grandparents' home, still have the personalities of their youth.

What our stoic grandmother would have called "smart aleck" still abounded. As family stories of mischief and youthful adventures were shared, responses from the crowd were quick and witty.

One cousin talked about the time he - newly licensed to drive - and my brothers drove to Minnesota for a root beer. Titonka was only 20 miles from the Minnesota border but for my brothers from central Iowa it was a memorable trip.

Another cousin remembered being tricked into getting shocked by an electric fence. Still another recalled the time one of the cousins peed on an electric fence. The victim did not want to discuss the incident.

Many of us remembered our grandmother's upright Victrola crank-powered phonograph and the quarter-inch thick records we played on it. We even remembered some of the songs on those old records.

Many of the stories recalled our aunts and uncles, all of whom have passed on. The cousin who coordinated the reunion had printed a 5x7 photograph of the six uncles and aunts from the late 1980s. She gave each of us a framed copy of the photo. I have studied that photo several times since returning home and it becomes more precious each time.

American poet Marion C. Garrett once said, "A cousin is a little bit of childhood that can never be lost." That was proven again at our Cousins Reunion.



The History and Understanding of the Declaration of Independence: Colonization Part 1

BY JIM MILLER

The voyage of the Pilgrims and the establishment of their colony, which they called the Plymouth Plantation, is where the first solely Christian group secured a beachhead on the North American continent where self-government and freedom of religion were instituted. From the very beginning of their voyage the Pilgrims did not waver from their faith and trust in God no matter what they had to go through and suffer. Their whole focus and drive during this very dangerous endeavor was to find a place to freely worship God in the way they were being led to.

Their voyage at the beginning did not go well. The Pilgrims thought they would have two ships to transport their group to Virginia colony. It went afoul as the ship they bought in Holland called the Speedwell developed leaks in its hull on two different attempts to sail from Portsmouth. They only had one ship remaining, which was the Mayflower. It ended up cutting the number of Pilgrims that could go to America. As stated by Peter Marshall and David Manuel in the "Light and the Glory", God used the Speedwell's problems to continue to separate the wheat from the chaff. William Stoughton declared "God sifted a whole nation, that He might send choice grain into the wilderness."

After a rough sixty-six days at sea and experiencing violent storms and issues with the ship, they finally reached Cape Cod. When they docked on shore, the Pilgrims went to their knees and thanked God that they safely arrived in America. Their next step was to find a deep-water harbor and a place to set up their settlement. They sent out a scouting party in a shallop, a small boat powered by oars and sail, to explore and find the ideal place. Due to a blizzard, they missed the harbor their pilot, Robert Copin, had told them about. More disastrous events would take place before they found a deep harbor that big-

ger ships like the Mayflower could anchor in. Once ashore they found a land that fit all the requirements for their settlement plus, twenty acres that were ready for planting. The Golden Thread is obvious throughout their adventure because, after all their trials and tribulations during the voyage, we find that when they finally arrived at a site where they could build their settlement, it was already seemingly prepared for them. The Golden Thread, God's intervention, was securely woven into the beginning of the American tapestry.

Once ashore their situation became even more difficult. When they began to create their settlement, it was in late December. Winter had already set in. Unfortunately, they did not have any structures built yet that could withstand the cold. The Pilgrims decided to ask Captain Jones of the Mayflower to stay as long as possible, so they could have shelter. "The Light and the Glory" states, "he agreed as the lives of these humble settlers had touched him deeply. They had borne cheerfully the taunts of a bosun's mate, never complained about their conditions or food or the weather, and thanked God for the merest blessing."

As stated in "The American Story The Beginnings" by David and Tim Barton, their first step before anything was falling on their knees and thanking God, reaffirming their continuing reliance upon Him. The Pilgrims in building their settlement first laid out their main street. They then built a palisade (wall) for protection and began building the common house. However, the harsh winter conditions made it hard to work.

Adding to the cold winter it became even bleaker. As the Bartons stated in their book, that because of the long voyage, lack of provisions, and harsh conditions most of them became sick. In fact, during the height of the illness, only six or seven of the more than

100 people who originally set out on the Mayflower were strong enough to move about. The very few worked hard on behalf of the rest. Despite their best efforts, half of the pilgrims died during the first winter; yet the next spring when the Mayflower returned to England not one of the surviving Pilgrims chose to go back.

During that first spring the Pilgrims had their first encounter with the local natives without any incident. A short time later a lone Indian named Samoset wandered into their midst. In broken English, Samoset explained that he had learned English from explorers and fishermen who had infrequently visited the coast.

He also informed them that the Patauxet were a fierce warring people, but a mysterious plague wiped out the whole tribe. On account of that, no other tribe would venture into the land. He also warned them of other hostile Indians they could encounter. A little while later, he left their settlement and told the Pilgrims he would return with some of the neighboring Wampanoag Indians. After a few days he returned with Massasoit, chief of the tribe, and some of his men where he made a peace treaty with the Pilgrims. As stated in History of the Town of Plymouth, 1835 by James Thacher, the Pilgrims purchased the land they were on from the Indians and would continue to purchase land as they expanded their colony.

After Massasoit and the other Indians left, one man remained, which was Squanto. He spoke fluent English and would make an everlasting effect on the Pilgrims. Squanto taught them how to flourish. He showed them how to hunt, fish and raise crops. It was like his destiny to keep them alive. Squanto became the instrument of God's intervention into the Pilgrims' new beginning on American soil. God showed the Pilgrims that He was with them and thus planted a seed of trust in the American spirit.

To be continued.

The fight for transgender civil rights in Iowa

BY JJ JOHNSON

This last spring, I joined a group of Washington County residents in demanding the passage of civil rights protections for transgender Iowans at a county level. The effort culminated in a sit-in protest at a Board of Supervisors meeting on July 1.

After the meeting adjourned, I and many others stuck around to debate the issue further with the Board and others present. I ended up in a lengthy back-and-forth with County Attorney Nathan Repp. He had advised the Board that county-level civil rights protections were neither necessary nor legal. I saw him as the primary force in opposition to our efforts.

Our exchange was passionate but civil. In fact, if anyone lost control of their emotions at times, it was me. When we had both said all that we could, we agreed to disagree and carry on the conversation at another time.

In the days following, we

exchanged emails. And the County Attorney did something I didn't think was possible at the time - he changed my mind. Certainly, I still believe Iowa needs to grant transgender residents the full protections they deserve. That fight continues.

But, methodically and with ample evidence, he explained his position on the legality of our specific demands. I was able to explore the resources he quoted and found that he had a point. I won't go into the legal details here, but I realized that not only was he correct, but his opposition was genuinely motivated by his role as neutral legal counsel - not some partisan hater.

I want to say thank you to the County Attorney for being an example of what healthy democratic debate and disagreement can look like. He never lost his cool. He took his time to explain his position without denigrating the motivations of mine. His is an example I hope to emulate.

Thank you!

The Kalona Historical Society and Mennonite Historical Society would like to thank all the volunteers and attendees who made the 2025 Fall Festival a great success. Without your help and support, the continuing operation of our nonprofits would not be possible.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Bender

1929 - 2025



Dorothy Bender, 96, of Kalona, passed from this life Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. A funeral was held Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, at Lower Deer Creek Church in rural Kalona. The service is available via Livestream at the Beatty Peterseim Facebook and YouTube pages. Burial was at the Lower Deer Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Iowa City Hospice or the Pleasantview Home. The Beatty Peterseim Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Dorothy Addella (Bachman) Bender was born July 25, 1929, at the family home in rural Pomeroy, Iowa, the daughter of Aaron Raymond and Emma Elsie (Egli) Bachman. She was one of 11 children in her family. She grew up in a singing family and recorded an album with her sisters.

After school Dorothy moved to the Kalona area to be an aid for her older sister's family. She enjoyed her work as a

nurse assistant at Mercy Hospital when she moved to Iowa City.

While living in Iowa City she met Daniel Bender at a church function and Sept. 10, 1950, they were united in marriage at the Lower Deer Creek Church. The couple spent several months serving in voluntary service in New York, cooking and greeting guests at a camp there.

Dorothy was a devoted parent, loving spouse and friendly to all. She loved to read, laugh, play Skipbo, garden, cook, bake and volunteer at various jobs in her church. Family was a big priority to Dorothy, and she relished her time as a homemaker raising her six children. She invited guests on Sundays for large meals and was a gracious and hospitable

hostess. Faith was the most vital part of her life, everything she did was out of her commitment to Jesus and her witness to Him.

Survivors include her children: Daniel (Evie) Bender of Kalona, Jane (Tim) Miller of Sugarcreek, Ohio, Lois (Jim) Gingerich of Kalona, Mairi (Loren) Helmuth of LaGrange, Indiana, Carol (John) Bates of Kalona, and Linda (John) Yutzy of Iowa City; 22 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law: Erna Bachman of Goshen, Indiana and Marianna Miller of Kalona; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Dorothy in death were her parents; her husband; two grandchildren: Angela and Andrew; three great-grandchildren: Eliza, Benji and Conrad; and 10 siblings.

Dorothy's family would like to thank Hospice of Iowa City and Pleasantview for their loving care these past few months.

Eleanor Ruth (Swartzendruber) Yoder

1927 - 2025



Eleanor Ruth (Swartzendruber) Yoder, 98 of Pleasantview Assisted Living in Kalona passed away Sept. 22, 2025.

She was born Jan. 23, 1927, at home in Iowa County to Earlis J. and Nettie (Bender) Swartzendruber. She attended Mid-Prairie one-room country school through eighth grade and graduated as salutatorian from Wellman High School in 1944.

She married Howard R. Yoder on Jan. 12, 1947. They raised a family of six children on her family farmstead.

Eleanor was a renaissance woman with many interests. As one of the original founders of Crowded Closet, she served there for many years. She was involved with the Wellman Historical Society and Iowa County Farm Bureau Women.

An avid gardener, she participated in the first Master Gardener Class of Johnson County and was a member of the Wellman Garden Club. At local county fairs she won multiple blue ribbons for flower arranging. She transformed Silver Pond's flower beds and was known as the 'flower lady.' Garden arrangements were frequently scattered throughout their home.

Eleanor's many interests and talents included tole and China painting, furniture refinishing, braiding wool rugs, and creating wall hangings

using her mother's and grandmother's quilt blocks. She sold her crafts at Kalona Fall Festival, Sisters Garden and other local

events.

Church was central to her life. As a member at West Union Mennonite Church, she taught Sunday School, Bible School, and hosted small group. She was involved in planning the Sesquicentennial celebration and was the first woman appointed to an Iowa Nebraska Conference committee. She wrote a book on the history of WMSC.

Writing was a passion of hers, and she attended writer workshops to hone her skills. Her work appeared in various Christian publications.

At 88 years of age, Eleanor moved from the farm to an independent living apartment at Parkview in Wellman. She enjoyed the timber behind her home and created a shade garden there. She enjoyed many hours watching the birds at her feeders and chasing the squirrels away. After living there for eight years, she transitioned to Pleasantview Assisted Living in Kalona. She was an enthusiastic dominoes

player and took advantage of planned activities and exercise sessions. Her evenings were spent first by watching Wheel of Fortune and followed by reading library books.

Eleanor is survived by children: H. Douglas Yoder of Lakewood, Colorado, Steven Yoder (Becky) of Kalona, Lucinda Hoskins (George) of Wellman, John H. Yoder (Jon) of Wellman, Barbara Martin (Keith) of Newton, Kansas, and Melissa Thomas (Ron) of Louisville, Kentucky; daughter-in-law: Vici Yoder of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceded in death by her husband: Howard; brothers: Loran Swartzendruber and Carroll Swartzendruber; sister-in-law: Leona Swartzendruber; and son-in-law: Gordon Breneman.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, at West Union Mennonite Church rural Parnell. Private family burial was held in the West Union Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for Hillcrest Academy Endowment or West Union Mennonite Church.

Messages and tributes may be sent to the family at www.powellfuneralhomes.com. Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for Eleanor and her family.

mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cheese, sliced tomatoes, ice cream, and Long John Rolls. Daniel Ray and Verena made pizza bites to snack on. They layered Ritz crackers, cheese, and pepperoni's and baked it. It was a good snack. After lunch we played Life On The Farm. Our family loves to play that game.

7:00 p.m. Son Ben went on his bike and Kevin went on his mobility scooter for a ride. Joe and I are ready to sit back and relax.

Time for bed. Goodnight, sweet dreams. God bless!

Long John Rolls

1 cup lukewarm water
2 packages active dry yeast
1 cup milk
2 large eggs, beaten
1/2 cup butter
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of ground nutmeg
6 to 7 cups bread flour
Oil for frying

Pour the water into a small bowl and then add the yeast and stir until completely dissolved. Set aside. Scald the milk and let cool to lukewarm. Add the milk to the dissolved yeast.

Blend together eggs, butter, sugar, salt, and nutmeg until well blended, and then add to the milk and yeast mixture. Gradually add flour until the dough is elastic and easy to handle. Knead until you form a round ball. Put in a bowl and cover with wax paper. Put it in a warm place and let rise until doubled in size, about 2 hours. Punch down and divide the dough into 2 large pieces. Roll out each piece to a 3/4-inch thickness. Cut into 7-inch oblong pieces. Let rise again.

Frying Long Johns

Heat vegetable shortening in a deep pan to a depth of 2 to 3 inches until very hot. Fry the rolls in batches until golden, 2 minutes on each side. Frosting may be added if desired, once the rolls have cooled.

Debra "Debby" Louise (Maust) Gruber

1959 - 2025



Debby loved spending time with her family, taking many road trips and vacations together. Michigan and Florida were the most popular destinations, with swimming and searching for shells and shark's teeth the favorite activities. She greatly enjoyed a trip to Israel with her siblings in 2005 in honor of Clayton's 75th birthday. Having all of her children and grandchildren gathered together and reuniting with extended family was one of her greatest joys.

Debby is survived by her seven children; 23 grandchildren; and four siblings: Konrad and Shannon (Gruber) Krabill and their children: Annika, Benson, Elissa, Carson, Carita, Kason, and Darison; Randy and Shelley (Gruber) Smucker and their children: Jocelyn, Charlotte, William, Archer, and Hayes; Shawn and Heidi (Zook) Gruber of Joetown and children: Owen, Canon, Gloria, and Stellan; Shelby and Keilah (Brokaw) Gruber of Wellman and their children: Valor, Judah and Barrett; Shane and Fern (Kohl) Gruber of Wellman, and children: Emma, Caspian and Felix; Colton and Sheryl (Gruber) Kropf of Kalona; Shaylon and Shaylee (Shryock) Gruber of Wellman and daughter: Emberlynn. Siblings: Larry and Cherie Yoder, Jerry and Tammy Maust, Darrell and Lynette Yoder, Lester and Lori Beachy; 17 nieces and nephews; 35 great-nieces and nephews; and 10 great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband: Barry Gruber; grandson: Treyson Krabill; niece: Katie Yoder; parents: Clayton and Berniece Maust; and stepmother: Thelma (Hershberger) Maust.

Funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, at Fairview Mennonite Church in rural Kalona. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for Pathway School. The Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for Debby and her family.

Ada Mae Yoder Eash

1926 - 2025



Suzanne Yoder (Mike Moser) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Karla Mabarak of Wellman and Kevin (Lori) Yoder of Wellman; six grandchildren: Nicole KandeLind (Steve) of Denver, Mackenzie Kemp (Joshua) of Midland Texas, Aisha Mabarak (Steve) of New York City, Stefan Mabarak (Monica) of Mexico City, Mexico, Hanna McDowell (Tim) of Keota, and Drew Yoder of North Liberty, IA; seven great-grandchildren: Lydia and Gina KandeLind; Walker and Michael Kemp; Erikka, Alyssa and Brett McDowell.

She is preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; and her brother: Glenn Swartzendruber.

Funeral services and burial were Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at the West Union Mennonite Church near Parneill.

A memorial fund has been established for Goodwin Dining Center in Wellman. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

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his upbringing in a hunting, fishing, and churchgoing Norwegian family in Decorah, as well as his governmental career trajectory, which began in 2010. He first served as Assistant Attorney General of Iowa until 2017; then in 2018, he ran for state auditor, a position he has occupied since.

The things Sand wants to address in state government have not always garnered support from his colleagues in Des Moines. His desire to hold government insiders accountable for egregious wrongdoing, for example; "Nobody would go a long with me on this," he said, but that didn't mean he would succumb to the status quo.

"Whether or not I'm your state auditor or your governor, I'm not going to do the wrong thing just because everybody else is doing it. Period," he said.

That was the first of several applause lines for 43-year-old Sand, who is married with two sons, aged 9 and 11.

Audience Questions

When the floor opened for questions, attendees asked Sand about improving water quality, securing an adequate number of OB-GYNs, protecting fathers in custody agreements, addressing Washington County's high property taxes, making childcare more accessible in rural areas, and protecting LGBTQ+ Iowans.

On these issues, Sand didn't offer specific plans for how

they might be addressed; however, he did share his thought process in his responses.

On our declining water quality: "I wouldn't, even if I win this election, be governor until January 2027, and I want to get this right. Anyone can pull a plan off of a shelf for any issue and say, 'Here's my plan,' even if you don't know anything... I would rather take the time to study it and figure out what the right thing to do is that's going to be both effective and achievable, because if it isn't both of those things, then there's no point."

On the lack of OB-GYNs: "There's a couple of reasons that we are having trouble attracting doctors who deliver babies to the state of Iowa. Number one is the new restrictions on reproductive freedom in the state of Iowa. Here's the way I feel about it: I'm generally pro-choice, but I'm also pro-First Amendment... We need to do a better job of attracting doctors here to practice medicine."

On property taxes: "The folks in Des Moines are making it sound like they're your heroes for cutting taxes, when in reality what they're doing is actually forcing your local folks to increase your tax levels more... I know one of the answers is, that I think you'll appreciate, we should be treating cannabis the way that we treat alcohol... Everyone's just driving to all of our neighboring states to get it anyway.

They're spending their money there. That money doesn't come back to Iowa, and they're fueling those tax revenues there. We should be doing that right here in the State of Iowa."

On LGBTQ+ Iowans: "I want to get their lives out of the headlines. Here's what we're going to do: we're going to veto every single culture war bill if I get elected governor. Our economy is in 49th place in the country. Personal income growth is 48th. Cancer growth is number one. Our education system is in the middle of the pack. So my message to the legislature is clear: don't send me bills that don't address real issues that impact the lives of 100% of Iowans. Send me bills fixing the very real problems that you all have been ignoring and allowing to fester. We want people to feel welcome in the state of Iowa. Electing a governor that talks that way and vetoes that bill will make a big difference for that."

Sand's views certainly don't fall on the right side of the political spectrum as we know it, but as he concluded the town hall, he came back to the idea that strictly speaking, both party lines are flawed.

"If you want change in the State of Iowa; if you want public service, not politics; if you want a governor that wants all of us to feel free from the grip of the two parties that don't really serve or care about us, but are really serving themselves and special interest groups; then let's do it," he said.

His call to action? "[Let's] flip the tables on both parties" and work together.

WELLMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

We had a great evening last week, delving into an Iowa True Crime. Thank you to everyone who joined us to learn more about the strange unsolved mystery. If you're a true crime enthusiast and interested in presenting at the library, reach out to Carrie or Melissa.

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Fri, Oct 3 at 10:30 – Dinosaur Movers & Shakers

Tue, Oct 7 at 6:30 – Nailed It! Famous Paintings (registration required)

Wed, Oct 8 at 10:30 – Squirrels! Story Time

Fri, Oct 10 at 10:30 – Leaves Movers & Shakers

Tue, Oct 14 at 6:30 – Intro to Charcuterie (registration required)

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Wed, Oct 15 at 10:30 – Silly Pumpkins Story Time

Fri, Oct 17 at 10:30 – Counting Movers & Shakers

New Children's Books: Baby Touch and Feel Halloween by DK; Axolotl and Axolittle by Jess Hitchman; The Dinosaur Seed by Lindsey Yankey

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New Adult Books: Confronting Evil by Bill O'Reilly; Apostle's Cove by William Kent Krueger; Smuggler's Cove by Fern Michaels; The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman; The Witch's Orchard by Archer Sullivan

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Friday – Tuna noodle casserole, peas, tropical fruit, ice cream

Monday – Brats & sauerkraut, potato salad, fruit cocktail, dessert

Tuesday – Lasagna, bread stick, Brussels sprouts, peaches

Wednesday – **Smothered pork chop, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, blushing pears, Jello

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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 – Pork loin 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.

College Honors

Lillian Gust from Riverside graduated with a Master of Science in Education in clinical mental health counseling from Buena Vista University in Summer 2025.



State Auditor and candidate for governor Rob Sand at KC Hall in Washington on Monday, Sept. 29. About 100 people attended the town hall meeting.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Adult Fiction: "The Academy" by Elin Hilderbrand; "Billion Dollar Ransom" by James Patterson; "All Tucked Inn" (The Jubilee Series #2) by Rachel Hanna; "It Happened on the Lake" by Lisa Jackson

New Board Books: "Happiness is a Rainbow" by Patricia Hegarty; "Pat the Bunny at the

Apple Orchard"; "Bee: A Peek-through Picture Book" by Patricia Hegarty; "That's Not My Tractor-It's Light's are too Sparkly" by Fiona Watt

New Juvenile Non-Fiction: "Curious About Caving" by Rachel A. Koestler-Grack; "Curious About Rock Climbing" by Kristin Eberth; "Colorful Foods in 15 Minutes or

Less" by Tamara JM Peterson

New Picture Books: "How To Catch Bigfoot" by Alice Walstead; "Bluey-What would Bluey's Mum Do?"

New Audiobooks: "The Happy Ever After Playlist" by Abby Jimenez; "Paris Match" by Stuart Woods; "The Fountains of Silence" by Ruta Sepetys

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Johnson County halts talks with Iowa City on shared jail and police facility

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

IOWA CITY

Johnson County's hot topic in recent weeks has been potentially sharing a new jail and police facility with the City of Iowa City.

And it's been really hot.

Last week, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors scheduled a special work session to take on the issue.

It lasted just 15 minutes.

And it didn't even take that long for the board to finally divorce itself from Iowa City, at least in terms of a new shared police facility that may have been located near Iowa City Municipal Airport at the junction of Riverside Drive and Highway 6.

The trouble began with an Iowa City Council meeting, which split on a marginal 4-3 vote to enter discussions with the county on a shared facility.

That was just the beginning of a fast-moving target.

Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague rejected a potential facility on city-owned property near the airport.

County Sheriff Brad Kunkel told the Board of Supervisors he could no longer support a shared facility.

Then, last Wednesday, in an informal vote with little comment, the five board members voted to end any discussions with the city.

The county is now back to an initial estimate of \$80 million for a new building without a designated property to build it on, and no consensus among board members on how many beds a new jail should consist of.

Kunkel wants 140 beds, a number that was proposed in a study prepared by Shive-Hattery Architecture & Engineering of Iowa City.

Supervisor Mandi Remington said she would not vote for anything over 92 beds.

Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz said 100.

A bond referendum would still have to pass voters with a 60% approval rate in the November 2026 election.

One compromise achieved limited support on the board and acceptance by Kunkel: Building a facility with 120 beds that can be expanded to 140.

Roundabout Plan

Construction is expected to begin in March 2026 on a traffic roundabout that will be on a property in a growing area of Johnson County that includes Tiffin, North Liberty and Coralville. The intersection is on the west end of Interstate 380, just west of Interstate 380, and connects with Jasper Road.

"It's a very dangerous intersection the way it sat," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

The Board approved right-of-way and drainage easements for the planned roundabout during its Sept. 25 formal session. The project's cost will be split between North Liberty and Tiffin, and is not expected to cost the county anything.

Legislative Priorities

The Board will vote Thursday on a number of legislative priorities for upcoming state legislature sessions.

Among the board's top priorities are absentee ballot voting, and supporting increased state funding for juvenile detention, juvenile delinquency prevention services, beds in state-funded institutions, and reimbursement for Medicaid-covered services.

The Board amended an agreement with Axiom Consultants of Iowa City for \$8,580 in order to continue structural monitoring of the Johnson County Jail and Sheriff's Office.

The Board approved more than \$55,000 in Quality of Life grant agreements, including \$4,250 to the Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce.

The Board approved more than \$100,000 in Economic Development grant agreements, including \$25,000 to the International Rescue Committee.

The Board voted, by 4-1, to join the City of Iowa City in an application for technical assistance to support development of a field mediation program.

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of 4-H Week (Oct. 5-11).

Next meeting: The Board's next formal session is at 9 a.m. October 2.

Candidates and ballot measures for Nov. 4 elections

Local voters will head to the polls Nov. 4 to choose city and school board leaders across northern Washington County. Several ballot measures will also be decided. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Kalona, three city council seats will be on the ballot. Incumbents Henry Beisheim and Joe Schmidt are seeking re-election, while Taylor Yeggy Berg and Eileen Beran have also filed papers. Councilman Craig Spitzer is not seeking another term, and voters will elect three of the four candidates.

In Riverside, residents will vote for mayor, two city council members, and a bond issue. Mayor Allen Schneider is running unopposed. For city council, incumbent Tom Sexton is joined on the ballot by Levi Schnoebel, Edgar McGuire, and Chris Grinstead, with voters selecting two of the four. In addition, a measure will appear on the ballot asking residents to approve or reject an \$8 million general obligation bond to help fund the city's proposed wellness center project. In Wellman, three incumbents are running unopposed. Mayor Ryan Miller, along with council members Fern Bontrager and Shannon McCain, are each

seeking another term.

In Lone Tree, Mayor Josh Spilman is running unopposed for a two-year term. Three candidates are running for three open four-year city council seats: Nicholas P. Gluba, Roger Goedken, and Kimberly Hamm. Voters will also choose one candidate to fill a two-year vacancy, with Matt Zadow on the ballot.

School board races are also set. At Mid-Prairie, three at-large seats are open. Current board president Jacob Snider and incumbent Jed Seward are running for re-election. They are joined by newcomers Michael Burns, Kirah Johnson, and Jim Miller, with voters able to select three candidates.

At Highland, four district seats are uncontested. Incumbents Aaron Frederick (District 3) and Nate Robinson (District 5) are running again, while Cody Thompson (Dis-

trict 1) and Jarrod Longbine (District 2) are new candidates. Longbine is seeking a two-year term to fill a vacancy.

At Lone Tree Community School District, three candidates are running for three four-year terms: Christina Magruder, Alecia Parizek, and Carrie Ronan. Voters in the district will also decide on **Public Measure MD**, a Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). The measure would authorize the school board, for a period of 10 years, to levy up to \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. Funds could be used for purposes such as building improvements and repairs, technology purchases, transportation equipment, and other projects authorized by law. Approval requires at least 50% of the vote.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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the alley, swoop through, grab it, and come out the other end. It's really smooth." Litwiller also mentioned that there are more and more people that have started coming in and staying a while. "I think we get more people coming in, socializing and enjoying their time". We just really hope people come and support it. It's a service that some people don't know about, that could really utilize it. There are definitely people that need the service, and we hope that people will come out and support them".

To support the fundraiser, plan to attend on Thursday, October 9, at the Goodwin Dining Center, 223 8th Avenue in Wellman. Donations will be accepted during the dinner. Anyone with questions about the event is encouraged to contact the City of Wellman for additional information or assistance.

Hinson to visit Washington for campaign event

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Ashley Hinson will make a stop in Washington this week as part of her 2026 campaign. Hinson, who currently represents Iowa's northeast congressional district in the U.S. House, is scheduled to appear at the Washington Pizza Ranch on Thursday, October 2, for a meet-and-greet with local voters.

The event, organized in partnership with the Washington County Republican Party, will run from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Hinson's staff noted the schedule could change if Congress faces a government shutdown. Lawmakers have until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, to pass a budget bill.

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Mid-Prairie students shine in fine arts camps, thanks to community support

This past summer, nearly 30 Mid-Prairie students expanded their skills and experiences through fine arts-focused camps held across the country—and even around the world.

Students attended a variety of programs, including Drum Major Marching Band camp, Speech Improvisation camp, Broadway camp in New York City, and an acting program in Greece. Others participated in vocal and acting camps at the University of Iowa and ICON, the Dorian Camp at Luther College, and even toured Europe, singing in cathedrals in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

The Mid-Prairie Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) helped make many of these opportunities possible, providing nearly \$5,000 in scholarships to support students.

During the past school year, FAB made significant contributions to Mid-Prairie's fine arts programs, including:

Purchasing a new bari saxophone and euphonium for the high school, and a new saxophone case for the middle school

Providing a charter bus for the Jazz Band's trip to the State Jazz Competition

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Funding custom drill for the

Marching Band
Purchasing wireless microphones and upgrades for the sound system

Covering costumes for plays, musicals, color guard, and Madrigal performances

Hiring accompanists for contests and pit musicians for musicals

Providing meals for students at honor bands, state contests, and other events

"We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Fine Arts Boosters in support of these students and activities," Mid-Prairie Vocal Director Collette McClellen said in a statement. "We greatly appreciate everything you have done

to help them become better student musicians."

With the support of families, alumni, and the wider community, Mid-Prairie's fine arts programs continue to flourish—helping students gain not just skills, but lifelong experiences.



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Jeremiah Rempel in Greece



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- Oct. 6 – Conference Choir at West Liberty HS – 7 p.m. concert
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- Oct. 12-13 – Augustana Honor Choir (Royal Court)
- Oct. (TBA) – Treble Fest at Clear Creek Amana
- Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2 – Fall Musical: Alice by Heart
- Nov. 11 – Veteran's Assembly – 10 a.m.
- Dec. 12-14 – Madrigal Dinner – 6 p.m./6 p.m./5 p.m.
- Dec. 18 – Kindness & Carols Concert (with HS Band) – 7:15 p.m.
- Feb. 24 – Central College Grades 10-12 Honor Choir – 6 p.m. concert
- Feb. 26 – Pops & Pie Concert – 6:15 p.m. solos & small groups; 8 p.m. choirs
- March 28 – State Solo & Ensemble Contest – Location TBA
- May 5 – HS Spring Vocal Concert – 6:45 p.m. solos & small groups; 8 p.m. choirs
- May 8 – State Large Group Contest – Location TBA
- May 14 – HS sings one song at 5th-8th Choir Concert – 7:15 p.m.
- May 19 – Fine Arts Banquet – 6 p.m. potluck, 6:30 p.m. awards
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Old Man Band performed Friday evening.



A musical performance by Mid-Prairie students Friday.



A Fall Festival staple: Don Patterson and Frank Yoder of Kalona watch as G. Widmer of Washington stirs apple butter in a large kettle.

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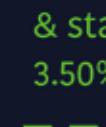
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Mike Zahs shows festivalgoers the historical barn relocated to the Kalona Historical Village this year.

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Puppeteer Monica Leo of Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre performs the story of Johnny Appleseed on Friday afternoon.



A favorite Fall Festival tradition: comparing how long the wait was in line for Hillcrest Academy's apple fritters.



Watching corn trimmed right off the cob was a fascinating demonstration.



On behalf of the late David Tornow, his family accepts the 2025 Kalona Community Award from Ryan Schlabau, Kalona City Administrator, on Saturday afternoon. Present were his parents, Herb and Yvonne Tornow, wife Shery, son Brad and daughter Abby Foster.



Train rides are always fun at Fall Festival.

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The News SPORTS

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HIGH OCTANE HAWKS

Mid-Prairie scores over 50 in home district victory over West Liberty



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Mid-Prairie senior Kaden Kos fired up after making a tackle for loss during a home game against West Liberty on Sept. 26.

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

WELLMAN

The offensive firepower came quickly.

Mid-Prairie junior quarterback Brooks Weber and senior running back Hudson Ehrenfelt hooked up for a 41-yard touchdown pass to begin the night.

Then came a TD pass to Nolan Jergens. And a 1-yard scoring run by Ehrenfelt.

By the time the first quarter ended last Friday, the Golden Hawks were up by three touchdowns. By the time the game ended, Weber had thrown for six touchdowns, the Golden Hawks had nearly 500 yards of total offense and West Liberty head coach Jason Dumont, a Mid-Prairie alum, could only watch as Mid-Prairie won its second consecutive 2A-6 district game by a score of 56-35.

The Golden Hawks last reached 56 points two years ago.

"Very pleased with just how we were able to be in control, and kind of pick and choose what we wanted to do and take advantage of the looks we were getting," Golden Hawks head coach Daren Lambert said.

The win sends the Golden Hawks to a district game Friday at Central Lee with a No. 8 ranking in 2A. They have not lost a district game since 2023.

"Each and every week it's a huge game," Lambert said. "We've talked about it. Each and every district game is just a title game. We can't lose focus and can't lose sight of what's ahead."

The scariest moment against West Liberty arrived late in the first half when Mid-Prairie senior Peyton Fox was injured after falling to the ground on a passing play. The game was halted while ambulance workers treated Fox and took him to a hospital for a closer examination.

Weber ranks third in Class 2A with 16 touchdown passes and is sixth in

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Proud and memorable night for Lone Tree football



Paul Bowker
Columnist

be football and it will be junior varsity eight man.

Monday night was not only the team's first home game, but it was Senior Night.

Every parking space in the school campus parking lot was filled. Every single one. Cars spilled over to side roads a block away and onto Devoe Street.

Members of the cheerleading squad lined up behind the team bench and in front of the home bleachers. The concession stand opened up. And Lone Tree residents piled into the place.

Even the Lions themselves were joyously stunned.

"I wasn't expecting ..." said one player.

So, you're not sure what high school football means to rural Iowa? Take a peek into Lone Tree. The Tree. This wasn't even a Friday night. It was Monday. A school night. A work night. Fans who weren't in the bleachers stood and hung over the fences surrounding the field.

"It means the world," Williams said. "These guys worked their tail off. I couldn't be more proud for them to show Night One here in Lone Tree. Senior Night. Get the seniors this win."

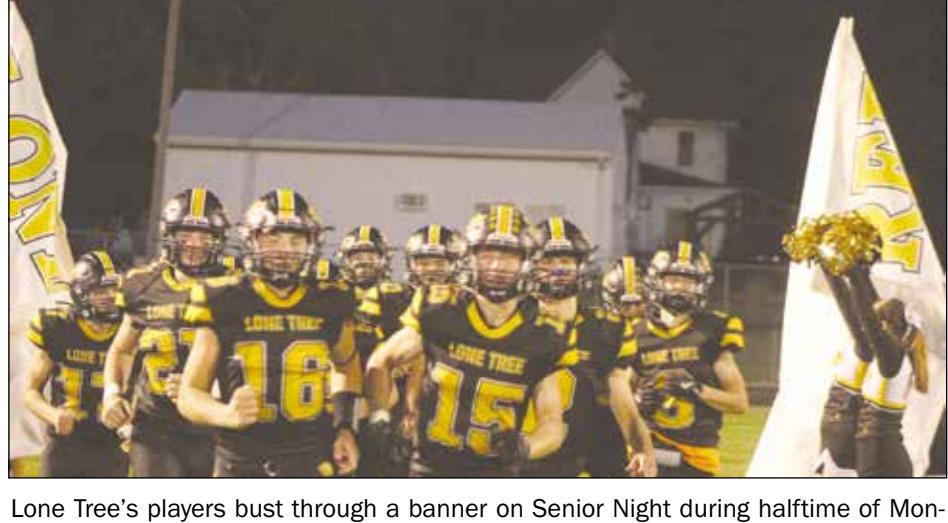
Even if it was JV.

You're not going to find many seniors playing for a junior varsity team, but Kaden Sojka joined the team as quarterback and John Daufeldt as



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Lone Tree's three football seniors, from left: John Daufeldt, Kaden Sojka and Grayson Spilman.



Lone Tree's players bust through a banner on Senior Night during halftime of Monday's junior varsity game against Midland.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

BROOKS WEBER

MID- PRAIRIE JUNIOR

Weber threw a school record six touchdown passes in Mid-Prairie's 56-35 home district win over West Liberty on Sept. 26. Weber ended the night going 18/22 for 306 yards along with 17 rushing yards on three carries.



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- Volleyball vs Wapello (Oct. 2, 7:30 pm)
- Volleyball at W-MU (Oct. 7, 7 pm)

Lone Tree Lions/Lady Lions

- Cross country at W-MU (Oct. 2, 4:30 pm)
- Volleyball vs Pekin (Oct. 2, 6:30 pm)
- Cross country at Hillcrest (Oct. 6, 5:35 pm)
- Volleyball at WACO (Oct. 7, 7 pm)

Hillcrest Ravens

- Cross country at Iowa City (Oct. 2, 4:15 pm)
- Volleyball vs WACO (Oct. 2, 6:30 pm)
- Cross country at home (Oct. 6, 5:35 pm)
- Volleyball at Wapello (Oct. 7, 6:30 pm)

Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks

- Volleyball at Tipton (Oct. 2, 7 pm)
- Football at Central Lee (Oct. 3, 7 pm)
- Cross country at Wartburg (Oct. 4, 11:30 am)
- Volleyball vs Regina (Oct. 7, 7 pm)

Football Standings: Mid-Prairie

DISTRICT 2A-6			LAST WEEK
Team (overall)	W	L	PCT.
Mid-Prairie (4-1)	2	0	1.000
Wilton (3-2)	1	1	.500
Mediapolis (2-3)	1	1	.500
West Liberty (2-3)	1	1	.500
West Burl/ND (3-2)	1	1	.500
Central Lee (2-3)	0	2	.000

Wilton at West Burlington/Notre Dame

West Liberty at Mediapolis

Hawks celebrate senior night with sweep of Alburnett

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

WELLMAN

Mid-Prairie outside hitter Harper Pacha ended Senior Night with a powerful swing of her arm.

Her 11th kill of the night last Thursday against Alburnett finished off a three-set sweep, sending the fourth-ranked Golden Hawks to their fifth straight sweep in River Valley Conference play.

Five of the Golden Hawks' six seniors delivered kills in the match, and the sixth senior, Avery Helmuth, had a match-high 20 assists.

Pacha delivered the clinching kill in each of the last two sets, power kills that the Gold-

en Hawks have gotten used to over the last four seasons. Pacha has hit nearly 900 kills over those four years, a number topped only by senior teammate Jovi Evans.

"She's my go to," Evans said.

"I'm so proud of Harper," head coach Sherry Evans said. "She's got a heavy swing."

When Harper was a freshman, her older sister, Landry, was a senior teammate. Thursday, Landry, who is now a setter at Central College, was in the stands to watch.

"It means a lot," Harper said.

The last three years, Harper has been a dominant outside hitter as the Golden Hawks

have set school records for wins. This year, Mid-Prairie has not lost even one set at home.

"I just love it," Harper Pacha said. "It's just such a great atmosphere."

Jovi Evans had a match-high 13 kills in the 25-19, 25-14, 25-17 win over Alburnett, along with 18 assists and 10 digs.

Katelyn Harland, a senior, had 8 kills, senior teammate Laurin Fay had 4 kills and senior Ellie Callahan had 1 kill.

Georgia Evans, a sophomore, had a match-high 18 digs and 8 kills.

Miranda Neighbor led Alburnett (2-12) with 8 kills.

The Golden Hawks (18-5) go after another River Valley

South win Thursday at Tipton (18-3). Mid-Prairie hosts conference rival Iowa City Regina next Tuesday.

Mid-Prairie 3

Durant 0

Mid-Prairie senior Jovi Evans had three more kills than the entire Durant team in a 25-13, 25-18, 25-19 Mid-Prairie sweep of the Wildcats on Sept. 23 in Wellman.

Evans had a triple-double: 16 kills, 17 assists and 13 digs.

Avery Helmuth, a senior, had a match-high 22 assists.

Elise Foster, who is the No. 1 defensive freshman in Iowa 3A, had a match-high 22 digs.

Katelyn Harland, a senior, had 11 kills, and Georgia Evans, a sophomore, had 17 digs, 6 kills and a match-high 6 aces.

Peyton Schroeder led Durant (5-5) with 4 kills.

Carlisle Tourney

The Golden Hawks won three of four matches in the Carlisle Tournament last Saturday, sweeping Carlisle, Des Moines East and Des Moines North. The only team to beat Mid-Prairie was Southeast Polk, by scores of 21-17 and 21-18.

Jovi Evans led the Golden Hawks with 29 kills and 40 assists. Harper Pacha had 21 kills and Georgia Evans had 20 kills.

Georgia Evans had 39 digs on defense and freshman Elise Foster added 34 digs.



Mid-Prairie senior Harper Pacha had 11 kills, including the match-ending spike, in the Golden Hawks' sweep of Alburnett on Senior Night.



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie girls capture CCA team title, Stutzman leads the way

BY DOUGLAS MILES

Correspondent

IOWA CITY

Mark Hostetler directed his teams to take it easy.

With the Monday afternoon temperature at the Iowa City Kickers Soccer Park creeping toward 90 degrees, the Mid-Prairie cross country coach did not want the Golden Hawks to overexert themselves during the first half of the Clear Creek Amana Invitational.

Even with a more deliberate start, Mid-Prairie was still plenty good enough.

"They did a good job by doing that," Hostetler said after the Mid-Prairie girls won the team title with 34 points. "Times weren't going to be as good if they took it easier on the first half, but we're looking at two meets in one week and

we didn't want to run this one super hard."

Cedar Rapids Xavier (39 points) finished second in the girls' race. The Mid-Prairie girls were led by junior Brooklyn Stutzman, who found a burst on the course straightaway and easily won in 19:58.3, nearly 90 seconds faster than Kaitlyn Kipp of Burlington Notre Dame.

"Well, I know about halfway through the race my biggest struggle is just speeding up," Stutzman said. "Because I always kind of slow down on that part. I really, really wanted to focus on that and even with no one around to pace me, I thought this was going to be a really good time to try it out."

Stutzman finished eighth as an individual at the state meet last year as the Golden Hawks won the team title for the sixth

time in eight years. Given that team's youth and inexperience last season, the Class 2A state crown came as a surprise to some.

Mid-Prairie won't sneak up on anyone this year.

"That is definitely a hard thing to go from last year being the newbies," Stutzman said. "We kind of flew up there without anyone expecting it, but I think we all know what we have to do and we all know what it is like. We're not used to the pressure, but we have embraced it and we're able to have a lot of fun."

Mid-Prairie was competing without sophomore standout Rachel Hostetler (hip) and junior Kendal Landstrum (stress fracture). In their absence, Golden Hawks' sophomore Tessa Brokaw (21:29) finished third, while teammates Re-

bekah Wallington (22:51.4) and Hannah Rodgers (23:04.2) placed ninth and 10th, respectively.

"A lot of this race, we knew there wasn't going to be a whole lot of competition," Stutzman said. "But we want to push ourselves anyways and see where it got us."

Mid-Prairie may get Rachel Hostetler back for this weekend's meet at Wartburg College, while Landstrum will not be ready until the Oct. 23 state-qualifying meet at the earliest.

"We need to get healthy," Hostetler said. "If we have a chance and we can run everybody together at the end of the year, we'll do pretty well."

The Mid-Prairie boys were led by junior Max Swartzentruber, who posted his best time ever at Iowa City Kickers Soccer Park with a sixth-place fin-

ish in 17:46.1.

"Our team did a great job of preparing mentally for the heat," Swartzentruber said. "We just really pushed through."

Mid-Prairie (111 points) placed fourth as a team in the boys' standings, well behind host Clear Creek Amana (33).

After the Wartburg meet, the Golden Hawks will turn their attention to the River Valley Conference meet Oct. 24.

Mid-Prairie will run for a seventh state championship in nine years at the state meet in Fort Dodge Oct. 31.

"We probably have the most ranked girls that we have ever had, ranked in the top 15," Stutzman said. "So that has been really cool to see and also, seeing all of our hard work paying off has been awesome."



Mid-Prairie's Brooklyn Stutzman during a cross country meet at Mount Pleasant on Sept. 23.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Max Swartzentruber led the Mid-Prairie boys team at the Clear Creek Amana invitational with a sixth place finish.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie's Hudson Ehrenfelt breaks away from the West Liberty defense to score a first quarter touchdown during a home game on Sept. 26.

ROAD TRIP

Mid-Prairie vs. Central Lee

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Central Lee HS Stadium, Donnellson

Records: Mid-Prairie, 4-1; Cen-

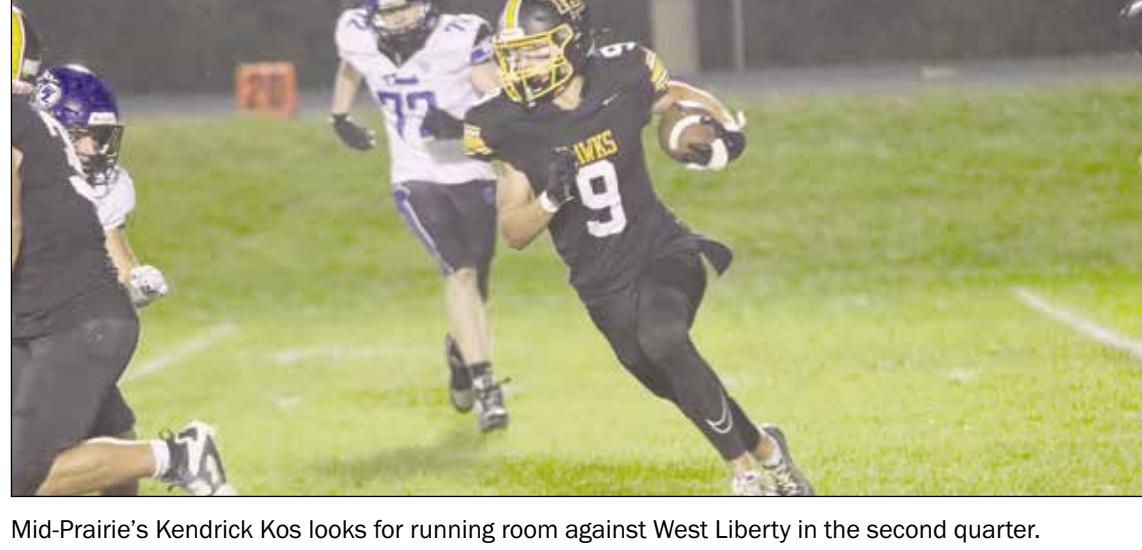
tral Lee, 2-3

History lesson: The Golden Hawks have won their last eight games vs. Central Lee, including 48-14 last year.

Golden Hawk to watch: Junior QB Brooks Weber ranks first in Iowa 2A with 16 passing TDs

and fourth in passing yardage with 1,124 yards.

Hawk to watch: Junior Brett Cook has run for 329 yards and 2 TDs, including a long run of 80 yards, and has intercepted three passes and recovered a fumble on defense.



Mid-Prairie's Kendrick Kos looks for running room against West Liberty in the second quarter.



Mid-Prairie's Caedyn Huston races across the field after a successful interception.



Mid-Prairie's Ryan Henry with a tackle attempt near the sideline in the first quarter against West Liberty.

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passing yardage with 1,130 yards. And he was quick to thank his offensive linemen after Friday's win.

"A lot of credit to the offensive line tonight because our run game hadn't been getting as many yards as we'd like," Weber said. "The offensive line was opening up great holes to night for us to run through."

Oh, yes. On a night when Weber passed for 306 yards and 6 touchdowns, Ehrenfelt rushed for 179 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead a Mid-Prairie running offense that nearly hit 200 yards.

"We moved the ball well," Lambert said. "We wanted to run the ball."

"Everyone was doing great with blocking," Weber said, "including Kaden (Kos) and the wide receivers and the offensive line. So it was a great night by them."

It was the type of power game that West Liberty's young team couldn't handle.

"That's our weakness right now," said Dumont, who was a defensive lineman at the University of Iowa. "We've got to get better. We're not bad at the other things, but just running straight downhill at us, we're just young and a little light in the pants."

After falling behind by three touchdowns, the Comets opened their offensive game, as well. Sophomore quarterback Devin Mericle passed for 250 yards and a touchdown. But West Liberty's young squad was intercepted three times and lost a fumble.

Ehrenfelt scored three of Mid-Prairie's first four touchdowns, including scoring runs of 1 and 4 yards. The Golden Hawks scored three touchdowns in both the first and second quarters to open up a 42-21 lead. Weber scoring passes of 23 yards to Carson Humphrey and 3 yards to Kaden Kos were sandwiched around a 98-yard kickoff return for a score by West Liberty's Axell Polanco.

The teams traded touchdowns in the second half with Weber throwing scoring passes to cousins Kendrick and Kaden Kos, and West Liberty scoring on TD runs by Owen Daufeldt and Briggs Collins.

GAME STATS

West Liberty 0 21 7 7 -- 35

Mid-Prairie 21 21 7 7 -- 56

M-P: Hudson Ehrenfelt 41 pass from Brooks Weber (Kale Miller kick)

M-P: Nolan Jergens 24 pass from Weber (Miller kick)

M-P: Ehrenfelt 1 run (Miller kick)

WL: Braden Bickford 18 pass from Devin Mericle (Uncle Andrade-Martinez kick)

M-P: Ehrenfelt 4 run (Miller kick)

M-P: Carson Humphrey 23 pass from Weber (Miller kick)

WL: Axell Polanco 98 KO return (Andrade-Martinez kick)

M-P: Kaden Kos 3 pass from Weber (Miller kick)

WL: Landon Wainwright 1 pass from Mericle (Andrade-Martinez kick)

M-P: Kendrick Kos 2 pass from Weber (Miller kick)

WL: Owen Daufeldt 13 run (Andrade-Martinez kick)

M-P: Kaden Kos 23 pass from Weber (Miller kick)

WL: Briggs Collins 1 run (Andrade-Martinez kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing: West Liberty, Devin Mericle, 15-29-250, 1 TD, 2 INTs; Enrique Michel-Toribio, 1-1-3, 1 TD; Mid-Prairie, Brooks Weber, 18-22-306, 6 TDs, 1 INT.

Rushing: West Liberty, Briggs Collins, 14-84, 1 TD; Owen Daufeldt, 13-47, 1 TD; Pierre Shield, 3-38; Madden Meek, 2-16; Mid-Prairie, Hudson Ehrenfelt, 25-179, 2 TDs; Weber, 3-17; Kaden Kos, 1-0.

Receiving: West Liberty, Meek, 5-27; Cole Wagamon, 2-64; Kasyn Vandeberg, 2-61; Braden Bickford, 2-51, 1 TD; Daufeldt, 2-28; Collins, 1-19; Landon Wainwright, 1-3, 1 TD; Mid-Prairie, Ehrenfelt, 6-97, 1 TD; Kaden Kos, 4-49, 2 TDs; Carson Humphrey, 3-82, 1 TD; Nolan Jergens, 2-60, 1 TD; Kendrick Kos, 2-5, 1 TD; Kale Miller, 1-13.

Tackles: West Liberty, Wainwright, 8.5; Michel-Toribio, 7; Collins, 5.5; Mid-Prairie, Kaden Kos, 10; Joshua Turner, 7; Caedyn Huston, 7.



Mid-Prairie junior Brooks Weber went 18/22 for 306 yards and six touchdowns in a home win over West Liberty..

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a running back. Late last week, senior classmate Grayson Spilman joined them. Hey, why not?

"It's been fun," Spilman said. "I've been out here for three days so far."

"JV's been fun and glad to play on JV," Daufeldt said.

The place erupted in cheers when Sojka, doubling as a defensive back, picked off a Midland pass and returned it for a touchdown and a 40-32 Lone Tree lead with 3:22 left in the game.

"I did not think I was going to run that first one in for a touchdown," he said.

The five or six players on Lone Tree's sideline jumped and hollered as Sojka headed for the end zone. Cheers rolled down from the bleachers. Finally, a huge football moment.

Less than two minutes later, Sojka intercepted another pass.

Then, the Lions went into "Victory Formation" to finish

out the game. Sojka took a knee twice.

And it was over.

They huddled on the field with smiles as Williams and the other coaches pumped them up some more. They remember the summer.

"It's been tough," Williams said. "We started with 11 guys, we're up to 14 now."

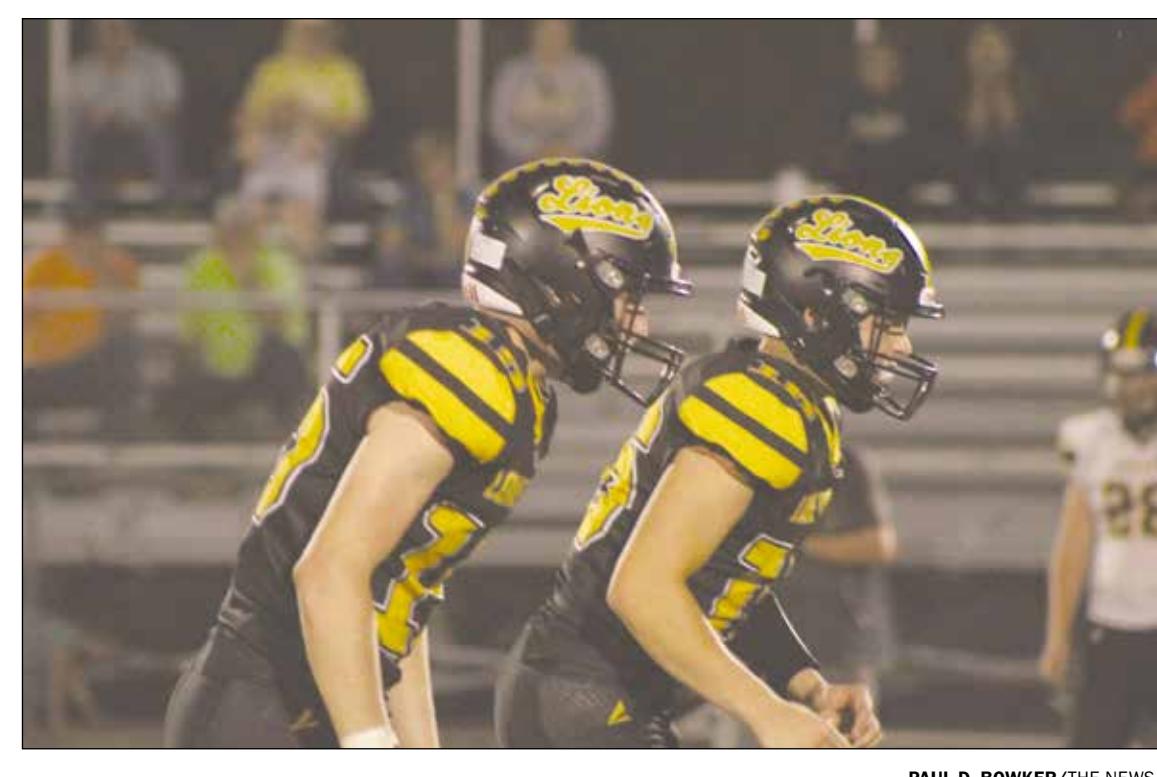
But this isn't the end.

Next Tuesday, the Lions will host a Highland JV squad in an eight-man battle, which is a bit of a twist since low player numbers resulted in Highland High halting its varsity program three weeks ago and losing its head coach.

After that, the Lions will host Winfield-Mt. Union and HLV.

Football is back.

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Lone Tree seniors John Daufeldt, left, and Kaden Sojka line up in the backfield for a Lions offensive play Monday night.

Ravens, Huskies, Lady Lions battle it out in SEISC tourney

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

WEST BURLINGTON

Reaching the portion of the season where North meets South, the Southeast Iowa Super Conference volleyball tournament was in full swing with four separate locations hosting pool play last Thursday.

Four teams in each pool, for a total of 16 teams from

the North and South divisions of the SEISC, battled it out to claim first or runner-up finishes to advance to the finals that took place over the weekend at Southeastern Community College.

Hillcrest and Lone Tree took part in the same pool hosted by West Burlington. The Ravens went 1-2 and the Lady Lions went 0-3 to see their tournament runs end in pool play.

Seeded at No. 12 in this tourney, Hillcrest's lone win came over Lone Tree, 2-0. Taking victories over the Ravens were No. 4 Van Buren Country 2-0 (21-14, 21-19) and No. 5 West Burlington 2-0 (21-13, 21-13).

Lone Tree was a late addition to this tournament, replacing WACO who was originally slated as the host site for this pool but after backing out the location shifted to West Burlington.

The Lady Lions took losses from Van Buren 2-0 (21-11, 21-9), West Burlington (21-4, 21-4), and Hillcrest 2-0.

Up next for Lone Tree (0-16) is hosting Pekin (10-12) for a conference contest on Oct. 2.

Highland results

Also entering the fray of the SEISC tourney was Highland whose pool play was hosted by Burlington Notre Dame.

The Huskies, slotted at No. 14 in the tourney, ended their tournament run by going 0-3 in pools.

Claiming victories over Highland were No. 2 Burlington Notre Dame 2-0 (21-5, 21-13), No. 7 Central Lee 2-1 (15-21, 21-7, 15-12), and No. 10 Columbus 2-1 (21-23, 21-11, 15-8).

Up next for the Huskies (4-19) is a home conference battle against Wapello (15-6) on Oct. 2.



Hillcrest senior Niva Helmuth meets the ball in the air for a successful kill against Lone Tree at West Burlington.



Hillcrest junior Ruth Witthoft passes the ball to a teammate during a conference tourney match at West Burlington on Sept. 25.



Highland junior Alexa Hahn (32) sets the ball during a conference tourney match at Burlington Notre Dame on Sept. 25.



Highland junior Katelyn Thomann serves the ball during a match against Burlington Notre Dame.



Lone Tree sophomore Harper Kuboushek keeps the ball in play during a conference tourney match at West Burlington.



Lone Tree's Charlie Kuboushek (1) and Olivia Magruder (2) celebrate after a successful point against West Burlington on Sept. 25.

Ravens set slew of personal, season bests at Tony Proctor Invite

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

BURLINGTON

There was no lack of strong performances for Hillcrest cross country this past Thursday as multiple Ravens reached personal or season bests at the Tony Proctor Invitational in Burlington.

Once again it was Marie Yoder leading the way for Hillcrest as the third-year runner

reached a third place finish in 20:51, tying her season best time. It was back-to-back finishes for the Ravens as senior Siena Stanerson crossed the finish line in a season best time of 21:19 to place third.

Competing in her first race of the season, Hillcrest freshman Carla Raphael placed in the top 40 by completing the course in 32:55. The girls team title was won by Van Buren who finished with a score of

31. Clear Creek-Amana was the runner-up with 34.

The Hillcrest boys team secured a team score of 154 to place sixth. Clear Creek-Amana won the team title with 33 and Mediapolis finished with 66 to earn runner-up status.

The trend of personal or season best times was fully embraced by the Raven boys as Calvin Meller (18th in 18:33), Braden Hartsock (24th in 19:07), Jaxson Brokaw (26th in

19:16), and Lucas Beachy (57th in 16:31) all set new PR's while Isaac Beachy (42nd in 20:44) and Mateo Rodriguez-Yoder (55th in 24:21) both set new season bests.

Up next for Hillcrest is competing in the Bud and Bonnie Williams Invitational at Iowa City Kickers Park on Oct. 2.

3. Marie Yoder, Hillcrest, 20:51
4. Siena Stanerson, Hillcrest, 21:19
36. Carla Raphael, Hillcrest, 32:5

Boys results

1. Carson Meskimen, CCA, 16:14
18. Calvin Meller, Hillcrest, 18:33
24. Braden Hartsock, Hillcrest, 19:07
26. Jaxson Brokaw, Hillcrest, 19:16
42. Isaac Beachy, Hillcrest, 20:44
55. Mateo Rodriguez-Yoder, Hillcrest, 24:21
57. Lucas Beachy, Hillcrest, 26:21

Girls results

1. Ali Sevi, CCA, 19:58



Hillcrest senior Siena Stanerson reached a season best time of 21:19 at the Tony Proctor Invitational.



Hillcrest junior Braden Hartsock set a new personal best time of 19:07 at Burlington on Sept. 25.

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KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER
MID- PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 - 6:15 P.M.
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President Jake Snider called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: None.

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

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

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

Business Meeting**Consent Items**

Ryan Schlabaugh moved to approve the following consent items.

Payment of Bills

The bills as listed for September 22, 2025, and prepaid bills;

Open Enrollment Requests

Open Enrollment In Requests total 1 students;

Open Enrolled Out Requests total 0 students;

Personnel Items

Approve a 0.5 FTE Position for a Paraprofessional at East Elementary for IEP requirements;

Resignation of Lori Schultz, High School General Cook, \$16.22 per hour, effective September 11, 2025;

Resignation of Katy Debler, East Elementary Media Secretary, \$17.75 per hour, effective October 10, 2025;

Resignation of Ron Swartzentruber, MS Girls Basketball Coach, \$3,390 per annum, effective September 18, 2025;

Volunteer Coach - Fall - Brian Hervey - HS Football

Fundraising Requests

FCCLA requests approval to raise funds through a Pampered Chef on-line event from October 15th to November 15th for replacement of essential kitchen equipment for the FCS Lab;

Jed Seward seconded the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

Business Item**Special Education Deficit Spending Authority Resolution - Resolution 0922251**

SOBO Swartzentruber reviewed the SBCR Resolution for Additional Allowable Growth as a result of the Special Education Spending Deficit for the recently completed fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. The reported deficit was \$382,863.09 for last year as compared to \$81,494.48 for the previous year. The request is rounded up to \$385,000

to allow for any upward adjustment that might be found during the Department of Education's year-end review.

Denise Chittick moved to approve Resolution 0922251 to authorize the Superintendent to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for additional allowable growth of up to \$385,000 to cover the deficit in Special Education funding from the year ending June 30, 2025. Gabrielle Frederick seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Gabrielle Frederick - yes; Mary Allred - yes; Jed Seward - yes; Ryan Schlabaugh - yes; Randy Billups - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes.

Motion carried 7-0.

Work Session**Fund for Academic Excellence Information - Brenna Goode**

Superintendent Stone introduced Brenna Goode, Chair of the Committee for Fund for Academic Excellence. She provided a report of the projects funded by the committee through the application process to each Building. Teachers apply for funds through a grant application process that is awarded in late October of each year. The fund has provided \$26,000 in grants to Mid-Prairie Teachers since the 2020-2021 School Year-5 year. This year's available funds are \$6,000.

Survey Information - Ben Curtis from Eocene Environmental Group

Vice President Schlabaugh introduced Ben Curtis from Eocene Environmental Group to discuss approaches to

preparing and administering staff surveys. The desire is to have independent, third-party data collection from staff. Eocene does a broad range of consulting mostly for municipalities although they are comfortable operating in this type of setting. Schlabaugh asked if there are further questions about the process. The Board discussed goals to strengthen the "caring learning environment" component of the mission statement and recognize the staff as an integral part of the statement. Then, as a Board what can the Board do to help strengthen the environment with the data that comes from the staff at all levels of the District, although it is recognized that the hard work is not done by the Board. The Board is in agreement and asked about viewing some example surveys. Informal next steps will be to receive a proposal from Eocene and discuss the focus areas of the first surveys.

PL Agendas

Superintendent Stone shared a document that is used by the District that links to a document for each building and grade level. These documents guide the Friday Early-Out Professional Learning of each group as they establish goals and collaborate as teams. This is an intentional work in process system and is recognized as in its second week of early outs. The system will be refined further throughout the year.

FAC Update

Superintendent Stone provided an update from the Facilities Committee that met on Wednesday, September 17th. He walked through an overview of

the Power Point used that showed progress on the Activity/Wrestling Center, plans for the West Elementary addition and improvements, and the initial work that has been done on the Auditorium study. The Board expressed appreciation for the work performed.

State Report Card

Superintendent Stone shared the results of the State Report Card for the District that was released on Thursday, September 18th. All schools moved up to acceptable and commendable per building. He shared data on Literacy and Math proficiencies. The District is definitely moving in the right direction. There will be more analysis in the future.

Next Meeting and Suggestions for Next Agenda

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: Superintendent Evaluation Planning, Further discussion on the PLs and State Report Card, though the latter may be at a future Work Session.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18p.m.

President, Jake Snider
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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Section 00 1113**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS****Description of Work: Mid-Prairie West Elementary Addition**

Scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: A 3,220-sf addition consisting of girls' and boys' restrooms, two classrooms, and an extension of the corridor. The scope also includes extending the fire access lane.

Owner's Representative

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Bid Opening Time, Date, and Location

Mid-Prairie Community School District

will receive bids before 2:00 PM on October 23, 2025, at the Mid-Prairie Community School District Board Room at 1636 Hwy 22 East, Wellman, IA 52356; Attn.: Jeff Swartzentruber, School Business Official. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud follow-

ing the closing of the above bid submission deadline.

All proposals shall be made on official proposal forms furnished in the Bid Documents and must be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope and plainly identified and addressed to the Mid-Prairie Community School District. If a bid is to be mailed, the bid envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. Fax and E-mail Bids will not be accepted. The bidder shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring any bid is received at the correct bid location and by the correct time. The Owner shall have no responsibility regarding the location or timeliness of the receipt of any bid(s).

The bids will be presented to and considered by the School Board for Mid-Prairie Community School District at 6:35 PM November 10, 2025, in the Board Room at the Mid-Prairie Community School District Board Room located at 1636 Hwy 22 East, Wellman, IA 52356, and such proposals received will be acted upon at such time and place or at such later time and place as may then be established.

At the time an Agreement is issued for work covered by this notice, the Owner will issue an "Exemption Authorization Letter" and a "Designated Exemption Entity, Iowa Construction Sales Tax Exemption Certificate" for the purchase or use of building materials, supplies for this Project to the extent permitted by law. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT INCLUDE STATE OF IOWA AND LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR BUILDING MATERIALS THAT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO REAL PROPERTY FOR THIS PROJECT IN A BID FOR THIS PROJECT.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date

of the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

Type of Bid

Bids shall be based on a stipulated sum contract with a single prime contract.

Examination of the Documents

The Bid Documents may be examined at the following:

Mid-Prairie Community School District Central Administration Office, 1636 Hwy 22 East, Wellman, IA 52356. OPN Architects, 200 5th Ave. SE, Suite 201, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. Carl A. Nelson & Co., 1815 Des Moines Ave. Burlington, IA 52601. Master Builders of Iowa - Electronic Plan Room <https://hub.iowa-construction-projects.com/bidding/iowa-construction-projects>

Bid Documents may be ordered by contacting Action Reprographics, 5037 NE 14th St, Des Moines, IA 50313. A \$250 refundable deposit is required on the plans and specifications. MBI plan deposit cards are also an acceptable method of deposit for documents. Unsuccessful bidders must return their drawings and specifications to Action Reprographics or Carl A. Nelson & Company in good condition within 14 days of the award of contracts to receive a refund on their deposit.

Deposit checks shall be sent to Carl A. Nelson & Company's Burlington Office and made payable to Carl A. Nelson & Company.

Bidding Documents will be available for pickup/ordering on October 1, 2025.

Bid Security and other Bonds

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in a separate sealed envelope as allowed by Section 26.14A of the Iowa Code. Bid security in the amount of

5% of the total bid in the form of certified check, credit union share draft, or surety bond written on an original AIA Document A310, Bid Bond is required for this project. The successful bidder will be required to provide surety Performance and Payment Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The surety providing bonds must have an (A) A.M. Best rating or better or be listed on the U.S. Department of Treasury listing of approved sureties (Department Circular 570). The cost of the Bonds shall be included in the Contract Sum. Contractors with their principal place of business outside of Iowa shall be prepared to submit an Out-of-State Contractor Bond to the Iowa Division of Labor in accordance with Chapter 91C of the Code of Iowa.

Schedule

Notice of Award will be issued within 30 days of the receipt of the bids.

Construction Period: See specification section 01 1500 Schedule Narrative

Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting will be held on October 7, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Mid-Prairie District Office, 1636 Hwy 22 East, Wellman, IA 52356, followed by a site tour. Owner's Right to Reject Bids

The Mid-Prairie School District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities as allowed by law, and to enter such contract or contracts as it deems in the best interest of the School District.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

Iowa law provides that on public im-

provements, a resident bidder shall be allowed preference against a non-resident bidder from a state or foreign country, which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state or foreign country. The preference so allowed shall be equivalent to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. All Bidders must include a completed Bidder Status and Certificate of Compliance form with their bid. Both forms are provided in the specification manual. Failure to include the Bidder Status and/or Certificate of Compliance forms may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

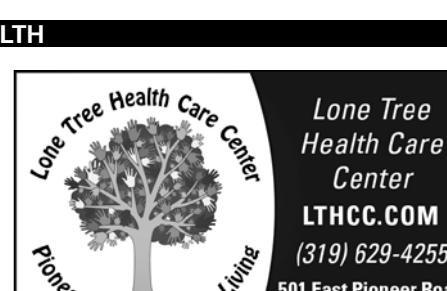
It is the intent of the Owner to award a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder provided the bid has been submitted in accordance with the bidding requirements. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids will be governed by applicable provisions in the Iowa Code and the policies of the Mid-Prairie Community School District, including its Non-Discrimination Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy.

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By: Jeff Swartzentruber
Title: School Business Official / School Board Secretary

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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY**ATTORNEY****AUTOMOTIVE****CONCRETE**

JOHNSON COUNTY

THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 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.johnsoncountiowa.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:** V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Mandi Remington, and Rod Sullivan.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - Donald Macfarlane, Iowa City, said the County obstructed the mourning of Charlie Kirk by not lowering its flags to half-staff last week. He referenced comments made by Green and called for his retirement. Teresa Horton Bumgarner, Solon, identified herself as the Chairwoman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee. She said it was embarrassing that the supervisors chose to not fly the flag at half-staff. She noted other places and County residents did so and said this gives the County a black eye. She called for Green to take down his posts and issue an apology. William Keetel, Iowa City, identified himself as a past chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee. He said the flag is a matter of custom and, while there is no law currently requiring a county to follow the flag orders, they will try to fix it during the next legislative session.

Acknowledge correspondence from the public - An email dated September 4, 2025, from Angela Stein regarding notice of rent increase from Lake Ridge Estate.

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

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The claims on the County Auditor's Claim Register for September 18, 2025, in the amount of \$2,271,790.31: 322 Friendship Llc C/O..... 850.00 5m Emprendimiento Lati..... 200.00 Aaron R Hammes..... 240.00 Abbe Center For Comm..... 2021.44 AbbeHealth Inc..... 21194.17 Abc Disposal Systems..... 1040.74 Ace Electric Inc..... 200.00 Action Sewer & Septic..... 120.00 Adam Finken..... 240.00 Adam Grier..... 240.00 Adam M Gebhart..... 240.00 Advanced Electrical S..... 1041.60 Aging Services Dba Pat..... 700.00 Aging Services Inc..... 401.00 Aia Corporation..... 41.90 Airgas Usa Llc..... 194.07 Aja Property Managemen..... 700.00 Alan Ziskovsky..... 84.00 Alicia Claus-Bartels..... 80.00 Alicia Sachtjen..... 40.00 Alisia Meader..... 240.00 Alissa Schuerer..... 555.00 Alliant Energy..... 148.35 Allison D Schaeffer..... 800.00 Alosha Health Inc..... 3000.00 Altorfer Inc..... 2111.00 Amanda Remington..... 60.00 Amanda Voss-Grumish..... 160.00 Amazon.Com Capital Se..... 2029.56 Amelia Slaichert..... 37.10 Andale Cantina Inc..... 100.00 Anderson-Bogert Engi..... 27649.50 Andrea Cohen..... 183.38 Andreas Wilz..... 763.44 Angel M Mulcahy..... 40.00 Anixter Inc..... 1020.47 Apts In Ic Llc..... 1500.00 Arc Of Johnson County..... 2566.11 Arnold Motor Supply L..... 1573.04 Ascendance Trucks East..... 467.18 Aspen Ventures Llc..... 750.00 Aureon Communications..... 800.00 Austin Jiras..... 153.00 Austin Mote..... 60.00 Avaap Usa Llc..... 1074.96 Axiom Consultants L..... 112942.90 Ben Lord..... 240.00 Ben Symonds..... 60.00 Ben Woltz..... 160.00 Big 10 University Towi..... 836.00 Big Brothers Big Sist..... 4160.76 Big Country Seeds..... 225.00 Big Dog Satellite Ia-C..... 811.00 Big Iron Welding Of I..... 129.35 Bill Horning..... 60.00 Bj Rudish..... 240.00 Blake Harris..... 160.00 Blake Oleson..... 60.00 Bluepath Finance Fc I..... 3476.41 Bogdana M Velterean..... 60.00 Bound Tree Medical Ll..... 3761.10 Brad Comer..... 240.00 Brad Herrig..... 80.00 Brandon D Richmond..... 240.00 Brandon Davis..... 60.00 Bret McLaughlin..... 60.00 Brian Singleton..... 240.00 Business Radio Sales A..... 200.00 Cale Lehman..... 240.00 Cameron Johnson..... 265.00 Can-Am Technologies I..... 8100.00 Carla A Scherbring..... 27.98 Carousel Motors..... 193.80 Cedar Falls Construc..... 66515.60 Cedar Rapids Winpump..... 379.06 Central Iowa Distribut..... 136.00 Chad Bolen..... 240.00 Charm-Tex Inc..... 1319.96 Cherie White..... 240.00 Chris Edwards..... 60.00 Chris Henze..... 240.00 Chris Wisman..... 240.00 Cierra Lacina..... 240.00 City Laundering Co..... 171.42 City Of Iowa City..... 20.00 City Of Iowa City - 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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/911 COMMISSION/COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2025, 6:00 PM WASHINGTON COUNTY EOC - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING 2183 LEXINGTON BLVD., WASHINGTON IA 52353

In attendance: Mark Robe, Cara Sorrells, Ryan Miller, Roy Feits, Melvin Rich, Allen Schneider, Sheriff Jared Schneider, Stan Stoops, Nathan Schmuecker, and Millie Youngquist.

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Ryan Miller called the Emergency Management Commission meeting to order.

A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present. Present were representatives from Brighton, Crawfordsville, Kalona, Riverside, Washington, Wellman, the Sheriff's Office, and the Board of Supervisors. Absent were representatives from Ainsworth and West Chester. Approval of the amended agenda was requested. The items added to the agenda included an update to the signatory information on the EMA credit card, Stop the Bleed kits distribution, and the Alliant bill for the EOC building for August. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Millie Youngquist seconded the motion, and the amended agenda was approved with no one opposed. Chairman Miller then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, dated August 13th, 2025. Millie Youngquist made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Robe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the review and discussion of the Walker storage fees for FY '26 (\$3,975). The rent for this year has been paid and it is a shared space with the Sheriff's Office and Secondary Roads. The items that Emergency Management stores there includes the white incident command trailer, the red trailer, the four wheelers, the Ranger, the light trailer, generators, and the Archer barrier trailer is also usually stored there. Currently the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is using it during football season, as it is a regional asset. Nathan Schmuecker discussed a future grant application to build our own storage building that could also be used for indoor training(s) with bathrooms and a shower. It was suggested that this be brought up again for discussion during the next budget time.

The next item on the agenda under new business was the coordinator report.

- Hazard Mitigation Plan(s) Reviews:
 - ECICOG
 - EOCENE
 - Gail R. Thomas
 - Two Rivers
- Incident Reporting with ICS-209 (FEMA reporting document to track consistency, documentation, efficiency, trends, etc.)
- Stop the Bleed Kits
 - Washington Co. Rescue 92A (1)

- Mid-Prairie CSD Buses and Bus Barn (21)
 - Mid-Prairie East Elementary Nurse (3)
 - Highland CSD Buses and Bus Barn (14)
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 - Washington County Conservation Board (2)
 - Washington Police Dept. Squads and Clerk (10)
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 - Established a Resupply Station for "non-standard supplies"
 - Review of Emergency Management accounts and line items
 - Reviewed available ESF Plans
 - Attended NH-3 Demo Trailer training for anhydrous ammonia transportation
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 - Bonded
 - Response time is approximately one (1) hour or less
 - Entity has six (6) possibly seven (7) HAZMAT capable rigs
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Kyle D Waterhouse, Shannon Waterhouse, grantor; Daniel S Waterhouse, Barbara J Waterhouse, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E, in Part SW NE 27-75-9; \$405,000

BGB Investments LLC, grantor; Tyler L Ousey, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington East Washington Lot 7 Block 2; \$110,000

Duane A Durst, Peggy L Durst, grantor; Duane A Durst Revocable Trust, Peggy L Durst Revocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; SW NE 11-76-9; Aud Parc E in NW NE 11-76-9; Aud Parc G in SW SE 02-76-9 & In SE 02-76-9 Washington Columbian Add Lot 11-12 Block 7

Roetlin Family Farms LLC, grantor; Diane M Roetlin revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm at NW Corn of NE 25-77-8 thence NW 378.78 FT Cont 2.52 Acres

Debra L Smith Trustee, Sandra Todd Trust, grantor; Debra L Smith, grantee; court officer deed; Undivided 1/5 Interest: Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 3-4 bock 26

Linda Haggist, grantor; Debra L Smith, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/5 Interest: Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 3-4 Block 26

Dawn Hesselte, grantor; Debra L Smith, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided 1/5 Interest: Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 3-4 Block 26

Debra Smith, grantor; Linda Haggist, Dawn Hesselte, Debra Smith Life Estate, grantee; warranty deed; Brighton Mealeys 2nd Add Lot 3-4 Block 26

Teri Jo Fisher, Teri Fisher, Troy A Fisher, grantor; Roger L Sommer, Teresa L Sommer, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Crestview Heights SD Lot 1; \$685,000

Carol Boyd Estate, Gregory Boyd Executor, grantor; Sonja Triggs, grantee; court officer deed; Undivided 1/2 Int in: Kalona Myers 2nd Add Lot 3-4 Block 4; \$90,000

Mahlon L Mast, Carol N Mast, Fred S Mast, Mary Pearl Mast, grantor; Everett M Mast, Mariann Mast, grantee; contract assignment; Part E2 SE 03-77-8; W 3/4 of S2 NE 03-77-8

Jerry L Rediger, Leann M Rediger, grantor; Leann M Rediger, grantee; George M Hansen, Marilyn R Hansen, grantee; warranty deed; E 106.5 FT of S 63 FT of Kalona Sniders Add Lot 1 Block 3; \$65,000

Andrew J Rich, Lauryn M Rich, grantor; Jared Dewar, Chelsea Dewar, grantee; warranty deed; Part Richmond Dawsons 2nd Add lot 1-3 Block 1; Part Richmond Dawsons 2nd Add Lot 4 Block 1; Part Lot 4 in Aud SD NE 30-77-7 & Part Adj Vac Streets and Alleys; \$473,000

Hills Bank & Trust Company, grantor; Remax Properties LLC, grantee; special warranty deed; part Washington Ewings SD Lot 5; \$100,000

Becky Adam, grantor; Roger Lee Adam, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; part Washington Southwest Washington Lot 15; Aud Parc G in Part Washington Southwest Washington Lot 13-14 & In Part Washington Southwest Washington Lot OLC

Becky J Adam Executor, Roger Lee Adam Estate, grantor; Becky J Adam, grantee; court officer deed; NE SW 02-77-9; E 6 Acres NW SW 02-77-9

Peter A Bell Estte, Lance M Bell Executor, grantor; Bell Family Farm Trust, grantee; court officer deed; SW 09-75-8; Aud parc C, 1,074 Acres in Part Lot 3 Aud SD of NW 16-75-8; Lot 2 of Aud Parc B & C, 51,504 Acres in 22-75-8; Lot 1 of Aud Parc C, 6,561 Acres in 22-75-8; E 2 NW 27-76-8; Part SE 22-75-9; S2 NW 15-75-9; W2 NW 15-75-8; E2 NE 16-75-8; E2 NW 15-75-8; S 28 acres SE NW 15-75-8

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