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Natasha Wilson (left) and her dad Brian Wilson shared how they were transitioning the farm from one generation to the next at the Practical Farmers of Iowa Field Day on July 14.



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The first stop on the farmstead tour was a visit to these Berkshire pigs, a heritage breed whose meat is especially tasty.

HAVING A FIELD DAY

With 60% of Iowa's farmland owned by people over 65, a great farm transition is underway. The Wilson family of West Fork Farmstead in West Chester is willing to talk about it

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WEST CHESTER

"As a child, my perception of farming was that my parents worked extremely hard and made no money," Natasha Wilson told the group of farmers gathered at her West Chester

farm on July 14.

Worse yet, unlike other kids, she was expected to help her parents with their jobs. "I thought this very unjust, and so I did not think of farming as a career," she said.

Life is full of surprises and reversals, isn't it?

Today, Natasha, along with

sister Claire, is in the process of transitioning the family farm from their parents' care to their own. In the family since the 1930's, the farm was once home to 400 acres of row crops and 120 head of farrow to finish swine. Her parents transitioned it to corn and soybeans in the early 1990's, and now

it is transforming once again to a pasture-based rotational grazing system for primarily swine, cattle, and chickens.

How exactly West Fork Farmstead is navigating this generational hand-off was what dozens of farmers had gathered to learn during the Practical Farmers of Iowa Field Day earlier this month. Those who turned out had various concerns of their own, and by all indications, came away from the event upbeat, their heads filled with new ideas to try.

The 3-hour event began with attendees seated at tables in a large, air-conditioned barn, listening to Natasha's story. She had spent 17 years away from the farm, embarking on a professional career, only to reach a breaking point at which she realized she didn't want that to be her life. Her work was "extremely stressful and extremely demanding," and she realized, "I don't care about this at all, it's not meaningful to me."

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Sheriff arrests man for exposing self to Amish

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office apprehended a 60-year-old Hills man on July 14 for exposing himself to an Amish woman. The incident took place on July 3 on Gable Avenue, Kalona.

Kevin Ray Westcott is charged with one count of Indecent Exposure, a serious misdemeanor, according to the sheriff's report. Bond was set at \$1000 and was posted July 17. Arraignment will be set when trial information is filed, and the defendant is to have no contact with the alleged victim, according to court documents.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office worked with Johnson County to investigate the incident, which occurred near the county line.

The recent report of a man exposing himself was just one in a series originating from Kalona's Amish community dating back two years, accord-

ing to Washington County's Patrol Supervisor, Lieutenant Chad Ellis.

"We were working leads and we were looking at suspects back in 2021, and then it kind of went quiet," he told The News. "Then it just popped back up again."

The case was challenging, Ellis said, because the Amish community is vast and technology is not omnipresent. A couple of "decent doorbell camera photos" and word of mouth was about all the department had to go on until recently.

Men exposing themselves to Amish folks specifically is not a rarity, a quick internet search reveals.

In 2012, a Northern Indiana man exposed himself to Amish children at school, a crime for which he was sentenced to two years in prison, according to the Goshen News. In 2016 and 2017, there were multiple men

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KALONA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Bob & Kristie Black & Banjoo sing in harmony during the Kalona Bluegrass Festival on July 22. Also the festival's organizers, they brought energy to the crowd as the co-main event on the festival's penultimate night. Turn to page 2A for more photos.

AROUND TOWN

RAGBRAI Closure

Due to the RAGBRAI route on Melrose Avenue West and traffic concerns, Johnson County Secondary Roads Department at 4810 Melrose Avenue in Iowa City will be closed on Friday, July 28. Individuals with non-emergency questions or concerns may leave a message with Secondary Roads at 319-356-6046. Calls to Secondary Roads will not receive a response until Monday, July 31. In an emergency, residents should always dial 911.

Lone Tree Party in the Park

Lone Tree's next Party in the Park will be Au-

gust 1 at ABC Park. The Box Lunch will be serving food from 4-8 p.m., and entertainment will be by Cassie and Randy from 6-8:30 p.m. The summer's last Party in the Park will be August 15, with Jerry & Margie's Catering serving from 4-8 p.m. and Frankie Jo & the Kin Folk performing 6-8:30 p.m.

Mayor's Classic Car Cruise

The 4th annual Mayor's Classic Car Cruise has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 5 in Kalona. Cars start at Sinclair Tractor at 5 p.m. and end at Kalona City Park. All classic cars are welcome; no fees to participate; view the cars at City Park and enjoy food from Country Cookin'

and Flamin' Flips while listening to oldies performed by the Do's & Don'ts.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer Mental Health First Aid training on Thursday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wellman YMCA, 525 13th St., Wellman. The instructor-led program will last for eight hours and participants will receive a certificate. Free; lunch provided; register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/OAVGNG> or call 319-653-4811.

Fun in the Sun

Everyone is invited to Wellman's Fun in

the Sun on August 10 from 4-7 p.m. at North Park. Enjoy slip 'n slide, sprinklers, food, free popsicles, and water. Food also available from Freeman Foods, Stone Wall Pizza, and Buen Provecho Spanish Caribbean Food.

Kalona Farmers Market

The next Kalona Farmers Market will be Saturday, August 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 5th Street, downtown Kalona. The theme is Get Fit; music by The Great Bluegrass Herons. Upcoming musician schedule: 8/26 Lee Klett;

Kalona Road Closures

The week of July 31 the Mid-Prairie School District will have contractor crews onsite to tie into the 6th Street water main for fire suppression for East Elementary School. While crews are onsite and while concrete cures the city will be closing for through traffic south from the intersection of 6th and H Avenue. For north traffic, we will be closing from the intersection of 6th and G Avenue. Any questions please call Kalona City Hall at 656-2310.

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BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



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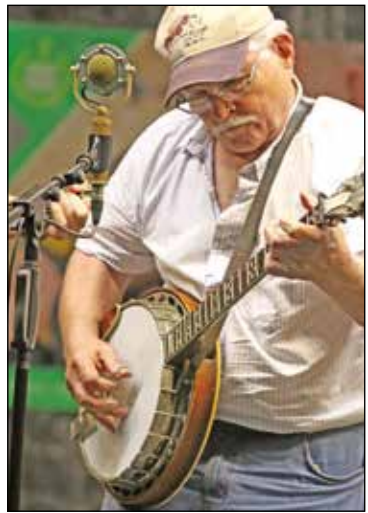
The Iowa No Mountain Boys played two sets at the Kalona Bluegrass Festival on July 22. This was the first time since the band formed that they played outside of the Ames area where they feel at home. They played a mix of original and classic bluegrass music.



The Sodbusters, an Iowa original, were joined by The Iowa No Mountain Boys' violinist during their second set on July 22 at the Bluegrass Festival in Kalona.



The Anderegg Family performing on Saturday night at the Kalona Bluegrass Festival. The crowd loved the Andereggs, with Kristie Black leading the charge for an encore. They sang a handful of gospel and cover songs, including the likes of Johnny Cash.



Banjoy also performed at the Festival.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS



ROGER WEBER

Mid-Prairie students Maelys Beachy (left) and Abrielle Kraus competed at the Future Problem Solving Program International conference in Massachusetts in June. They shared their experience with the Kalona Rotary Club on July 6; both Kalona and Washington Rotary Clubs helped the students with travel expenses.

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LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
6:30 PM IN THE LONE TREE LIBRARY

SUPERINTENDENT, TYLER HOTZ SHEILA THARP, SBO RENAE WILLIAMS, BOARD SECRETARY

- 1. Call To Order:** Sladek 6:32 PM
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: Michael Hotz, Gordon Viers, Robert Sladek. Absent: Alex Ogren and Joel Yedlik.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Viers motioned to approve the agenda, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Previous Meeting Minutes:** Viers motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
 - B. Finance Report:** Supt. Hotz and Business Manager Sheila Tharp reported on the general operating fund for the 22-23 year.
 - C. Payment of Bills:** Hotz motioned to approve the board bills, Viers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
 - D. Open Enrollment Requests:** Viers motioned to approve the open enrollment, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
 - i. Open enrollment out:** Gavin Vin-

cent: Mid-Prairie, Moriah Swanson: Mid-Prairie.
ii. Open enrollment in: McKenna Tharp- Kindergarten.

E. Personnel Items: Hotz motioned to approve the hiring/resignation recommendations as stated with Special Education Teacher pending suitable replacement, Viers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
i. Resignations: Corina Shipp- Secondary Special Education (pending suitable replacement), Harry Miller- Assistant Football Coach, Whitney Schley- Secondary Guidance Counselor.

ii. New Hire: Andrew Koshatka- Co Senior Class Sponsor.

6. Old Business
A. Facilities: Supt. Hotz and Tom Folds, with Blue Stone, reported on the building's mechanical systems. Reviewed the Boiler inspection.

B. 500 Series (First Reading): Viers motioned to approve the first reading of the 500 series, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Board Policy 213 Revision (First Reading): Viers motioned to approve the board policy 213 revision, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Registration Fees: Hotz motioned to approve the new registration fees, Viers seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

E. Radon: Waiting on bids.

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Garage Sales

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F. Legislative Priorities: The board reviewed the IASB legislative priorities and selected four policy goals to focus on:

8. Special Education
12. Teacher Professional Development and Retention
13. Supplemental State Aid
14. School Funding Policy

7. New Business

A. SU Insurance Renewal: Viers motioned to approve the SU Insurance Renewal Agreement for the 23-24 school year, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0

B. Community Library Wages: Tharp reported on the current library wages and funds received from the City of Lone Tree.

Viers motioned to approve the library wage increase from \$9 to \$10 per hour, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Superintendent's Report: Supt. Hotz reported on new processes and procedures for the upcoming 23-24 year.

9. Adjourn: Viers motioned to adjourn, Hotz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:16 PM
Board President
Board Secretary

Next meeting: Board Retreat August 9th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM Riverside Casino

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

July 18
Caller in the 100 block of North Knisel St., Riverside, reports child endangerment. Officer spoke with the caller and other party. Custody civil dispute. Both advised to contact their attorneys.

Caller requesting civil stand by in the 200 block of A Ave., Kalona, while they do an inspection.

Caller in the 700 block of 6th St., Wellman, reports suspicious activity. Checked the area.

Caller in the 100 block of North Knisel St., Riverside, reports wanting to speak with a deputy in reference to a situation with her child. Spoke with the caller and gave her some options.

Caller in the 3000 block of Highway 22, Riverside, reports a terminated employee is refusing to return their keys to the store. Responded. Iowa City PD located the keys, arrangements were made with the caller to pick them up.

Caller in Riverside requests a welfare check on their daughter. They have not been able to reach them by phone. Responded. The daughter was fine.

Caller reports an unattended fire at 2nd Ave N and 13th St., Wellman. Responded and was unable to make contact with a resident for the property. Officer extinguished the fire.

Reports a vehicle stop in Riverside. Arrested Ricardo Rangel Jr, 30, of Riverside for operating while intoxicated 1st offense. Citations for no insurance and expired registration.

July 19
Officer in the casino parking lot. Arrested Timothy Craig Maurer, 55, of West Liberty. Wanted by Johnson County for driving while barred. Subject was cited for driving while barred, no insurance and improper registration. Johnson County picked him up on their warrant.

Caller in Riverside requests a deputy for a report of harassment.
Caller in the 100 block of 9th St., Kalona, requests to speak with a deputy after someone threatened them.

July 20
Casino reports an intoxicated female just left west bound. Unable to locate.

Request mutual aid for a silo fire in Johnson County. Riverside Fire, Kalona Fire, Kalona QRS and Wellman fire all responded to assist.

Reports Kalona Fire is back enroute to the silo fire in the 2600 block of 500th St., SW, to assist with the fire.

July 21
Report of a vault motion alarm at Hills Bank Wellman. Responded. False alarm. Subjects are working on the alarms.

Caller reports on-coming traffic from left does not have a good visual of traffic from the vehicles parked at NAPA, Kalona.

Report of low hanging lines across Highway 22 in Wellman. Deputy responded for traffic control. Alliant was notified.

Caller reports a vehicle tailgating and speeding on 1st St., Kalona. Officer located the vehicle. NO violations were observed.

Caller reports they ran the stop sign at Orange Ave and 105th St., Kalona, and broadside event occurred. Nobody is injured. Operators Daryl Lynn Gehman of Kinross and Hannah Marie Glick of Kalona. State accident report filed. Glick subject was issued a citation for failure to obey a stop sign.

Caller reports a truck with a horse trailer left with people in the horse trailer in Wellman. Located the vehicle and spoke with the occupants. All subjects were fine. No issue.

Officer reports being out with a disabled vehicle at Highway 22 and Gum

Ave. Assisted subjects. They are going to try to air up the tire enough to get it back to town.

Caller in Wellman requests a welfare check on a female who may be in a domestic abuse incident. Verbal altercation only.

Deputy on a traffic stop in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside. Cited Nathan Lee Armstrong, 40 of Cedar Rapids with driving under suspension, failure to stop at a stop sign, failure to show proof of financial liability and fraudulent use of registration.

July 22
Report of an alarm in the 1300 block of Ginkgo Ave. No problem.

Report a dog is stuck in the construction area on the south side of Highland school Subject called back to say she got the dog and will take it to Paws n More.

Caller reports they had been following an SUV on Highway 218 and the operator has been swerving in the road. Officer stopped the vehicle. Operator advised she had dropped a key and was trying to pick it up. No problem.

Caller in Riverside requests a welfare check on a subject wanting a ride and making strange statements. Responded. The subject refused assistance and was given resources for help if they want them.

Report of fireworks in Kalona. Unable to locate.

Deputy reports being out with a subject after receiving a complaint of harassment in Riverside. Subject advised that he would leave.

Report of a single car accident at Vine Ave and 135th St. Male juvenile operator from Williamsburg. No injuries. Power pole is down.

Caller in the 3100 block of 115th St., Riverside, reports that a female ran up to them asking for help and then ran away. Unable to locate anyone.

Caller in the 200 block of 8th Ave., Wellman, reports an assault with injuries. parties have been separated. Victim was transported to the hospital. Arrested Nathan Richard Atkinson, 29, of Wellman for assault causing bodily injury and was transported to the Washington County Jail.

July 23
Caller reports a person with a possible fake id at the front entrance. Antineese K Toney, of Peoria, Ill. Cited for unlawful use of a driver's license or id.

Iowa County requests Wellman Fire to 3267 305th St for UTV on fire. Iowa County advised the caller believes the electrical pole is melting. Wellman Fire and QRS responded.

Caller reports another dog was loose and attacked their dog in the 900 block of 5th St., Kalona. This happened towards the end of June but now there are further issues and they would like to report it. Katelyn Rose Romano of Kalona was issued a citation for allowing a dog to run at large.

Report of a male acting strangely walking west on Highway 22, Riverside. Responded to the area and was unable to locate the subject.

Caller reporting there is a male subject at Kum & Go that was also there yesterday. Yesterday he was being weird with customers and begging for money/food. He is back on the property and they would like him to be removed from the property. Responded. Subject refused a ride when asked for his identification. Subject continued walking and was given a trespass warning by deputies and was advised if he returns he could be charged with trespass.

Deputy reporting threats made by a citizen in Kalona. Report filed.

90 YEARS AGO JULY 27, 1933

Kalona

Mr. Jacob Frank, 79, a pioneer of the Riverside community, died Tuesday afternoon at his home southwest of Riverside of acute indigestion. He attended church services Sunday and had been sick only since midnight Monday.

The Kalona Girls diamond ball team will meet the Maid Rite junior team under the lights at the Iowa City Park next Sunday night. This will be the first appearance of a girls' team in Iowa City since diamond ball was started there three years ago.

From the actions of the listeners of the Kalona Band last Saturday night, an exceptionally good concert was put on for the benefit of the crowd. The band, under the direction of C. Bragg, brought out some new and snappy pieces which drew loud applause which shows the appreciation of those who heard them.

The band is growing better through the efforts of the leader and the members, and it is not necessary for the Kalona musical organization to take any back seat for any competition in their class.

Snappy pieces are what the general public like, and they got them last Saturday night.

At Gladwin, Iowa last Friday morning, a Milwaukee freight comprised of several oil cars was wrecked after one of the tank cars loaded with oil exploded burning a big portion of the train and the general store and depot of the town. The trouble seemed to start near the middle of the train, and the cars derailed numbered 37 in all, 22 of which were oil cars. Oil was running in all directions and was the cause of such an extensive fire causing so much damage. The engine with 41 cars were saved at the front end of the train, while five cars were pushed back out of danger at the rear of the train.

Gladwin is in Washington County east of Washington. Many from here went down Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday to see the remains of the wreck.

The season for corn on the cob is here, and has never a single poet lifted his voice in praise of this delicacy? What could not make of, those vaporous rows of aureate pearls, glowing beneath the golden tide of butter, keen with salt.

Surely some other literature than that of breakfast-food could wax rapturous over the sweet-heart of the corn, that marvelous, dewy whiteness, honey sweet, which at last yields itself up to strong, questing teeth.

But whoever undertakes to tell the world of the joys of green corn must leave a certain incompleteness in his description of the table scene. Those who limit themselves to six or eight large ears at a sitting, there is something almost disgusting about those who do not desist till they have "eaten their length in corn." Their barbaric cries of pleasure, their gnashing, rending onslaught and the drip of warm oil from their elbows are quite suggestive of scenes in the cannibal islands.

But what if shameless barbarism does once a year surround our polite tables? Life is short and false teeth overtake the strongest. So, butter your ears and be merry, for Golden Bantam does not grow in the field of Elysium.

Reports coming to the Fish and Game Department tell of an individual representing himself to be a deputy game warden, who when accosting fishermen along the streams and lakes, accuses them of violations. He then proceeds to extract sums of money from the fishermen which is explained to be their fine for the violation. Do not pay any money as fines to men representing themselves as deputy game wardens. The law does not permit deputies to collect any fine and only a magistrate may set the amount of the fine after case has been properly presented to the court.

Fishermen are asked to get a description of the man who attempts to secure money in this manner and report it at once to the Fish and Game Department or to the nearest deputy game warden.

Ella Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller, received a wound on the head last Sunday night when the car in which she was riding was pushed into the ditch by another car on the highway near the Dan P. Yoder home. Stitches were necessary to be taken to

properly dress the wound. She is doing nicely at this writing.

Lone Tree

A week after the destructive fire that totally destroyed the elevator of the Farmers Union Exchange last Thursday, the ruins are still smoldering, although a great part of the wreckage and the grain have been removed.

Wednesday, a Rock Island wrecking crew put in the day taking out the wreckage of the box-cars destroyed by the blaze, including the steel car situated just below the elevator which was nearly buried by the flood of grain released when the walls of the elevator collapsed during the fire.

Friday, the remains of the elevator including the grain, was taken over by a representative of the companies having insurance on the building and its contents, a Mr. Wiren. Under his direction all of the grain that was salvaged has either been loaded into cars and shipped to market, or else sold to nearby farmers and feeders as hog feed. A good proportion of the grain, especially that near the bottom of the bins was relatively undamaged, and most of the balance was usable as hog feed. This was sold to farmers at a favorable price, and for a couple of days, trucks were thick around the site of the elevator, waiting their turn to get a load of grain.

Installation of a new short-wave receiving set has been completed in the sheriff's office at Iowa City, and will be used for the reception of messages from the state police radio KGHO at Des Moines. The set is locked on the wave used by the Des Moines station and news of crime in all parts of the state will be flashed instantly through the central broadcasting station. The installation was required by legislation passed at the last general assembly, and it is expected that the new means of communication will aid considerably in the apprehension of criminals.

Warning to Iowa truck drivers that the new vehicle law requiring the use of flares to warn motorists will be enforced actively, was made Thursday.

The law requires that trucks operating at night "shall at all times be equipped with portable flares which may be plainly visible for a distance of 500 feet."

An editor dreamed one night that he had decided for once in his career to get out a paper that was entirely satisfactory. Every item that was written for this exceptional issue was carried around to the different readers of the paper and if any objections were raised, it was killed. The paper went to press as usual and when the patrons unfolded it, they found nothing but a blank sheet. The editor slept sweetly the balance of the night soothed with the thought that he had printed nothing to offend

anybody and that for once his paper was entirely satisfactory.

NOTICE It has come to my attention that a number of property owners in Lone Tree have been neglecting the cutting of weeds on property owned or controlled by them, and these weeds are, or soon will be going to seed.

All persons are therefore urged to see that such weeds are cut as soon as possible. It will add much to the appearance of our town, and help hold down next year's crop. Geo. Wall, Mayor

Mrs. Mollie McCullough has been having an uncomfortable time the past week with a sore foot, which has kept her off her feet. It is thought that possibly the infection was the result of an insect bite.

Iowa isn't such a bad place to live as some of us sometimes think in our darker moments when the beans don't "set" on our carefully cultivated vines or when it gets a bit warmer than we like it, or when the rain doesn't fall just to suit us. The sub-editor has been making it a point all summer to inquire of visitors from "foreign parts" how things were in the region they came from and without exception the sum of the reply has been that the grass is greener, the sky bluer, the crops better, the weather more ideal, and the people seemingly happier here than where they came from. Where they came from, there weren't any oats, while we had some, the thermometer registered 113 degrees on hot days while it didn't here, the grass is all brown, like fall there and it isn't here-and so on and on. So here's to Iowa, the state where the tall corn grows.

Hundreds of spectators from here and elsewhere went to Gladwin Sunday to view the remains of the train wreck and fire and to see the wrecking crews at work, clearing debris and rebuilding track. Two large wrecking cranes and several section crews, with extra men, were on the job.

Refreshments stands were hurriedly set up Saturday to provide the crowds of sightseers and workmen.

One Gladwin merchant sold out of cigars, tobacco, and candy, Friday afternoon and fresh supplies were brought him by truck.

The road was literally lined with cars from Friday noon until Sunday night going to see the fire and the wreck at Gladwin. The fire was the most spectacular thing we have ever witnessed, the flames shooting hundreds of feet into the air after each explosion. The smoke was so dense that many people living at a distance thought a cyclone or storm of some kind was coming. Four young men are known to have lost their lives

and it is thought there may have been others.

Wellman

Everett Morrow suffered a gash in his forehead recently when he was run over by a car. He was walking out of the doorway of the Rowe electric shop, where he is an accountant, when an automobile came out of the shop at a high rate of speed, striking Everett. Although the gash was deep, he has been able to work all along.

Flames swept across part of a field of timothy belonging to Glen Bucher, of near Parnell, last Tuesday afternoon, before neighbors discovered the fire and rushed to extinguish it. The origin of the fire is unknown. As soon as it was discovered, the aid of a threshing crew nearby was obtained and the men put out the fire.

Though the threshers reached the scene quickly enough to put the fire out before much damage was done, it could have easily been a disaster.

The field was in the vicinity of Guido Ruegsegger's, where the fire occurred on Monday.

Fire of undetermined origin burned the barn, silo, double corn crib, and machine shed, chicken house, garage, workshop and several small buildings on the farm owned and occupied by Guido Ruegsegger, northwest of Wellman, late Monday afternoon.

The fire was discovered in the hay loft of the barn shortly after 3:30 p.m. by the harvesting crew who were threshing oats at the Ruegsegger place at that time. They were blowing straw into the loft where the fire is thought to have started. The last two bundle wagons of the threshing job were at the machine at the time the flames were sighted and were half unloaded. Every effort was expended to keep the conflagration from spreading, and firefighters were successful in their effort to keep the flames from the large new house which is located southwest of the buildings. A strong wind blew from the east, endangering the Ruegsegger home.

While the origin of the fire is not definitely known, several matches were found by grain scoopers while scooping the last load of grain into the granary. At about the same time the scoopers discovered the matches, and were about to inform the owner, someone sighted the fire in the lots, which, aggravated by the dust and the strong wind of the machine blower, caused the straw to burst into flames almost instantaneously, as the fire was beyond control at the time of the discovery.

Comparison of the matches found by the grain scoopers and the identical ones found in some of the other loads of grain when it was investigated

later, revealed that they were of a different brand than those carried by any of the workers on the place. Suspicion that the matches were hidden in shocks of grain in the field was voiced by some of the close relatives of the owner.

The large country house owned by Charles Schachner, located on his farm east of town, was consumed by fire last Monday morning. What caused the fire has not been ascertained, as it was almost razed by flames when the burning building was discovered by Charles J. Schuck, nearby neighbor.

Mr. Schuck was the first person at the scene of the fire and he immediately notified the owner, who was working in a nearby field. While the building was too far gone to attempt to combat the conflagration, the two succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to barns and adjacent buildings. Also they saved a heating stove, a gasoline stove and some kitchen utensils.

Neighbors who saw the burning building rushed to the scene and assisted the owner in combating the possibilities of other buildings being consumed by flames.

No one has been occupying the house this summer, but Gene Slead was to have moved into the house on Tuesday. Schachner kept bedding equipment there so that in times of inclement weather he might stay overnight. He had visited the house earlier Monday morning upon his arrival at the place.

The loss is valued at over \$5000. Another structure will be built upon the site as soon as possible, according to the owner.

Whooping cough was formerly regarded as one of the infectious diseases of minor importance. It should not be so regarded. During 1932, there were 51 deaths among children in Iowa, due to whooping cough.

Whooping cough is a treacherous disease. It resembles the proverbial wolf dressed in sheep's clothing. Illness begins gradually and insidiously causing parents to feel that the symptoms are those of ordinary cold, until the characteristic whoop appears. Unfortunately, the disease is most infectious during the early stages and is highly communicable. Children in the first years of life are in the greatest danger of developing pneumonia, the most severe complication.

The chief hope in controlling epidemics of whooping cough lies in those measures which help to prevent the spread of the disease. Children with the disease must remain at home and in isolation for a minimum period of 21 days.

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CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA CITY HALL JULY 17, 2023 7:00 PM

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

Council members present via zoom: Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim.

Motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by J Schmidt approving the minutes of the meeting on June 30, 2023. With all voting yes, the minutes were approved and published.

On a motion by Beisheim and seconded by Spitzer, the following bills were allowed with all voting yes.

Table listing various items and their costs, including Amazon supplies, Blake Hershberger Enterprises, Calhoun/Burns & Associates, etc.

Table listing various items and their costs, including GPM Environmental Solutions, Green Earth Design, Hills Bank Kalona, etc.

Table listing various items and their costs, including The Do's & Don'ts/Dick Sherman, TK Concrete, Tyler Technologies, etc.

from the City engineer stating that the project has been completed. The final amount to be paid is \$ 8,953.28. A motion was made by Bender and seconded by Spitzer, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same.

Consideration of Final Pay Application for TK Concrete for Public Improvements: Sidewalk Improvements 7th Street and D Avenue. The final amount was \$8,953.28. A motion was made by Bender and seconded by Beisheim, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held by the council for the 2023 Bridge Inspection Report. Motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by J Schmidt, to accept the report. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

Resolution 2023-U, a resolution waiving the right to review a Washington County parcel split located within 2-miles of city limits. The split is for Blake Hershberger and is made up of 5 acres. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by Bender, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same.

Resolution No. 2023-V, a resolution setting a 7:00 PM Public Hearing for the intent to sell City-owned property at 315 C Avenue, Kalona IA to Adrianna Lopez. The hearing will be held in the City of Kalona council chambers.

Resolution No. 2023-T, a resolution accepting Public Improvements: Sidewalk Improvements 7th Street and D Avenue. Whereas, on the 6th day of June 2022 the City of Kalona entered into an agreement with TK Concrete for the sidewalk improvements on 7th Street and D Avenue. The City of Kalona has reviewed the project and acknowledges a letter

was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Discussion of form for "Community Request of Naming City-Owned Assets". The council reviewed the form and made suggestions for changes. Staff will make changes to the form and then make it available to the public.

Resolution 2023-W, a resolution adopting changes to Section 8.1 (a), in the City of Kalona Personnel Manual. In Section 8.1 (a), under Payday. The policy will be amended for payroll to be processed on Thursdays, Bi-Weekly. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by Bender, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same.

Closed session on property acquisition in reference to the Code of Iowa Section 21.5 (j). Motion was made by Bender and seconded by J Schmidt, to enter a closed session. The council was then polled with Bender, Spitzer, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, and Beisheim, all voting yes. The motion carried.

The Council returned to open session. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by G Schmidt, authorizing staff to proceed with property negotiations and gather more information on property options.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk MARK ROBE, Mayor

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CITY OF WELLMAN

JULY 17, 2023 WELLMAN, IOWA

The Wellman City Council met in regular session in the Wellman City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Mayor Ryan Miller presided with City Clerk and the following Council Members: Angela Stutzman, Shannon McCain, Fern Bontrager & Aaron Fleming, Anthony Evans absent. The Consent Agenda was approved with Stutzman abstaining from Stutzman Lawn Care payment, upon motion by Bontrager, seconded by Fleming and all present voted ayes.

Table listing various items and their costs, including 7/7 Payroll, Nicole Castillo, Carrie R Geno, etc.

Table listing various items and their costs, including Betty J Johnston, Timothy J Garrett, Travis D Hartley, etc.

Table listing various items and their costs, including Hawkins, WTP Chemicals, Hillside Storage, Industrial Sales, etc.

No one spoke in public forum. Ellis indicated that we received 50 calls last month with nothing out of the ordinary.

Resolution No. 23-23 A resolution setting a public hearing to amend provisions of Section 170.16(5)(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wellman, Iowa was introduced and caused to be read. Public Hearing is set for the August 7, 2023, council meeting. Stutzman moved to approve Resolution No. 23-23, Bontrager seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; Evans absent.

McCain made a motion to approve the Outstanding Debt Report, Fleming seconded and all present voted ayes.

McCain made a motion to approve Rexco (Grapple Bucket) bid of \$4,127.20, Fleming seconded and all present voted ayes.

Discussion and action on quotes from Truck Equipment (F600 Cab/Chassis & Dump Body/Snowplow & Spreader OR Chevy 6500 Cab/Chassis & Dump body/Snowplow & Spreader was had. Garrett was present to answer questions and concerns that the council had. Gar-

rett did clarify that the F600 bid is for a diesel truck and after discussion with public works employees they would rather go with the gas option which would be around \$10,000 less. McCain made a motion to allow Mayor Miller or Litwiller to sign a lease for the F600 gas option, Fleming seconded and all present voted ayes.

Fleming made a motion to approve transferring Sr. Dining CD from Federation Bank to Hills Bank, Bontrager seconded and all present voted ayes.

With no further business to be discussed Fleming moved to adjournment at 6:01pm, McCain seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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HIGHLAND CSD

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL YTD EARNINGS REPORT

Table listing employee names and gross wages, including Alberts, Angela L, Allen, Jacob G, Bailey, Beverly, etc.

Table listing employee names and gross wages, including Osman, Madison L, Peck, Kelli J, Peiffer, Cynthia Marie, etc.

Table listing employee names and gross wages, including Whetstone, Angela K, Wieland, Carrie C, Wieland, Jeffrey A, etc.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FUNDS - FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Large table showing financial data for Washington County, including Beginning Balance, Total Revenues, Total Expenses, Change in Outstanding, Ending Treasurer's Balance, Outstanding Bank Items, and Ending Auditor's Balance.

I, Jeffrey A. Garrett, Washington County Treasurer, hereby certify the above report to be a true and accurate account of transactions during the period specified.

Jeffrey A. Garrett County Treasurer

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JOHNSON COUNTY

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2023

Resolutions adopted by the Board are summarized in this publication. The full text may be viewed at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncountyia.gov.

Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 5:32 p.m. Members present: V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, and Royceann Porter. Members absent: Rod Sullivan.

All actions were taken by the following vote: Role call: aye: V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, and Royceann Porter; absent: Rod Sullivan.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for July 13, 2023, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

Table listing various items and their costs, including Aaron R Hammes (168.33), Adam Smejkal (550.00), Advanced Business Systems (34.50), Affordable Housing (1241.92), Aladtec Inc (5956.00), Alissa Schuerer (315.00), Amazon.Com Capital Se (1237.33), Amelia Slaichert (19.65), Aps In Lc Llc (850.00), At&T Mobility (386.59), Aureon Communications (3047.65), Ben Lord (146.67), Bound Tree Medical L (3095.91), Brad Keitel (139.99), Brad Kunkel (180.00), Brandon D Richmond (180.00), Carew Family Llc (675.00), Central City Developm (8000.00), Chad Bolen (180.00), Chad Murphy (16.00), Charles Heath (750.00), Chris Wisman (180.00), City Of Iowa City - Ut (437.42), City Of Shueyville (5357.90), Cody R Ohare (180.00), Consumers Cooperativ (69916.70), Cost Advisory Service (7075.00), Cott Systems Inc (2361.00), Courtney Morgan (180.00), Custom Rentals Lc (700.00), Daida (1839.58), Dana Safety Supply (1854.01), Dans Overhead Doors (411.88), Dave Wilson (89.01), David W Broil (180.00), Deanna Huffman (700.00), Deb Klopfenstein (16.00), Deborah Seymour Guard (35.48), Del Ray Ridge Lp (622.00), Delta Dental Of Iowa (6980.20), Demetrius A Marlowe (180.00), Dive Rescue Internati (6362.14), Division Of Labor/Elev (175.00), Doran A Williams (180.00), Economy Advertising Co (296.17), Eide Bailly Llp (14000.00), Electronic Print Inc Db (35.00), Esjay Creative Works (1661.91), Farmers Electric Coope (114.86), Galls Lc (790.39), Gary Boseneiler (180.00), Golfview Estates Llc (1409.00), Graphic Printing And (1186.05), Greater Ic Housing Fe (1575.00), Greg Parker (1435.40), Halo Branded Solution (2736.25), Hands Up Communication (403.80), Hawkeye Fire & Safety (1124.50), Health Ecareers (1000.00), Heartland Shredding In (145.00), Hilltop Mobile Home Pa (415.00), Hy-Vee #1281 (549.76), Institute Of Iowa Cert (975.00), Intech Software Solu (10935.00), Iowa City Area Devel (26500.00), Iowa City Mhp Llc (530.00), Iowa Communities As (933983.00), Iowa County Attorneys (375.00), Iowa Floodplain & Storm (40.00), Iowa Paper Inc (648.57), Iowa Process Service (755.00), Iowa Sports Foundation (348.00), Irish Reporting Inc (173.90), Isac (265.00), J & J Real Estate (610.00), Jake Loux (180.00), Jan Shaw (113.94), Jason Bulechek (130.49), Jeffrey M Gingerich (180.00)

Table listing various items and their costs, including Jerald Stimmel (134.97), Joanne Gladden Dba Moo (685.00), John D Good (180.00), John R Lovetinsky (89.99), Johnson Controls Inc (1698.89), Johnson County Audit (2410.01), Johnson County Human (2100.00), Josh Rice (147.87), Joshua S Gersten (120.00), Katrina Rudish (180.00), Kirkwood Community (108163.45), Koch Office Group (364.48), Ks Properties Lc (770.00), Life Assist Inc (509.23), Linde Gas & Equipment (166.36), Linder Tire Service Inc (79.92), Linn County Access C (80851.44), Linn County Auditor (470.18), Linn County Rec (200.00), Linn County Sheriff (40.75), Lisa Green Douglass (1179.55), Li Pelling Co Inc (8947.92), Lora A Shramek (49.68), Lowe's (160.55), Lynn Knight (120.00), M68 Apartments (750.00), Matthew J Hendricks (180.00), Matthew Muth (98.16), Mechanical Service (260.00), Medea & Associates In (1750.00), Medline Industries Inc (369.00), Menards - Iowa City (136.19), Merit Electric Ltd (9695.00), Michael Hons (180.00), Mid American Energy (247.01), Midwest Automated Time (406.00), Mike Hynes (180.00), Nathan Savage (1025.00), Nelson Pharmacy Consult (75.00), Neofunds/Total Funds (341.18), Nest Property Managem (2200.00), Neumann Monson Pc (1187.50), Nick Hemann (700.00), Norman Kent Williams (850.00), Novair Usa Corp (108816.00), Office Express Office (202.77), Onmedia Cedar Rapids (3066.00), Origin Design Co (26342.77), Ottson Oil Co (316.05), Oubonh Phomvisay White (528.78), P & K Midwest Inc (103.78), Park Place Apartments (532.00), Peterson Contractors (1042.44), Pitney Bowes Reserve Ac (19.08), Ppg Architectural Finis (29.34), Psc Distribution (17.00), Rachel Quinn (37.99), Randall A Lamm (180.00), Rapids Reproductions I (217.38), Rebecca A Conard (2000.00), Rebecca C Simon (180.00), Redfinch Investments L (700.00), Reece Hoffman (180.00), Relx Inc Dba Lexisnex (2940.00), Rem Properties Lc (680.00), Rock River Auto Body I (810.66), Sanofi Pasteur Inc (3169.40), Schindler Elevator Cor (299.25), Second Story Promotio (4452.20), Sharon Telephone Compan (29.47), Shoemaker & Haaland (11623.00), Silver Oak Development (700.00), Simeon Llc (685.00), Soloprotect Us Llc (76.29), South Slope Coop Commun (69.95), Southgate Property Ma (2410.00), State Medical Examine (1900.00), Steven Nash (180.00), Steven Rosenberg (400.00), Storen Kenworthy Corp (446.31), Streichers (633.99), Stryker Medical (1603.72), Sugar Creek Llc (1064.00), Summit Fire Protectio (1113.00), Sycamore Apartments L (700.00), Tailwind Iowa City L (1400.00), The Gazette Company (488.80), The Lodge Apartments (2150.00), Thomson Reuters-West (109.19), Tk Elevator Corp (6279.96), Tw Training (6000.00), Tyler F Schneider (180.00), University Of Iowa (3239.70), University Of Iowa Hosp (88.94), Us Cellular (3131.44), Vanguard Appraisals I (4812.50), Visa (2333.19), Visiting Nurse Assoc (12307.58), Waypoint Services For (500.00), Wellmark Blue Cross (175000.00), Wendling Quarries Inc (1075.62), Westwinds Real Estate (700.00), Whispering Garden Iha (750.00), Windstream It-Comm.Llc (86.15), Woodward Community Me (1405.13), Zora Analytics Llc (1500.00)
Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of July 6, 2023.
Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve the payroll authorizations

submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to receive and place on file the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the months of October, 2022, in the amount of \$31,718.56, March, 2023, in the amount of \$36,847.57, and June, 2023, in the amount of \$35,740.74, as submitted by Clerk of District Court Alison Meade.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to receive and place on file the Sheriff's Condemnation Report for FY23, as submitted by County Sheriff Brad Kunkel.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to receive and place on file the Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$55,614.00, as submitted by County Sheriff Brad Kunkel.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:36 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28360 of Ann Murphy, requesting rezoning of 1.91 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 4671 Murphy Lane SW, approximately 350 feet north of Sharon Center Road SW, in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 78 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Sharon Township, Johnson County, Iowa. Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. Lacey Stutzman of MMS Consultants, Inc, was present to answer questions. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:39 p.m.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28360.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28360 on first and second consideration.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28361 of Kristin L. Brenneman, requesting rezoning of 1.29 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 1675 500th St SW, approximately 1,900 feet east of Derby Avenue SW, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 78 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Washington Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:42 p.m.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28361.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28361 on first and second consideration.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28362 of Troy and Beth Wolfs, requesting rezoning of 5.24 acres from A-Agricultural and R-Residential to R-Residential. The property is located at 1721 Lower Old Highway 6 Rd NW, approximately 800 feet east of Lower Oxford Rd NW, in a portion of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and a portion of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, all in Section 22, Township 80 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Oxford Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28362.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28362 on first and second consideration.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:47 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28363 of Mike and Angela Eads, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 3707 475th St SW, approximately 2,600 feet west of Dane Rd SW, in the

SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 78 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M. in Liberty Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. Lacey Stutzman of MMS Consultants, Inc, was present to answer questions. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:49 p.m.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28363.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28363 on first and second consideration.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-23-28365 of Kristin L. Brenneman, requesting preliminary & final plat approval of Lambs Ear Lane. The property is located at 1675 500th St SW, approximately 1,900 feet east of Derby Avenue SW, in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 78 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Washington Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:51 p.m.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:51 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-23-28366 of Troy and Beth Wolfs, requesting preliminary & final plat approval of Wolfs Subdivision. The property is located at 1721 Lower Old Highway 6 Rd NW, approximately 800 feet east of Lower Oxford Rd NW, in a portion of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and a portion of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, all in Section 22, Township 80 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Oxford Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 5:53 p.m.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:54 p.m. on the proposed ordinance amending the text of the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance by updating and modifying certain definitions and requirements for Environmental Regulations, Grading Permits, and Erosion Control and Site Stabilization.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability (PDS) Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. Assistant PDS Director Nate Mueller was present to answer questions. The Board questioned if expanding eligibility for request to waive sensitive areas requirements for grading permits would negatively impact sensitive areas. Simon stated that the amendment allows the applicant to ask for a waiver of a full sensitive areas analysis, and would likely not get a waiver if sensitive areas were present on site. The Board questioned if staff was able to verify when/if applicants exceeded their defined areas of disturbance. Mueller stated that PDS staff conducts onsite inspections and can confirm when these instances occur. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve, on first consideration, an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance to update and modify certain definitions and requirements for environmental regulations, grading permits, erosion control and site stabilization as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting, with one amendment as follows: in Section two, paragraph a, striking the word "excluding" and replacing it with "which measure 5000 square feet or greater, excluding..."

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the update to Agreement 2019-16-117 / Cooperative Agreement for Primary Road Project with the Iowa Department of Transportation for new joint fiber infrastructure locations around the I80/380 interchange and to return never used strands that were allocated on Highway 965 at no cost to the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-13-23-03 RESOLUTION COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY'S COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

Summary: Building North Liberty's Next Stage has presented an exciting proposal for the Community Attraction & Tourism program through Enhance Iowa at the Iowa Economic Development Authority which aligns with the mission and values of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to promote economic development, tourism, and quality of life. Johnson County wishes to demonstrate its commitment to city initiatives that will leverage state and federal dollars to make a lasting impact in the community. Board Action: Approved a pledge of support in the total amount of \$20,000 for Building North Liberty's Next Stage to be provided to North Liberty over the course of the next four (4) years. Affirmed that this commitment is subject to North Liberty securing a Community Attraction and Tourism grant and completing all reporting and compliance requirements. Affirmed that the Building North Liberty's Next Stage team will provide annual progress reports and updates on the project and directed a copy of this resolution be provided to Enhance Iowa. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve Resolution No. 07-13-23-03, effective July 13, 2023.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Antelope Lending Library in the amount of \$32,156.19.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Iowa City Area Development Group in the amount of \$85,000.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Iowa City Senior Center in the amount of \$62,430.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Johnson County Historical Society in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Service Agreement between the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and the Springmier Community Library in the amount of \$10,000.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m. /s/ Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor On the 19th day of July, 2023 Recorded by Auditor's Office: Erin Shane, Deputy Auditor These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on July 19, 2023.

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

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

Motion made by Sexton, second by McGuire to approve agenda. Passed 5-0.

Motion made by McGuire, second by Sexton to approve consent agenda, including July 3rd minutes, and expenditures, pulling McGuire mileage expense. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved to pay McGuire mileage in the amount of \$24.89. Passed 4-0 McGuire abstained.

Chris Grinstead addressed City Council during Public Forum.

Sergeant Chad Ellis, with Washington County Sheriff Dept. presented June

Service call report.

Nick Bettis, Axiom Consultants, updated the city council on the 3rd Street project, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, and ADA ramp at City Hall.

Luis Ramirez and Steve Kramer, of PeoplesService Inc., presented the June water and wastewater report.

Tom Engelken, of Northway Well and Pump Co. of Marion, Iowa, discussed analysis and treatment of Well #7 and #8.

Motion by McGuire, second by Sexton to pass Resolution #2023-57, Approving Generator Maintenance from Altorfer Power Systems of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$6117.00, with a cost hold of 6 years. Passed 5-0.

Kiene moved, second by Sexton to reject bid for ADA ramp at City Hall. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Schneider to pass Resolution #2023-58, Awarding Water Treatment Plant Con-

struction Project to Bowker Mechanical Contractors LLC of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the amount of \$550,000. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Schneider, to table draft of "Request for Proposal - Sale of Real Estate" of Debbins' building until next meeting. Passed 5-0.

Council reviewed June Utility reports, and financials.

Motion by Sexton, second by McGuire to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Next Meeting: Monday, August 7th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

ATTEST: Becky LaRoche, City Clerk Allen Schneider, Mayor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Erma Ropp, Deceased CASE NO. ESPRO08032

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Erma Ropp, Deceased, who died on or about June 2, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on July 12, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Erma Ropp, deceased, bearing date of December 21, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Juanita Troyer was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter is forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are re-

quested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated July 13, 2023.

Juanita Troyer Executor of Estate PO Box 862 Kalona, IA 52247

Michael J. Brenneman ICIS#: AT0001095 Attorney for Executor Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman, LLP 330 E. Court St. Iowa City, IA 52240

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EXPENDITURES 7-17-23 UNPAID BILLS:

Table listing various expenses and unpaid bills, including ABSOLUTE, OUTDOOR SERVICE, PARKS (\$475.00), 3E. SHOP LIGHTS (\$94.04), AIRGAS, EMS OXYGEN (\$298.33), BIG IRON WELDING, STREETS (\$329.00), CASEY'S, MOWER FUEL (\$116.98), CUSTOM TREE SERVICE, SERVICE (\$450.00), EDGAR MCGUIRE, MILEAGE (\$24.89), ELECTRIC PUMP, W/PT PUMPS (\$3,966.78), FASTENAL, WATER (\$19.46), FERGUSON, METER (\$1,354.34), GRAINGER, WATER (\$152.64), HARN R/O, WATER (\$9,150.00), IOWA DNR, WATER PERMIT (\$116.63), IOWA SOLUTIONS, COMPUTER (\$658.30), JIMS SMALL ENGINE, SUPPLY (\$16.02), JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE, SERVICE (\$17,177.00), KALONA AUTO, SUPPLY (\$143.06), KJENSTER PLUMBING, PARKS (\$134.30), LEAF, COPIER (\$156.50), MEARDON, SUEPPEL, DOWNER, LEGAL (\$2,000.00), MENARDS, W/TP (\$190.37), OFFICE EXPRESS, SUPPLY (\$366.19), PAWS & MORE, CONTRIBUTIONS (\$208.00), PSC DIST., PARKS (\$98.87), PYRAMID SERVICES, TORO BLADES (\$71.73)

Table listing various revenue and expense items, including REC, SIGN (\$8,250.31), SCHIMBERG CO., W/TP (\$542.23), SCHNOEBELE IN, SERVICE (\$2,324.49), SHARON TELEPHONE CO, SERVICE (\$523.79), STANDARD PEST CONTROL, SERVICE (\$75.00), STUTSMAN, PARKS (\$74.83), SUNRISE POST & FRAME, 3/2x10x8 (\$45.84), THE NEWS, PUBLICATIONS (\$478.41), TYLER TECH, INCOBE (\$409.48), VISA, PURCHASES (\$744.95), W.C. AUDITOR, LAW CONTRACT (\$55,100.25), WIELE, STREETS (\$849.38), TOTAL BILLS (\$97,150.39), PAID BILLS: IPERS, 2023 JUNE (\$2,963.02), 1ST NAT'L BANK, HEALTH SAVINGS (\$750.00), IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, W/ HOLD TAX (\$607.00), IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, SALES TAX (\$808.20), IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, WET TAX (\$1,499.38), IRS, 941 TAX (\$4,367.80), PAYROLL, PAYROLL (\$14,389.95), TOTAL PAID BILLS (\$25,385.35), TOTAL EXPENDITURES (\$122,535.74)

Table listing various revenue and expense items, including REVENUE (\$4,352.50), GENERAL FUND (\$149,079.46), FIRE DEPT FUND (\$40,525.01), ROAD USE TAX FUND (\$16,364.16), OPTION SALES TAX (\$15,106.25), REVENUE RUND (\$112,281.86), W.C. AUDITOR, LAW CONTRACT (\$55,100.25), WIELE, STREETS (\$849.38), TOTAL BILLS (\$21,870.58), COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDS (\$251.45), FUND (\$26,884.87), \$25,217.66, GARBAGE/LANDFILL FUND (\$31.50), WATER FUND (\$1,601.73), TOTAL (\$391,696.45)

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Hillcrest Academy Ravens Basketball Camp Contest



Submitted

KALONA

Hillcrest Academy Ravens Basketball Camp Director Dwight Gingerich and the camp staff consisting of Stephen Bender, Mitchell Drey, Aaron Gingerich, Nate Miller, Chris Nachtigall and Ron Swartzendruber thank the campers for a tremendous week of camp. Coach Gingerich is very appreciative of the efforts of the camp staff who did a great job through the

week with our 135 campers. A thank you as well to Hillcrest players Bryce Bailey, Kale Bailey, Lydia Beachy,

Niva Helmuth, Charlie McAndrew, Rowan Miller, Maria Portillo, Owen Scott and Claire Withrow for their help in the afternoon sessions with campers in grades 1-4. Coach Gingerich thanks Hills Bank, Sinclair Tractor and SmartScripts for their part in sponsoring the camp again this year.



Submitted

Awards 2023

Best defender: Rowan Miller (9-12); Bronx Miller (7-8); Braxton Ropp (5-6).

Mr. Hustle: Isaac Birky (9-12); Abe Widmer (7-8); Derek Ebersole (5-6).

Best Rebounder: Kale Bailey (9-12); Kendrick Kos (7-8); Kellen Miller (5-6).

Outstanding Camper: Bryce Bailey (9-12); Gibson Scott (7-8); Drayce Miller (5-6).

Mr. Fundamental: Seth Ours (9-12); Oliver Miller (7-8); Brayden Humphries (5-6).



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For one month every summer, the Snow Valley Camp becomes a Mid-Prairie reunion among these Golden Hawks from the cornfields.

"Absolutely," Schlabaugh said with a big smile. "It's kind of our one time of the year we get to spend, but we do get to spend about 23 nights in dorm rooms. You're ready for it to be done, but you can't wait for it to get started in the next year."

"It's great," said Kern, a resident of Kalona who has coached at the camp for all 27 years of its Iowa existence. "Show and I were together 26 years at Mid-Prairie. I did a lot of things with him. It's so fun to come back and do these weeks and run this camp. It means a lot. The camp is still really strong. We're better than ever right now."

This year's camps feature three boys sessions and one girls session, each lasting four days in an environment that is strictly, and passionately, basketball. All of the sessions sold out to campers coming from nearly all 50 states. Coaches arrive here from across the country and overseas.

"We have a pretty high standard for our camp," said Showalter, who worked the camps of the late UCLA coaching legend, John Wooden, for years before purchasing the Snow Valley brand following its start in California 61 years ago. "I think players that come here are players who really want to get better. It's not a babysitting camp. I tell parents and players, this is not a camp for everybody. If you don't love basketball, it's probably not going to be real fun for you. If you love basketball, it's going to be a great session."

This year's campers included Brady

Weber, a rising junior at Mid-Prairie, and other Golden Hawk student-athletes, along with a few from Highland Middle School and High School.

Friday, the camp's clinicians included Clay Moser, an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas who was formerly a scout and coach with the Los Angeles Lakers.

"We get great coaching," Showalter said. "We have coaches from really all over the world. I think the players really see it, they're getting good coaching. We have a 7-to-1 ratio with players to coaches."

While some summer sports camps are struggling to survive, Snow Valley has been able to maintain its popularity and sold-out sessions.

"Camps are kind of dying across the country," Schlabaugh said. "It's harder and harder to find good camps, hard to find good overnight camps. So we're the largest overnight camp in the country for basketball."

"Our first year, we had 12 coaches, 80 campers," Kern said. "And it's developed into this. And there's some people said it would never go when he started it. Now we're selling out at 375 to 400 kids a week."

It truly is a basketball treasure, Iowa style.

And with a strong Mid-Prairie connection. Coach Show won 446 games at Mid-Prairie and led the Golden Hawks to five state tournament appearances.

"It's hard to believe, when we were running Mid-Prairie's camp years ago," Kern said, "that this would develop."

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Wilsons to come upon a gravel road. With how easy it is to reach these roads combined with the lack of traffic it is no wonder the majority of their training takes place on gravel. In order to compete at a high level, the length of the training is about 10-14 hours a week.

Not letting those training days go to waste competing in bike races has become the norm for both father and son.

Last year Caleb took part in 14 races, ranging from 30 minutes to seven hours, and Mason took part in 16 races, ranging from 30 minutes to three hours.

Cycling provides many benefits like losing weight, strengthening the immune system, and reducing the risk of heart disease but one facet of cycling Caleb holds in high regard is how a person is able to continue to bike well into their later years.

"You can do it your whole life," Caleb said about cycling. "You can do it with your kids when they get older, and you can do it at many levels. It's not like football where you go to high school, you play it and then you're done, and you just get to look back on it."

While Caleb's main goal is to continue to stay healthy and have fun cycling as he grows older, he does have another goal in mind. Once they reach high school, he plans to ride with his kids for the full RAGBRAI week, an eight-day cycling event that extends across all of Iowa from west to east.

For Mason, with him still being so young, he has goals that are quite ambitious, but with his work ethic and passion for cycling, his goals look to be well within reach for him.

"My best-case scenario probably is someday being an endurance pro for cycling and also maybe a little below that, being able to get a college scholarship for cycling, racing," Mason said about his goals. "Then someday maybe having a bike shop or something like that."

Looking to further extend a helping hand to show how much joy someone can get from cycling, Caleb started a competitive kids mountain bike team this year. This biking team, called the Iowa City MTB Club, advocates the sport of mountain biking to the youth.

"We had very low expectations for how much interest there was because this is sort of a niche sport," Caleb said about starting a youth mountain biking team.

"We thought there'd be about a dozen kids. We have 50 on the team. Just from the Kalona area, I think we have ten. I think most people would have no idea there's ten kids from Kalona who Mountain Bike race all over the state."

Planning on continuing this venture next year Mason's team is an open community team. Anyone, from the ages of 8-18, who wants to join can do so free of charge.

Still along the lines of promoting others to give cycling a try Caleb is planning on attempting to implement a Kalona gravel race in the future. The Iowa Gravel Series are cycling events hosted by small towns. These events attract about 100 plus racers and draw attention to the town as well.

It would be a 100k race and Caleb wants Kalona to be involved.

"I'm hoping to do one of those down here maybe as early as next year," Caleb said about a gravel race in Kalona. "It's about 60 miles I like to run out of Kalona. It would go around the whole area to see the Amish countryside and all that and finish in town."

Cycling has had a profound impact on Caleb's life, and he wouldn't have it any other way. Bike racing has become a passion he can share with Mason and his other kids who are also growing up interested in cycling for years to come. Biking has become a family affair that has granted him a greater quality of life, mentally and physically.

He knows how beneficial this pastime can be and not just content with letting others know but encouraging them to go out and try for themselves.

"Being outside regularly, that's what we were created to do. We're meant to be outdoors; we're meant to be in nature like that." Caleb said. "So, getting out in the woods to mountain bike, getting on the gravel, seeing the pastures and everything. It's been a really life-giving thing."



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

**Season recap: Highland baseball**

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

RIVERSIDE

After making some noise last year with a 22-win season and making it to the district title game the Huskies, who lost eight seniors to graduation, hit a bit of a lull this year.

The 2023 Highland baseball team wrapped up their season with an 11-15 record overall, an 8-4 conference record and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

A microcosm of their season as a whole Highland's first game of the year was an 11-0 road victory over Keota and their second game was a 7-1 home loss to Keota.

Struggling all season long to string together multiple wins in a row, with their longest win streak being two, the Huskies ended the year with a 5-7 home record and a 6-8 record on the road.

Ending the year with a second-place finish in their division of the Southeast Iowa Super Conference the Huskies were at their best against conference opponents.

The first round of the playoffs saw Highland host a game against the New London Tigers. This postseason game turned into a pitcher's duel with each team finding it difficult to score. With the only scored run of the game coming in the sixth inning, the Huskies were defeated by New London, 1-0, marking the end of their season.

As a team Highland scored 141 runs and connected on 150 hits. They scored their season high in runs scored in a 16-1 home game victory over the Lone Tree Lions. Highland reached double digits in runs scored in six games this season.

With some players just making brief appearances Highland had 13 players see playing time on the mound. As a team the Huskies allowed 147 hits, 144 runs allowed with 86 earned runs allowed, and struck out 208 batters.

Recognized for the talent and skill they displayed during the regular season Highland had six players receive all-conference honors in the SEISC North.

Two Huskies were unanimous selections for first team all-conference, senior Ethan Paisley as a pitcher and sophomore William Dunbar as an infielder.

Paisley, a standout player for Highland, started 12 games on the mound and had a 5-4 pitching record. His ERA of 1.02 was the fourth lowest in the SEISC North and he struck out 102 batters.

While up to bat he led the team with 29 hits, scored 19 runs, and his .358 batting average was the best on the team.

Dunbar had a knack for getting home, leading the team with 21 runs scored. His 22 hits were second best on the team, he had 15 RBIs, and was the team leader in stolen bases with 34.

Tyler Thompson wrapped up an impressive senior season with a second team all-conference selection as an outfielder. His 20 RBIs led the team, and he posted a .268 batting average. He was responsible for 111 putouts and stole 21 bases.

The third senior for the Huskies to receive all-conference honors is Peyton Yeggy. Yeggy, selected second team all-conference as a pitcher, was a reliable presence on the mound this season. He posted a 5-4 pitching record, had an ERA of 2.31, and struck out 52 batters.

Two Huskies who earned honorable mention all-conference were eighth grader Garrett Beeson and sophomore Logan McFarland. Beeson was the starting catcher for the Huskies and had a .975 fielding percentage. McFarland had a .216 batting average and went nine for nine on stolen bases.

The curtains close on another season of Highland baseball, and they will say goodbye to four seniors: Thompson, Paisley, Yeggy, and Kody Grecian.

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second place in their division with Wapello being the only team above them.

The playoffs are where Highland looked for revenge over Wapello, but it was not meant to be. Highland held a 2-0 lead but in heartbreaking fashion Wapello rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning for a walk off 3-2 victory.

A sour note to end the season on to be sure but it shouldn't take away from how talented the roster was. Getting recognized for just how skilled this roster was, five Highland players were selected first-team all-conference in the SEISC North.

Selected as a unanimous choice for first-team all-conference as a pitcher was senior Jessica Kraus.

Shining in her senior season Kraus ended her year with a 14-5 pitching record, tallied 122 strikeouts, and posted the second-lowest ERA in the SEISC North with 2.21.

Junior Sarah Burton continues to excel in high school athletics, being selected first team all-conference as an infielder.

Taking the role of Highland's leadoff batter she led the team in homeruns with four, was second on the team in hits with 34, scored 40 runs, and stole a team high 34 bases without being caught.

Also selected first team all-conference as an infielder was fellow junior Payton Brun. Brun was a force on offense, leading the team in hits with 34. Her 26 RBIs were good enough for third most on the team and she ended her year with a .389 batting average.

In the final softball season of her high school career, senior Abbi Stransky was selected first team all-conference as a utility player.

Having a knack for quality hits at opportune times she led the team in RBIs with 28. She stole 17 bases without being caught and posted a .301 batting average, being able to hit the ball 25 times.

Rounding out the first team selections for Highland, senior

MyLei Smith was selected first team all-conference as an outfielder.

Going 11 for 11 on stolen bases she ended her year with 19 runs scored. Her batting average of .342 was fourth best on the team, going 25-73 at the plate, and she finished her season with 12 RBIs.

Standout sophomore Lilly Barre, second in the batting order for the Huskies, was chosen second team all-conference as an infielder.

A high-volume scorer, Barre led the team in runs scored with 44. She posted a team best .402 batting average, going 33-82 while up to bat. The 28 bases she stole were second most on the team and her 33 hits were third best on the team.

Selected second team all-conference as an outfielder was senior Katelyn Waters. Waters went eight for eight on stolen bases, had a batting average of .262, and scored 14 runs.

Stalwart and dependable behind home plate junior Madison Beeson was selected second team all-conference as a catcher. She was responsible for 175 putouts, posted a .984 fielding percentage, and ended her season with a .224 batting average.

Highland had two honorable mentions all conference, juniors Grace Prybil and Abigail Pierson.

Only trailing Kraus in games started on the mound, Prybil posted a 4-5 pitching record with an ERA of 2.91 and struck out 33 batters. Pierson hit the ball 23 times, had 27 RBIs, and recorded a .284 batting average.

With the season over Highland will say goodbye to five seniors: Smith, Kraus, Stransky, Jenna Waters, and Katelyn Waters.

Still retaining a large portion of their roster, with seven juniors set to become seniors, Highland will look to not only replicate the success of this season next year but will plan to expand upon it to reach greater heights.

SEISC-North All-Conference baseball selections

SEISC-NORTH FIRST TEAM



Luke Schrock*
SEISC-North Player of the Year
.468 | 28 RBIs | 1.15 ERA | 5-0



Grant Bender**
.354 | 39 RBIs | 5 HRs | 27 runs



Ethan Paisley*
.358 | 5-4 | 1.02 ERA | 102 SO



Rowan Miller
1 Perfect game | .338 | 30 RBIs | 3-1



Seth Ours*
6-1 | 0.67 ERA | .354 | 21 RBIs



Liam Schrock**
.406 | 21 Steals | 146 PO | 15 TOS



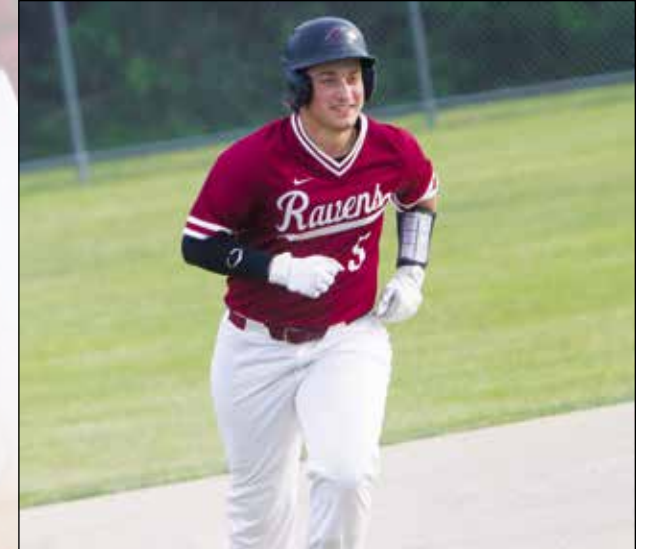
Danny Hershberger
SEISC-North Coach of the Year



William Dunbar
.333 | 15 RBIs | 34 steals | .516 OBP



Mathew Hemsted
.370 | 20 Hits | .514 OBP | 89 PO



Jace Rempel*
.315 | 26 RBIs | 29 Runs | .448 OBP

SEISC-NORTH SECOND TEAM



Maddox Jondle
.308 | 10 Steals | 16 Hits | 18 RBIs



Peyton Yeggy
5-4 | 2.31 ERA | 17 RBIs | .260



Josiah Beachy
.348 | 21 RBIs | 109 PO | 17 BB



Tyler Thompson
111 PO | 21 Steals | 20 RBIs | .268

* These athletes received all-district first team honors. ** These athletes received all-district second team honors.

First team SEISC-North

Ethan Paisley	Highland	Pitcher
Seth Ours	Hillcrest	Pitcher
Liam Schrock	Hillcrest	Catcher
Mathew Hemsted	Lone Tree	Catcher
William Dunbar	Highland	Infield
Jace Rempel	Hillcrest	Infield
Braedyn Van Auken	Louisa-Muscatine	Infield
Casey Short	Wapello	Infield
Rowan Miller	Hillcrest	Infield
Grant Bender	Hillcrest	Outfield
Ty Northup	W-MU/Columbus	Outfield
Kohlby Newsom	W-MU/Columbus	Outfield
Riley Kaalberg	W-MU/Columbus	Outfield
Xander Bieri	Louisa-Muscatine	Utility
Jaedon Wolver	Pekin	Utility
Cole Milks	W-MU/Columbus	Utility

Second Team SEISC-North

Peyton Yeggy	Highland	Pitcher
Matthew Hellscher	Wapello	Pitcher
Grant Watson	W-MU/Columbus	Catcher
Kaleb Huxley	Wapello	Catcher
Josiah Beachy	Hillcrest	Infield
Carson Belzer	Wapello	Infield
Allen Stauffer	Louisa-Muscatine	Infield
Andrew Brown	W-MU/Columbus	Infield
Levi Coleman	Pekin	Infield
Tyler Thompson	Highland	Outfield
Chris Day	Louisa-Muscatine	Outfield
Deklan Hampton	Pekin	Outfield
Maddox Jondle	Lone Tree	Outfield
Cael Phillips	W-MU/Columbus	Utility
Bryar Runnells	Louisa-Muscatine	Utility
Will Adam	Pekin	Utility

Honorable Mentions

Logan McFarland	Highland
Garrett Beeson	Highland
Rowen Atkinson	Wapello
Trevor Phillips	W-MU/Columbus
Dalton Cromer	Louisa-Muscatine
Emmett Burke	Lone Tree
Jack Patterson	Lone Tree
Mason Bender	Hillcrest
Phoenix Anderson	Hillcrest
Player of the year: Luke Schrock	Hillcrest
Coach of the year: Danny Hershberger	Hillcrest

The News SPORTS

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

Show and Golden Hawk alums score big at snow valley camp



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Former Mid-Prairie basketball coach and alum Don Showalter, right, listens as Golden Hawk alum and former assistant coach Dave Schlabaugh speaks at the Snow Valley Basketball Camp in Waverly.



Paul Bowker
Columnist

The days begin early at the Snow Valley Basketball Camp in Waverly.

First whistle is at 6:15 in the morning.

Alarm clocks an hour before that.

More than 12 hours after that first whistle last Friday, hundreds of boys basketball campers assembled in the fieldhouse at Wartburg College, sat down on the gym floor as the bouncing of basketballs silenced and Mid-Prairie basketball legend Don Showalter grabbed a microphone.

Not a yawn could be seen. Their eyes were wide open.

Coach Show, as he is known to just about everybody not only here in this gym in Waverly and in the gym back in Mid-Prairie but also on every Team USA basketball court in the country, began to talk about FIBA, the governing body for international basketball.

Was this another Coach K story? Another gold medal story?

Or perhaps even a Mid-Prairie story from a Coach Show personal history that led to a book published this summer by Triumph Books: "Cornfields to Gold Medals."

That's the thing about this summer hoops tradition, built by Showalter at an eastern Iowa college where he at-

tended after graduating from Mid-Prairie. Go here, and you're greeted with 57 years of Mid-Prairie basketball history.

Among the 75 coaches joining Showalter in Waverly are Dave Schlabaugh, a Mid-Prairie alum and former assistant to Showalter who is now head men's basketball coach at Cornell College, and Chris Kern, a Mid-Prairie alum who coached alongside Showalter at Mid-Prairie for 26 years.

"We have a great relationship," said Showalter, 70, National Director of Coach Development for USA Basketball and a 10-time gold medal winner. "It's really fun to work together."

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LIVING LIFE ON TWO WHEELS

Kalona resident Caleb Wilson and his son Mason Wilson discover passion for bike racing

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

What started as a way to reinvigorate a life that lacked an outlet for energizing the mind and body turned into something the whole family could become involved in.

Caleb Wilson, a Kalona resident, and his 14-year-old son, Mason Wilson, have become engrossed in the cycling world and it has become not only a fun pastime for them but also a way of life.

"It's become an integral part of our life," Caleb said about bike racing. "It's become part of the community that we spend time with."

Back in 2019 Caleb started to feel he was living an inactive life, and this was not only affecting him physically but mentally as well. Needing a pastime to shake off these unwanted attributes that have adhered to his daily life, he decided to put more effort towards cycling, an activity he has enjoyed in the past.

"I grew up working on a farm, working outdoors. I transitioned to an office job in college and then after that I didn't exercise regularly and I felt like garbage all the time," Caleb said about what motivated him to make a change to his life.

"In 2019 it was really bothering me. I wasn't doing anything regular, just these occasional rides. I just decided that I didn't want to do that anymore and I started riding a lot more in 2020, and a friend of mine convinced me to try a race in 2021."

A naturally competitive person, Caleb did not want to take part in the race if he wasn't going to perform well. This gave him a goal and the discipline he needed to take his training seriously. Despite suboptimal conditions for his first race, he



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Mason Wilson and his dad Caleb Wilson bike up a dirt road in Kalona. The convenience of these type of roads in Kalona is a great advantage for these two, who train regularly in order to compete in bike races.

discovered how thrilling bike racing can be.

"I did my first race, and it was a winter race. It was a fat bike race and I caught crazy conditions for it. A bunch of snow on the ground but, it was awesome. I just loved it," Caleb said.

When he was just eight years old Mason became interested in cycling, in large part with his dad's enthusiasm for it. The inciting event that put Mason down the path of bike racing was when Caleb planned on participating in the Courage Ride, which wasn't a

race, but an annual bike ride dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by Sarcoma Cancer.

"I told him I was thinking about doing the Courage Ride and [Mason] just got interested in it and he started going out and riding with me on paved roads."

In what was his first group ride event, Mason biked 19 miles in the Courage Ride. He discovered he had an itch for cycling that must be scratched, but it wasn't until his first bike race where he truly became hooked on cycling.

His first race, a mountain

biking event called Sugar Bottom Scramble, took place in Lake McBride. He entered the junior's race, with the ages of those participating ranging from 8-16. Safe to say he thoroughly enjoyed his 45-minute race through the woods.

"That's what got me into it actually. It was that race," Mason said about the Sugar Bottom Scramble. "The thrill of flying with your competitors through the woods. Everything was just super fun and the competition, I did pretty decent in it. It was my first race, and it was very fun and after that I just wanted to race more."

Now that Mason possessed a strong desire for competitive cycling he decided, in his final year of middle school, to give up playing soccer, football, and basketball.

Planning on going from Mid-Prairie to Hillcrest for High School, he won't completely abandon school athletics since he is planning on going out for cross-country, because of its complementary nature to cycling.

"In some ways it's hard for some other kids to understand why you would choose to do that," Caleb said of Mason's choice to focus on cycling. "But it's something that he's been really successful in."

"Over the winter [Mason] did a weightlifting program, did a ton of research on what great training was for the races he wanted to do and put together a whole structure training program. Then this year he's been doing a lot of competitive races."

While these two are fully enraptured with cycling there is always a looming issue anyone would face if they wanted to compete at a high level, finding the time and motivation to train. Fortunately, for the Wilsons, Kalona's gravel roads provide a wonderfully convenient way to strengthen their biking skills.

"If it's not convenient, you won't do it. At least you won't do it for long," Caleb said about training in general.

"During training the biggest challenge is probably staying motivated to train all the time because you have to do a lot of training to compete at a high level," Mason said. "If you want to win, you have to push yourself to stay up there. You can't kind of fizzle off."

Living north of Kalona, it takes about a half mile for the

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Season recap: Highland softball

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

RIVERSIDE

The 2023 Highland softball team went through a rocky start with a 3-4 record, but they were able to quickly right the ship and put together another commendable summer campaign that ended with an 18-11 record overall, an 11-3 conference record, and 10 Huskies receiving all-conference record.

While up to bat the Huskies produced 218 hits and scored 226 runs. They scored their season high in runs in a 17-1 road game victory over the Winfield Mt. Union Wolves.

Winning every game, they scored 10 or more runs in, Highland reached the double-digit threshold in 12 games this season.

Over the course of the season the Huskies had four players step up to the mound to pitch. As a team Highland gave up 147 hits, 95 runs in total

with 62 earned runs allowed, and delivered 170 strikeouts.

The Huskies held a team to zero points four times this year.

In the first round of the playoffs the Huskies defeated fellow Southeast Iowa Super Conference member, the Lone Tree Lady Lions.

A home postseason game, Highland advanced to the second round by defeating Lone Tree, 9-3, making it three straight times this year the Huskies trounced the Lions.

The second round of the playoffs is where Highland's season came to an end and it was at the hands of a team that was a particular thorn in the Huskies' side all season long, the Wapello Arrows.

Three times the Huskies and the Arrows faced off this year and three times Wapello walked away with the victory. In the SEISC Highland took



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

The Highland Huskies softball team celebrate a two-run shot by junior Sarah Burton, welcoming home senior Katelyn Waters first on June 23 against the Lone Tree Lady Lions.

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PARADE TROPHY HANDOFF



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

The Ark School of Dance received the “Bulltown’s Best” traveling trophy for best Kalona Days parade float from 2022 winners BSA Scout Troop 234/Cub Scout Pack 234 on July 20. Here, Aubrey Keaough (Scouts, left) hands the trophy over to Aubrey Green (Ark).

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR QUEENS

Emma Slaughter
 HOMETOWN: LONE TREE

FRELINCS 4-H CLUB
 LONE TREE FFA

EMMA IS A PART OF THE FRELINCS 4-H CLUB AND LONE TREE FFA WHERE SHE SHOWS DOGS AND DOES STATIC PROJECTS LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY, BAKING, AND HOME IMPROVEMENT SHE GRADUATED FROM LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND WILL BE ATTENDING INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE FALL, MAJORING IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION!

Kelly Marshek
 HOMETOWN: LONE TREE

FRELINCS 4-H CLUB
 FFA LONE TREE

SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS PRESIDENT OF THE LONE TREE FFA CHAPTER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF FRELINCS 4-H CLUB. SHE IS ALSO INVOLVED IN NHS AND VOLUNTEERS WITH HER LOCAL FOOD PANTRY AND THE JOHNSON COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S. SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME IN THE BARN AND SHOWING AT VARIOUS CATTLE SHOWS

Delaney Bulechek
 HOMETOWN: OXFORD

DEER CREEK RAMBLERS 4-H CLUB
 CLEAR CREEK AMANA FFA

DELANEY IS EXCITED TO REPRESENT JOHNSON COUNTY NOT ONLY AS HER FAMILY HAS DONE FOR GENERATIONS BUT TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY HOW AMAZING OF A PLACE IT IS ALONG WITH THE GREAT LESSONS IT TEACHES!

Ella Isaacs
 HOMETOWN: IOWA CITY

RAMBLIN' RECKS AND ROSIES 4-H CLUB
 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

THROUGHOUT THE PAST NINE YEARS SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SHOWING SHEEP, PHOTOGRAPHY, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, HOLDING PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY POSITIONS IN HER 4-H CLUB, MENTORING CLOVER KIDS IN THE CLUB LAMB PROJECT AND ACTIVELY HELPING THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD WITH WORK NIGHTS.

Menique Schnoebelen
 HOMETOWN: IOWA CITY

EAST LUCAS CLOVERS 4-H CLUB

DURING HER 4-H CAREER SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH SHARE THE FUN, EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, WORKING EXHIBITS, AND THE CLOTHING EVENT. SHE HAS ALSO ENJOYED CREATING MANY STATIC EXHIBITS INCLUDING HORTICULTURE, PHOTOGRAPHY, FOOD AND NUTRITION, AND STEM.

Lindsay Werbach
 HOMETOWN: LONE TREE

FFA LONE TREE

WITHIN HER TIME IN HER FFA CHAPTER SHE HAS HELD MULTIPLE OFFICER POSITIONS, ALONG WITH PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, SAE PROJECTS, AND CDE'S: ONE IN WHICH SHE WAS A PART OF A TEAM THAT MADE IT TO NATIONALS. LINDSAY LOVES TO BE ACTIVE WHETHER IT IS PLAYING SPORTS OR HELPING OUT ON THE FAMILY FARM.

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ADDITIONS UNDERWAY AT MID-PRAIRIE



DILLON POOLE

This drone photo taken directly over Mid-Prairie's East Elementary (left) and Middle (right) schools in Kalona last week shows the progress being made on additions to the buildings. Foundations are being prepared at East for six classrooms, which will be used for kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, music, and Spanish. Walls are up for six classrooms at Middle, which will be used for 5th grade, 7th/8th grade, STEM, and family and consumer science. All work, including interior renovations, is expected to be completed by November 2024.

Boiler system a focal point at Lone Tree

BY TJ RHODES
The News
LONE TREE

The Lone Tree school board met for a regularly scheduled meeting in the school library on July 19. Their main focus was the boiler system. An expert came to inspect the system and advised the school to have a five-year plan. The boiler system is nearing the end of its life and a five-year plan would ensure that the school replaces the boilers and the infrastructure needed to keep class in session.

Many factors will push the schedule back regardless of a five-year plan. The process of

receiving ordered parts may take upwards of 10 months. Work will likely require two straight summers to fully do the job. Despite these hurdles, the board is dedicated to formulate a plan and execute.

The boiler system will continue to be an ongoing story in Lone Tree as the fine-print details are laid out.

The board finished their meeting by increasing library employee wages to \$10 an hour as the need for a raise was clear.

The Lone Tree school board will next meet in the superintendent's office on August 2 for a workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Kalona Chamber seeks 5 board nominations

The Kalona Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations to fill five 3-year terms on the board of directors, according to administrative director Tonia Poole.

Incumbent board members up for re-election are Karma Brokaw, treasurer Kristine Burns and Shauna McKnight.

Board members who have decided not to seek re-election are Hannah Hagen and Olivia

Kahler.

Other board members who are not up for election are Shawn Powell, Katie Karnes, Lyndon Hershberger, Mikayla Fischer, Grace Shumann, and Tandy Greiner.

Chamber members can be nominated; nominations are due August 7. Election will be done online and at the August board meeting.

Johnson County Board to consider construction bids on remodeling project

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

IOWA CITY

Johnson County is expected to finalize a contract this week for an extensive renovation of its Administration and Human & Health Services buildings at its Iowa City campus.

The low bidder among five bids revealed July 13 was McComas-Lacina Construction of

Iowa City at \$7.352 million.

Bids ranged up to \$8.1 million, and even the highest bid was more than \$500,000 cheaper than the original \$8.7 million cost estimate.

Dave Curtis, Facilities Manager, told the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at its July 19 work session that a final contract may be ready for a vote this week and that construction would begin soon

with county workers moving within offices by October or November.

"We've got a lot of dominoes set up," Curtis said. "We're just waiting on the contract."

OPN Architects of Iowa City is heading up the design on a project that will include a remodel of the administration building on South Dubuque Street and a remodel of the third floor of the HHS building. Among the changes will be a new board room.

American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) funds will be used to finance a portion of the project over two fiscal years.

At its formal meeting July 19, the board approved a \$84,310 agreement with T&M Services of Cedar Rapids to handle the moving of departments and offices during the renovation.

Board Action

The Board set August 10 as the date for the August monthly evening meeting on rezoning and plat applications. The Board will also hold a public

hearing on an amendment to the county's Unified Development Ordinance. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Board approved \$21,500 in Quality of Life grants, including \$20,000 to the Johnson Clean Energy District in a climate change and renewable energy educational initiative with Kirkwood Community College.

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 9 a.m. July 27.

WORK SESSION SET ON WIND ORDINANCE

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

A work session to discuss a possible countywide wind ordinance is set for 9:45 a.m. July 25, following the regular 9 a.m. Washington County Supervisors board meeting.

The session will be a review of an initial draft done a few years ago that was never final-

ized and enacted in conjunction with a proposed wind farm in the county. The wind farm developers did not continue with the plan, which involved wind-powered turbines.

No action can be taken at the work session; however, depending on the discussion, it could become an agenda action item at a subsequent regular meeting.

Board gets reports; OKs personnel changes

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

In their regular meeting, Washington County Supervisors Tuesday dealt with two main areas: three quarterly reports and eight personnel changes, before adjourning to meet 15 minutes later for a work session at 9:45 a.m.

The report from the county's General Assistance showed a disbursement, to date for the fiscal year, of \$3,436 with \$1,718.88 to assist with funeral expenses.

The quarterly Veterans Affairs report showed disbursements, for the same period, of \$4,109.95 primarily for rent, utilities, and provisions assistance with the highest for utilities, \$900, for the first quarter of this year.

The quarterly sheriff's report showed a current balance of money on hand of \$36,473.46 covering all areas from booking fees of \$420.59 to services fees of \$22,590.99. Included in

the receipts is \$1,890 for gun permits.

The personnel items involved the sheriff's department and the county Ambulance and Emergency Services, specifically:

Approved termination for Douglas Lee Conrad, Washington County Reserve Deputy, effective July 26, in order to have him become a full-time deputy, also effect July 26. The board was told that Conrad had met all the training and requirements for the change to the full-time position and regulations required ending one position before he could take another.

Approved hiring Kadin Jepson as a jail employee, effective July 25, at \$23.25 hourly.

Approved hiring Michael Boshart, equipment operator, for Secondary Roads, effective July 31, at \$25.91 hourly.

Approved hiring Kurtis Olson as regular part-time EMT with the county ambulance department, at \$24.94 hourly, effective July 26. He had previously been casual part-time.

Approved a wage increase for Hogan Miller going to full-time medic with the county ambulance service, from \$26.63 to \$28.38 hourly, effective July 1.

Approved Jeff Lavrenz from part-time to full-time medic with the ambulance service, effective July 25.

Approved termination for Lindsay Swailes, Washington County Ambulance, part-time EMT, effective July 11.

Approved hiring Mary Ebersole as part-time EMT with the county ambulance services, at \$24.44 hourly, effective July 18.

Following the adjournment of the regular meeting, the board held a work session to discuss the original draft and possible revisions of a countywide wind ordinance that was never finalized or enacted a few years ago. The issue had been prompted by interest from developers who proposed a wind farm for the eastern edge of the county.

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Kalona IOWA

FIELD DAY/Continued from Page 1A

That epiphany led Natasha into a conversation with her parents, Brian and Nancy Wilson, about coming back to the farm. With a husband and children in tow, what would that future look like? How could the farm support them? After more than a year of contemplation, Natasha took the leap, moving her family in with her parents at the farm in 2020.

COVID extended that temporary housing situation longer than expected, but it gave the Wilsons a chance to refine their needs and values.

Brian and Nancy knew they wanted animals back on the land; they had a few, but those were just for their own food supply. Natasha wondered if those animals they were raising for themselves formed a good model for a sustainable business; if they wanted pastured meat, eggs, and honey, was it possible others in the community did as well?

The answer appears to be yes, and the Wilsons are in the middle of building that enterprise. The farm's transformation is a work in progress.

Field Stop 1: Swine

The field day attendees trekked out of the barn and into the heat and humidity, armed with umbrellas, sunscreen, and bottled water. Their first stop was at a temporary set-up of Cargill structures where heritage breeds of pigs, most notably Berkshire, were hiding from the sun.

Brian shared how he first discovered Berkshire meat at a fine restaurant: "I had never tasted it before, but I was immediately enraptured with it when I tried it, because it is very, very delicious," he said.

"Our next project will be a new home for them on pasture," Natasha explained, adding that they plan to finish about 70 swine this year.

The tricky bit is that pigs tend to ruin pasture.

"Pigs are notorious for rooting," Brian said. "We don't want to disrupt them from doing what's part of their nature, but I also don't like the holes everywhere. So, we're figuring that out. We will get there. Right now, this is our best option."

Field Stop 2: Cattle and Chicken Pasture

The group walked on until they found themselves surrounded by 60 acres of permanent perennial pasture, land that had been home to corn and soybeans until the Wilsons received funding from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to convert it.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

helps farmers and ranchers integrate conservation into working lands. Funding from that program "really made this possible for us," Natasha said.

The Wilsons planted hundreds of trees and ran water lines out for their 65 head of cattle so they don't have to haul water daily. The cattle, of a variety of breeds, are rotated through the pasture.

The 300 broiler chickens are contained in a 20 x20 DIY chicken shed that Brian designed and constructed from old confinement buildings for about \$2,000, a fraction of the \$10,000 it costs to purchase something similar. Every morning the Wilsons pull the shelter with a skidloader to a fresh patch of pasture.

Heavy weights and rubber flaps keep the structure flush with the earth; even a crack underneath would put the Freedom Ranger Color Yield chickens at risk of predation, a serious issue on the farmstead. A previous set of structures left room for raccoons to reach under and chew legs off, leaving the Wilsons to find so many dead chickens in the morning, they thought there must be a disease.

"It was terrible," Natasha said, but the new structure has offered adequate protection against raccoons, owls, and foxes. Unfortunately, "Everybody likes to eat chicken," she said.

A second challenge the Wilsons face with their broiler chickens is the lack of a proximal poultry processor. They drive 300 miles round-trip to Brummel Poultry Processing in Rock Falls, Illinois, a drive they must repeat the next day to retrieve the meat.

Field Stop 3: Laying Hens

The farmers and farming-curious (several of the field day attendees were farmstead customers) traveled on across the property to their third stop, the laying hens, which are based out of livestock trailers and moved once a week depending on pasture conditions.

"Literally every inch of them [the livestock trailers] has to be covered with chicken wire," Natasha said, again due to predator pressure.

The Wilsons collect the brown eggs with rich yellow yolks three times a day.

When they first started, they weren't sure how to sell the eggs, so Natasha created a Facebook post. That drew responses; today, Natasha and Nancy deliver eggs every other week to about 40 subscribers.

That direct-to-consumer model has worked for the Wilsons; "90-95% of what we do is direct to people, no grocery stores, no restaurants," Natasha said.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Inside the renovated warehouse, Natasha Wilson explained why they use small freezer units to store their meat and fielded questions from those present.

They also partner with the Coralville food pantry and other farmers who run CSAs.

Natasha sends out a newsletter every other Thursday through Mailchimp, and she created a website, westforkfarmstead.com, through which people can order all the farm's products.

For those who live close enough - Iowa City, Kalona, Wellman, Washington - the Wilsons will deliver; for others further out, customers may pick up.

Field Stop 4: Warehouse

The final stop on the farmstead tour was the Wilson's newly renovated warehouse space, which has been licensed and inspected by the state. Here they keep all the meat they produce in individual freezers.

Natasha explained that the reason they chose smaller freezer units instead of investing in a large walk-in was to avoid a potential catastrophe should the walk-in fail.

The Wilsons hope to move their egg washing and packaging process into an area of the warehouse eventually, but that will require more finishing work inside the space.

Attendees ended the field day back inside the barn in which they began, this time treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Nancy of foods produced on the farm. Pulled pork sandwiches with homemade sauce, a variety of salads, baked beans, and an assortment of dessert bars and cakes delighted eyes and satisfied appetites.

As folks of all ages and genders happily enjoyed their lunches, they shared with The News their reasons for attending the field day and how valuable it was to them.



Dozens of farmers gathered in the Wilsons' perennial pasture to learn about their pasture-based operation.



A variety of cattle breeds graze rotationally on the pasture.

The farmers' concerns varied; some were transitioning their farms from one generation to the next and wanted to see an example of how that could be done. Others ran similar pastured-based operations and valued the opportunity to socialize with others who shared the same lifestyle and concerns. One farmer wanted ideas about how he could improve his marketing; another pair of farmers needed insight on how to scale up. All of those asked said they had learned things they could use and were uplifted by the experience.

Practical Farmers of Iowa has many field days, workshops, and resources that beginning and experienced farmers can take advantage of: visit practicalfarmers.org, call 515-232-5661 or email info@practicalfarmers.org to learn more. West Fork Farmstead, located in West Chester, sells pasture-based meat, eggs, and honey direct to consumer: visit westforkfarmstead.com, call 319-325-5097 or email sales@westforkfarmstead.com for more information.

Sentencing set for Meisheid

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

Sentencing for Matthew James Meisheid, 41, of Kalona is set for 11:20 a.m. August 11 in Washington County District

Court, where he was found guilty of two counts of assault on Persons in Certain Occupations by Using or Displaying a Firearm. The verdict followed a two-day trial June 27-28 in district court with Judge Joshua P. Scarier presiding.

The case resulted from a call to Washington County Communications July 9, 2022, that fireworks were being fired from the Meisheid residence in Kalona; county deputies Nolan Burke and Noah Schlabaugh responded to warn Meisheid of the city ordinance regarding fireworks. In response, Meisheid removed a handgun and raised it in the air, causing alarm with the deputies. In their incident report, the deputies said Meisheid appeared "aggressive, swearing and upset"

with them. At that point, they reported they felt threatened, feared for their lives and drove from the scene to seek a warrant for Meisheid's arrest. Meisheid was later arrested and charged with the two counts of Assault on Persons in Certain Occupations by Using or Displaying a Firearm, each a Class D Felony. Following the execution of the warrant at the residence July 12, 2022, Meisheid's initial \$10,000 bond was increased to \$25,000 after law enforcement officers seized numerous firearms and

a large quality of ammunition at the residence; the items were seized by the authorities in the interest of public safety. Meisheid was released July 13 after posting the cash bail. His initial arraignment in Washington District Court was set for August 5 following the preliminary hearing July 22, 2022; however, the trial date was reset several times until starting June 27, 2023. Bail was continued to the time of sentencing, where he could face up to five years in prison for each count.

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accused of exposing themselves in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to women tending roadside market stands and riding in buggies, and to children walking home from school. In one case, the perpetrator told police he targeted

Amish and Mennonites specifically because they don't carry cell phones, making it easy for him to get away with it. "Over the years as the investigator, that's probably one of the challenges, that timeliness of a report," Lt. Ellis said

about solving the crime in Kalona's Amish community. "You've just got to understand that that's a difference in their way of life, and you're hopeful that you get it quick enough that you can kind of go backwards" and trace a complaint back to its original source.

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Court records reveal that Westcott was charged with three counts of Indecent Exposure in 1997. He entered a guilty plea for one count, for which he was ordered 60 days in jail, all suspended, two years probation, and completion of treatment/sex offender's program. The other two counts were dismissed. Lt. Ellis expressed satisfaction with the quick work done by the two sheriff's offices. "I'm glad we got it solved," he said. Every person accused of any crime is considered innocent until proven guilty according to law.

Lovina and family celebrate many July anniversaries and birthdays

Today is July 18—a day that is always remembered. My mother would be 87 if she were still with us. Rest in peace dear, sweet Mother! Tomorrow, July 19, is sister Emma's 50th birthday. On July 15 my husband Joe and I celebrated 30 years of marriage together. July 15 was also brother Albert's 59th birthday. Happy birthday to all July birthdays.

Son Benjamin's 24th birthday was July 14 and son Joseph's 21st birthday will be July 24. Yes, our family has many birthdays in July. Benjamin treated us with Pizza Hut pizza and wings on his birthday. That was a treat for all of us. The years fly by so fast.

Our horse Midnight's little colt is really growing. He is 4 1/2 weeks old and is changing color. So far, he is still nameless. Joe hasn't decided on a name for him. It is fun to watch him run and play in the field.

Today my plans are to cut out daughter Lovina's dress, cape, and apron for nephew Menno and Diane's wedding. They will exchange vows on July 22 in Clare, Michigan. Lovina and her special friend Daniel were asked to be servers at their wedding.

Joe and I will be unable to attend but daughters Verena and Lovina (and Daniel), sons Benjamin, Joseph (and special friend Grace) and Kevin have plans to drive the three hours to attend the wedding. We wish them a long, happy married life with God's richest blessings.

Lovina's color dress will be pink and Daniel will wear black pants and vest with a white shirt. The color is very pretty, but it will look much better to me once my job of

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

cutting it out and sewing it is done. I tend to put jobs like this off until the last minute.

Daughter Loretta has another appointment today an hour away. Dustin stayed home so he can help her to her appointment. He has missed many days of work to go with her but never grumbles and is always glad to help. They will bring Denzel, age 1, here this afternoon while they leave. He is always fun to have around.

Yesterday we had granddaughters Allison, 3, and Andrea, 17 months, here for a few hours. They are also so precious. Both took a nap while they were here.

Last week daughter Susan and children, daughter Verena, daughter Loretta and Denzel, daughter Lovina, son Kevin and I spent a day helping daughter Elizabeth with her work. They will host church services soon. We cleaned their basement and the can room (where all her canned food is stored), as well as the windows in the basement, plus some other odd and end jobs she needed to have done.

Loretta and Denzel, Lovina, and I all went out with Loretta and Dustin's handicap buggy with son Benjamin's horse Beauty. I tied Beauty outside in the shade and gave her some hay to eat. She somehow got the rope around her foot and that made her fall.

When daughter Verena came back from taking the children on a walk, she heard Beauty gasping and saw her laying there. Needless to say, when Verena yelled to us in the basement to come, we all ran to see what was wrong. We couldn't get Beauty untangled, so we cut the rope and she could get up. She was fine, but how thankful we were that someone saw it in time.

Beauty is a good, safe horse and that is worth so much. We were all shook up for a while. Of course, that morning I used a brand-new tie rope, but that's replaceable.

God's blessings to all!

Pepper Poppers

Jalapeño peppers (small), approximately 10
cream cheese
Batter
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Take the jalapeño peppers, cut off the tops, and remove the seeds. Fill with cream cheese and set aside. Mix batter ingredients together in small bowl. Roll peppers in batter and deep fry at 350-375 degrees. Eat with dip. Lovina's family prefers ranch dip or cheese sauce. The batter can also be used with fish or chicken.

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

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 3-4 p.m., the library will have a young adult (for ages 13 and up) inflatable Bubble Soccer event at the KCTC grass lot!

THE LIBRARY WILL NOT HAVE PROGRAMING IN AUGUST. This includes recurring programs such as Movie Mondays, Wednesday's Storytimes, or Friday's Toddler Times.

A reminder that the last day to turn in all library Summer Reading Program reading logs in order to be eligible for prize drawing will be Friday, Aug. 4.

New Adult Fiction: "Drowning" by T. J. Newman; "Palazzo" by Danielle Steel;

"The Paris Daughter" by Kristin Harmel; "The Happiness Plan" by Susan Mallery

New Adult Non-Fiction: "The Red Planet" by Simon Morden; "Cornfields to Gold Medals: Coaching Championship Basketball, Lessons in Leadership, and a Rise from Humble Beginnings" by Don Showalter

New Adult Media: "The Biggest Little Farm"

New Junior Fiction: "The Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna" by Alda P. Dobbs; "You Are Here: Connecting Flights" by Ellen Oh; "Willa The Wisp: (Fabled Stables #1)" by Jona-

than Auxier

New Easy Books: "Let Me Finish!" by Minh Lê; "Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!" by Sandra Boynton; "Sylvie" by Jean Reidy

New Young Adult Books: "Huda F R U" by graphic novel by Huda Fahmy; "Fallout: Spies, superbombs, and the ultimate cold war showdown" by Steve Sheinkin

Check us out on our website at www.kalonalibrary.org or our Facebook page – Kalona Public Library. You can also download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines by using the Libby app.

Wellman Library receives state accreditation

The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Wellman Scofield Public Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition."

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Wellman Scofield Public Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation status begins July 1, 2023, and is valid through June 30, 2026.

"In order to be accredited, a library must meet a list of standards set by the State Library, including adding adequately to their collection, weeding to maintain their collection, and providing continuing education to their staff and board members," explained Carrie Geno, Director of Wellman's library.

"The director and board of trustees of the Wellman Scofield Public Library and the city of Wellman are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community," said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Wellman's library has been accredited since 2017. Each accreditation is for a three-year period.

Of Iowa's 543 public libraries, 414 – including the Wellman Scofield Public Library – are accredited. Iowa's accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. Almost two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research legal information, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library's Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chair Zachary Stier.

Geno added that another benefit of accreditation is that it "clearly shows that we are a quality library that is actively serving our community."

For more information on the State Library's accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to <https://www.statelibraryofia.gov/index.php/libraries/search/accred-stand>.

SENIOR DINING JULY 27 - AUG. 3

Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday – Ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans, strawberry fluff pie
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Monday – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toss salad, fruit and brownie
Tuesday – Baked potato w/chili or cheese and broccoli, fruit, chocolate chip bar
Wednesday – Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, spinach, apple crisp, ice cream
Thursday – Cook's choice

meal is \$8.

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HILLS

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

IOWA CITY

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

KALONA

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

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

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

Fairview Mennonite Church: 2605 540th St. SW; Pastors: Conrad Hertzler, 319-530-4783; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 1408 540th St. SW 319-656-2076, <http://ldcmc.org>; Email: ldc@kctc.net; Pastor: Steve Nelson; Discipleship Pastor: Chris Nachtigall; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 319-683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bontrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Bontrager; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: Rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 319-683-2564; sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor Anita Johnson; COVID-19 protocol. On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a combined worship at 9 a.m., the remaining Sunday's will have casual worship at 8:30 a.m. and traditional at 10:30 a.m.

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

JOETOWN

Pleasant Hill: Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. June-Sept, Contact Fred Wagler, 319-936-7778

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE

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

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

NICHOLS

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

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

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

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

OXFORD

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

RICHMOND

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

RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

2nd St. 319-648-3092; Pastor: Marsha Gerot, Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. (Preschool - 6th).

SOUTH ENGLISH

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

WELLMAN

Asbury United Methodist Church: 601 8th Ave. 319-646-2417; Pastor: Lisa Crow; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church: 600 4th St., 319-646-2254; Pastor: Pastor Andrew Lunstrom; Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Communion is held the first Sunday of each month.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd: Vacancy Pastor: Gary Sears. Missouri Synod; 5th St. & 4th Ave. Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

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

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

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

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 1/2 miles west of Cheese Factory, 319-656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

WEST CHESTER

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

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

United Methodist Church: 206 W 2nd St. 319-653-5446; Pastor: Anthony M. Devaughn; Traditional Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Washingtonumc.com.

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Thin skin plagues some officials in Iowa

Around the time the famous movie "The Bridges of Madison County" premiered in 1995, author Robert James Waller was at a book-signing in West Des Moines. Between scribbling his signature for fans on copies of his novel, Waller answered questions from a Des Moines Register reporter.



Randy Evans
Iowa Freedom of Information Council

At one point, the pernickety Iowan became peeved by the nature of the reporter's questions. He yanked the notebook from her hand and flipped it aside.

That led to a letter to the editor a few days later in the Register in which a reader observed that Waller should use some of his millions in book and movie royalties to buy himself a thicker skin.

Some local government officials in Iowa show signs of needing thicker skins, too, because they have tried to silence critics at meetings of city councils and school boards for making comments they did not like.

Earlier this month, Davenport Mayor Mike Matson threatened to adjourn any city council meeting if a member of the public makes comments that he or the city attorney believe are defamatory toward city employees or officials.

Controversy has bubbled in Cherokee over plans to arm up to 40 school employees with guns. Last month, the school board president read a statement in which the school's attorney suggested legal action could be taken against a Cherokee mother for calling school officials inept.

And in the Bettendorf school district, as in some other Iowa districts, the school board president reads a statement before the "public forum" portion of each meeting. That statement claims, inaccurately, that Iowa law prohibits discussing specific employees or their job performance.

The Cherokee school board has a similar prohibition on naming individuals, although it cites school policies and Robert's Rules of Order as the legal basis for preventing speakers from mentioning employees by name.

Do such policies violate the First Amendment's right to freedom of speech? If people cannot criticize government employees by name during meetings, does that mean they cannot praise an employee, either? It would not be a reasonable viewpoint-neutral position for a city council or school board to take if officials permitted praise but not criticism.

These are not hypothetical questions. Noah Petersen can tell you that.

The Newton man was arrested at successive meetings of the Newton City Council last October for refusing to comply with a city council policy that bars derogatory statements or comments about any individual. Petersen was charged with disorderly conduct for harshly criticizing Newton police officials and Mayor Michael Hansen.

Jasper County Magistrate Peter Lahn found Petersen not guilty. His written verdict should be read by government officials from Ackley to Zwingle because it contains important reminders about the meaning of the First Amendment. "It would be difficult if not

impossible for a concerned citizen to comment regarding city policies or the provision of city services without referencing to some extent an official city position (e.g., mayor, police chief, etc.," the magistrate wrote.

"The defendant was not a spectator, but rather a participant in a limited public forum during the recognized citizen participation portion of the city council's meeting. ... He did not act in any objectively unreasonable manner. He read a prepared statement relating to the basic city service of policing."

Magistrate Lahn continued, "The First Amendment is an integral part of our law and social framework. Speech concerning public affairs is the essence of self-government."

The Newton City Council meetings include a specific time for citizens to share their input on city services and policies, the magistrate said. Petersen remained at the podium and did not use abusive language or gestures when he addressed the council, the magistrate said. Nothing in Petersen's actions substantially impaired the conduct of the council's meetings, the magistrate added.

I understand the concerns of government officials in places like Davenport and Cherokee about unnecessary harm to the reputation of government employees. But a bigger concern should be the not-so-subtle form of intimidation these policies represent, especially with the Davenport mayor saying he will immediately adjourn council meetings if a speaker begins making comments that are "defamatory in nature."

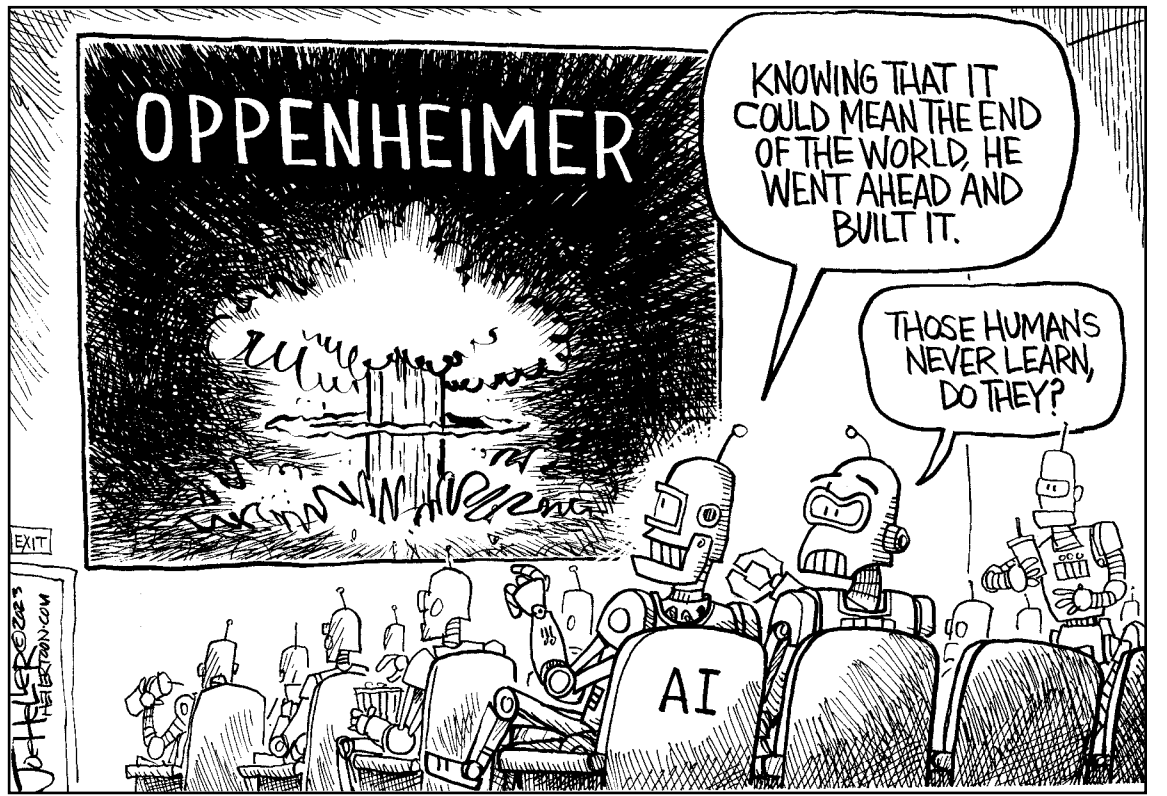
Defamation is not a synonym for criticism. Lots of people criticize me, or my former employer, without crossing the line into defaming me or the Des Moines Register. I knew what I was getting into when my name began appearing on the masthead.

Likewise, it should not surprise Davenport city leaders that some people are critical of how city government responded to complaints about conditions in an apartment in the weeks before the back side of the six-story building collapsed in May, killing three people.

But just because some people's opinions are critical of city leaders or key city employees does not automatically make those opinions defamatory. When controversy ensues, government officials are shortsighted when they try to take away the ability of people to voice their views of government and its workers.

Voters are perceptive. They see these efforts to muffle dissent for what they are — thinly veiled attempts to intimidate people into silence on the matters of tremendous local interest.

Being able to receive public criticism is in the job description for elected officials and top-level city administrators. At least it should be. It certainly is for newspaper editors.



Memories of Uncle Dick

A family reunion earlier this month prompted some reminiscence. The event was a gathering of the descendants of my mother and her 11 siblings. Of the original 12 Gelder children, only three aunts remain and two were at the reunion.

I was blessed with good uncles and aunts and I miss all of those who have departed. However, Uncle Dick stands out in my memory as a real character.

Dick was the second oldest of the Gelder kids. He was a talented automotive mechanic, a gear-head from his youth, according to my mother. He married a nurse from a nearby town but he and Aunt Jeannie never had any children.

Uncle Dick lived just a few yards down a gravel road from my grandparents and operated an auto repair shop and auto salvage business. A childhood visit to Opa and Oma always meant a tour of Uncle Dick's junkyard.

What a great time we kids had rummaging through the scores of old cars. What treasures we found ice scrapers, "church keys," books, magazines and a variety of other things Mom wished we wouldn't drag home.

Uncle Dick had one rule: do not take the keys. Apparently in the hopes of starting the old junker's someday, he left each car's key in the ignition switch. Two younger cousins, I recall, thought they were doing Uncle Dick a favor one day by collecting keys and presenting them to him. Uncle Dick was really upset. REALLY UPSET!

That leads to another memory of Uncle Dick: his temper. Unlike his brothers - all great jokesters and teasers - he was a quiet, somber man. He was soft spoken and gentle but he had a quick temper.

Late one afternoon, while visiting my grandmother, I walked over to Dick's shop where I was greeted by Chipper, Dick and Jeannie's spoiled bulldog. Other than Chipper, the shop appeared empty except for a voice from the opposite end of the building, and I walked in that direction.

Some of the vilest language I had ever heard was coming



Arvid Huisman
Country Roads

Early on we discovered that the swim suit was printed on a clear film which, when lifted, revealed everything our curious young eyes had ever hoped to see. The trick was to lift the film without any adults noticing.

It was at Uncle Dick's junkyard that I found my first car, a green and white '55 Chevy with nearly 100,000 miles on the odometer. I fell in love with it instantly, and quickly found Uncle Dick to find out what he wanted for it. We settled on \$100 but he said he wanted to check it over before I took possession. An agonizing two weeks later he called to say it was ready.

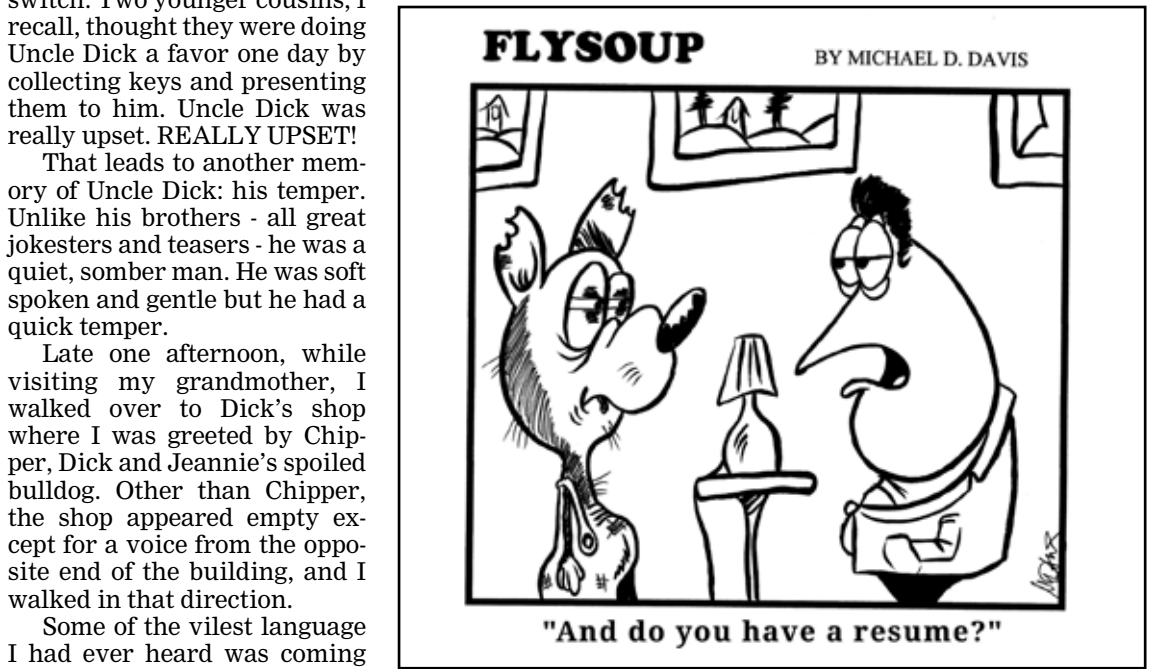
There it sat, freshly washed. Uncle Dick had done a tune up, installed a new muffler and tail pipe, and paid for the license plates. He apologized that he had to raise the price to \$135 because of the parts needed, but told me I could pay him whenever I got the money.

Uncle Dick became my first creditor, and I learned about installment payments.

As I reminisced about Uncle Dick, I thought for a long time about him, Aunt Jeannie and their good old Chipper. I realized not only how much I missed them all, but how quickly the years have gone by.

Like I said earlier, I had a lot of good uncles and aunts.

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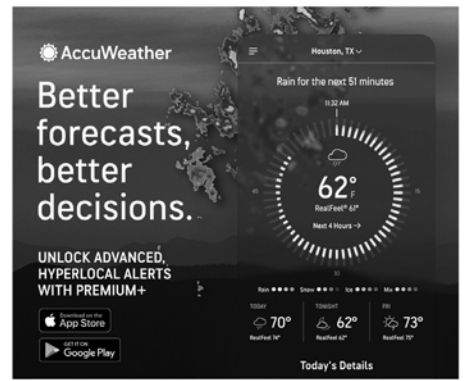
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Thursday July 27	Friday July 28	Saturday July 29	Sunday July 30	Monday July 31	Tuesday August 1	Wednesday August 2
98° 73° RealFeel® 104°	99° 70° RealFeel® 105°	90° 63° RealFeel® 95°	88° 67° RealFeel® 92°	88° 70° RealFeel® 99°	92° 68° RealFeel® 104°	93° 64° RealFeel® 99°
Partly sunny and hot	Sunny and hot	A morning t-storm; partly sunny	Mostly sunny and beautiful	Sunshine and humid	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:56 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	12:41 a.m.
Friday	5:57 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	1:14 a.m.
Saturday	5:58 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	6:16 p.m.	1:58 a.m.
Sunday	5:59 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	2:54 a.m.
Monday	6:00 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	4:03 a.m.
Tuesday	6:01 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	5:23 a.m.
Wednesday	6:02 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	9:32 p.m.	6:47 a.m.

	Phase	Date
	First	Jul 25
	Full	Aug 1
	Last	Aug 8
	New	Aug 16

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
10	9	8	9	9	9	8

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Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
10	9	8	9	9	9	8

Pollen Level Forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
9	9	10	8	10	8	8

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

Fishing forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
5	0	5	6	6	9	5

Soil Moisture forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
10	10	10	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
2	1	4	2	1	2	2

Arthritis forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
2	1	4	2	1	2	2

Asthma forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
4	6	8	4	5	3	5

Migraine forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
4	4	2	3	3	2	3

Sinus forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
4	4	4	4	4	1	0

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

Richmond AmVets connects with veterans, community

BY BRENDAN SCHNOEBEL
The News

RICHMOND
If you grew up in or around the tiny town of Richmond, chances are you have probably heard of or been inside the Richmond AmVets Post 107 to enjoy a beer, have a few laughs with friends, or relax after getting off work.

In Richmond, the Sons of AmVets squadron at Post 107 works in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary to uphold the values and purposes of the parent organization AmVets (American Veterans).

"AmVets membership is available to all veterans and active-duty personnel and their families," says Wendy Boyse, president of the Ladies Auxiliary at Post 107.

Boyse has served in the Ladies Auxiliary for around 10 years. "My dad is a member here and so are my two brothers who are also veterans and members here," Boyse said.

Dennis Murray has commanded the Sons of AmVets squadron for the last two years and has been a member for five years. "I was coming over here for the wing nights," Murray begins. "I know all the people here because it is a small community, and my friends told me, 'If you are going to come over here, and you see us in need of help and you help while you are paying for your meal, you should just come help us,' so I finally got talked into it [joining]," Murray explains.

Wing nights are just one fundraiser the Sons of AmVets hold. Tenderloin meals and car shows are also put on to raise money not just for the AmVets post, but to also give back to the local community.

"Anything the community might need. We donate to food banks, the VA hospital (in Iowa City), Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, the honor flight, school supplies," Boyse lists.

Along with the Ladies Aux-

iliary, the Sons of AmVets donates to the VA hospital and helps with honor flights for veterans. The Sons give away 20 scholarships to the Mid-Prairie Foundation and sponsor local Boy and Cub Scout troops.

A few weeks ago, the Sons of AmVets squadron put on a fireworks show complete with pops, bangs, bright colors, and fireballs. The fireworks launched that night were bought from donations as another way to give back to the local community.

"We are always looking for new members on both sides, and a membership does not mean you have to work at every event," Murray adds.

Furthermore, membership in the Sons of AmVets does not require any personal military service. Eligibility for membership in the Sons of AmVets is limited to all male descendants, grandsons, adopted sons, stepsons, fathers, husbands, widowers and broth-

ers of members of AmVets, deceased members of AmVets, or service personnel who died and would have been eligible for membership in the parent AmVets organization, and are at least 18 years of age and are not eligible for membership in the parent organization.

Put simply, you, the reader, could very well be eligible to join the Sons of AmVets squadron at Post 107.

One of the many benefits of joining the AmVets Post 107 is a membership card that can be used for entry into any AmVets post in the country.

"We have members that are in it just for the membership card when they travel because there are several posts down south where our older members go for winter," Murray says. "If you find an AmVets post and you need a card, you get one here."

Besides the material membership card, Boyse and Murray both say that they still get more out of being members

in the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of AmVets, respectively. "When I am a part of this [Ladies Auxiliary], somebody else might learn that I am a part of this. It opens up conversation," Boyse reveals.

"[I] used to be the person that stood for the flag when it went through the parade, but now I get to be the guy that helps carry the flag," Murray notes. "It is my heart and soul that goes into this place," Murray expresses.

With eligibility requirements being quite inclusive, and the noted benefits a membership can provide without being a major time commitment, the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of AmVets squadron at Post 107 in Richmond will most certainly welcome anybody interested to join them in upholding the American freedoms we enjoy today. To join, email sonsofamvetssquad107@gmail.com or send a message to 319-656-2809.

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9/9 Annie Savage and the Liberty High Free Strings; 9/23 Mark Zalaznik; 10/14 Annie Savage and the Liberty High Free Strings.

Dessert & Ice Cream Social

United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree will host a dessert and ice cream social on Saturday, August 26 from 1-3 p.m. at the church, 110 W. Elm St, Lone Tree. Free will donation.

Louisa County Fair Quilt Race

The Louisa County Fair Quilt Race will be

held on Wednesday, July 26 at 1 p.m. at the Youth Center at the Fairgrounds in Columbus Junction. Bring your sewing machine, extension cord, surge protector, thread, and scissors; purchase a jelly roll when you arrive (\$30); then sew together your jelly roll strips faster than the other contestants. No entry fee; walk-ins welcome; signups appreciated. Contact Carol Foster 319-750-0059.

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PAWS Fundraiser at Kalona Brewing

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State Fair Volunteers Needed

The Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce seeks volunteers to staff the city's booth at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines August 10-20. Morning and afternoon shifts available; free entry to fair. Contact the chamber at 319-656-2660 or director@kalonachamber.com.

WCHC Board of Trustees Meeting

The Washington County Hospital and Clin-

ics Board of Trustees will hold their regular board meeting Thursday, July 27 at 4 p.m. in the Robert Nicola Conference Room, WCHC, 400 E. Polk St., Washington.

Mid-Prairie Marching Band Camp

Mid-Prairie Golden Hawk Marching Band Camp will be held July 31 - August 4 at the High School. The camp runs Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. All band students enrolled in band for the first semester are expected to attend; music will be from the movie Top Gun. Questions, email or text Mr. Kunz.

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