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## Good luck at state, W-SR girls wrestling!



The Waverly-Shell Rock girls wrestling team had a send off on Wednesday afternoon before heading to Coralville for the inaugural girls state wrestling championship Thursday and Friday.

The Go-Hawks have nine girls competing and also are in the running for a team championship. For ongoing coverage, check [www.waverlynewspapers.com](http://www.waverlynewspapers.com).

## Area farmers speak to legislators about eminent domain, safety in opposition of proposed CO2 pipeline



COURTESY PHOTO

Area farmers traveled to Des Moines on Jan. 24 to speak to legislators and voice their concerns about a proposed CO2 pipeline, planned to go through Butler and Bremer counties, among other areas.

### BY WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS STAFF

A group of about 40 farmers from Butler and Bremer counties met with legislators on Jan. 24 to express their opposition to the proposed hazardous liquid CO2 pipeline which is planned to go through Butler and Bremer Counties.

Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC, one of the three pipeline companies focused on Iowa, is going through the process before the Iowa Utilities Board makes the determination on whether to green light the project.

The project aims at capturing emissions from local ethanol plants "before those emissions reach the atmosphere and transport CO2 safely via pipeline to a permanent and secure underground sequestration site in Illinois," according to a July 18, 2022, letter the company sent to Bremer County.

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors, and most recently the City of Waverly, have filed letters of opposition with the Iowa Utilities Board.

In Des Moines, the farmers met with legislators Pat Grassley, the Speaker of the House who also represents this area, Bobby Kaufmann, who represents House District 73, and Steve Holt, who represents District 12, in the early afternoon in one of the conference rooms.

"It was a good exchange," said Jeff Reints, who farms in Butler and Bremer counties.

Reints, a fourth-generation farmer, was among the area residents who spoke directly to the legislators of his concerns about the use of eminent domain for the project.

To illustrate his points, he had brought a laminated map of the proposed pipeline route through Butler

and Bremer areas, on which his fellow farmers had outlined with a Sharpie the proposed route through their farms. Reints had used it as a visual aid during a meeting in Shell Rock of interested parties and the Bremer County Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on Dec. 6 in Waverly.

"I am concerned about property rights, about using eminent domain for a private project," he said. "It's a waste of tax dollars."

A bill in the Legislature proposed by Sen. Jeff Taylor, one of five sponsored by the Sioux City Republican, wants to "repeal domain authority for hazardous liquid pipeline" operations (see story on page A3).

Navigator has said that their goal is "to reach voluntary agreements with all landowners" along the route, "though

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## Waverly City Council reviews budget for newly acquired Waverly Golf Course, Country Club

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Waverly's city council discussed budget for the Waverly Municipal Golf Course and pro shop during their budget study work session on Saturday, providing some insight into the financial side of how the city will run the course since its acquisition of the Waverly Golf Course and Country Club last September. The proposed revenues and expenditures for the golf course and pro shop show an operating loss for each.

According to documents provided to the council for a study session, the primary goal for the golf course in the next year is to maintain and improve the course in a manner which blends function with aesthetics and provides a pleasurable experience to challenge both the

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FILE PHOTO

Waverly City Council voted to acquire the Waverly Golf Course & Country Club's real estate during their Sept. 12 meeting.

## Waverly School District asks community to help name new elementary schools

The Waverly School District has begun the process of naming the two new elementary schools that are under construction. Anyone who wishes to submit a name is welcome to do so.

Superintendent Ed Klamfoth said that the two main considerations are not naming the schools after people and not using the existing names of W-SR school buildings.

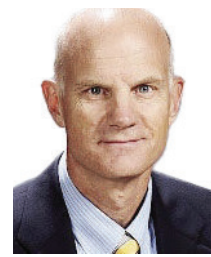
The current plan is to move Shell Rock students into the northeast site in the fall of 2023, while renovations are ongoing at the Shell Rock site. Meanwhile, the west site location is tentatively expected to be completed in late fall of 2023.

An advisory committee will review all the suggestions and will present the top candidates to the students, to winnow down to a handful. A short list will be presented to the board in the spring.

A survey to suggest names for the new buildings can be found at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-JigPe\\_yabFoanQe-e1Ty-kOIAhpBXkQ8\\_eaQmVwzEPpUW-IA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-JigPe_yabFoanQe-e1Ty-kOIAhpBXkQ8_eaQmVwzEPpUW-IA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

At the top of the survey is a message with a link that provides some maps and additional considerations with regard to thinking about appropriate names.

The school district also will have paper copies in the district office and each of the schools in case anyone would like to provide input that way.



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## Meet the Waverly library staff

*Editor's note: Meet the library staff is a new feature that highlights members of the Waverly Public Library staff.*

### Tiffany Skaggs

I'm the weekend clerk so if you've spent any time at the WPL on the weekend you've probably seen me. I've been working at the library for a little over a year and enjoy it so much, but I've been a library patron for many years and have loved watching it grow and change over the years. During the week I am a family child care provider and I've found that the library is the perfect companion job for that line of work. I'm also a student pursuing my bachelor's degree in Early

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Above left: Tiffany is the weekend clerk at the Waverly Public Library. Above right: Zack has been the teen services librarian for the last two years, though he worked at the library when he was in high school as well.