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Back to front: James Nisly, Kami Schmitt, and Gina Payne work hard at Organic Greens in Kalona. A typical week sees them harvest greens two days and make deliveries four or five days.

Organic Greens turns 25, keeps on growing

James Nisly: "It's about what we're all able to do to make things better."

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

In the 1990's the Internet arrived and began to change our lives. Nutritional information became plentiful and easier to access, and thus we became confused. We didn't know if we should be eating margarine or butter; we didn't know if salt was ok; we thought eggs might be bad. So we ate a lot of bagels, considered vegetarianism, and thought that if candy had vitamin C added to it, that counted as health food.

James Nisly didn't fall for any of that. He grew up on a small hobby farm in Kalona that provided most of the food for his large family. There

were cows, goats, chickens, and ducks in addition to a large garden. The family canned and froze and took care of themselves.

They didn't call it 'organic'; it was just normal.

When he found himself a young man in the dining room at nearby Shiloh, he began formulating an idea that would lead him to finding meaningful work and purpose in the coming decades, an idea that would lead to the founding of Organic Greens, a farm that produces certified organic shoots, greens, and field crops.

"There was a specific instance where it was kind of a moment," Nisly recalls. "It was a meeting that I had with



This fancy green might show up as a garnish on your next restaurant plate.

church leadership, talking about verbalizing a vision for healthy food that's grown in a

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Cole Smith selected as new city administrator for Riverside

"People are excited about the community and want to see it grow. People who are committed to progress, committed to serving the community. That's something I want to be a part of."

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

Cole Smith arrived in town even before he had an interview.

"I went and met with some of the businesses and just talked to some residents," Riverside's new city administrator said after being appointed by the Riverside City Council by a 4-1 vote at a special meeting held April 5.

"It was clear that there was a buzz around the community," he said. "People are optimistic. People are very happy to be here."

Starting May 1, Smith, a native of Mount Pleasant, will be one of those people.

Smith, who is Executive Director of the Louisa Development Group, was named as city administrator following a search that lasted nearly four months and involved at least two rounds of interviews among City Council members, Riverside business owners and a consulting firm.

But he was in Riverside, checking out his new place, before the interview grilling even began.

"It's gotta be a good fit, both ways," said Smith, 23, a University of Northern Iowa market-



Cole Smith selected as Riverside city administrator.

ing graduate. "Throughout the entire process, I've met nothing but kind people. People are excited about the community and want to see it grow. People who are committed to progress, committed to serving the community. That's something I want to be a part of."

One of the places Smith didn't go to during his first visit was the Voyage Home Museum. He's not a Trekkie. Soon, that will change. After all, the good Captain Kirk hasn't tech-

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Kalona finds a friend in U.S. Senator Joni Ernst

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

"Do you take a lot of bus tours of communities?" Kalen McCain, News Reporter for the Southeast Iowa Union, asked as we bounced along inside the Kalona Chamber tour bus.

"Not a lot, no," U.S. Senator Joni Ernst replied from her window seat at the front as we headed out to SouthTown.

The bus tour, organized by City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh on behalf of the

City of Kalona, occupied half of the senator's roughly one-hour visit on Wednesday, April 5. The purpose of the visit was to provide Sen. Ernst with a view of life in Kalona and highlight the City's successes, as well as allow engagement with community business leaders.

From the start the mood was light and jovial. Along with the senator and her staff, Mark Robe (Mayor), Jenelle

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CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

At Slabach Construction, Sen. Ernst commended the business and the city before fielding questions.



RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

Sen. Ernst saw the many housing opportunities Kalona has to offer on the bus tour.

AROUND TOWN

Kalona Optimist Club Meeting

The Kalona Optimist Club's next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. Laura Mallory will speak on the Mid-Prairie Home School's Roots and Shoots project. Meal catered by Ila Miller, \$10; guests welcome.

Kalona Chamber Business Lunch

The Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce will host a business lunch on Thursday, April 13 at noon in the Chamber's meeting room. Open Gates Group owner Bill Evans and Marketing Di-

rector Sam Ingersoll will speak about their company, new non-profit, and exciting ideas for the future that can benefit our community. Lunch is \$5; RSVP 319-656-2660.

Wellman Library Moving Sale

The Wellman-Scofield Public Library will host a moving sale on April 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Books, craft supplies, toys, games, furniture, and more will be for sale before the library's big move.

Washington County Legislative Briefing

The year's final legislative briefing with

State Senator Dawn Driscoll and State Representative Heather Hora will be held on Friday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Washington County Hospital & Clinics, 400 E Polk St, Washington. Lunch provided; hospital tour follows at 2 p.m. RSVP to 319-653-3272 or chamber@washingtونيowa.org.

United Way Community Celebration

The United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties will hold a Community Celebration on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Levitt Center for University Advancement, 1 Park Rd, Iowa City. Featured speaker is Lynette Marshall; \$10 suggested donation; RSVP by 4/14

to unitedwayjwc.org or 319-338-7823.

Hillcrest Annual FFA Farmer Feed

Hillcrest Academy FFA will hold its annual farmer feed on Friday, April 14 from 7-8 a.m. FFA students will serve pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice in the cafeteria. Freewill donations will benefit Hillcrest Academy FFA.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society will be held on April 17 at 7 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th St,

Kalona. Polio and its effect on the local community will be the topic; everyone is invited to attend.

Lone Tree Spring Carnival

Lone Tree Elementary School will hold its annual Spring Carnival on April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school. This important fundraising event includes games, activities, raffled baskets, and a silent auction. Mincer Catering will offer a meal in the cafeteria.

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sustainable manner, and really taking care of the soil, and that being a foundation for our personal health.”

With health as a focus, a group started growing sunflower microgreens, snow pea shoots, Daikon radish microgreens, and wheatgrass.

“The idea originally was everybody would help with the growing and production, and then they would enjoy the benefit,” Nisly explains. “Then it kind of evolved into a few people doing most of the work, and most of the people getting the benefit.”

“At some point I decided to take it on as a business,” he says. “That’s how it started, and it’s just grown from there.” He moved his shoots and microgreens out to a mobile home on Highway 1 toward Washington for a while, and then in 2008, he moved production to his current farm near SouthTown.

Microgreens may be familiar to more of us today, at least as a garnish on the side of our plates, but they still aren’t exactly mainstream.

The edible plants, which are ready to harvest after six to nine days of growth, can provide us with needed diversity in our diets and have the potential to address nutrient deficiencies, according to a Feb. 2022 study in “Plants,” an academic medical journal. The study also demonstrated that microgreens have anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, anti-bacterial, and anti-hyperglycemic properties. As a result, interest and consumption of microgreens is growing.

“I suppose I’m one of the pioneers or early adopters,” Nisly admits.

It’s taken time for Organic Greens to grow its sales and product line; Nisly initially took his greens to New Pioneer Co-op and a few restaurants in Iowa City, and has since expanded to Hy-Vee stores and other small grocers and restaurants in Fairfield, Iowa City/Coralville, Cedar Rapids, Grinnell, Des Moines, Ankeny, and Ames.

In addition to his initial four plants, Organic Greens now grows basil, cilantro, arugula, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, cabbage, asparagus, and more. The microgreens

and herbs are grown indoors, and the larger vegetables are grown outdoors.

At this moment, as it celebrates 25 years in business at the end of March, action is ramping up at Organic Greens. The award of two significant grants will allow the business to expand in an important way. A Choose Iowa grant will allow Nisly to purchase a 15 x 30-foot walk-in refrigerator and 10 x 15-foot freezer. Another grant will help him set up an indoor clean room and purchase an industrial-size processor that will chop, slice, and dice hard vegetables. Together, these additions will allow Organic Greens to expand its offerings to K-12 schools through the Local Food for Schools program.

“I’ve been delivering sweet potatoes to the Iowa City School District for at least five to six years,” Nisly says, but these additions to his space will allow him to fill a gap and seize an opportunity.

The gap is that schools don’t have the equipment to process vegetables themselves, nor do they have the staff to do it. The opportunity is that other growers have plenty of product that can be difficult to sell; this #2 produce is perfectly edible and delicious, but due to imperfections in appearance, is avoided by most consumers. By creating a dedicated processing space, and the ability to keep produce fresh for longer periods, Organic Greens will be able to salvage #2 produce and provide highly nutritious, locally grown vegetables to area schools.

The crops Nisly has chosen for this school food project are sweet potatoes, butternut squash, and cabbage.

“We’re really going to try hard to add romaine lettuce onto that, because romaine lettuce was the number one request from the schools that we surveyed,” he says.

“We focused on cabbage, sweet potatoes, and butternut squash because those items have either a long window of availability or storability,” he explains.

Cabbage, for example, can be harvested fresh from mid-July to mid-November; under proper



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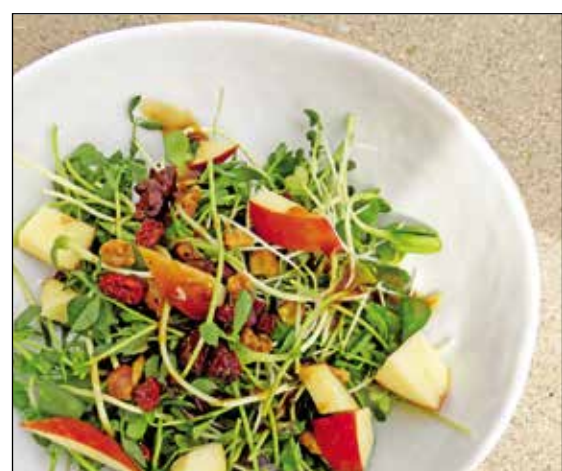
James Nisly with a variety of the organic shoots and microgreens that are grown indoors. Their growing period is a matter of days, and each variety has a distinctive flavor.



Mini Greens Salad Mix, Daikon Radish Microgreens, and Snow Pea Shoots are on the shelves at the Waterfront Hy-Vee in Iowa City. They each retail for \$4.99.



Vibrant green pet grass is just one product grown by Organic Greens.



A salad is just one way microgreens can be enjoyed; inside wraps and sandwiches are others. Nisly suggests a salad of greens, croutons, dried cranberries, chopped apples, pecans or walnuts, avocado, feta cheese, olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

conditions, it can be stored for three to four months. As a result, schools can serve fresh cabbage from the beginning of the school year through March.

“The other thing is that those crops are easy to grow in Iowa,” Nisly says. “I think it’s possible to scale up production.”

Nisly says that local school districts such as Mid-Prairie, Highland, and Lone Tree are not yet participating in the Local Food for Schools program, but he hopes they eventually will. For now, the four school districts that are “really enthusiastic” about receiving veg from Organic Greens this fall are Iowa City, Clear Creek Amana, Waukee, and Urbandale.

“They’re sharing recipes

and feedback so that we can really hone the whole process and create best practices, and then share those best practices with other schools as they become interested,” Nisly says.

When asked about how he came to be so knowledgeable about growing produce, finding grant opportunities, and discovering ways to get nutritious food to people, Nisly says, “I just care about it.”

“I’ve been pushing on getting better quality food into the schools for at least 15 years, since my oldest daughter was in elementary school,” he continues. “It’s just something that I care about, that I’m passionate about. You just keep pushing on doors, and they start opening up. They started opening up in a really significant way just in the last year. I’m really thankful about that.”

After showing The News an email he received that commended him for his work and positive influence on the local/regional food system, Nisly

says, “It’s not about me, it’s about what we’re all able to do to make things better.”

“It’s no secret what the standard American diet, a poor quality diet, is doing to the health of everybody,” he continues. Citing the decline in life expectancy in the United States – a drop of 1.8 years in 2020, compounded by a .9 year drop in 2021 – and the number of prevalent diseases that are linked to poor nutrition – overweight and obesity, heart disease and stroke, type 2 diabetes, and cancer – he says, “We’ve got to do something. [Growing organic produce] doesn’t pay well, but at least it’s meaningful.”

More and more growers are joining Nisly in his vision for healthy, sustainable, organic food.

“I’m really optimistic about this year and working together with more people who have a similar vision,” he says. “I think the future looks bright.”

THANK YOU!

Brenneman Pork would like to thank the Kalona, Keota, Wellman, and surrounding communities for their help and support with clean up after last month’s storm.

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Thursday April 13	Friday April 14	Saturday April 15	Sunday April 16	Monday April 17	Tuesday April 18	Wednesday April 19
80° 54° RealFeel® 80°	76° 55° RealFeel® 75°	57° 38° RealFeel® 54°	60° 36° RealFeel® 55°	60° 40° RealFeel® 59°	67° 50° RealFeel® 78°	66° 48° RealFeel® 64°
Sunny, windy and very warm	Breezy with a thunderstorm in spots	A t-storm; becoming windier, cooler	Strong winds; cloudy	Mostly sunny	Milder with plenty of sun	Sun followed by clouds



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:31 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	3:10 a.m.	12:03 p.m.
Friday	6:29 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	3:54 a.m.	1:20 p.m.
Saturday	6:28 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	4:29 a.m.	2:38 p.m.
Sunday	6:26 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	4:59 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
Monday	6:25 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Tuesday	6:23 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	5:48 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
Wednesday	6:21 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	6:11 a.m.	7:36 p.m.

Last Apr 13	New Apr 19	First Apr 27	Full May 5

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
7	4	2	3	7	7	5

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Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
7	4	2	3	7	7	5

Pollen Level Forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
0	0	0	2	5	5	3

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.
7	0	3	3	5	5	9

Soil Moisture forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
9	9	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.
3	2	6	3	1	5	7

Arthritis forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
3	2	6	3	1	5	7

Asthma forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
1	4	5	1	0	1	2

Migraine forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
0	0	2	1	0	0	0

Sinus forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
1	1	3	3	1	3	3

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

MPHS STUDENTS AND STAFF HELP FOLLOWING TORNADO



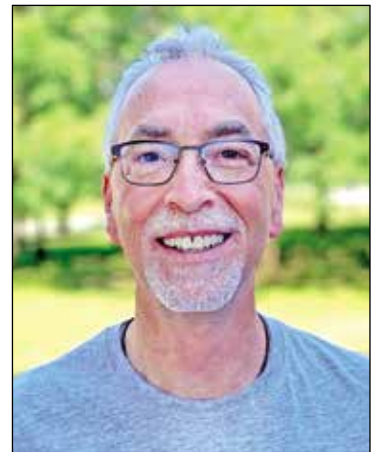
SUBMITTED

On Thursday, April 6, 211 Mid-Prairie High School students and 52 staff members helped with recovery efforts following the EF-4 tornado that devastated several homes and farms in the Wellman area. Students and staff helped to remove debris from yards and fields in several locations west and north of town. In addition, MPHS students and staff prepared 34 freezer meals that will be distributed to those still recovering. A big thank you to all the students and staff who took advantage of this opportunity to give back to the community that supports them every day. Go Hawks! See more photos on page 12A.

SMALL TOWN, BIG HEARTS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT LEE EBERSOLE

Lee is a lover of music, student antics, and brings a joyful earnestness to his various roles at Hillcrest Academy. He also is a huge fan of Seinfeld and loves a good pun. Not only is Lee Hillcrest's Bible teacher, you might see him leading chapel, taking care of our Service And Learning Term program, or jamming out in the school's Praise Band and Pep Band. For the last twelve years Lee has been a mainstay on the Hillcrest Union stage and the glue keeping the Pep Band together. Lee has a passion for music, that along with his passion for our students has allowed him to find ways to bring out the best in anyone participating in Pep Band. Lee's dedication to his craft and his bandmates, has helped to create one of the most unique high school basketball atmospheres in the state. When referees along with opposing coaches ask, "Is your band playing tonight? Because we want them to!" ... you know you've got something special. Lee is a huge part of that.



Hillcrest Academy
Lee Ebersole
Number of years working for your business: **18**

Congrats to Lee for a job well done, not only in the classroom holding a Bible, but also on the stage strumming a guitar. Lee loves learning, collaborating with coworkers, and witnessing the beautiful diversity of those he encounters. Oh, and after helping raise two daughters, he's also become a master hair braider. At the end

of this school year, Lee is retiring from teaching after being at Hillcrest Academy for 18 years. Congrats to Lee for a job well done, not only in the classroom holding a Bible, but also on the stage strumming a guitar.

This is what makes the Kalona area so unique.

We have businesses full of hard working employees that genuinely care about their job and their community. The Kalona Chamber of Commerce and The News want to help spread the word about these great individuals. Kalona Chamber business members can submit a recognition by filling out an Employee Spotlight Form through the Kalona Chamber of Commerce website. Go to "About Us" and select "Employee Spotlight", or: www.KalonaChamber.com/employee-spotlight. Submissions will be printed in the following news print according to the order they are received.

HIGHLAND PRESENTS "ACTING CAN BE MURDER"



Highland High School Drama presents "Acting Can Be Murder" by Eddie McPherson on Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Highland High School, 1715 Vine Ave, Riverside. Tickets are sold at the door for \$5.00 a person.

The lowly understudy Delores for the local community theater gets tired of being the understudy and commits murder of the lead, Guinevere, and hides her in the chest -- the main piece on stage for their upcoming show. While she is protecting her secret, other local gossip and

secrets are revealed and the body goes missing. Did she commit murder, because Guinevere is still appearing around the stage. What are the other secrets? This play spoofs Agatha Christie and Alfred Hitchcock and is a great murder mystery comedy.

TENDERLOIN FUNDRAISER



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The Wellman Volunteer Fire Department grilled up tenderloins on April 8 for their annual fundraiser.

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Supervisors OK condemnation proceedings for McKans Grading Project

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News
WASHINGTON

Following several months of meetings and negotiations without agreements reached between the county and the property owner, the Washington County Supervisors Tuesday approved proceeding with condemnation proceedings for nine parcels of land owned by L & L Acres LLC, adjoining Dogwood Avenue. The property is for the McKans Grading Project, specifically for upgrades to the county secondary road.

The resolution notes that compensation estimates were done by JCG Land Services and Hattery Real Estate Appraisals, all of which were sent to the private property owners. It also noted that good faith ne-

gotiations to acquire the needed rights-of-way were unsuccessful. As a result, the county has moved to acquire the permanent easements through the exercise of eminent domain.

The county engineer previously had detailed the need for easements as necessary for the "maintenance, safety, improvement and upgrade to the existing secondary road," all in accordance with Iowa Code section 306.27.

The legal proceedings will be handled by the law firm of Ahlers & Cooney, Des Moines and includes "just compensation for their necessary property interests." Following a written report to the board from the firm, the supervisors will set a public hearing on objections or assessment, time, date and location to be announced.

County proclaims Telecommunications Week; OKs road plan, maximum tax levy

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News
WASHINGTON

The Washington County Supervisors Tuesday approved the county maximum property tax levy of \$11,178,202 for General County Services and a \$1,657,570 one for Rural County Services for fiscal 2024, an increase of two percent from the maximum levy for fiscal 2023. The levy reflects decreases in many valuations and recalculations regarding state property rollbacks.

The levy will be on the agenda for the public budget hearing set for April 25 during the regular board meeting.

In other business, the board: Proclaimed the week of April 10-14 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week for the county, noting the vital role of Public Safety telecommunicators in the time of emergencies, with board members noting how important their services were during the storms and tornadoes

of two weeks ago, specifically telecommunicators Aspen Bromell, Hunter Erwin, Lydia Houston, Issak Kleese, Melaine Larson, Sandra Lovetinsky, Shelley Reed-Wulf, Carrie Rich, Cara Sorrells, Brittany Stutzman, Rachel Swaffer and Teresa Todd. It was noted that "citizens place their trust in these individuals not just this week, but every day of the year."

Acknowledged a \$100 donation to the county K-Unit from county resident Mary Ulin.

Accepted quarterly reports from the county recorder and auditor that showed respectively current fee balances of \$22,825 and office fees of \$1,305. Approved termination for Katie Perez, who completed an internship with the county communications, effective March 29.

Approved Adrianna Pacha for a Naturalist internship with the Conservation Board, effective April 11 at \$13 hourly. Approved hiring two part-

time paramedics for the county ambulance services, effective April 13.

Approved the five-year road plan, through 2027, that was discussed by the board in a prior work session with the county engineer cautioning that the timeframe is subject to change, depending on obtaining right-of-ways, rising material costs and weather.

Approved the county Secondary Roads Department FY24 Iowa Department of Transportation budget, an annual procedure.

Approved the Iowa Department of Transportation Funding Agreement for the 5-23 Highway Safety Improvement Program-Secondary Federal-aid Swap Project for paved shoulders, rumble strips and grooved-in pavement markings for five miles on county road G36 from Highway 1 to Redwood Avenue. Total estimated cost is \$1.5 million with grants covering from \$1.1 to \$1.2 million of costs.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exciting news from the Domestic Violence Intervention Program

I am excited to share with you that Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) of Iowa has announced they are planning to build a new emergency shelter to better serve the victims and survivors in our Southeastern Iowa Communities.

My name is Jill Nagle, I have been an Iowa City resident for the last 14 years and work in the community as a project manager for a local manufacturing company. I recently got involved with DVIP as a volunteer after learning more about the organization during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. I joined the DVIP force to make an impact on my community and because I know how important it is to improve the resources for domestic violence survivors.

The current DVIP emergency shelter has been serving the Southeastern Iowa Community for over 30 years. The

shelter has been at capacity and can no longer meet the increasing demand for safety in our community, making this expansion a necessity. This \$6 million project will double the capacity to provide safety to victim survivors.

One way this new shelter has been specifically designed to better help victim survivors heal from trauma is the inclusion of pod-style living and private meeting spaces to meet with advocates. DVIP has put years of planning into this new shelter and now it's our time to join them in the effort.

I urge readers to consider supporting this new emergency shelter. There are various ways to support the cause; you can volunteer your time with DVIP, contribute a monetary pledge, or help to spread the word. Please visit <https://dvi Iowa.org/> to learn more on how you can help!

Thank you, Jillian Nagle DVIP Volunteer & Project Manager

Special thanks to Kalona volunteers

Thank you to the Kalona Fire Department. They have been extremely busy this Easter weekend dealing with a lot of fires. They are giving up their family time to volunteer to protect us with their second family. Be sure to thank and

support them for their dedication and hard work.

As a former volunteer firefighter from 1998-2013, I know the sacrifice it takes to volunteer. Countless hours training and in the meeting room and untold time away from family time and middle of the night alarms.

We are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers in Kalo-

Matt Meisheid Kalona

Use good judgement when burning

This is not an attack on farmers, it is a plea for common sense.

Kalona and surrounding fire departments have been run ragged by grass and field fires. Look, it is dry. It has been windy. Don't start a fire you cannot contain, especially in favorable fire conditions. This puts the departments at an unnecessary risk to health, safety, fatigue. It also puts unnecessary mileage on trucks, equipment, and their budgets. It exposes the volunteers and equipment to unnecessary dan-

ger and wear and tear.

Many of these volunteers have jobs and families and your choices adversely affect that balance. They give up their time to help you when they could be home with their spouses, children, and participating in hobbies.

Many of these fires are in hard-to-reach places with hidden hazards. If you are on the fence about starting a fire, wait for favorable conditions.

Many of these fires also hurt wildlife conservation efforts and put structures at risk. Some are illegal and most serve no actual purpose.

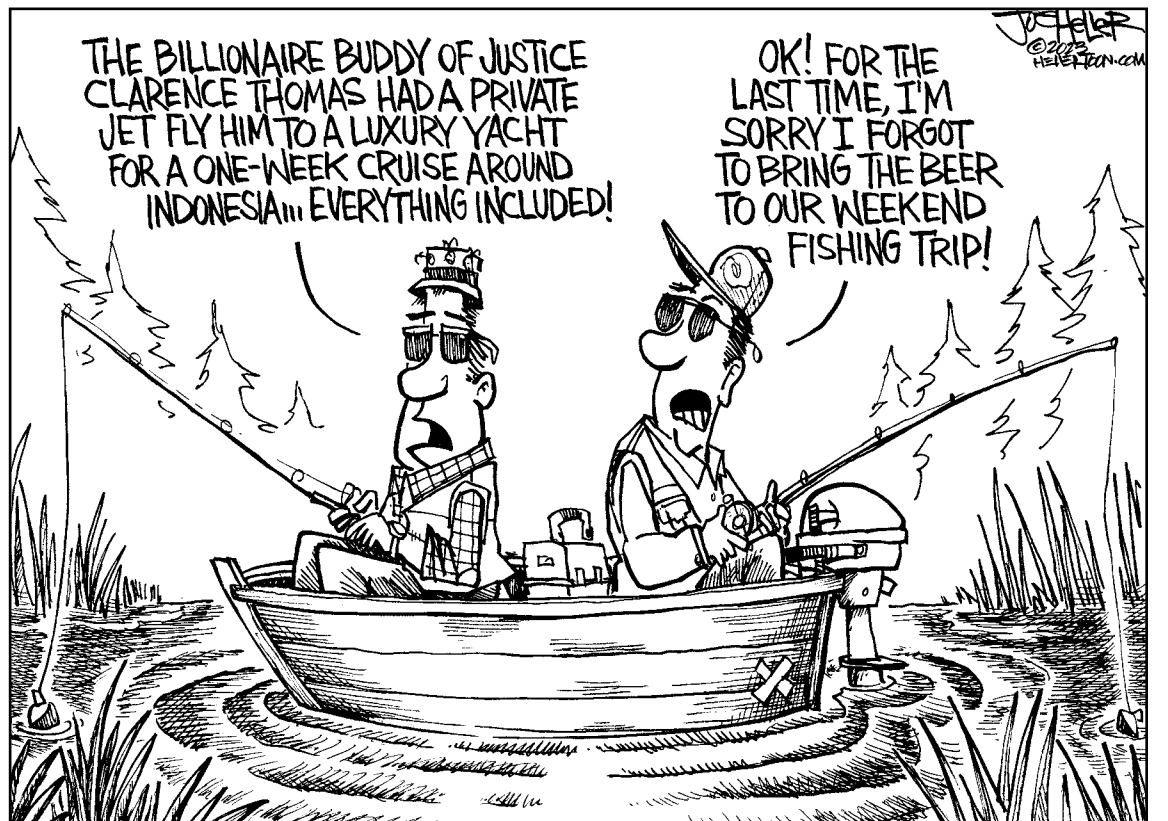
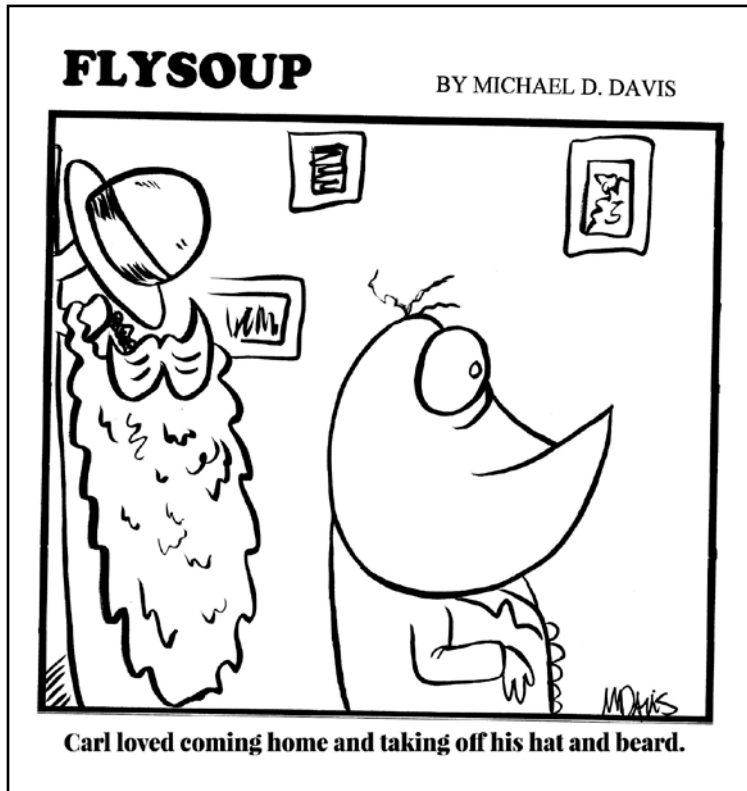
I also hope you are making a donation for your poor judge-

ment to these departments and thanking them. While they are out of town helping a preventable mistake the local communities are unprotected.

So be thoughtful, wise, and considerate when starting these fires and make sure to support your local fire departments and agencies. Often EMS and the Sheriff's Office has to respond as well.

Ask your county conservation board or the Iowa DNR about the laws and benefits of these burns. You will find there are better solutions often times than burning.

Matt Meisheid Kalona



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OBITUARIES

Daniel Lee Springer
1959 - 2023

His family meant more to him than anything else in the world. Something he proudly and often mentioned.

A ny o n e who knew Dan knew he was the most loving husband, dad, and papa that a family could ask for. He shared that same love with family, friends and community. Dan was caring, compassionate and spent most of his time thinking and worrying about others. He was truly a great man whose impact will be forever felt by his family. Dan's ability to sacrifice, provide, support, forgive, and love will always be remembered by those who knew him.

Dan will be deeply missed by his wife: Kelli of Riverside; his children: Katie (Lexi) Springer of Chillicothe, Illinois, Kendra (Bryce) Gretten of Riverside, and Mindy (Jon) Hanson of Al-

toona; grandchildren: Aphaea and Alarik Gretten, Gigi, Piper and Alexia Hanson; and siblings: Vicki (John) Hock of Altoona, Randy (Allyson) Springer of Newton, and Curt (Kim) Springer of Newton; and many other family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law: Gloria Springer; and niece: Angie Hock.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside, with burial at the Riverside Public Cemetery. Following the committal service at the cemetery, a celebration of life was held at Murphy's in Riverside.

A memorial fund has been established at the funeral home in memory of Dan. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sandhfuneralservice.com.

The Snyder and Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

Iva Virginia (Overholt) Miller
1937 - 2023

Iva Virginia (Overholt) Miller was born Aug. 10, 1937, in Princess Anne, Virginia, the daughter of Jerome and Rebecca (Lapp) Overholt. On June 17, 1961, she was united in marriage to Gordon Miller.

She met her husband doing VS work at a nursing home in El Dorado, Arkansas. In her early years, she sang with the Hartville Singers touring the U.S. and Canada. Iva accepted Christ as her Savior during tent meetings and was a member of Hartville Mennonite Church, after her marriage transferring to Fairview Mennonite Church.

Iva was a homemaker and volunteered more than 30 years doing song fest at Pleasantview. Gordon and Iva led monthly devotions at Pleasantview for more than 20 years with singing and scripture.

She was also a nurse's aide both at Pleasantview and El Dorado. Iva enjoyed singing, visiting with people, quilting, scrabble, and Qwirkle.

She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and never let anyone leave her house hungry.

Iva is survived by her husband of 61 years: Gordon Miller; five children: Julia Rose (Beck) Maggett of Blackduck, Minnesota, Serena Joy (Sam) Schwartz of Kalona, Starla Delight (Crist) Schwartz of Kalona, Royce Duane (Donna) Miller of Sarasota, Florida, and Jarrell James Miller of Fortine, Montana; 26 grandchildren: Kermit (Anne), Tyler, Stephanie, Pandora, Shane (Alayna), Colton, Peter Gordon (Rose),

Zebulon, Andrew (Avery), Matthias, Kezia, Johanna, Amber, Zachary (Danika), Blake (Brooklyn), Justin

(Audrey), Brooke (Luke), Sophia, Brandon (Maddie), Jaron, Carson, Marissa, Tyrel (Cameron), Stetson, Ciara (Terell), and Shyanne; four great-grandchildren: Charles and Adeline, Amiet, Arysen; six siblings: Ruth (John) Detweiler, Francis (Elma) Overholt, Edward (Leona) Overholt, Steve (Carolyn) Overholt, Will (Lavonne) Overholt, and James (Emma) Overholt; a sister-in-law: Ruth Mae Overholt; and a brother-in-law: James Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Jerome and Rebecca Overholt; and siblings: Loveda (Noah) Mullet, Andrew Overholt, Magdalena (Earl) Denlinger, Lydia (Lloyd) Smart, Linda Bailey.

Iva passed peacefully surrounded by family, Monday, April 3, 2023.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Fairview Mennonite Church in rural Kalona. A memorial fund has been established for Fairview Mennonite Church and Pathway Christian School in Kalona. Messages may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Yoder-Powell Funeral is caring for Iva and her family.

Lovina meets old and new readers at book signing

It's 5 a.m. here at the Eicher house. All is quiet. My husband Joe and son Joseph left for work already. Son Benjamin is working in Ohio. He's been gone since Monday morning. The house seems empty without him around.

Sister Verena came here last night and stayed the night. They were calling for storms, and she felt it was better not to be alone. So far, we haven't had anything, but it sounds like it will start this morning. Years ago during a storm, lightning struck sister Verena and Susan's house and started a fire. They were in bed, and it's a good thing they saw a glow from the fire and got help. They had to do a lot of repairs from water damage.

They moved into our basement for around three months while their house was being redone. I think that is one reason storms bother her so much during the night.

Son Joseph went to help rebuild a barn that was damaged by the tornado that hit Allen County last weekend. There were quite a few buildings that were hit. The crew Joseph works with donated a day to help. He said he thinks there were around 200 men and boys there helping. It is so nice to help each other in times of need like that. The men and boys were working on more than one pole barn that was damaged. Many hands make light work. Tornado destruction can be devastating! A lot of people had hail the night of that tornado. I know Tim and Elizabeth and Ervin and Susan had pretty good-sized hail, but we only had wind here.

Daughter Verena and granddaughters Kaitlyn, Abigail, and Jennifer came here last Friday evening (the night of the tornado in Allen County). They all had gone upstairs

LOVINA
EICHER'S
AMISH KITCHEN

to bed with Verena, but when it started storming, they wanted to come down again. We made beds for them on the sofa and recliners, and they slept on those. We were fortunate to only have had a storm and wind.

The next morning, daughters Verena and Lovina, the three girls, and I went to Shipshewana, Indiana, to the Plain and Simple Craft Show. We were glad to meet old and new readers. There was a great turnout for the book signing for my cookbooks, The Essential Amish Cookbook and Amish Family Recipes. Plain and Simple is an Amish craft and decor magazine that I write in every other month. The editors host a craft show every Spring with lots of vendors there. Sisters Verena and Emma, Crystal (Emma's daughter-in-law) and son Isaiah, and Renee (daughters Verena and Susan and Ervin's neighbor) all came to the craft show. They surprised us and didn't let us know they were coming.

It was a cold day but interesting. I think the three little girls were tired by the time we were back home, but they said they had fun and had lots of stories to tell.

Friday is Good Friday, and Easter is Sunday. We will have our family over on Good Friday. I usually have an egg hunt for all the little ones. They always enjoy that.

Last year, we hid eggs for six grandchildren. This year it increased to 10 grandchildren. Kaitlyn, Isaiah, Curtis, and

Denzel are added to our family. We will hide more eggs. It will be even more interesting with more children. It is nice to celebrate Easter with our family.

Nothing can be a better holiday to spend with family than to celebrate the journey of the life of Jesus. Jesus who died on the cross so our sins can be forgiven. We wish you all a blessed Easter and God's many blessings!

I will share a recipe for Berry Cream Cheese Muffins this week. A reader lost her recipe that I had in the column over three years ago so I'll run it again.

Berry Cream Cheese Muffins

1 cup butter, softened
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 large eggs
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, blueberries, or raspberries dusted with 2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pans with paper liners or spray with nonstick cooking spray.

In a mixing bowl, beat together the butter, cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt, and gradually add to the butter mixture. Fold in berries and nuts. Spoon batter into muffin cups. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden and a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for three minutes before removing from the pans. Makes 18 muffins.

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.

VFW AUXILIARY MINUTES

The VFW Auxiliary to Post #6414 Riverside held their regular business meeting Thursday, April 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home. Auxiliary President Ruth Rencher presided with six members present. Minutes read and approved; Treasurer's report read and filed subject to audit. Treasurer Kathy Colbert reported from VFW National Headquarters a monetary award was made to the Auxiliary for reaching 98% plus by March 31, 2023. The Bakeless Bake Sale, a fund-raiser for the Auxiliary, is going well with hope for continued donations to support veterans projects.

Old Business: The joint VFW and Auxiliary City of Riverside Food Pantry collection held at the Post Home was a success. Our sincere thank you to all VFW and Auxiliary members and the community for their generous donations. President Ruth Rencher will deliver Friday, April 7 to the Food Pantry located at the St. Mary's Education Center. Carol Sexton submitted a new deployed soldier's name to adopt. Names are provided by Soldiers Angels, a non-profit organization dedicated to active military, veterans and their families for aid and comfort, and an ongoing Veterans and Family Support project for the Auxiliary. Monthly Care Packages with a letter commitment weekly are mailed to the

adopted soldier.

New Business: Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 year. President Ruth Rencher, Senior Vice-President Stephanie Cecil, Junior Vice-President Jann Frank, Secretary Kathy Schreiber, Treasurer Kathy Colbert, Chaplain Beverly Schneider, Conductress Carol Sexton, Guard Lynn Ruchotzke, Trustee #3 Renee Quinn, Trustee #2 Beverly Schneider and Trustee #1 Carol Sexton. Installation of Officers will be held at the May business meeting. First District Meeting will be April 29, 2023, at VFW Post #2537 Tipton. All members are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Members bagged and boxed canned goods following the meeting. The next meeting will be May 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., VFW Post Home. All members are welcome to attend.

BIRTH

Thorvan Luke Miller

Orvan and Hannah Miller of Kalona are the parents of a son, Thorvan Luke, born April 4, 2023. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 21" long. Grandparents are Charles and Ellen Miller and Ivan and MaryLou Borntrager all of Kalona.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Quilt Block Coloring Contest pages (for all ages) are due back to the library by April 21.

On Saturday April 22 the library will be hosting a Multilingual literacy program from 9:30am to 11am.

New Adult Fiction: "Old Babes in the Wood: Stories" by Margaret Atwood; "All That is Hidden" by Rhys Bowen; "Second Time Around" by Melody Carlson; "A Novel Proposal" by Denise Hunter

New Adult Non-Fiction: "The Teachers: A Year Inside America's Most Vulnerable, Important Profession" by Alexandra Robbins; "Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope" by Sarah Blakewell

New Media: "All the Crea-

tures Great and Small Season 3"; "Wakanda Forever"; "Running Bases"

New Young Adult Fiction: "The Ballad of Never After" by Stephanie Garber

New Junior Fiction: "Thirst" by Varsahl Bajaj; "Future of the Time Dragon" by Tracey West

New Easy Books: "Sunday Pancakes" by Maya Tatsukawa; "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers; "The Animal Song" by Jonty Howley; "Bubbie & Rivka's Best-Ever Challah" by Sarah Reul

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.

Sincere Thank You

Thank you to all volunteers who cleaned our farm north of Keota of tornado debris on April 4.

Mennonite disaster volunteers, Keota school students, neighbors and many others all helped to make a big job light work.

Again, thank you very much
- The Palmer Family



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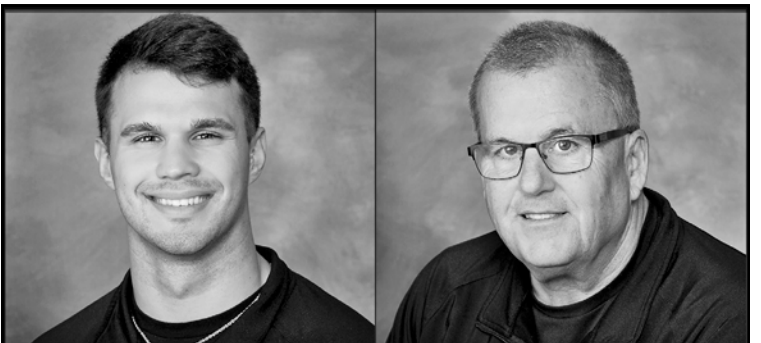


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Carter Husley, third from left, performed for Lone Tree students and spoke to them about the importance of financial literacy.

Lone Tree students learn financial literacy rocks

On March 24, Lone Tree was ROCKING! Lone Tree Community School was able to host Carter Hulsey. Carter put on a great show for the MSHS students and discussed the importance of financial literacy. Students learned about Roth IRAs, compound interest, interest rates, credit cards, and credit scores. Carter partners with

Funding the Future, a nonprofit organization that teaches teens vital financial principles by organizing live musical performances at schools across the nation and creating a dialogue around financial literacy between students and musicians.

“A credit score is a report card on how good you are with

money. If you have a good credit score you pay less for things,” Husley said.

The school sends out a huge thank you to Carter Hulsey and Funding the Future for performing and for speaking to MSHS students about financial literacy.

HIGHLAND FFA WEEK



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

The Highland FFA celebrated National FFA Week on April 3-6 due to their advisor being on maternity leave during the official FFA week in February. Activities included a “Kiss the Critter” competition, carnival games, and a community breakfast. Shown here: a competition in their annual Ag Olympics on April 3.

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Ravens Soccer Family Night

Bring the whole family to watch the Hillcrest Academy Ravens take on Danville on Friday, April 21 at 5 p.m. 5th-8th graders along with one guest admitted free with pass; giveaways for kids of all ages. 5th-8th graders can sign up to play soccer during varsity game halftime at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Hillcrest Touring Choir Performances

The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will perform several concerts on campus and in local churches, as well as participate in the regional MSC Choral Festival hosted by Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg, VA. First local concert is Sunday, April 23; check hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2023 for complete schedule. Public welcome at all performances.

English Valleys History Center Program

Attend the next event at the English Valleys History Center, 108 N. Main St., North English on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Rod Stanley, Dexter and Dallas County historian, will present on the 1933 Bonnie and Clyde shootout at Dexfield Park in Dallas County. All are welcome; no

charge; donations accepted.

Highland Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Highland Elementary will hold a kindergarten parent meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the elementary school gym. Your child must be five years old by Sept. 15, 2023 (born 9/16/2017 - 9/15/2018).

Kalona Rotary Omelet Breakfast

The Kalona Rotary Club will hold its annual omelet breakfast on Saturday, May 13 from 6 - 10:30 a.m. at the Kalona United Methodist Church. Freewill donations accepted; proceeds will go to the Kalona Library Foundation's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

Lone Tree Clean-Up Day

The City of Lone Tree will hold its clean-up day on Saturday, May 13 from 8 to 11 a.m. at North Park.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Monday, April 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library. Call 319-656-5347 with comments or questions.

Area fire departments raised over \$100,000

BY RON SLECHTA

The News

Locals attending fundraisers by area fire departments gave an average of \$20 to \$21 in freewill donations. Over \$100,000 were raised between the Kalona, Wellman and Riverside pancake and tenderloin meal fundraisers.

Kalona Volunteer Fire Chief Jerry Zahradnek reported that 2,994 people attended the Pancake Day on April 1 and donated an average of just over \$20 each for a total of over \$60,000.

“We want to thank the community for their generous donations and for braving the cold, rainy weather to stand in line for pancakes,” he said. “Their donations are greatly appreciated.”

He also thanked those people and businesses that made other donations toward the success of Pancake Day.

Zahradnek said the donations will help finance the purchase of a new pumper-tanker which should be delivered in time for Pancake Day 2024.

Wellman

Tracey Owens, treasurer of the Wellman Volunteer Fire Dept. said around 1,200 people

enjoyed tenderloin meals on April 8. He noted it probably would have been more, but neighboring fire departments were out on mutual aid calls extinguishing grass fires.

“We raised around \$25,000, compared to \$21,000 last year,” he said. “The support of the community is just amazing.”

He noted that the proceeds will go toward the purchase of protective gear for the firefighters.

Riverside

Those attending the Riverside Fire Department's Pancake Day on April 2 also donated an average of \$20 a person with 1,000 people donating just over \$20,000, according to Fire Chief Chad Smothers.

“We really appreciate the support of the community,” Smothers said.

He noted that after expenses the money will go toward vehicle extrication equipment.

PET OF THE WEEK

HELEN

Helen is a very, very sweet kitty who loves attention! She is even softer than she looks and she's always up for companionship and conversation. Laidback and friendly, Helen's a seven year old girl that enjoys life, people, and her surroundings.

If you are interested in adopting her, please visit <https://www.pawsandmorewashington.org/adopt> or call us at (319) 653-6713. We welcome you to visit PAWS from noon until 4:00, Tuesday through Sunday!



LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

AINSWORTH

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

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 Yutzy, 319-430-9574; cornerstonekalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids's classes available

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

English River Chapel: 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; news@englishriverchapel.org.

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

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

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Cosgrove Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy. 1; Ministry: Nelson Beachy, 319-683-2377, 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://ldcnc.org>, Email: ldc@kctc.net; Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: Rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 319-683-2564; sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor 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. 319-56-2688; Pastors: Floyd Helmut and Mary Bender; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Jayne St.; Pastor: Father 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

Champion Hill United Methodist Church: 3132 TT Ave., rural North English. 319-664-3829. Sunday worship: 9 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 (Missouri Synod) 5th St. & 4th Ave, 605-651-0699; Pastor: Rev. Zachary Voss; Sunday Worship: 11 a.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 ½ 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.

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

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

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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 Numc. com.

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50 YEARS AGO APRIL 12, 1973

Kalona

A spring storm swept into the Kalona area Sunday, dumping more than 10 inches of heavy wet snow on the ground. It started Sunday morning as rain and as temperatures fell, turned to snow in the afternoon accompanied by strong winds. By the time it ended Monday night, huge drifts of snow were piled up making it virtually impossible to travel.

Mid-Prairie Community Schools were closed Monday and Tuesday. It was the first time in the current 1972-73 term that the school closed down. Because of soft roads, school officials started classes late and let out early a number of times, but were not closed during the winter months.

A number of Kalona area residents were stranded during the storm in other parts of the state and didn't get back to Kalona until Tuesday. Farmers spent some 'short' nights tending to livestock out in the field.

Mail service was also at a standstill with residents finding only local mail in their boxes Monday and Tuesday because of trucks not being able to leave Cedar Rapids. By Tuesday night, local grocery stores were running out of bread and milk with delivery trucks not expected until sometime Wednesday.

Kalona streets still had a boulevard-of snow--Tuesday evening as street crews were putting in long hours clearing the snow.

While the storm created all kinds of problems here, communities to the north and west had it much worse with some areas getting up to 20 inches of snow.

The 1973 car tabs must be attached to license plates by April 15. Instead of license plates motorists were issued the tabs this year and the date for displaying the tabs was originally set for March 15, but due to the wet spring, it was extended to April 15.

It is quite probable that 20 years from now, the minimum Social Security benefit may be double what it is today--but because of continued inflation, those who will be dependent upon the minimum then will be relatively no better off than those dependent upon it today. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, but the government taketh--and taketh.

In a class conducted in the Mid-Prairie High School at Wellman, 35 members of the Kalona and Wellman Fire Departments and the Mid-Prairie Bus Drivers, were certified by the Red Cross. The class was instructed by Yale Jarvis and John Hiatt, instructors with Karle M. Jones as Aide.

The following residents were certified; Ronald Harland, Richard Morgan, Joe Allen, Delmar Schlabaugh, Joe Fisher, Warren Olson, Marvin Yotty, Edward M. Yoder, Eugene Hartzler, Donald Speas, Paul L. Miller, Chris J. Helmuth, David Weldenbach, Ike Yoder and Mark Koening. Governor Robert D. Ray has officially proclaimed April 23-28 School Bus Safety Week in Iowa.

While the records show that school buses carry more passengers each year than any other transportation system and with greater safety, there is danger in complacency. Mid-Prairie bus accidents have decreased year by year, and the year 1972-73 has not had a reportable accident thus far. The 30 regular and substitute drivers are to be commended for their more cautious and defensive driving.

The Kalona center has seven routes; Wellman, six routes; Washington Township, four routes; and West Chester, two routes. Each day there are some 1100 pupils boarding the buses morning and afternoon, not including all the activity and field trips that are sent out throughout the year. The buses travel some 900 miles each day on their regular routes alone, and an additional 300 miles per day on shuttle runs.

Dan Dickel, defensive end for the University of Iowa football team, has been named a co-captain for this fall's season. Brian Rollins was named co-captain also. They were elected by a vote of the players. Both will be seniors this fall.

Dickel, a 6-foot, 3-inch, 220 pounder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dickel. He was also selected the team's most Valuable Player last fall. He led the

Big Ten in tackles for losses in 1972, when he totaled 15 tackles for a minus 73 yards and was credited with 47 unassisted tackles and 47 assisted tackles. He recovered 4 fumbles.

Lloyd Plecker of near Kalona is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, after receiving a severe leg and foot injury, while working at his farm home Monday.

Relatives here have received word of the death of Mrs. Gerald (Florence) Fry near Powers, Oregon. Mrs. Fry drowned in a boating mishap near her home. Mr. Fry is a nephew of George V. Fry and Mrs. H.J. Bigelow of Kalona.

Lone Tree

Lone Tree area was very fortunate as we received only a small portion of the snow amounts reported in other parts of the state. But we really didn't need what we received.

The snow fell on already very soaked ground and it will get another good soaking as it disappears from the surface.

This spring and late winter has been very wet. Farmers have had a difficult time trying to get in their early crop of oats and grass seed. Some have made it while others haven't even been able to get their machinery into the field.

Spring farm work is behind this year as the farmers were unable to get very much fall plowing completed due to a wet fall and the early arrival of winter snow storms on unfrozen ground. When the weather turns nice and the ground dries out, they will be working around the clock to get it all done.

Those who raise livestock are having a lot of trouble because of the wet ground too. Cattle sink in the mud and can't move and have to be assisted to get out of the mud. The mud makes it almost impossible to feed them and clean the yards.

Of course, as the snow melts, it will add to the already swollen creeks and rivers. The Iowa and Cedar Rivers in this area have been running at or near flood stage for some time now. The 12-14 inches of snow in the Cedar Rapids area and north will add a considerable amount of water to the Cedar. The Iowa will also be affected for the same reason.

No question about it. This storm will be a conversation piece for many years to come, just like the storm of 1921.

A major snow storm slammed into and pushed through most of the state dumping record breaking amounts of snow Sunday and Monday.

As the storm moved into this area, it was warm and began with rain Sunday. Before long, it was a mixture of rain and snow and mostly snow. By late Sunday night, 4-5 inches of snow was on the ground. We apparently were near the edge of the major storm front which moved through because very early Monday morning it began to rain again and melted and settled the previous accumulation of snow considerably. Snow began again Monday and continued throughout most of the day, leaving the ground covered with 5-6 inches of snow.

The affect of the snow in this immediate Lone Tree area was not really too serious. The school remained open so roads were passable.

On Sunday, April 23, 1967, a late season winter snow storm hit this area unloading about 3-4 inches of snow. Temperatures were much milder and it melted much sooner.

Older citizens of the community will remember the blizzard of April 16, 1921, which dumped about 12 inches of snow in this area and brought everything to a stop. Temperatures were very cool and it caused considerable damage to the fruit crop and flowers.

Dana Chown, who returned home from University Hospital last week, would enjoy having visitors.

Tom Watkinson, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkinson of Hills and grandson of the Fay Watkinson's of Lone Tree, is in University Hospital at Iowa City. He was in a car accident Friday evening and suffered head and hand injuries.

Riverside

The Riverside Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 21 at Hall Park. This year the age limit has been dropped to the lower Elementary students only and all pre-school children.

Chamber members will color the eggs at the Riverside Community Building following church services on Friday, April 21. All members are asked to be present to assist.

Students of the Highland District had a free day on Monday, school was called off at 9 a.m. that morning, due to the heavy wet snow and rain.

High winds and heavy snow caused the Highland Community School system to close for a second day on Tuesday. Snow ranged from nil at Sioux City to as high as 17 inches at Dubuque, 12 at Des Moines and 12 at Iowa City, after the snow ended at 9 p.m. on Monday. The snow was driven by high winds causing drifting of the roads and lanes. Flooding is expected when all of the present moisture starts to move down stream.

Riverside along with many areas of the state didn't receive mail on Monday and hadn't by noon on Tuesday.

The Riverside community was saddened at the death of Lon O. Adams who died suddenly on Sunday at Palm Springs, California where he and his wife were spending the winter.

Mr. Adams was a former partner in the Sorden and Adams Funeral Home in Lone Tree and Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shradel received a Christmas card this week that was delayed some twenty-five years. In the process of moving old cupboards in the Kiene Sundries this past week, they came across a Christmas card, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shradel and family, it had a three cent stamp on it, the envelope was browned with age but had never been mailed.

Also found was about 10 unused three cent stamps. Two more stamps were placed on the envelope and mailed to the

Shradels.

In visiting with Ivan Shradel the day he received the card, it was discovered the card was sent by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Doud. This could be a terrible revelation for Mr. Doud, his wife probably gave him that card to mail, and he probably told her he mailed it. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Doud operated the Sundries store.

Wellman

Mr. E.C. Jones returned to his hometown Sunday to meet and greet neighbors, friends and relatives prior to leaving for San Antonio, Texas to live with his daughter. Mr. Jones, former owner of Jones Insurance Agency in Wellman, has been living with his grandson, Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Wilson of Iowa City for the past two years.

The Wellman Fire Department answered a fire call Sunday evening at the Harvey Timmins farm home southeast of Wellman.

Fire of undetermined origin caused considerable damage to one wall of the newly remodeled farm house.

Fire departments were summoned from Washington, West Chester and Wellman.

A snow storm swept across two thirds of Iowa Sunday, Monday and Tuesday virtually closing down a number of cities and communities.

Gusting high winds brought blizzard conditions and at times visibility was zero.

All schools in the area were closed and most scheduled events had to be canceled.

Highway and town travel was hampered by blowing snow. Temperatures just above freezing made snow removal easier locally while communities north of this area experienced much colder weather and were practically closed down because of snow blocked streets.

Approximately 11 inches of snow accumulated in the first measurable snow of 1973.

A unique postal tribute has been created in the form of ten special postage stamps to honor the nearly 700,000 employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

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Postal employees cover four million miles each delivery day--roughly eight round trips to the moon.

Attorney Albion J. Young completed 20 years of law practice in Wellman last Friday.

Commemorating that event, Attorney Young bought the coffee for one and all Friday morning at the Wellman Cafe. He, along with the assistance of three able secretaries, provides legal services to the Wellman area.

Greg Mangold was one of 25 finalists to win television sets in International Harvester's Young International Farmer contest awarded in March in Des Moines and locally sponsored by Wade and Co. of Wellman.

In addition to the television set, a plaque was given which states: "Gregory K. Mangold has merited the distinction of being selected as a young International Farmer, based on knowledge of farming, academic excellence, and leadership."

All facilities at the Wellman Community Park are open and ready for use with the exception of the parking lots.

Due to wet weather it is necessary to restrict the travel in the parking area.

Patrons are asked to use caution in parking along the street until the entrance can be opened.

Dean Swartzendruber of Wellman, was a winner in the "Bux Bonanza Contest," a nationwide contest sponsored by the Chevron Chemical Co., makers of Bux 10, with a winning statement, "Why I Use Bux 10."

For his entry, Dean received a clock radio which was presented by Frank Patterson of Patterson Seed and Supply.

Top prize was a 1973 Chevrolet station wagon with \$2500 in the glove compartment as well as 1500 pounds of Bux 10.

Robert Gaston was nominated to receive this week's "Citizen of the Week."

Mr. Gaston, instrumental instructor at Mid-Prairie Senior High and music department director was named because of his contribution to youth of Mid-Prairie community and leadership in the Wellman Community as president of the Rotary Club.

He was singled out for including in his music program a major band trip every three years. The 1973 trip was to Disney World Florida and in 1970 the MP band performed in Washington D.C. during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

NOTICE: Because of constant and daily complaints, I have instructed the town marshal to issue summons to owners of dogs who are not kept tied in compliance with town Ordinance No. 87. If the owner is found guilty, the fine will be substantial enough that I would not expect to see the owner charged the second time. NO exceptions will be made. D.Duane Tadlock, Mayor

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Clean water matters: Wellman addresses decades of neglect

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

Last year Kalona used ARPA funds to upgrade its water plant, and Riverside is evaluating how to move forward with repairs to its water plant as well. Lone Tree made major upgrades to its wastewater treatment facility in 2022, and Wellman took a hard look at its water system in the last year and is just one public hearing away from taking the next step on a major upgrade of its own. Why water, why now?

"Some of it is age, some of it is water quality changes in the aquifers. You're having to figure out how to treat differently," Kelly Litwiller, Wellman's City Administrator, said.

"Things have happened in the news, like the Flint, Michigan thing," she continued. "Things like that make people really start thinking and looking long-term ahead and really staying on top of stuff. Water is of huge importance, and I think a lot of cities just stay on top of that."

The Flint water crisis began in April 2014 when the city switched the source of its municipal water supply from Detroit-supplied Lake Huron water to the Flint River. This switch caused the corrosion of water distribution pipes, and they began to leach lead and other contaminants into the city water supply. It wasn't until October 2016 that residents were advised not to drink the water, but the damage was already done. The population

still reports physical and behavioral health issues today.

Flint isn't the only one; many cities are having problems with drinking water. In 2022, tainted water was found in parts of New York City, Baltimore, and the state of Hawaii. So why water, why now?

In a PBS interview, Shannon Marquez, a professor of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at Columbia University, said the answer is complicated. It involves an aging infrastructure that has not been properly repaired and maintained because state and local governments have been overburdened. Older pipes are prone to corrosion and thus lead contamination. Extreme weather events and flooding impact water systems as well.

"Water is not a commodity that's properly valued in our country. People really take for granted that it's going to be readily available and safe and they do not realize what it truly costs to protect water systems and make them reliable," Marquez said.

In the case of Wellman, it's going to cost an estimated \$5.1 million.

Wellman's water system dates to 1896 (yes, it's 127 years old --that's not a typo). A manually typed City of Wellman Comprehensive Plan from 1967 details issues with water loss and water main breaks, so "we're basically dealing with the same issues as we were back then," Litwiller said.

For whatever their reasons, city officials in the past chose band-aid-type solutions. Those

are no longer on the table.

"When Tim [Garrett, Water/Wastewater Superintendent] started working here a few years ago, he started really tracking what our water usage was and what we were billing out, and we had over a 50% water loss. He's been very good about tracking all of it," Litwiller said.

The realization that more than half of the City's water was unaccounted for prompted changes. The City used ARPA funds to install new meters at every business and residence in town last year, which has nearly put an end to wasted water. Customers can download an app that signals them when there is a leak, saving them and the City significant money. In the past, a water leak may have gone undetected until meters were read up to 30 days later; now, leaks become apparent in a couple of days.

The next step for Wellman is replacement and upsizing of 13,500 feet of water main, which is about 25% of the existing distribution system. A backup water source, which will be either a new well or connection to Wapello Rural Water, is also required. Though the City is leaning toward the rural water option, a final decision has not been made.

Because of the notable cost of the system upgrades, the City has been conscientious about informing residents via social and traditional media and allowing them to voice concerns at three public hearings. To date, two public hearings have been held and resi-



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Plans are underway for a major upgrade to Wellman's water system, which include a backup water source.

dents have been supportive of the upgrade; a final hearing will take place April 17 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Once approved by the City Council, the next step for the project will be a search for funding. Though it will take additional time and paperwork, Litwiller hopes to secure up to \$2 million in loan forgiveness via the State Revolving Fund or grant funds. The remainder of the cost will be funded via an increase in water rates, general obligation and revenue bonds, property tax, and local option sales tax. One increase in water rates has already been approved by the City Council, and Litwiller

anticipates another will be approved in the fall.

"What has happened in the past when a community does a big project [is] they don't set the rates to cover the costs, and then they're in a pickle," Litwiller said. Rather than do a large rate increase in the future, "if you do a little bit now and a little bit later, then it's not so painful."

With bodies that depend on clean water for the essential functions of cells and organs, Wellman residents are wise to pony up a few extra dollars each month in favor of their own health and that of future residents.

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nically been born yet although a monument honoring his future birthplace is located in an alleyway next to City Hall.

"To be honest with you, I

have not seen an episode (of Star Trek). That's on my list of things to do," Smith said.

"I feel like that's a prerequisite to being a part of this com-

munity. You've got to kind of understand how that works."

Smith is replacing Christine Yancey, who retired from city management in December and

whose decision was initially not accepted by the City Council.

Smith's contractual agreement has a starting base salary of \$80,000, which is beneath the

\$85,000-\$95,000 salary range approved by the City Council in a previous session. The agreement calls for his salary to increase to \$84,000 in Fiscal Year 2025, \$88,000 in FY26 and \$92,000 in FY27.

Yancey topped \$80,000 in FY23, which began July 1, 2022.

The three-year progression in salaries caused Council Person Tom Sexton to vote against the appointment.

"I think he's going to do a great job," Sexton said.

"I think he's got a lot of energy and a lot of enthusiasm for the position," Mayor Allen Schneider told The News. "That's kind of what I think caught the City Council's eye within. He's got a variety of experience with economic development in the area so I think that'll be helpful, too. And we can kind of learn from some of the projects that he's undertaken in other communities around here."

Smith will arrive in Riverside at a time when a \$3.2 million water and sewer main project on Third Street is wrapping up. The city is in the midst of construction and repair projects at its water treatment and wastewater plants.

The city may be considering an expansion, or annexation of Washington County land, as housing development surfaces, including a tentative proposal for a large subdivision west of Highway 218 near the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort.

"This is my first city administration job," Smith said, "so it's a good place to jump in and be able to accomplish a lot of things."

In Louisa County, Smith said he has worked on a number of projects, including business assistance and development, housing development, broadband and community organizations.

"I think the community size is something that drew me to this," he said. "I like a tight community, a place where you can get to know a large portion of the population. It shouldn't be understated that Riverside has positioned itself in a really good place for future growth and development."

Schneider, who was also mayor when Yancey was hired as city administrator in 2019, was happy with the consulting and hiring process.

"I think we're lucky to have the candidates that we did," Schneider said. "Everybody's very happy to have Cole coming in. It seems like we're ready to move ahead right now."

Next board meeting: The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. April 17.

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INDUSTRIAL	54	\$40,348,100	\$43,538,500	\$3,190,400	7.9%

Property owners get valuation increases

BY RON SLECHTA
The News

WASHINGTON
Many property owners throughout Washington county and across the state were surprised, and some were shocked, at the large increase in property assessed valuations when they got their assessment increase notices from the county assessor.
“We’ve had many people contacting the office, some just asking for information or details on how the assessment was determined,” Washington County Assessor Christy Tinnes said Tuesday. “We are doing quite a few informal reviews, checking to make sure the properties are listed correctly.”
She noted that there have been two Board of Review petitions filed so far, and she ex-

pects there to be more toward the end of the month.
Assessor Tinnes noted that the assessment increases are based on area sales. The market increases in 2022 have been throughout the state, she noted.
The ag land and building changes are based on a five-year average productivity value, which is determined and issued by the state.
The 2023 assessments will be used to determine taxes for the fall of 2024 and the spring of 2025.
How do people appeal the increases?
“If taxpayers would like to protest their values, we suggest asking for an informal review by our office between April 2 and April 25. If the assessor and property owner can come to an agreement after review, an informal agreement

form can be signed to change the valuation for the new assessment year. If no agreement is made, the owner may file an appeal with the Board of Review,” Tinnes said.
Petitions to the Board of Review are accepted from April 2 to April 30. The Board of Review meets during the month of May. The members are Charla Howard, Mary Ann Knupp and Mark Wood.
See the approved chart prepared by the assessor that shows the average increase in property assessed valuations per classification. The Residential R-3 classification is for apartment buildings.
A breakdown by city was in the April 6 issue of The News. All classifications will be subject to a state rollback or assessment limitation, though those percentages will not be issued until this fall.

Highland School Board approves FY24 budget, teachers contract

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE
The Highland School Board approved a Fiscal Year 2024 budget of \$11.5 million at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday.
Expenditures include \$6.15 million for instruction and teacher salaries, an increase of more than \$700,000 from the current fiscal year.
The property tax levy rate for FY24 is 13.00308, or 13 cents per every \$1,000 of valuation. Property taxes are projected to raise \$4.3 million with another \$3.5 million coming from state funds and \$135,925 in utility replacement money.
“The big thing, for me, is that we will be lowering our tax rate by about 2 cents, from

13.02 to 13 flat,” Ken Crawford, schools superintendent, told The News.
Total expenditures, transfers out and ending fund balances are targeted for \$17 million in FY24; the revised FY23 budget is at \$17.7 million.
A public hearing on the budget was held Monday night prior to the board’s vote.
Teachers Contract
The board approved a new teachers contract and other staff policies for the 2023-24 school year.
The FY24 deal includes a base pay increase of \$355 for a base pay salary of \$29,640.
The Highland Education Association proposed a base salary increase of \$425 during a negotiations meeting held

March 30. The counter proposal by the Board of Directors was a base increase of \$250 for a 2.44% total package, along with compendium changes and a salary scale for nurses.
A compromise was reached in just 30 minutes of negotiations with the total package settling at 2.70%.
Board Action
The Board approved the appointments of Michael Eden as assistant varsity track coach and Brandon Devillier as assistant golf coach.
The Board approved a number of district policies.
Next board meeting: The board will hold its next monthly meeting at 5 p.m. May 8. A work session is scheduled for April 24 at 5 p.m.

Washington Supervisors approve rate change for county ambulance

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON
In a move to facilitate billings for Washington County Ambulance services, the Washington County Supervisors Tuesday approved a proposed rate change for the county department.
Changes followed several months of research regarding billing rates of Johnson, Louisa, Iowa and Henry counties, as well as the acceptable CMS and insurance reimbursements. Washington had higher rates for most services, especially for a non-emergency basic life support at \$1,031, compared to \$460 in Johnson, \$625 in Louisa, \$387 in Iowa and \$577 in Henry counties. The mileage charge, as of July 1, 2022, was \$32 in Washington, \$17 in Johnson and Louisa, \$15 in Iowa and \$17 in Henry counties.
During the meeting Katrina Altenhofen, the department’s interim director, explained that “there had been massive write-offs” regarding the fees, stressing that the goal of the department is “a community service to meet the needs of citizens.” She added that often there are calls for a person who has fallen and needs assistance getting up, something generally amounting to a \$250 fee “to get off the floor.” It also was noted that fee variations, especially mileage rates, relate to distance to medical facilities.
As a result of Tuesday’s vote, the basic life support, non-emergency fee, for the Washington service, effective as of March 31, 2023, is \$256.28; mileage is \$13.20 for 1 to 17 miles and \$8.80 for each additional mile, starting at 18.
There also are changes in the contracted nursing home rates, based on the Medicare fee schedule, as well as for all other rates, based on the average collection from services in the other four adjoining counties. The change has made all five counties’ rates compara-

ble.
In a related item, with full details available on the department’s website, Altenhofen noted that the emergency services are now “fully staffed.”
In other business, the board: Approved termination of employment for Unity Stevens, county communications, who resigned to take a different position, effective March 23.
Approved a wage change from \$2,755.71 biweekly to \$35.17 hourly for Jayse Horning, Washington County Sheriff’s Department investigator, effective April 6. He is also a department head.
Officially approved Nathan Repp, former senior assistant county attorney in Scott County, as the new Washington County attorney, effective April 24, at an annual salary of \$149,207, replacing John Gish

who resigned in January to take a position in the state’s Attorney General’s office.
Approve termination of employment for Trevor Vlohl, Ambulance Services EMT, who resigned, effective March 23.
Approved Dave Greiner to fill the unexpired term as Marion Township trustee.
Approved a letter for cancellation of services with the county jail’s food vendor, effective June 30, when the current contract expires. Sheriff Jared Schneider explained that there have been higher food costs and, despite request from the department, “we are not getting hard numbers” regarding costs. He said they had reviewed all options and recommended a new contract with a new vendor. That change also was approved.
Approved an amendment

Kalona fire chief asks people to be more careful

BY RON SLECHTA
The News

KALONA
After responding to seven fire calls, mainly grass fires, this past weekend, Kalona Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Jerry Zahradnek pleaded with area residents to be extremely careful when burning grass, burning trash and discarding things like cigarette butts.
“Be extremely careful while burning,” he said. “Make sure you have a water hose handy and make sure fire debris is completely out. Debris fires can smolder for hours, and a wind can spark a blaze. Keep a close watch on any fire or smoldering after a fire.”
Kalona’s busy weekend was largely a result of several mutual aid calls.
Fire Chief Zahradnek said the calls included:
The first call on Saturday was a mutual aid call for a grass fire on 170th Street to help the Riverside Fire Dept. which was on another call. Ainsworth firemen were also there. At 3:30 p.m., KFD answered a mutual aid call for Wellman Fire at 3149 Ww Ave in Iowa County.
While there, the Kalona firefighters were called to assist Tiffin firefighters to put out

a grass fire at 2136 Black Diamond Road. Before they could return to Kalona, at 4:55 p.m. the firefighters were called to 5030 Cosgrove Road to extinguish a 16x20 shed. The building was a total loss. Firefighters in the three trucks that were on mutual aid calls and eight firemen on the rescue truck responded to that fire.
Kalona firefighters were also called to a grass fire at 1718 Angle Road for a grass and cornfield fire that was apparently caused by trash that was not fully extinguished.
Sunday was another busy day for the Kalona firefighters. At 3:41 p.m. the firefighters were called for mutual aid with Washington for a structure fire near Ainsworth, but that call was canceled and firemen returned to Kalona. At 4:11 p.m. the firemen were called to 613 12th Street, Kalona, for a crawl space fire under the laundry room. There was damage to the floor of the laundry room and some smoke damage, according to Zahradnek. He said that fire was caused by a fire outside the house.
“People just need to be more careful when burning and when getting rid of things that can spark a fire,” he emphasized.

DRIVE A TRACTOR TO SCHOOL DAY



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On Friday, April 7, five members of the Mid-Prairie FFA participated in the Mid-Prairie FFA Drive a Tractor to School Day. Participants were Ellie Callahan, Dylan Humphrey, Quinn Callahan, Payton Peck and Kelyn Yoder.

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Washington Y faces funding gap for Aquatic Center

The YMCA Indoor Aquatic Center project is seeking an investment from Enhance Iowa to be the final piece of the fundraising for their project.

On March 2nd a group of YMCA staff and volunteers traveled to Des Moines to present to the Enhance Iowa board to advocate for an investment from them for the Indoor Aquatic Center. The grant application made it through the review process and was among the 23 projects that were considered for funding at their latest meeting on April 6th.

The project was not recommended for funding at this

time and the YMCA was asked to return to the May meeting to provide an update on the funding gap.

"Our biggest challenge we face is the additional funds that we need to raise to close the gap. We have about \$1.5M that we still need in raise and that number was much larger than the other projects that were funding in the initial round," stated Amy Schulte, CEO of the YMCA.

The Enhance Iowa board still has around \$2.4M in funds that it can invest in projects across the state during their current fiscal year. They have

additional projects that will be considered at the May meeting in addition to the YMCA pool project.

"We are ready to give the green light to our contractors on this project, but we are not close enough on the money that is currently raised," stated Schulte.

The YMCA has raised just under \$7M since June of 2021 to fund the project, but with rising costs the price tag for the project has increased during this time frame as well.

"Our biggest concern is that we may lose the opportunity for this investment from En-

hance Iowa if we cannot raise a significant amount of money before their May meeting," Schulte said.

Without that investment the fate of the project would need to be reevaluated.

"We have come so far to bring this important project to Washington and we are not giving up, but we do need the community help us show just how much this project is supported in Washington County," Schulte added.

The original structure was built in 1924 with two major additions being added, one in 1965 and another in 1983. The

specific purpose for which the building was built will present some challenges in marketing the building to a developer, so we are working with Elliott Realty Group to ensure that this property can be listed on multiple commercial listing sites and reach as many potential interested parties as possible.

The YMCA of Washington County has stood as a community partner serving the needs of our residents since 1924 and is dedicated to work hard and build to be able to better serve everyone.

Lone Tree native Tyler Hotz announced as next superintendent

BY TJ RHODES

The News

LONE TREE

In a string of various closed sessions, the Lone Tree school board narrowed down their superintendent search to six choices for semi-final interviews on Apr. 1 before cutting the race down to three for final interviews on Apr. 5; they publicly announced Tyler Hotz's acceptance of the position on Apr. 10. Hotz is a Washington resident and the current Mid-Prairie High School Assistant Principal and Activities Director.

Hotz received licensure to become a superintendent in 2021 from Northern Iowa University and will be a first-time superintendent on July 1, 2023, when he begins at Lone Tree. He is originally from Lone Tree, making the return much sweeter for him and the community.

"I am excited to get this opportunity in a district that

helped [shape] me into who I am today. I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming part of the Lone Tree family once again," he said.

Hotz is married with three kids. He earned a Bachelor of Mathematics - Teaching in 2010, and a master's degree in Educational Administration in 2015, both from Northern Iowa University.

Hotz began his career as a math teacher, doing student teaching at Solon High School and Taft Middle School. He also coached football at Highland High School. Hotz found a job as a math teacher in Pekin after student teaching. He then became an administrator at Columbus Community School District before landing his current position at Mid-Prairie.

Hotz will be replacing Kurt Devore who held the position since 2021 and will move on to become the Clarke Community School District superintendent this summer.



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The Kalona Chamber presented Madeline Westfall of At Your Leisure World Travel with a commemorative plaque on April 12. Shown L-R: Ron Slechta (The News), Tonia Poole (Kalona Chamber), Madeline Westfall, Tandy Greiner (CBI Bank), and Olivia Kahler (Kalona Library).

Chamber welcomes new travel agent

BY CHERYL ALLEN

The News

KALONA

Freshly back from training in Florida and having just opened the doors to her home-based business, Madeline Westfall enjoyed a warm welcome as a new member of the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce on April 12.

Westfall's business, At Your Leisure World Travel, is a travel agency that aims to take the work of making travel plans off the hands of those wishing to get away.

"I have a discussion with people, learn about them and what their interests are, their likes and dislikes, and what they're looking for in their travels," Westfall said of the service she provides. "Then I

research for them. That's the hard part of travel, doing all that research and stress and everything. I take that on for them so they can just relax and enjoy their journey."

Westfall's assistance isn't available just before one takes a trip.

"I can help during the trip," she said. "If something goes wrong, people can call or text me, and I can get in touch with whoever I need to make things happen and get it fixed." In addition, she sometimes has "access to deals and discounts that the general public might not have access to."

The travel agent herself loves to travel; with a husband in the military, she found herself living in Alaska and Hawaii, as well as other states. She has a case of "wanderlust,"

she said.

"I've been to some pretty cool places, and I'd like to go to a lot more cool places," Westfall said. "I'm excited to share that."

She now resides in Kalona.

"My husband grew up in Columbus Junction," she explains. "We decided to come back to his home state and settled in here. We came to Kalona and thought it was really beautiful and charming. I really like it here."

For those interested in Westfall's guidance and expertise in planning their next travel adventure, she can be found online at atyourleisureworldtravel.com or contacted at mwestfall@atyourleisureworldtravel.com or 808-796-0985.

Rezoning and plat meeting set for Thursday in Iowa City

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

IOWA CITY

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors' monthly evening meeting for rezoning and plat applications will take place Thursday night at 5:30 p.m..

The applications and proposals include a time for public hearings in front of the board. Last month's evening meeting resulted in the board's approval of the Windham Village development plan.

At last Thursday's formal session, the board approved Daniel Griffith, Noah Hughes, Byron Yoder, Alexander Jiras, Colby Montminy and Mallory Staats as reserve sheriff deputies.

Angel Taylor of North Liberty was appointed to the Compensation Commission.

Board Action

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the county to enter a settlement agreement with Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, CVS and Walmart in litigation involving opioid pharmaceuticals. Law firms Crueger Dickinson LLC, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC and von Briesen & Roper filed suit in 2018, and litigation has continued nationally since that time.

The Board issued a proclamation in recognition of County Government Month.

The Board set public hearings April 19 at 5:30 p.m. for the Johnson County budget estimate and general obligation loan agreements.

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 13.

Iowa Communications Alliance congratulates 2022-2023 Leadership Academy graduates

During its Annual Meeting & Expo held in Des Moines March 20-22, 2023, the Iowa Communications Alliance (ICA) recognized 12 members for successfully completing the ICA Leadership Academy. The 2022-2023 Leadership Academy graduates include Katie Miller of Sharon Telephone Company.

These individuals were selected through a competitive application process to participate in the ICA Leadership Academy. The program is designed for those who desire to further their personal leadership skills and prepare themselves to take the next step into a leadership role with their company or the Iowa Communications Alliance. Through the Leadership Academy, participants meet several times between October and March and participate in workshops, networking events, and community service opportunities. Topics covered through the Leadership Academy include



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personality profiles, human resources basics, building successful teams, public speaking, strategic thinking, and time management. Participants are also introduced to leadership opportunities within the ICA by sitting in on committee and board of directors' meetings.

The Iowa Communications Alliance congratulates each of these individuals for their commitment to professional and personal leadership development.

Mid-Prairie board contemplates somber financial future

BY CHERYL ALLEN

The News

WELLMAN

What began as an optimistic meeting appreciating the personal growth Mid-Prairie students seemed to achieve during storm clean-up days both locally and in Georgia ended on a more sobering note when the school board considered what its finances might look like over the next five years.

The last hour of the school board's regular meeting on April 10 was spent virtually with Larry Sigel of Iowa School Finance Information Services, who provided the board with a 5-year projection model for the school's finances. Sigel explained that the key metric the district needs to pay attention to is the Unspent Authorized Budget; if this falls below zero at the end of a fiscal year, the state will close down a district. In the last five years, Mid-Prairie's Unspent Authorized Budget has stayed above \$4 million at a minimum.

Sigel directed the board's attention to State Supplementary Assistance (SSA) rates, enrollment, and expenditures as the three variables that will make the most difference to the district's bottom line. These metrics, as well as others, can be adjusted within Sigel's modeling software to project what may happen in the future.

Set at 3% for FY23-24, the SSA rate set by the state is anticipated to fall in future years. Sigel showed the board what would happen if the SSA rate fell to 2.5%, or even lower to 1.5%; the result was a loss of \$1 million or more over the next

five years.

With Hillcrest Academy adding middle school grades this fall, and a looming state "voucher" program providing state funding to students who choose private schools, Mid-Prairie anticipates a decline in enrollment in future years. Sigel showed the board projections in which enrollment declines by six students a year, although board president Jeremy Pickard suspects the loss might be closer to twelve. The loss of six students projected a revenue loss of about a half-million dollars over the next five years.

In light of these bleak projections, Sigel's advice to the board was to limit expenditures.

"There is this very tight relationship between financial health and ultimately what the school district spends," he explained. "The only way to control the spending authority over the long run for the district is to control the expenditures."

"Decisions that are made today have an impact down the road. And that's probably what I hope you leave the session with tonight," Sigel concluded.

Public Forum

Two parents spoke to the board during the Public Forum Monday night, both regarding issues with bus transportation.

The first parent expressed unhappiness with how the district handled a situation in which her child was given a 1-week suspension from bus riding for taking photos with a phone on

the bus. The other parent did not appreciate her child's special education teacher being pulled from 1:1 instruction so the teacher could provide bus transportation instead.

Neither parent felt their concerns were adequately addressed by administrators. The board acknowledged their concerns without comment, as is required as these were not agenda items.

Board Action

Public hearings were held for both the FY23-24 Certified Budget and FY22-23 Amended Budget. No comments were made, and the board approved both budgets.

The board approved 28E sharing agreements for the 2023-2024 school year. Those agreements include four with Clear Creek Amana Community School District; that district will share a Curriculum Director and Buildings and Grounds Director with Mid-Prairie, and Mid-Prairie will share a HR Coordinator and Social Worker with them. Mid-Prairie will also share a Special Education Director and Transportation Director with Lone Tree Community School District. These agreements have been in place in past years and remain unchanged.

Total package increases of 3.2% were approved by the board for Central Office Administrators, Principals, and Transportation and Nutrition Directors for 2023-2024. The rate of compensation increases mirrors that approved for teachers and staff at the last meeting.



Zahs's craft experiences on the islands still influence her today; her recent handmade works include grass miniature baskets.



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Zahs with the unique clothing and crafts she brought back from her years on the Marshall Islands.



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Julie Hartzler Zahs's exhibit at Hills Bank in Washington will be available for viewing at least until the end of April.

50 Years Ago: Peace Corps in the Marshall Islands

BY JULIE HARTZLER ZAHS

Julie Hartzler Zahs created a museum-quality exhibit of crafts, clothing, and other items that illustrate her experience in the Peace Corps in the Marshall Islands 50 years ago at Hills Bank in Washington. The temporary exhibit will move to Dubuque in May; until then, it is viewable during bank hours. Zahs has many fascinating stories to tell about her experience and the items she brought back with her and is available to share them with you at the bank on most weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings by appointment. It is well worth your time to have her take you through the exhibit; her warm and engaging personality is infectious. This is her story.

I grew up in Kalona, and after graduating from Iowa State University, I joined the Peace Corps.

I spent two years in the Peace Corps from 1972-74 serving as a teacher in the Marshall Islands, which are located in the Pacific Ocean. (My father was a Marine there in WWII when he did airplane maintenance on Eniwetok Atoll. The islands had been controlled by the Japanese; the Marshalls became a US Trust Territory after the war.)

I served two years on remote outer islands, each of which had about 180 locals. I was the only American on the islands, so I needed to use the Marshallese language I learned during my three-month training.

My first year I served on Utrik Atoll and the second year on Woja, Ailinglaplap. I traveled between the atolls on a cargo ship that collected dried coconut meat (copra) from the locals and sold them rice, flour, sugar, coffee, yeast, tea, matches, tobacco, canned milk, etc. These ships came every three

to four months, so one had to plan ahead. This is also when I received and sent mail. Christmas cards came in February!

Teaching English and math to students in various grades from 1-8 was my main job. I was to help prepare 8th graders for their high school entrance exam. I also taught 1st graders to read and write in Marshallese, taught baking classes to women using a 55-gallon drum (oven) buried in the ground, and taught evening English classes to adults. Their language was written phonetically by the missionaries, so it was easier to teach the kids to read and write in Marshallese.

My first day with 1st graders, we were sitting outside where I was sharing a book with them. A little girl got up and started 'fingering through my hair.' Suddenly she announced to the class, "The white person has no lice!" I had to chuckle. Their name for white person translates as "person who brings clothing", as it referred to the white missionaries.

I had fun sewing on a hand cranked sewing machine as I sat on the floor. It's possible! These ladies are very skilled seamstresses. Women were not to show their thighs, so I swam in a dress with the kids, as island women didn't swim. The coral and fish were like a movie for me. If I swam with my male students when they went spear fishing, I added shorts under my dress.

I learned to cook many interesting dishes using breadfruit, pandanus, coconuts, coconut sap, rice, and of course had lots of fresh fish. As a guest, the island king/queen and I were served the heads of large fish. We were honored! Every evening, I would roll out the lovely handwoven

pandanus bed mat the ladies created for me. One neighbor lady taught me to make coconut oil, which I then used on my skin. I noticed mosquitoes didn't bother me when I used it. NICE!

The time I was helping bring in fish on a special school field trip, my finger touched a poisonous fin, causing pain. The men first rubbed an inside part of the fish on it, but it didn't help. Then they had a young student climb a coconut tree to get a small golf ball-size coconut. After cutting it in half, they rubbed this on the wound, and it was just fine!

Another time I wacked my ankle with my machete while gathering material to make a chicken house for the 18 chickens they gave me. My neighbor man blew on the wound and sang chants to it. It got better. I must admit, I also used some ointment and tape in my Peace Corps medical supply box.

At Easter time on Utrik, the men sailed over to a nearby atoll that had hundreds of birds. They brought back many eggs, boiled them, then served 18 to each member of the island. As I cracked one of mine to eat, I noticed a cooked bird inside the shell. They informed me I was so lucky, so I tried it. Hey, it was good! I hoped for more.

We had no running water or electricity, so it was sort of like camping for two years, which was okay. Often the island's radio didn't work, so I had zero ways to communicate with the outside world. (I didn't let my parents know this.)

Fortunately, I had no major health crises. The time I was sick, the locals built a huge bonfire on the ocean side one evening when they noticed a ship in the distance. This was their "SOS" message to the ship. It then came over to the

island, sent in a little boat, and the locals told them there was a sick Peace Corps Volunteer on the island. They came, woke me, and got me to the ship. The ship then dropped me off at Kwajalein, a US missile base, where I was treated at a hospital there for shigella and giardia parasites. I stayed with a local family as I waited for the ship to return me to the island.

I brought back items/crafts I made, purchased from people, and/or people gave me. These folks are excellent weavers with local island materials, incorporating shells, wood, etc. When I needed a crochet hook, a guy just created one for me. Such talent! I had fun making crafts with the women. However, it took so long to make a basket, as one had to first prepare all the fibers.

Living on an isolated outer island was certainly a lifestyle of "learning to get along with everyone." These folks shared with one another, worked together, and respected each other. I was treated very well by the islanders. The Marshallese are extremely friendly and have a great sense of humor.

When I returned to Kalona in 1974, I had a job waiting for me at the Mid-Prairie Junior High where I taught 7th grade social studies and language arts. I've enjoyed sharing my island experience with my students over the years. It was fun to see some of them join the Peace Corps and/or do Mennonite service around the world.

Some of the islands now have solar and wind energy to power lights, etc. Some even have an airport for small planes. And yes, some have cell phones.

The atolls of Eniwetak and Bikini were famous in the 1940's and 50's for the test bombs our country exploded on them. One major bomb caused

radiation to hurt the folks and islands of Rongelap and Utrik. While I was on Utrik, we would get visits from the US Atomic Energy commission. People developed cancers and other illnesses from the test bombs. This is still an issue today for the Marshallese. A tiny two-piece swimsuit was created during this time, so the French designer named it "bikini" as it "rocked the beaches."

The islanders are also experiencing global warming, as sea water is rising. Salty waves are coming onto the low atolls, hurting their shallow wells, effecting their trees, and washing out cemeteries, roads, and homes. Many Marshallese have moved to the United States where they can easily work and get government health coverage.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to get to know Marshallese folks now living in Dubuque. I have been to events they have, such as 1st year birthday parties and a wedding, college graduation, and funeral, and have been given more of their beautiful handicrafts. They know some of the islanders I knew, so they can fill me in on these folks.

The thought is to have some of my items in the display go to a display in Dubuque, but I wanted to first show them locally here in Washington.

Julie Hartzler Zahs's display of items and photos she brought back from the Marshall Islands can be viewed at Hills Bank, 2481 Hwy 92, Washington from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the end of April. If you would like her to join you at the exhibit to share more of her experience, contact her at juliezahs@gmail.com or 319-621-6785.

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Bender (Mayor Pro Tem), Greg Schmidt (Council Member), Schlabaugh, Casey Peck (KCTC), Adam Kos (developer), Mary Audia (WEDG), McCain, and Ron Slechta (The News) piled into the bus, informational booklets in hand.

The tour began with a pass by the 2022 Student Built House, and then continued through the Pleasantview campus, past the 2023 Student Built House site, and then out to SouthTown. Schlabaugh described each project as we passed by.

As we climbed through the rolling new housing development, Sen. Ernst asked, "Mary, we're going by your house? Do you have hors d'oeuvres and wine?"

Bus riders chuckled. "Next time, next time," Audia promised.

"That's recorded," Sen. Ernst pointed out, eliciting more laughter.

Schlabaugh pointed out the recreational property and future trailhead site at SouthTown, as well as the many new housing opportunities, including North Ridge, Incline Grove, Vista Ridge, and Cypress Pointe developments.

The joking continued during lulls, and Sen. Ernst was appreciative of the community's efforts and progress. She shared about the types of housing other communities in Iowa have created, including those who are experimenting with 3-D printing houses and converting old school buildings into condominiums.

Passing by CIVCO, downtown, and the Historical Vil-



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Sen. Ernst, center, with Kalona city officials, business leaders, and Slabach Construction employees.

lage, the bus made its way to Slabach Construction, where the riders disembarked and entered the large complex for the other half of Sen. Ernst's visit.

Banquet tables filled with food lined a wall, and chairs were set up in front of a podium, behind which was an enormous American flag. Sen. Ernst was introduced to Herman Slabach, owner of the manufacturing business, who spoke to the larger group of employees and other community members who had gathered there.

"We were one of the first ones to start installing fiber optic, we used to travel all around the country installing," Slabach said. In more recent years, his business has changed, and his employees stay closer to home.

"Kalona is an awesome place," he said. "I don't know anyplace else I'd rather live."

After a short speech, he handed the microphone to Sen. Ernst, who began, "What I want to know from the employees is, is it set up like this all the time? Does Herman come out here every morning and stand in front of the flag?" The crowd laughed. "That's pretty inspiring."

"I appreciate your business as well, and the fact that you've had multiple generations here, and congratulations on that," she said.

She continued, "But truly, this has been a great tour today. I am so glad to be able to see some of the opportunities for housing that you have here. A lot of folks and communities are faced with challenges. Ev-

ery community has challenges, but it is the ones that will survive that figure out how to take the challenges and make them opportunities. Ryan showed some of the blighted homes that now have been renovated and turned into beautiful housing opportunities for young couples or families.

"[You're] exploring some of the housing areas now for the retirement community or those that are downsizing, which is incredibly important, because we have an aging population in Iowa, there's no way around it. And a lot of those older couples or older individuals are still really active and engaged. They just don't need a big home. So finding ways to accommodate them as well is really, really important to communities if you don't want to run them

off to big metro areas, and we don't want to do that.

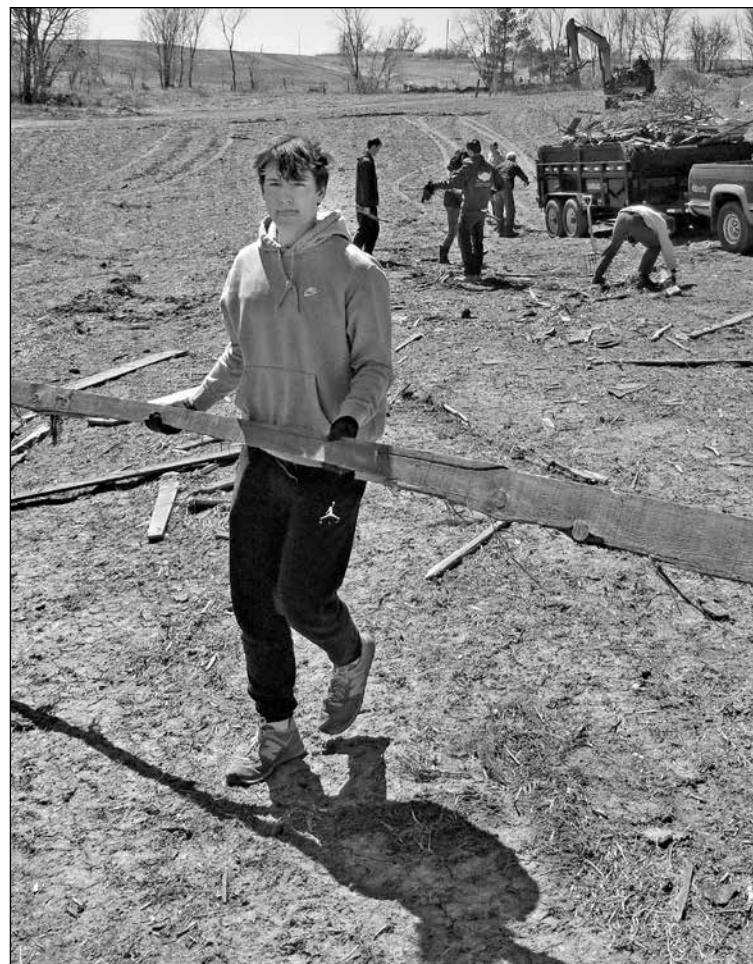
"Thank you so much for the opportunity to come out today and see some of the opportunities that you're developing."

After fielding a few questions from the group, Schlabaugh presented Sen. Ernst with a gift basket of some of Kalona's finest products.

As we departed the building, Sen. Ernst gleeful about receiving cheese curds, The News asked her about her visit to Kraft Heinz in Muscatine earlier in the day - a factory at which media were not permitted.

"Oh, it was fantastic!" she said. "They have a new Heinz 57 that's coming out. It's got jalapenos."

TORNADO AFTERMATH



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Students from Hillcrest Academy helped clean up debris from fields the week after the tornado.

POST-TORNADO NEWS AND RESOURCES

"Aftermath: Narration of the Keota, Iowa EF4 Tornado"

Hillcrest Academy will host an event at Celebration Hall to relive the March 31 tornado on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Kyle Miller, Hillcrest 2011 alumnus, will provide an in-depth analysis of the tornado as it happened using video and photos of the aftermath. He will also discuss safety measures for preparing for the next severe weather outbreak.

The historic tornado was only the second EF4 in southeast Iowa in the past 55 years, ranking it in the top 1% of most destructive tornadoes in the US (and the first EF4 in the past 39 years).

Please note, the presentation contains some strong language.

Facebook: Eastern Iowa Storm Lost and Found

If your property was damaged by the tornado and household items have gone missing, join this private group to see if your property was recovered by others. If you have found items on or near your property since the storm, such as clothing, metal signs, cookbooks, dolls, or others, post photos of items here in hopes their owners might be found.

FarmRescue.org

This nonprofit helps farmers in Iowa and other western/midwestern states who have experienced illness, injury, or environmental disaster by providing the necessary equipment and volunteer workforce to plant, hay, or harvest a crop. If your farm was affected by the tornado, visit this website for more information and assistance.

Mennonite Disaster Services

MDS has been organizing

volunteers to clean up fields and provide meals. To sign up to volunteer, contact Marty Roth at 319-430-4025 or Catrina Miller 319-430-9048 or IowaMDS@gmail.com. Advance registration is requested by organizers.

Volunteers have been meeting at Wellman Mennonite Church, 1215 8th Ave, Wellman, at 8 a.m. each morning and have been returning between 4 and 5 p.m. each day.

If you or someone you know needs help with clean up or material needs, contact MDS.

Iowa Individual Assistance Grant

Iowa's governor issued a disaster proclamation for 12 counties, including Johnson, Keokuk, and Washington, after the March 31 storm. This activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant program, which provides grants of up to \$5000 for households with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation (April 1) to submit a claim to <https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs>.

Disaster Case Management Program

This program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. Iowacommunityaction.org or contact HACAP in Washington County.



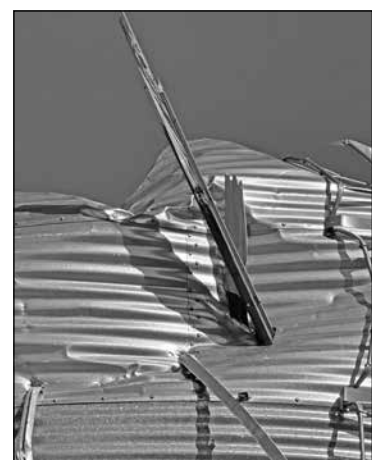
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The week after tornados damaged homes and farms in Keota and Wellman, Mid-Prairie students joined the clean-up effort.



SUBMITTED

The tornado damage sustained by Steve and Julie Berger's corn, soybean, and swine operation west of Wellman on March 31 was significant.



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Do you want friendly birds in your backyard?

BY TJ RHODES
The News

KALONA

Imagine waking up early, brewing yourself a cup of coffee and sitting on your porch to enjoy the sunrise with an early morning breeze. While there, a beautiful symphony plays just outside your door, arising from a purple martin colony that you foster. With a little hard work, this could be your reality.

On Saturday, Mar. 25, the purple martin seminar was held in the Kalona clothing center to teach spectators about birds in their backyard. The main star was, of course, the purple martin.

The Purple Martin

The purple martin has grown highly dependent on human intervention. Without people building homes, they would not have a place to live. They're not an endangered species yet are uncommon. They're only common in areas where people care for them.

Despite being loved in Kalona and surrounding areas, housing purple martins does not come easy. Des Moines resident and retired DNR manager Tim Gedler was inspired by a purple martin seminar in 2012, and later looked to house martins himself. In his first year, Gedler saw one martin seek refuge during a storm, not staying long. After this, it took nearly seven years for martins to become a mainstay.

Patience is key. Without it, you might never see martins flock to your home. You also must use appropriate homes. The martins nest in groups, meaning the homes must have multiple cavities or gourdes strung together. Martins will not nest in a typical bird home.

You must stay cognizant of where you place the colonies. Gedler recommends 30-120 feet away from your home, 40 feet clear of trees, and a water source within a half mile. If martins visit one year but do not stay, consider slightly moving the homes to better fit these details as martins are picky birds. Be careful of moving successful colonies in the off-season for the exact same reason.

Keeping inventory of the martins is a good way to protect them. Doing daily or every-other-day checks to make sure the nest is dry along with checking the health of baby martins is highly recommended. Continue keeping track of the martins' progress until they're 28 days old (or so) and ready to fledge (when they're ready to fly).

At the 22-day mark, the babies might become eager to jump out of the nest when you open the homes to inspect. Finding ways to plug the opening while still doing checks or having cameras inside the cavities is a great way to combat this. Also, make your life easier by investing in a pulley system to raise and lower the houses. Ladders complicate the process.

If a baby does jump from the nest, do not worry. Gently picking it up and placing it back in the nest from whence it came will not result in a mother's rejection.

Gedler also recommends paying attention to weather and knowing how long your martins go without eating. If the temperature is 50 degrees or lower, or it rains, for three consecutive days the martins might be in the process of starving.

His tactic for feeding them is by tossing dead crickets into the air. He might do it 100 times before the birds catch the cricket midair. Eventually, with a little training, he can toss just a few in the air and put the rest in the feeding tray and the birds will come down to eat. If the birds are too starved, it is best to put the crickets directly into their homes. Gedler mentioned storing upwards of 1,000 crickets in his freezer for occasions like these.

A hospitable backyard

It is important to remember, different strokes for different birds. It is important to know which birds you're trying to foster in your yard before making any ultimate plans.

Food is a huge factor in this process. If you want to see hummingbirds in your backyard, make sure to have specific feeders for them and replace their feed every single day. Especially in the summer heat, their food can become sticky and nasty in less than a day.

If you want to attract more than one species of bird, sunflower seeds are a good bet. Another is eggshells, but don't blindly throw eggshells into the yard. A trick that Ivan Ray Miller recommended is baking a pot of eggshells, to at least 150 degrees, to irradiate any traces of salmonella. Then, crush and leave them outside for your birds. Almost all birds love eggshells as they're a great source of calcium, which birds need a lot.

Knowing what types of birds live in your area and then researching to put the proper bird houses out for them is essential to creating a hospitable backyard. A purple martin colony compared to a blue bird house are polar opposites.

So, what else can you do to create a hospitable backyard? Fresh water is as important as food. A bird bath is a good start. A heated bird bath is even better, according to Miller, who runs one without electricity on his property. Miller also recommended having a rock sticking out of the bird bath, so the birds have a nice, safe place to stand around the water.

Threats to backyard birds

There are many threats that can prevent your backyard from being a safe space for birds. Some birds, like sparrows, will take over a pre-existing nest and kill babies. The speakers at the purple martin seminar offered a few tricks to deal with these pesky birds. There are traps to catch and release them elsewhere, or a specific nest for them can be created, knowing martins will avoid it and the sparrow can



take over.

Other predatory birds can wreak havoc on your backyard birds, like owls and hawks. These are harder to deal with, but netting can be put around a nest so that a bigger bird cannot get underneath, yet the smaller birds you want to house can.

You also want to protect your birds from predators like raccoons, opossums, cats, and snakes. The more birds you bring in, the more predators you attract. It is highly recommended to use predator guards on every bird home and feeder. Predator guards can prevent predators from scurrying up the poles to find dinner.

Squirrels pose a threat to bird feeders and can be prevented with more predator guards. Another trick to keeping squirrels out of feeders is keeping feeders out from under trees. Squirrels are crafty and will jump from tree to feeder if they can't climb up the pole.

Another threat to martins are mites. Mites will suck the blood out of martins and cause some babies to leap from nests too early. The speakers at the seminar recommended using a quarter teaspoon of Sevin Dust as soon as an egg is seen in a nest. It can be spread around the edges of the home, underneath the nest. Unless you see an infestation, one treatment is good enough. Doing this will greatly prevent mite infestations, but it is hard to fully pre-



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Marianne Reha-VanRoekel with an unusual Persian Queen geranium; "You won't just find this anywhere," she notes.



An Unstoppable Upright Fire begonia, grown at Reha Greenhouses for the first time this year.

Reha Greenhouses offers summer garden inspiration

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

"We are in danger of frost until about May 10," Marianne Reha-VanRoekel says as we survey the plants for sale inside Reha Greenhouses in Wellman, but something about being inside that warm, green-filled space raises spirits and encourages optimism.

"A lot of people just come in to look here at the beginning of April," she says. Pansies and cole crops, such as cabbage, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and kale, are ready to be planted, but for the most part, Reha-VanRoekel advises, "Come out and enjoy the view and get your imagination going. But

really, you need to hold off for a little bit."

There are so many beautiful, blooming plants inside the greenhouse space, it might be hard to resist filling your back seat or trunk bed with containers.

The business, which Reha-VanRoekel's dad opened in 1974 when she was just a second grader, grows vegetables and a few plants from seed. Other plants they receive as hundreds of plugs from "all across the United States, from Colorado to New Jersey, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio," Reha-VanRoekel says. "We decide how we want to grow them, whether we want to put those plugs in pots or

packs or baskets."

"We grow the gamut," she says. "We have lots and lots of geraniums, lots of petunias. But then we grow pentas and Angelonia. We have about 15 different varieties of coleus."

Pentas are tropical plants that bloom in clusters of tiny star-shaped flowers; Angelonia are fragrant, herbaceous plants from arid regions that erupt in tall spires of flowers. Coleuses are plants in the mint family with beautifully colored leaves. Inside the greenhouse, tables are filled with them.

"I think vegetable gardening is going to be big this year because produce is a little more expensive," Reha-VanRoekel says. "Why not grow it yourself and have it fresh?"

Whatever your preferences for vegetable gardening, Reha Greenhouses can supply your needs. They carry about 15 varieties of tomatoes, 10 varieties of peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, squashes, and melons. Heirloom varieties make up some of their tomato offerings; Brandywine, Black Krim, Cherokee Purple, Amish Paste, and Amana Orange all grow well in our area and will be available for planting.

"Our personal preference, if you want good all-around tomatoes, [is] Big Beef," Reha-VanRoekel says when asked if she has a favorite.

"Actually - I'm saying this with a little pride - last year at the State Fair we got first place in the beef category of tomatoes," she says. "We're very proud of that."

Marianne and her husband Marty are new to participating in the State Fair, having only entered vegetables in the last two years from their personal garden. They were not immediately successful, as Reha-VanRoekel tells a funny story

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It's not too early to shop for spring and summer plants, although it's wise to keep them protected until the frost danger has passed in early May.

REHA

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about their onions being moved to the back of the table by a judge their first year, but with a few tips from an older, long-time gardener, they were able to raise their game.

Big Beef was their winner, and Reha-VanRoekel uses the "nice, meaty tomato" to make sauce, salsa, and stewed tomatoes as well as just slicing to eat fresh.

She also adores hot peppers, including poblano, ancho, Anaheim, and habaneros, and the greenhouse sells bell peppers and banana peppers as well. One of her favorite peppers is Carmen, an Italian pepper that has a unique 'bullhorn' shape. "It turns red right away and is so sweet," she says. "If I was to cook with a pepper, I would choose the Carmen over anything else, because it's so sweet."

"When my youngest son, who is now 23, was a little tyke, he would just pick them off the plants and eat them, and he would say, 'This is just like candy,'" she chuckles at the memory.

Reha Greenhouses are also known for their ferns; baskets of them hang over the tables inside the greenhouse.

"We actually started those last August," Reha-VanRoekel says. "They're all homegrown here, which we're pretty proud of. We do about 300 ferns."

As the business heads into its 49th year, 22 of which Reha-VanRoekel has been a part, having left a career as an educator and been mentored by her now-retired dad, she's excited about what they have accomplished.

"My husband and I feel that

this is one of the best crops we've ever grown," she says. "It's just a really good-looking crop. Everything is growing well, has nice form and color. It's at the point right now where we want it to be. We don't want it to be too big. We don't want it to be too small.

We know that these that are sitting on the table are going to be flushed out and are going to look great by the end of April." "We're not quite ready [for spring planting], but we're getting there," she says. "We're inviting the public in to take a look around."

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To disinfect the pots, use a stiff brush or rag to remove all the loose soil particles. Soak the container in a solution containing one part household bleach to nine parts water for a minimum of 10 minutes. Then wash pots in soapy water (dish detergent works great) and rinse clean.

Mineral deposits can frequently form around the upper inside rim of the pot near the soil line. Remove this mineral deposit from pots with a scouring pad. Tough-to-remove deposits can be scraped away with a knife. Smooth any rough edges with steel wool. Rinse the pot and it is ready for reuse.



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A family gets their photo taken at the blow up bunny.



Kids get the signal to start the hunt.



Travis Riggan, Kelsi Cerny and Jacob Hartzler (in the Easter Bunny costume), and Colton Sypherd.

Easter Bunny visits Hall Park

BY CHRISTINE KIRKWOOD
The News

RIVERSIDE

Postponing the Easter Bunny's visit to Riverside until April 8 turned out to be a good idea. It was much warmer than the previous weekend and the bright sunshine put everyone in good spirits. The eager kids needed no urging once the signal was given to start the hunt, which covered much of Hall

Park. The littlest ones were corralled on the tennis courts, making it easier for parents to keep an eye on them.

Becky LaRoche organized the activities for the Riverside Area Community Club (RACC). Travis Riggan, president of RACC, was also on hand to help. He recruited students from the Highland girls and boys golf teams he coaches to help set up and keep all the groups headed in the

right directions. They earned Red Cord hours for their volunteer work, as well as had a great time. Students included Colton Sypherd, Kelsi Cerny and Jacob Hartzler in the Easter Bunny costume this year, providing the photo op and handing out treats and coloring books. A big thanks to everyone who helped and to all those who showed up to enjoy the morning.



The Easter Bunny sat for photos.



Littlest ones on the tennis court.

ON THE HUNT FOR EGGS



EMILY MARNER/THE NEWS

Crowds turned out for Kalona's Easter Egg Hunt on April 8. Kids of all ages scrambled for colorful plastic eggs filled with candy under sunny skies. Pony rides and bunny-petting opportunities made the morning one families won't soon forget.



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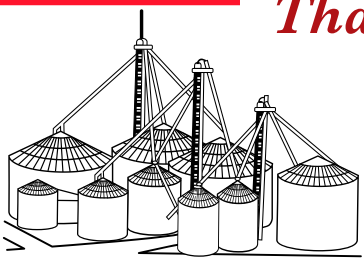
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There were hundreds of people, many of whom we do not know. We can't begin to thank everyone who donated labor, food, drink, and unlimited use of their equipment.

Everyone's help is very much appreciated and we would not have been able to do this without the outpouring of support from this community.

And again, a special thank you to our employees who have really helped us every minute through this - you're the best.

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Trotsky Wagner

Jan. 3, 2006 - March 27, 2023

Our hero, Trotsky Wagner, has moved on from his earthly existence. Abandoned as a puppy in downtown Kalona, he was rescued by Todd, given to Rick and lived an extraordinary dog's life.



In his early years he was the team mascot and scout for the Kalona Green Babe Ruth baseball team, spending his first seven summers at baseball parks. In his later years he eventually became a Service Dog, pretended to drive cars, and delivered cheer and happiness to all who greeted him. He leaves behind his dog friends in Iowa, Hank, Diesel, and Huckleberry; and his canine posse in Houston, Jasper, June Carter, and Cash. He loved traveling and over the years spent time in Houston and Austin, Texas; Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Tallahassee, Florida; Athens, Georgia; Buffalo, New York; Washington D.C.; Columbus and Toledo, Ohio; Minneapolis and Bena, Minnesota. He spent many hours on Portage Lake outside Bena, where he ran point on the fishing boat. During his later years, he liked spending time at the Kalona library, Stick's Garage, and the Hard Luck Cafe where he enjoyed time with the 5 o'clock westend crowd. Finally in his last year, knowing his time was limited, he carved out enough time for more travel and was able to visit 103 different cities. He enjoyed VIP access and was allowed to enter any restaurant or lounge in any city he went because of his official Service Dog status. Thanks to Lorna and Jo for giving Trotsky his monthly bath and hygiene, especially during the last year. Thanks to Dr. Marv, and Kalona Vet. Many thanks to Carli and Kelsi who served as companions and caretakers the last year of his life. Thanks to Southeast Iowa Masonry, Rob Owens, and Jay Hulser for building his resting place. Thanks to Dubya for making his casket. And thanks to everyone who attended the entombment--especially little Walker Brenneman. Later this summer, a celebration of Trotsky's life will take place at the Joetown Hotel. A good friend of Trotsky's, Mr. David Zollo, will perform. A date has not been set at this time but it will be posted in the News when it is.

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Hillcrest sophomore, Seth Ours, breaking past the Cedar Valley defense during a game on April 6th.

HILLCREST KICKS THINGS OFF

The young Ravens soccer team flock in season opening win over the Cedar Valley Huskies on April 6

BY TJ RHODES
The News

KALONA

The field was covered in tornado debris mere hours before kickoff. After working as a team to clear the field, it was time to play. With many first-time soccer players and not much time to practice, the odds were stacked against the Ravens.

Despite this, the Ravens took a commanding 3-1 win over the Cedar Valley Huskies in their season opener.

Hillcrest freshman Rowan Miller, who is new to soccer, impressed, first by drawing a penalty against Cedar Valley's goaltender while making an aggressive push to the net. Senior captain, Grant Bender, took the penalty shot and scored the first goal of the game, 11:25 minutes in. Bender took a deceptive left corner shot that fooled the Huskie goaltender, springing to the right-side of the net.

"Grant [Bender], you expect him to do well," Hillcrest head coach, Marcus Miller, said. "Bender just did a nice job

defensively."

Miller continued his impressive game by breaking past the Huskie defense and scoring the first goal of the second half, 13:27 in, to make the score 2-1. Despite being his first game, Miller looked experienced, finding multiple shots, and breaking free more than once to create chances for the Ravens.

After Miller's lead-snatching goal, Cedar Valley played a much tighter game defensively, keeping the ball on the Ravens side of the field, forcing numerous turnovers and mistakes from

the young Raven flock. Yet, Cedar Valley only managed two shots on goal as the game turned into a constant back-and-forth throw-in contest. The Ravens easily outshot the Huskies, in offensive spurts, with 18 shots, ten of which on goal.

After seven minutes of both teams trading throw-in attempts, sophomore Seth Ours, created some padding in the

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Danielle Hostetler is a blazing triple threat



Paul Bowker
Columnist

Let's catch up on a few things this week, notebook style:

Danielle Hostetler, a junior runner at Mid-Prairie, could be chasing down a rare triple championship at this year's Iowa High School Track & Field Championships in Des Moines.

She is already ranked No. 1 in Class 2A at 1500 and 3000 meters, and is No. 6 in the 800.

Hostetler has won three consecutive state championships in cross country and many of her races have been won by such large margins that she has drawn the attention of spectators not aware of her until they see her run.

She is the daughter of Mid-Prairie girls track and cross country coach Mark Hostetler, and the younger sister of Anna and Marie Hostetler, who both won state championships and went on to compete at Liberty University.

Danielle won the 1500 and 3000 state championships in her freshman season of 2021, then repeated as 3000m cham-



Left, Mid-Prairie's Rebekah Wallington crosses the finish line of the 800m at the Demon relays. Right, Mid-Prairie's Sophie Miller clears a hurdle in the 100m hurdles on April 6th.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

MP girls take top spot at the Washington Relays

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WASHINGTON

Making its case as one of the better track & field teams around, the Mid-Prairie girls track & field team traveled to Case Field in Washington to take part in the Washington relays and finished first out of 13 schools on April 6.

The annual Washington T&F meet, also known as the Demon Relays, was the beneficiary of calm, pleasant to walk in weather. The type of weather one might try to go to the park with the hopes of flying a delta kite throughout the sky.

The top five schools who accumulated the most points at this event were Mid-Prairie in first place with 130, Prairie in second place with 122, Mount Pleasant in third place with 109.50, Washington in fourth place with 90, and Tipton in fifth place with 84 points.

The only way to earn points at this event was to place in the top six. Points awarded in the individual events and relays were: 10 points for first place, eight points for second place, six points for third place, four points for fourth place, two points for fifth place, and one point for sixth place.

Being able to place in the top three in 10 events, grabbing first place in the 1500m, the 3000m, and the 800m sprint medley contributed to the Golden Hawks first place finish.

With the track meet in Williamsburg, originally slated for April 4, being canceled because of poor weather conditions, this was the first meet for Mid-Prairie in seven days.

The first place four-person team for the Golden Hawks in the 800 meter sprint medley, with a time of 1:53.86, was composed of senior Madeline Schrader, senior Amara Jones, senior Tabitha Evans and freshman Jovi Evans.

In the same event Mount Pleasant was the runner up with a time of 1:56.42 and in third place was Prairie with a time of 1:58.45.

The standout performance for the Golden Hawks came from junior Danielle Hostetler. Hostetler nabbed a first place finish in the 1500 meter run, making this back-to-back meets in which she took the top spot in the 1500m, with a time of 4:52.66. She was the only one in this event with a time below five minutes.

Coming in second place with a time of 5:17.08 was Fort Madison freshman Avery Rump and Prairie junior Keirra Hess finished in third with a time of 5:18.61.

In the 3000 meter run the Golden Hawks took the first and second place spots. Hostetler finished first out of 15

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

SOPHIA BAKER MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR

Baker put on a show when she scored four goals in a 10-0 win over Monticello on April 10. By scoring this hat trick plus one she now leads the Golden Hawks this season in the scoring department with five goals in total. This win keeps Mid-Prairie undefeated on the season.



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LT, HC, MP, HL battle it out at MK invitational



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Left, Highland's Katelyn Waters hands the baton off to teammate Lilly Barre at the Lone Tree meet on April 10th. Right, Hillcrest's Owen Scott clears the cross bar during the high jump event at Lone Tree on April 10th.



BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

LONE TREE

Now becoming a tradition, Lone Tree hosted its second annual Mike Kautz Invitational on April 10. This invitational is the Lion's lone home track meet of the season and is named after former Lone Tree coach and teacher of 44 years, Mike Kautz.

This was a CO-ED meet, the eight schools who arrived to compete were: WACO, Louisa-Muscatine, Columbus, Keota, Hillcrest, Highland, Mid-Prairie, and Lone Tree.

On the girls side Mid-Prairie ended up winning its second meet in a row, topping the competition with 152 points. Lone Tree was the runner up with 135 points, Highland took third with 81 points, and Hillcrest claimed seventh place with 17 points.

For the boys Columbus was the winning school with a score of 177.5. Lone Tree took fourth place with 89 points, Hillcrest finished in 6th place with 25 points, and Highland placed 8th with eight points.

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Left, Hillcrest's Erin Bontrager and Delaney Shaw round the corner during the Mike Kautz Invitational at Lone Tree on April 10th. Right, Lone Tree's Drew Gauley participates in the 100m hurdle event on April 10th.



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Left, Mid-Prairie's Alaina Safly sprints down the track with the baton at Lone Tree on April 10th. Right, Lone Tree's Jazmine Nino rounds the corner during the Mike Kautz Invitational at Lone Tree on April 10th.



Left, Mid-Prairie's Olivia Schlabach leaps over a hurdle during the 100m hurdle event on April 6th. Right, Mid-Prairie's Dakota Mitchell races down the track during the 4x200m event at Washington on April 6th.

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competitors and led the pack throughout this entire race, finishing with a time of 10:27.22, the only person to post a sub 11 minute time.

Earning a runner up finish was Mid-Prairie junior Abby Felming, recording a time of 11:28.66 and in third place with a time of 11:32.71 was Tipton

sophomore Laura Owen.

Mid-Prairie junior Emma Lueck was able to earn a runner up finish in the long jump event with a jump of 15-10. Lueck and Highland's Sarah Burton, the first place finisher in the long jump, with a jump of 16-11, were the only competitors to surpass the 15-00 mark.

Up next for the Mid-Prairie girls track and field team will be traveling to Tipton to take part in the Tigerette Relays against nine other teams on April 13. Then the Golden Hawks will travel to Iowa City to compete in the Eastern Iowa Track and Field Festival on April 15.

RESULTS

100m: 1, Sarah Jordan, Prairie, 13.10; 4, Tabitha Evans, Mid-Prairie, 13.38; 6, Jovi Evans, Mid-Prairie, 13.60; 12, Nevaeh Decker, Mid-Prairie, 14.28.
200m: 1, Sarah Jordan, Prairie, 26.86; 2, Tabitha Evans, Mid-Prairie, 26.88; 5, Greta Sieren, Mid-Prairie, 29.02; 21, Laurin Fay, Mid-Prairie, 31.63.
400m: 1, Addie Nerem, Tipton, 1:04.43; 10, Rebekah Wallington, Mid-Prairie, 1:11.52; 21, Alaina Safly, Mid-Prairie, 1:20.42; 22, Kiah West, Mid-Prairie, 1:22.32.

800m: 1, Iris Dahl, Washington, 2:27.28; 14, Annika Poll, Mid-Prairie, 2:51.42; 19, Rebekah Wallington, Mid-Prairie, 3:01.45; 23, Alaina Safly, Mid-Prairie, 3:19.82.
1500m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 4:52.66; 4, Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 5:17.08; 7, Phoebe Shetler, Mid-Prairie, 5:27.50.
100m HURDLES: 1, Ryann Decker, Prairie, 16.08; 5, Olivia Schlabach, Mid-Prairie, 18.30; 7, Sophie Miller, Mid-Prairie, 18.51; 10, Emily Schlabach, Mid-Prairie, 18.79.
400m HURDLES: 1, Rellana Van Deuren,

1:14.19; 7, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:19.48; 10, Ashlee Farrier, Mid-Prairie, 1:24.39.
3000m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 10:27.22; 2, Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 11:28.66.
LONG JUMP: 1, Sarah Burton, Highland, 16-11; 2, Emma Lueck, Mid-Prairie, 15-10; 8, Hannah Rodgers, Mid-Prairie, 13-10.
HIGH JUMP: 1, Lyla Canny, Prairie, 5-03; 3, Ella Groenewold, Mid-Prairie, 4-10.
SHOT PUT: 1, Ella Ensminger, Mt. Pleasant, 36-05.50; 8, Ashley Harmsen, Mid-Prairie, 30-10.50; 13, Lacey Kos,

Mid-Prairie, 27-00.50; 23, Sam Stacey, Mid-Prairie, 23-02.50.
DISCUS: 1, Savannah Slobodnik, Mt. Pleasant, 99-08; 4, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 93-03; 8, Lacey Kos, Mid-Prairie, 88-02; 10, Ashley Harmsen, 85-10.
4x100m RELAY: 1, Prairie, 51.13; 3, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans), 51.79.
4x200m RELAY: 1, Burlington, 1:59.39; 2, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Jovi Evans, Amara Jones, Dakota Mitchell), 1:52.07.
4x400m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 4:19.24; 2, Mid-Prairie (Greta Sieren, Hannah Rod-

gers, Danielle Hostetler, Madeline Schrader), 4:26.18.
4x800m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 10:04.58; 7, Mid-Prairie (Phoebe Shatler, Annika Poll, Dessa Poll, Abby Fleming), 11:18.06.
800m RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans), 1:53.86.
1600m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 4:39.37; 4, Mid-Prairie (Dakota Mitchell, Lane Duwa, Hannah Rodgers, Greta Sieren), 4:43.79.
4x100m HURDLE RELAY: 1, Fairfield, 1:13.48; 3, Mid-Prairie (Amara Jones, Olivia Schlabach, Emily Schlabach, Sophie Miller), 1:13.75.



Left, Highland's Laney Skelton crosses the finish line during the 800m run on April 6th. Right, Highland's Jackson Schneider jumps over a hurdle during the Demon Relays.

Highland track teams tackle the Demon Relays

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WASHINGTON

Taking the relatively short trip from Highland to Washington the Huskies boys and girls track and field teams competed in the annual Demon Relays at Case Field on April 6.

The Highland girls battled it out against 12 other schools (Burlington, Fort Madison, Fairfield, Tipton, Washington, Mount Pleasant, Prairie, Mid-Prairie, North Cedar, Iowa City Liberty, Wapello, and WACO) and the Highland boys competed against eight other schools (Fort Madison, Mount Pleasant, Washington, Iowa City Liberty, Prairie, WACO, Fairfield, and Mid-Prairie).

Girls Results

Earning a top ten finish the Huskies earned 26 points at the Washington Meet to place ninth overall. The overall winner of the meet was Mid-Prairie with a score of 130, clearing the second place and third place schools Prairie and Mount Pleasant who scored 122 and 109.5 points respectively.

Highland junior Sarah Burton put up another stellar performance for the Huskies at the Demon Relays. Burton took the gold in the long jump event with her jump of 16-11. She was the only competitor to clear the 16 feet mark with the runner-up, Mid-Prairie junior Emma Lueck, going as far as 15-10.

In the 200 meter dash Burton took fourth place out of 33 competitors with her time of 27.99. Another Huskie who took part in this event was sophomore Lilly Barre, she placed 16th with her time of 30.45.

The best relay finish for the Huskies came from freshman Emma Cole, freshman Brena Hazelett, senior Adelynn Kleopfer, and freshman Mackenzie Davis in the 4x100 meter shuttle hurdle relay, placing fourth in this event with a time of 1:17.89.

Highland senior Jessica Kraus cracked the top ten in the Discus event with her best throw of 89-09 giving her a seventh place finish out of 29 participants. In the shot put event Kraus placed 14th out of 31

competitors with her farthest throw being 27-00.50.

Coming up for Highland, the Huskies travel to Lisbon to take part in the Lisbon Track & Field Invitational to compete against nine other schools on April 13.

Boys results

This year's Highland boys track and team may very well be a young team with a small roster but it doesn't stop them from competing with great vigor and enthusiasm.

The Huskies did not score enough points to be ranked at the Demon Relays with Prairie being the overall winner with 163 points. The second place and third place schools were

Iowa City Liberty and Washington with 110 and 104 points respectively.

Highland junior Jackson Schneider gave the Huskies its top finish of the day. In the 110 meter hurdles Schneider placed 13th in the event with a time of 21.61. He also placed 17th in the 400 meter hurdles event with a time of 1:19.84.

Another top performance for the Huskies came from freshman Owen Knox. Knox placed 21st in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.73 and he placed 26th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.44.

Up next for Highland the Huskies will take a trip to Lisbon to compete in the Lisbon Track and Field Invitational on April 13.

RESULTS

G- 100m: 1, Sarah Jordan, Prairie, 13.10; 9, Mackenzie McFarland, Highland, 14.04; 33, Hailie Hoppman, Highland, 16.79.
B- 100m: 1, Ethan Patterson, Washington, 11.65; 21, Owen Knox, Highland, 13.73.
G- 200m: 1, Sarah Jordan, Prairie, 26.86; 4, Sarah Burton, Highland, 27.99; 16, Lilly Barre, Highland, 30.45.
B- 200m: 1, Sam Asiedu-Okyere, Prairie, 22.97; 26, Owen Knox, Highland, 28.44.
G- 400m: 1, Addie Nerem, Tipton, 1:04.43; 24, Hailie Hoppman, Highland, 1:23.21.
G- 800m: 1, Iris Dahl, Washington, 2:27.28; 20, Laney Skelton, Highland, 3:06.12; 25 Halle Hazelett, Highland,

3:27.36.
B- 800m: 1, Jayse Yoder, Mid-Prairie, 2:04.19; 24, Brendan Schnoebelen, Highland, 2:53.89.
G- 1500m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 4:52.66; 22, Kylie Allen, Highland, 6:37.94; 25, Siena Stanerson, Highland, 6:57.31.
G- 100m HURDLES: 1, Ryann Decker, Prairie, 16.08; 14, Adelynn Kleopfer, Highland, 19.09; 17, Brena Hazelett, Highland, 19.42.
B- 110m HURDLES: 1, Will Davidson, Mt. Pleasant, 14.73; 13, Jackson Schneider, Highland, 21.61.
G- 400m HURDLES: 1, Rellana Van Deuren, 1:14.19; 17, Mackenzie Davis, Highland, 1:27.11; 20, Emma Cole, Highland, 1:32.45.

B- 400m HURDLES: 1, Will Davidson, Mt. Pleasant, 55.18; 17, Jackson Schneider, Highland, 1:19.84.
G- 3000m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 10:27.22; 12, Siena Stanerson, Highland, 13:21.09.
G- LONG JUMP: 1, Sarah Burton, Highland, 16-11.
G- HIGH JUMP: 1, Lyla Canny, Prairie, 5-03; 8, Kealy Roberts, Highland, 4-06; 10, Hailey Netser, Highland, 4-04.
G- SHOT PUT: 1, Ella Ensminger, Mt. Pleasant, 36-05.50; 14, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 27-00.50.
B- SHOT PUT: 1, Brayden Hartman, Washington, 56-00; 26, Will Boileau-Futrell, Highland, 24-08; 28, Spencer Thompkin, Highland, 22-08.50; 29, Brody Sobolik, Highland, 19-04.

G- DISCUS: 1, Savannah Slobodnik, Mt. Pleasant, 99-08; 7, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 89-08.
B- DISCUS: 1, Tate Joens, Prairie, 158-02; 22, Keaton Van Schoyk, Highland, 57-00; 23, Wyatt Richardson, Highland, 49-10.
G- 4x100m RELAY: 1, Prairie, 51.13; 8, Highland (Grace Prybil, Sarah Burton, Katelyn Waters, Mackenzie McFarland), 53.98.
B- 4x100m RELAY: 1, IC, Liberty, 45.17; 10, Highland (Spencer Thompkin, Willia Boileau-Futrell, Brody Sobolik, Brayden Zywiec), 1:04.15.
G- 4x200m RELAY: 1, Burlington, 1:59.39; 7, Highland (Grace Prybil, Lilly Barre, Kealy Roberts, Sarah Burton), 2:00.37.
G- 4x400m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 4:19.24; 11, Highland (Shauna Sublette, Avery

Pierson, Halle Hazelett, Hailey Netser), 5:35.50.
G- 4x800m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 10:04.58; 9, Highland (Hailey, Netser, Avery Pierson, Kylie Allen, Laney Skelton), 13:08.23.
G- 800m RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie, 1:53.86; 12, Highland (Grace Prybil, Katelyn Waters, Kealy Roberts, Lilly Barre), 2:15.50.
B- 1600m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 4:39.37; 13, Highland (Shauna Sublette, Emma Cole, Hailey Netser, Siena Stanerson), 6:02.57.
B- 1600m RELAY: 1, Prairie, 3:49.03; 10, Highland (Jackson Schneider, Owen Knox, Brayden Zywiec, Brendan Schnoebelen), 5:09.92.
G- 4x100m HURDLE RELAY: 1, Fairfield, 1:13.48; 4, Highland (Emma Cole, Brena Hazelett, Mackenzie Davis, Adelynn Kleopfer), 1:17.89.

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Raven lead, racing past the Huskies with newfound energy, kicking a bullet past the goalie to give the Ravens a 3-1 lead. This came with exactly 20 minutes left and would be the final goal of the night.

The Ravens fell down numerous times in this game, victims of cramps. Coach Miller believes this is a learning experience for the young team.

"I like to think [clearing the tornado debris] contributed to the cramping because, I'm sure some of these guys didn't drink enough water out there," Miller said. "We learned we have to drink more fluids, and so, it's just something simple like that."

Weather has been an issue, obviously. But also, scheduling has been another issue. Things like spring break have hindered the Ravens ability to hold practice before the season opener. Coach Miller hopes to see improvement throughout the season and having more stable weather and scheduling will aid improvement.

"I think this is the least experienced team I've had since

my second year of coaching. We only have two seniors and so, lots of inexperience," Miller said. "We have a lot to work on, but you know, we have a nice nucleus back at the defensive end, which really helps out our goalie."

Speaking of goalie sophomore, Kyle Neuschwander, it was his first go as goalie. Neuschwander did not see much action but got his feet wet. He saw just two shots, allowing the first one to hit the back of the net and then stopping the second one with great effort.

It is all about gaining experience that is essential for Raven success. Their next game will be against the Wapello Indians on Thursday, Apr. 13, at Wapello.

GAME STATS

CEDAR VALLEY 1, HILLCREST 3

	1	2	Total
Cedar Valley	1	0	1
Hillcrest	1	2	3

HILLCREST SCORING: Grant Bender 1, Rowan Miller 1, Seth Ours 1.

HILLCREST ASSISTS: Isaac Lybeck 1.

HILLCREST SAVES: Kyle Neuschwander 1, GOALS ALLOWED 1.



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Hillcrest senior, Grant Bender, making a clearing kick against Cedar Valley on April 6th.



Left, Mid-Prairie's Blake Creed and Jayse Yoder begin the 800m race at Washington on April 6th. Right, Mid-Prairie's Burke Berry heaves the shot put during the Demon Relays on April 6th.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

MP boys battle it out in the Demon Relays

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

WASHINGTON

The Demon Relays, a track and field meet Washington hosts every year, once again had a healthy dose of running, jumping, and throwing from some of the local area's best track & field athletes on April 6.

A CO-ED meet, with 13 schools for the girl's side and nine schools on the boy's side, the Mid-Prairie boy's track entered the foray that is the Demon Relays and secured a top five finish overall.

Prairie is the school that

came out on top at the Washington meet on the boy's side. Prairie acquired 163 points, 53 points more than the second placed school, Iowa City Liberty.

Washington and Mount Pleasant finished in third and fourth place with 104 and 94 points respectively.

Mid-Prairie and Fort Madison ended up tied for fifth place, both schools scored 82 points.

A key contributor to the Golden Hawks fifth place finish was Mid-Prairie sophomore Jayse Yoder. Yoder finished with the fastest time in the 800 meter run, taking first place

with a time of 2:04.19, just edging the second place time of 2:05.97.

The 800m was a big success for Mid-Prairie. Besides Yoder's first place finish, there was another Golden Hawk who took part in the race and they finished in third place. Mid-Prairie senior Blake Creed grabbed third place with a time of 2:07.05.

Mid-Prairie senior Cain Brown also had a standout performance at the Demon Relays. Brown claimed the top spot in the long jump with a first place jump of 20-09. Brown and the second place finisher, Prairie

sophomore Denzil Green, were the only ones out of 18 participants to surpass the 20 mark.

In the 400 meter hurdles Brown garnered a runner up finish with a time of 58.89 and he earned a third place finish in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.76, with the one who came in second place, Fort Madison sophomore Julian Dear, barely beating him with a time of 11.73

While there was no competition for Mid-Prairie sophomore Jayden Stafford in the wheelchair races, that didn't stop Stafford from trying his best, because there was still merit in racing those events, setting

official Demon Relay meet records.

Stafford set a new Washington meet record for three events, starting with the 101 meter wheelchair dash with a time of 19.14, the 201 meter wheelchair dash with a time of 36.15, and the 401 meter wheelchair dash with a time of 1:12.63.

Next on the docket for the Mid-Prairie boy's track and field team will be a trip to Iowa City to compete in the Eastern Iowa Track and Field Festival on April 15.

RESULTS

100m: 1, Ethan Patterson, Washington, 11.65; 3, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 11.76; 20, Terry Bordenave, Mid-Prairie, 13.53; 24, Aiden Montz, Mid-Prairie, 14.10.
200m: 1, Sam Asiedu-Okyere, Prairie, 22.97; 23, Payton Walker, Mid-Prairie, 27.72; 24, Matthew Troyer, Mid-Prairie, 28.05; 25, Brady Weber, Mid-Prairie, 28.06.
400m: 1, Jackson Johannes, Prairie, 51.92; 13, Jacob Donaldson, Mid-Prairie, 59.46; 14, Thomas Flynn, Mid-Prairie, 1:00.54; 17, Irman Ganibegovic, Mid-

Prairie, 1:02.03
800m: 1, Jayse Yoder, Mid-Prairie, 2:04.19; 3, Blake Creed, Mid-Prairie, 2:07.05; 9, Preston Yutzy, Mid-Prairie, 2:16.32.
1600m: 1, Micah Rees, Washington, 4:37.60; 3, Emmett Swartzentruber, Mid-Prairie, 4:44.69; 8, Thomas Flynn, Mid-Prairie, 5:09.20; 12, Jacob Donaldson, Mid-Prairie, 5:17.02.
400m HURDLES: 1, Will Davidson, Mt Pleasant, 55.18; 2, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 58.89; 4, Kaden Meader, Mid-Prairie, 1:03.33; 16, Traevin Gugel, Mid-Prairie, 1:13.42.

4x100m RELAY: 1, IC, Liberty, 45.17; 8, Mid-Prairie (Drake Price, Gentry Bontrager, Hudson Enrenfelt, Grady Gingerich), 48.34.
4x200m RELAY: 1, Fort Madison, 1:37.02; 5, Mid-Prairie (Hudson Ehrenfelt, Landry Gingerich, Kaden Meader, Grady Gingerich), 1:41.23.
4x400m RELAY: 1, IC, Liberty, 3:35.62; 4, Mid-Prairie (Jayse Yoder, Blake Creed, Hudson Ehrenfelt, Kaden Meader), 3:44.79.
4x800m RELAY: 1, Prairie, 8:17.15; 2, Mid-Prairie (Blake Creed, Emmett Swartzentruber, Preston Yutzy, Jayse Yoder),

8:36.04.
800m MEDLEY: 1, Prairie, 1:35.00; 6, Mid-Prairie (Drake Price, Gentry Bontrager, Irman Ganibegovic, Kaden Meader), 1:43.41.
DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1, Prairie, 3:49.03; 8, Mid-Prairie (Gavin Warnstaff, Peyton, Fox, Jaxsen Timmerman, Traevin Gugel), 4:26.16.
HIGH JUMP: 1, Ryan Giberson, Fairfield, 6-00; T-11, Josh Turner, Mid-Prairie, 5-04.
LONG JUMP: 1, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 20-09; T-10, Hudson Ehrenfelt, Mid-Prairie, 16-11.
SHOT PUT: 1, Brayden Hartman, Washing-

ton, 56-00; 6, Burke Berry, Mid-Prairie, 41-06.50; 8, Jackson Zahradnek, Mid-Prairie, 39-07.25.
DISCUS: 1, Tate Joens, Prairie, 158-02; 6, Jackson Zahradnek, Mid-Prairie, 115-01; 12, Kaden Kos, Mid-Prairie, 105-02.
101m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 19.14.
201m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 36.15.
401m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 1:12.63.

Huskies fall to WACO by single goal in first half



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Highland's Angel Avendano recovers the ball during a match against the Washington Demons on March 30th.

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

Seeking its first goal of the season, Highland went on the offense against WACO last Thursday.

Three quick breakaways failed to produce a score.

A penalty kick in the second half was stopped by WACO goalkeeper Colton Leichty.

And for the third consecutive game, the Huskies were shut out, losing 1-0.

"We couldn't bring it all together," Highland coach Dylan Stewart said. "It just comes down to gametime experience." Keiran Luitjens took advan-

tage of a scramble in front of the Huskies net and slammed a shot past Huskies keeper Jackson Keller with 5 minutes, 25 seconds left in the first half. And that was the goal that stood up.

Ayden Havel's speed led to several Highland scoring chances in the first half, but a defensive change by WACO in the second half cut off those quick counters.

A tripping foul in the penalty box led to a penalty kick for the Huskies midway through the second half, but Leichty made a save on the shot by Highland's Angel Avendano. WACO utilized a strong de-

fensive and midfield formation to slow down the Huskies and prevent a tying goal.

"Kudos to WACO. They're coached well," Stewart said. "I thought it was a good match-up."

While getting shut out for the third time, the Huskies used their speed and a solid possession game to push WACO. It was the closest game for Highland since a 5-2 win over Sigourney in April 2022.

"Everything's there," Stewart said. "The spacing was great."

Highland plays at Central Lee on Thursday, then hosts Columbus on April 17.



Left, Mid-Prairie senior, Sophia Baker, kicks the ball with pressure in her face in a game on April 10th. Right, Mid-Prairie junior, Zoey Curtiss, slipping the ball past the goalkeeper.

TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Sophia Baker nets four in Monticello rout

BY TJ RHODES

The News

WELLMAN

Sophia Baker's first goal came two minutes in. It made the score 2-0. That's right, the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks were already running away with it. Baker had four in the game, symmetrically scoring two in each half. Her first one came from a distance, perfectly placed at the top of the net, just out of reach for the Monticello goalie.

Baker's second goal trickled past the goalkeeper who only managed to place her fingertips on the ball in a diving effort. Baker then scored the

seventh and eighth goal in the second half, both identically hard shots from a distance that swiftly made home in the net, difficult for any goalie to stop.

The Golden Hawks won 10-0 by mercy rule in the second half with 8:27 left on the game clock.

Three minutes after Baker's first goal, freshman Niva Helmuth, shot the ball, collected her own rebound and buried it top right corner of the net to give the Hawks the extremely early 3-0 lead.

More than 20 minutes passed before Mid-Prairie found the back of the net again, but they spent this time having

grade-A scoring chances.

Freshman, Meadow Flynn, executed a perfect pass to freshman, Cirina Lucas, who just barely missed the wide-open net. Flynn then made another great pass to senior Amara Jones, who was prevented in her tap-in attempt. Jones had the opening goal of the night.

Junior, Zoey Curtiss, scored the fourth goal, racing to the net and slipping it past the goaltender. The offensive onslaught continued for the Hawks. Senior, Kina Miller, took a penalty shot that just barely missed, a perfect kick that reverberated off of the top post, a goalie's best friend.

The second half was the same story. Miller redeemed herself with a goal and Curtiss scored her second, the game-stopper. Junior, Emily Curtiss, joined in on the fun with goals of their own.

Both goalies, Miller and Helmuth, were hardly tested, not seeing a single shot on net.

Before this game, Mid-Prairie had just four goals on the year. It was nice for them and their head coach, Truman Shetler, to see the goals pile up.

"We didn't score many goals [last week] so, it's good to get back to scoring goals again," Shetler said. "Getting back on [our] field plan was good.

[We're] getting back in our rhythm."

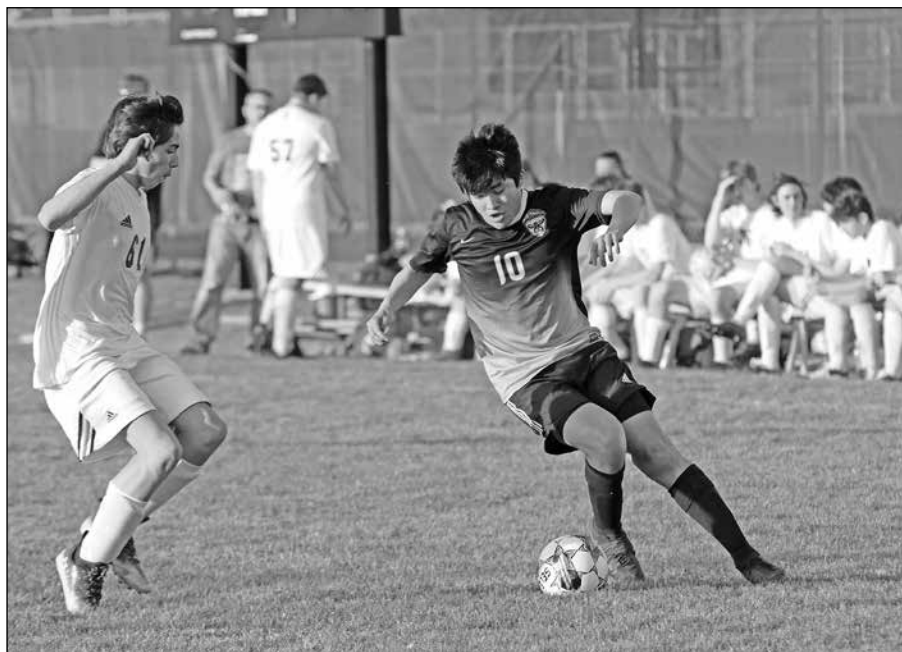
The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks will play Cedar Valley Christian on Thursday, Apr. 13, in Cedar Rapids.

GAME STATS

MONTICELLO 0, MID-PRAIRIE 10

	1	2	Total
Monticello	0	0	0
Mid-Prairie	5	5	10

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Sophia Baker 4, Zoey Curtiss 2, Amara Jones 1, Niva Helmuth 1, Kina Miller 1, Emily Curtiss 1. MID-PRAIRIE ASSISTS: Miller 3, Jones 2, Meadow Flynn 1, Lydia Beachy 1.



Left, Mid-Prairie junior, Daniel Rodgers, dribbles past the defense. Right, Mid-Prairie senior, Noah Ford, with a header shot in front of the net on April 10th.

TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

MP marches ahead in 6-1 win

BY TJ RHODES

The News

WELLMAN

A corner kick translated to a header shot in front of the net was clearly the game plan.

Not three minutes in and junior, Joe Hall, bounced a header shot into the back of the net from a corner kick. An electric way to pull ahead.

Mid-Prairie won this game as the sun set, with a 6-1 score. Even the score suggests it was closer than it was. Mid-Prairie had 38 shots and 21 on goal. Their goalkeepers were rarely tested as well. With a little friendly competition,

sophomore, Andrew Kaufman, played the first half and saw no shots on goal.

Sophomore, Jacob Flynn, played the second half and saw four shots, making three saves. Each goalie played incredibly aggressively, not standing still in net but rather making their presence known.

"We like our goalies to be aggressive. We think when they sit back on the line, they don't contribute to our formation," Golden Hawk head coach, Wyatt Cady said. "We'd like to see them come out, it takes the long ball from the other team and gives us an option to defensively drop the ball to maintain

possession."

Cady had a few players that stood out to him, one of which being senior Noah Ford, who scored the second goal of the game from far out, just sneaking past the Monticello goaltender.

"[Ford] had a few headers that could have went in and got saved. It's crazy to look at the stat sheet just to see one goal for him," Cady said. "I thought for the first half, he was the man to mark."

After one half, the score was 2-0 in favor of the home team. The two goals came within the first nine minutes of play. The goals in the second came much

quicker.

Junior, Daniel Rodgers, broke past the Monticello defense to slip a quick shot into the net. 3-0. Senior, Owen Trimpe, broke away to score an easy one. 4-0. Junior, Tucker Miller, once again found a way to break past the crumbling Monticello defense to score right in front of the goalie. 5-0.

With nine minutes left, by far the Hawks most impressive goal was scored. Trimpe, with amazing hustle, broke to the out-of-bounds marker and kept the ball in play with an incredible pass to the front of the net for freshman Jesse Stultz, who did not let Trimpe's effort go in vain. 6-0.

Monticello's best offensive chance came at the very end. Their first corner kick of the game led to pandemonium in

front of the Mid-Prairie net. With great pressure, Monticello finally made a mark on the scoreboard. 6-1.

After this, the chaotic second half ended, and Mid-Prairie broke even on the record sheet. Their next game will be in Cedar Rapids against Cedar Valley Christian on Thursday, Apr. 13.

GAME STATS

CEDAR VALLEY 1, HILLCREST 3

	1	2	Total
Monticello	0	1	1
Mid-Prairie	2	4	6

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Jesse Stultz 1, Tucker Miller 1, Joe Hall 1, Daniel Rodgers 1, Owen Trimpe 1, Noah Ford 1. MID-PRAIRIE ASSISTS: Miller 1, Trimpe 1. MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Jacob Flynn 3.

BOWKER/

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pion last year while finishing third in the 1500 and fourth in the 800.

At a multi-team and multi-class track meet hosted by Washington last week, Hostetler won the 1500 with a time of 4 minutes, 52.66 seconds, defeating Fort Madison's Avery Rump by more than 24 seconds, and she won the 3000 in 10:27.22, finishing ahead of the runner-up by more than a minute and topping her 2022 state-winning time.

Hostetler will hit Drake University's Blue Oval for the first time this year at the 113th Drake Relays later this month,

April 26-29.

Mid-Prairie's 4x100 girls relay team has also qualified.

Her second visit to the Blue Oval will come in the state meet in May.

Track Talk

Also off to fast starts in girls track are Sarah Burton, a junior at Highland, and Rylee Shield, a sophomore at Lone Tree.

Burton ranks second in Class 2A in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 11 inches. Burton has already surpassed her third-place jump of 16-10.5 at the 2022 state meet.

Shield ranks first in the 400 in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North with a time of 1:03.43. She is second in the

800.

Mid-Prairie's Cain Brown is tied for second in Class 2A and tied for fifth, all classes, with a high jump of 6-7. That's three inches higher than his jump at last year's state meet, which earned him a fourth-place finish.

Another high jumper to watch is Mid-Prairie senior Ella Groenewold, whose 5-2 best jump this year is 2 inches higher than her 10th-place finish at the 2022 state meet. Groenewold is the River Valley Conference leader and she is tied for 10th place in Class 2A.

Herky Bobblehead

Got your Hawkeye? The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum

in Milwaukee is producing a limited-edition bobblehead honoring the run by the Iowa women's basketball team to the national championship game.

The limited edition will total 2,023 bobbleheads and cost \$40 each. Shipping is expected to take place in July.

The bobblehead features Herky, the Iowa mascot, holding up a newspaper that proclaims: Hawkeyes Make Iowa Proud!"

The Hawkeyes won the Big Ten Tournament and were seeded No. 2 in the NCAA Tournament. They won their first five games in the NCAAs, including over 2022 national champion South Carolina in the semifinals. LSU topped Iowa in the national championship.

For more information, go to: www.bobbleheadhall.com

Perfect Start

Mid-Prairie's 10-0 win over Monticello in girls soccer on Monday night marked the first time in more than 10 years that the Golden Hawks won their first three games.

The Golden Hawks of 2012 won their first four games by a combined score of 37-0.

Mid-Prairie, which has posted two straight shutouts, play at Cedar Valley Christian on Thursday and at Beckman Catholic on Friday.

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GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Left Mid-Prairie's Drew Schlaubaugh puts the ball during a meet on March 20th. Right, Mid-Prairie's Gabi Robertson approaches the green during a meet on March 20th.

Golden Hawks golf teams split with Tipton

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

While the locations for each Golden Hawks golf team were different, the girls team stayed in Kalona and the boys team traveled to Tipton, there were two constants: the opponent and the weather.

On a gorgeous day for golf both Mid-Prairie golf teams faced off against Tipton in a River Valley Conference dual on April 10. When the duals were over the girls found themselves the victors over Tipton while the boys were defeated, unable to overcome Tipton's home course advantage.

Girls Results

At the Kalona Golf Course for the first time this season the Golden Hawks staved off Tipton to earn a 183-209 victory.

"Nice weather and playing our home course was a nice change for the kids and they

really took advantage of it," Mid-Prairie coach Tracy McArtor said about the RVC dual against Tipton.

Mid-Prairie junior Madi Davidson earned medalist honors and set a personal best with a score of 38.

Scoring 43 to secure a runner-up finish was Mid-Prairie junior Gabi Robertson. Robertson set a new personal best with the 43 she shot.

"Madi and Gabi both came out of the gate with great scoring on the first couple holes and I think that really gave them a lot of confidence," McArtor said. "All the kids played really well and it's great to see those kinds of scores this early in the season."

The rest of the Mid-Prairie varsity team also posted admirable scores to help make the margin of victory over Tipton even wider: senior Kylie Reiner finished with a 49, junior Elliot Debler finished with a 53, senior Alexa Huber also finished with a 53, and sophomore

Addison English finished with a 54.

The junior varsity team for Mid-Prairie also had a chance to play, finishing with a score of 251.

"This was also the first night our JV kids were able to get in a full 9 holes in a meet setting and that will only benefit them going forward," McArtor said. "A 251 team score is a great start for them. Madison Witthoft, Lilly Miller, Paiton Chittick, Drea McCain, Ariel Kaufman and Delani Blum are working hard and making all the progress I'd expect from them at this point in the season"

Next up on the horizon for the Mid-Prairie girls golf team will be a triangular against West Branch and Wilton at the Cedar Edge Golf Course on April 17.

Boys Results

The power of home course advantage is something to not

be underestimated, especially when it comes to golf. The Golden Hawks on the road came up short against the school that stands at the top of the RVC, Tipton, with a final score of 157-167.

"What a beautiful day for golf. We knew it would be tough playing at Tipton who is one of the favorites to win the RVC this year," Mid-Prairie coach Kelby Bender said. "I was really pleased with our 167. I thought we competed and played well against Tipton on a course most of the golfers had not played before."

Mid-Prairie freshman Bryce Henry was the top performer for the Golden Hawks at this RVC dual. Henry finished third overall with a score of 40. He was able to make three pars on holes 1, 5, and 7. His lone birdie was made on the 6th hole.

Not far behind Henry was Mid-Prairie junior Drew Schlaubaugh who finished with a 41. Schlaubaugh made two pars and his night was highlighted by a

birdie on hole nine.

Rounding out the varsity team scores, senior Aiden Bush finished with a 42, senior Warren Scarff finished with a 44, freshman Clayton Davidson finished with a 53, and senior Alex Bean finished with a 54.

It was a close battle for the junior varsity team, but Mid-Prairie was not able to overcome Tipton, losing 196-197.

"The JV lost by 1 stroke but broke 200 for the first time shooting a 197. Ben Mattes, Ace Peck and Elijah Statler led the way, all shooting 48's," Bender said. "Ace and Elijah's were personal best scores. Lukin Rediger shot a 53 to round out the JV scoring. Anytime the JV can break the 200 team scoring mark is great. There continues to be great improvement with them.

With no time to rest, the Mid-Prairie boys golf team hosted the Golden Hawk Invitational and battled 10 teams at the Kalona Golf Course on April 11.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2023

Proclamations and 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.johnsoncountyiowa.gov.

Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:00 a.m. Members present: V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

All actions were taken unanimously.
PROCLAMATION
PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
APRIL 3-9, 2023

Summary: The week of April 3-9, 2023, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health". The goal of National Public Health Week in 2023 is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people of the United States and achieving health equity.

PROCLAMATION
TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY
MARCH 31, 2023

Summary: The Johnson County Supervisors share a vision for a better world for all people, and are committed to fostering an awareness of the basic human elements that serve to unite us as a society. Annually on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve Proclamation 03-30-23-02. The following members of the public spoke: Puck Carlson, Brooklyn McFadden, Mandi Remington, Draytin McFadden, Talia Meidlinger, Hailey Franzen, Ace Drumbarger, Donna Baird, and Phoenix Slater-Scoot.

Table listing names and amounts, including Abbe Center For Com, Abbehealth Inc, Abc Disposal Systems I, etc.

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Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of March 23, 2023.

Motion by Porter, second by Sullivan, to approve the payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

Convened Public Hearing at 9:50 a.m. on the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 10-20-22-01 by Repealing and Replacing the Paragraph Containing the Legal Description of the Property to be Rezoned in Light of a Corrected Legal Description Provided by the Applicant's Surveyor.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Porter, to waive three readings of the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 10-20-22-01 by Repealing and Replacing the Paragraph Containing the Legal Description of the Property to be Rezoned in Light of a Corrected Legal Description Provided by the Applicant's Surveyor.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to set a Public Hearing on the Proposed Johnson County Budget Estimate for Fiscal Year 2024 for April 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and authorize the Auditor to publish the Notice of Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-30-23-01
Resolution To Fix A Date For Public Hearings On General Obligation County Purpose Loan Agreements In An Amount Not To Exceed \$16,929,399

To Finance Equipment For And Improvements To County Buildings, Payment Of Insurance Expenses, Financing The Provision Of Vehicles For A Regional Transit District, Funding Of Programs To Assist In Providing Affordable Housing, Acquisition Of Vehicles And Equipment For The County Sheriff, Ambulance And Other Departments, And Acquiring And Developing Land For A Recreation Or Conservation Purposes To Be Managed By The County Conservation Board

Summary: The Board proposes to enter into various loan agreements and this resolution fixes a date for public hearings for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and borrow money for the following:

- 1. "Essential County Purposes Loan Agreement" in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,110,400, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402, 331.441 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, for the purposes of paying the costs, to that extent, of the following projects: Various County insurance programs, SEATS Bus Purchase Share, and a Grant to Housing Trust of Johnson County;
2. Emergency Basis Building Repairs Loan Agreement," in a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000;
3. The Courthouse Renovation and Improvements Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$703,000;
4. The County Building ADA Improvements in a principal amount not to exceed \$75,000;
5. The Information Technology Improvements and Equipment in a principal amount not to exceed \$866,000;
6. The County Farm Building Renovations and Improvements in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000;
7. The County Sheriff Vehicles and Equipment Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$300,000;
8. The PDS Vehicle Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$50,000;
9. The PDS Equipment Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$25,000;
10. Ambulance Equipment Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$223,000;
11. County Vehicle Equipment Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000, for the purpose of acquiring snow plow equipment for the physical plant department;
12. Conservation Department Trail Maintenance Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$24,999; and
13. Conservation Department Cedar Crossing Acquisition Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the purpose of acquiring land known as the Cedar Crossing parcel; and
Board Action: Set the date, time, and location of April 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Johnson County Administration Building to hold a public hearing on the above named 13 loan agreements and directed publication of the 13 public hearing notices in the newspaper.

ty and the Local Workforce Development Board of the East Central Iowa Local Workforce Development Area, and that the County take all steps necessary to effect such termination, including communicating written notice of non-renewal to the Local Workforce Development Board and Chief Lead Elected Official for the East Central Iowa Workforce Development Area.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve the Aureon Terms and Conditions Agreement and the Dedicated Internet Access Service Addendum with Aureon Communications, L.L.C., West Des Moines, submitted as Aureon Quote number Q-01679, included in the packet of information for this meeting.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve an Application for Fireworks Permit for Dustin Lee/WellsLee Foundation, North Liberty, for display at 3867 James Avenue Southwest, Iowa City, on April 8, 2023.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Porter, to approve an Application for Fireworks Permit for Stumptown Shooter PGI Safety Class/Andy Neuzil, Hills, for display at 6090 River Junction Road Southeast, Lone Tree, on April 29, 2023 with a rain date of May 13, 2023.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve, pending receipt of proof of insurance, an Application for Fireworks Permit for Keith Neuzil, Oxford, for display at 2812 360th Street Southwest, Oxford, on May 20, 2023 with a rain date of May 21, 2023.

Adjourned at 10:13 a.m.
/s/Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors
/s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor
Recorded by Nancy Tomkovicz, Deputy Auditor
These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on April 6, 2023.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2023

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Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 5:31 p.m. Members present: V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Rod Sullivan; absent: Royceann Porter. Porter arrived at 5:46 p.m.

Convened public hearing at 5:33 p.m. on the proposed General and Rural County Services Maximum Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2024. Finance Director Dana Aschenbrenner reported that the FY24 tax askings for General Services is 2.93% more than the current fiscal year, and the FY24 tax askings for Rural Services is 0.68% more than the current fiscal year. Aschenbrenner identified the proposed allocations of property tax revenue, and his report is included in the packet of information for this meeting.

Fixmer-Oraiz said that the County's expanded workforce is a result of its growing population and a necessary expenditure in order to deliver county services.

Green-Douglass referred to the slide of Rural Services Expenditures. She noted that the pie chart showing the allocation of property tax dollars shows that the Board of Supervisors spends 79% of property tax revenue on maintenance and upkeep of rural roads, which, she added, provides access to agricultural lands in our farming community.

Public Hearing closed at 5:46 p.m.
Porter arrived at 5:46 p.m.
RESOLUTION NO. 03-29-23-01
APPROVING THE GENERAL AND RURAL COUNTY SERVICES MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

Summary: Johnson County duly conducted a public hearing on the maximum property tax levy for General County Services and Rural County services for Fiscal Year 2024. Board Action: Resolved that the total maximum property tax dollars that may be certified for levy for General County Services is \$38,937,580, and for Rural County Services is \$7,084,656, and noted that the Maximum Property Tax Dollars requested in the General County Services for fiscal year 2024 represents greater than 102% of the Maximum Property Tax Dollars requested for fiscal year 2023.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz to approve Resolution 03-29-23-01. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.
Adjourned at 5:47 p.m.
/s/Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors
/s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor
Recorded by Nancy Tomkovicz, Deputy Auditor
These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on April 6, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO ALL JOHNSON COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS
DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Johnson County Weed Commissioner announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is June 1st, 2023, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem.

The following weeds have been declared Noxious:
Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:
a. Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense)
b. Teasel (Dipsacus spp.) biennial
c. Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula)
d. Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)
e. Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora)
f. European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
g. All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of Carduus

At all times: Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Johnson County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri) is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

For Noxious weed identification and pictures, control recommendations, etc. visit the Johnson County web site at www.johnson-county.com. Click on Departments, then Secondary Roads. Weeds may be destroyed in any manner appropriate to prevent seed production, and shall include mowing, pulling, burning, spraying, or cutting. Questions should be directed to Chris Henze, Johnson County Weed Commissioner, 4810 Melrose Ave., Iowa City, IA 52246. (319) 356-6046.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Alta M. Troyer, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR007984

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Alta M. Troyer, Deceased, who died on or about March 18, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on March 27, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Alta M. Troyer, deceased, bearing date of December 6, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Brian Yoder was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur 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 March 29, 2023.

Brian Yoder
Executor of Estate
1084 Locust Avenue
Kalona, IA 52247

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ICIS#: AT0001095
Attorney for Executor
Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brennehan, LLP
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LONE TREE CSD

LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023
SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE

1. Call to Order: The Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District called the meeting to order by President Sladek @ 8:53 AM.

Present: Yedlik, Viers, Ogren, Sladek, Hotz.

2. Closed Session, Superintendent Semi-Finalist Screening

Section 21.5(1)(i) states the Board can hold a closed session: "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

- Yedlik motioned to enter into closed session, seconded by Ogren
•Roll Call: All AYE: Motion Carried
•The Board entered into closed session at @ 8:53 AM.
•Sladek declared a recess @ 12:00 PM for lunch
•The closed session reconvened @ 1:25 PM
•The Board re-entered open session @ 5:33 PM
•Yedlik motioned to approve the 3 final candidates. Viers Seconded.
All AYE: motion carried
3. Adjourn
Yedlik motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ogren
All AYE: Motion carried
President Sladek declared meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

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CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
APRIL 3, 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 after making change to the utility easement for the Student-Built House from 20' to 15' and work session from Wednesday the 12 to Thursday the 13th of April. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

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

Motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by Spitzer approving the minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2023. With all voting yes, the minutes were approved and published.

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

Table listing various items and their costs, including: Alliant Energy, monthly (17,884.71), Bulltown Repair, truck repair (145.13), CCSA, uniform allowance (193.82), Chem-Sult, Water Chemicals (2,443.40), City of Kalona, Sewer transfer to General-Gary/Storm Sewer/Paw&More (18,860.38), City of Kalona, final water bill-rent deposit-Bautista/McCarroll/Miller (249.93), City of Kalona, General transfer to Water/Sewer-ACH (30,012.54), Devon Young, grave opening (50.00), Garden & Associates, engineering (2,478.00), Gingerich Tiling, tree removal (672.25), Green Earth Designs, landscape maintenance (820.00), Hershsberger Oil, diesel for generators (1,996.02), Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes) (860.92), Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Budget) (9,382.06), Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Budget) (24,417.20), Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll) (2,693.00), Iowa Department of Revenue, State Withholding (2,129.00), Iowa Department of Revenue, Water Excise Tax (1,609.75), Iowa Department of Revenue, Sewer Sales Tax (303.80), Iowa DOT, street sign tubing (897.00), Iowa Public Employers Retirement Systems, IPERS (10,591.51), Jetco, Lagoon-power panel repair (959.50), Johnson County Refuse, Garbage/Recycling Contract (15,153.48), JW's Food, supplies (31.19), Konica Minolta, monthly (17.01), Maple Avenue Nursery, downtown flower baskets (1,626.00), Meardon, Suppehl & Downer, attorney fees (750.00), Moyna Holdings, development contract-southtown (450,000.00), N&M Sanitation, student house demo removal (5,566.50), Reserve Account, postage (400.00), Storey Kenworthy, checks (209.01), TASC, monthly (27.18)

Table listing various items and their costs, including: Yeterson Gomez Bautista, refund rental deposit (50.07), YMCA of Washington County, YMCA Agreement (4,500.00), WITHDRAWALS: Transfer funds (37,353.18), General Fund (136,070.49), Washington Co. Riverboat Fd. (76,638.49), Library Board Fund (3,559.03), Garbage Fund (15,153.48), Local Option Sales Tax Fd. (150,000.00), Road Use Fund (150,145.13), Trust & Agency Fund (5,261.79), Water Fund (9,382.06), DEPOSITS: Transfer Funds (11,872.43), General Fund (9,683.13), Harvest Hill Retention Fund (200.00), Library Memorial Fund (20.00), Library Board Fund (205.01), Garbage Fund (45.00), Local Option Sales Tax Fund (30,077.15), Road Use Fund (17,447.35), Sewer Fund (6,918.20)

Second reading with option of final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-348, an ordinance amending chapters 99.02 and 92.02 of the City of Kalona code of ordinances for water and sewer rates. Whereas the current water flat rate is \$11.99, and the usage rate is \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons. The proposed water flat rate is \$14.50, and the usage rate is \$2.73 per 1,000. Whereas the current sewer flat rate is \$12.84, and the usage rate is \$3.09 per 1,000 gallons. The rate change would not take effect until July 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by Bender, to waive the second reading and move to the final reading of the ordinance. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called the following council members voted: Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim, each voted yes.

Whereas, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

A motion was made by G Schmidt and seconded by J Schmidt, approving the final reading of the Ordinance No. 2023-348. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called the following council members voted: Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim, each voted yes.

Whereas, the Mayor declared the

CITY OF WELLMAN

APRIL 3, 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 Administrator, City Clerk and the following Council Members: Anthony Evans, Aaron Fleming, Angela Stutzman & Fern Bontrager; Shannon McCain absent. The Consent Agenda was approved, with Stutzman abstaining from The SE Iowa Insurance bills, upon motion by Bontrager, seconded by Stutzman and all present voted ayes. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes from previous meeting and the following: 4/3 Payroll

Table listing various items and their costs, including: Carrie R Geno (1,135.42), Laurelín E Geno (320.54), Megan E Harris (318.33), Brenda J Reazor (1,239.55), Fern J Bontrager (129.16), Anthony G Evans (193.93), Aaron M Fleming (129.16), Shannon K McCain (161.45), Angela D Stutzman (193.74), Beth A VanWinkle (1,606.94), Betty J Johnston (70.94), Timothy J Garrett (2,279.31), Travis D Hartley (1,412.71), Jesse J Meade (1,575.63), Josie S VanWinkle (1,345.26), Debra S Hill (587.13), Landon P Humble (60.25), Deana K Nolan (443.53), Shirley Y Brown (431.11), Anita J Kanagy (714.72), Anita K Randol (133.34), Kelly L Litwiller (2,161.76), Cynthia S Thrapp (1,090.40), Fed Taxes (5,159.59), Brenda J Reazor, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Cynthia S Thrapp, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Cox Sanitation & Recycling, March Large Stickers/Recycling (4,815.00), Jesse J Meade, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Josie S VanWinkle, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Kelly L Litwiller, March Mileage/Cell Reimbursement (171.25), William D Nickell, April Yard Waste (1,175.00), Paws & More, March City Contribution/Customer Donations (567.21), Standard Pest Control, April Pest Control (65.00), Timothy J Garrett, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Travis D Hartley, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Treasurer State of Iowa, March Gas Use Tax (526.63), Treasurer State of Iowa, March Sales/Water Excise Tax (5,151.20), Beth A VanWinkle, March Cell Reimbursement (70.00), Wellman Emporium Assoc., April Sr. Dining Condo Fee (1,336.54), Ace Electric, Generator Maintenance/Repairs (3,227.04), Alliant Energy, City Utilities (5,942.35), Bernatello's Foods, Skate Merchandise for Resale (1,899.72), Bob Boyse & Sons, Sally/Sand Trucking & Rock (1,918.24), Boyse Dozing, Water Leak Digging (1,900.00), Calhoun-Burns & Associates, 9th Ave Bridge Project (1,188.10), Central Iowa Distributing, Shop Supplies (86.00), Dakota Supply Group, Water Supplies (4,288.71), Dearborn National, Employee Premiums (1,604.47), Gambles, Skate Carpet Cleaner (23.99), Garden & Associates, Downtown Sidewalk/Water/Utility Mapping Projects (7,353.45), Hawkins, Water Supplies (687.85), HI-Line, Shop Supplies (139.75), Interstate All Battery Center, Battery (52.95), IAMU, 2023/2024 Gas/Water Dues (3,325.00), Koch Brothers, B/W & Color Copies (274.41), Kohl Wholesale, Sr. Dining Food/Skate Merchandise for Resale (1,665.50), Leaf, City Hall Copier Lease (1,081.19), Lynch Dallas, Attorney Fees (3,360.00), Mahaska Bottling Co., Skate Pop for Resale (1,789.98), Metering & Technology Solution, Water Communication Device (142.84), Office Express, City Hall Office Supplies (61.02), Pat Cady Construction, North Park Dugout Repairs (1,213.00), SE IA Insurance, 2023/2024 Premiums (1,054,974.44), Thrapp Electric, Downtown Park Electricity (1,424.83), USA Bluebook, WTP Chemkeys (5,842.02), USDI, March Retainer Fees (225.00), Visa, City Hall Credit Card (1,100.77), Washington County YMCA, March Parkside Alliant Bill (563.98), Wellman Co-op Telephone, City Telephones (2,924.84), TOTAL (186,413.17)

tioned why the weather sirens didn't go off last Friday. Litwiller explained that she had talked to the county, and they weren't sure why they malfunctioned and we have our vendor coming tomorrow to figure this out.

A public hearing to receive comments on FY24 Budget was opened by Fleming, seconded by Bontrager and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent. There were no oral or written comments. Fleming moved to close public hearing, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 273, Ordinance amending Section 92.02 (Rates of Services) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wellman, Iowa was approved by Evans, seconded by Fleming and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Resolution No. 23-11 A resolution adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was introduced and caused to be read. Evans moved to approve Resolution No. 23-11, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Resolution No. 23-12 A resolution declaring surplus property was introduced and caused to be read. Litwiller explained that this was for the Old Polaris that the city owns. Garrett will work with her to set a price to place on the government selling website if council will approve. Bontrager moved to approve Resolution No. 23-12, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Resolution No. 23-13 A resolution to waive the right to review the plat of survey for Geoff & Joanna Mourning #1 was introduced and caused to be read. Bontrager moved to approve Resolution No. 23-13, Fleming seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Resolution No. 23-14 A resolution to waive the right to review the plat of survey for Geoff & Joanna Mourning #2 was introduced and caused to be read. Stutzman moved to approve Resolution No. 23-14, Evans seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes; McCain absent.

Discussion and action on plans, specs, and final opinion of cost from Martin Gardner Architecture - Library Expansion Project was had. Mike Tucker with Martin Gardner Architecture, Sara Latcham & Carrie Geno were present for the discussion. Tucker went through the design and cost of the project. He also explained the timelines for the bidding process. Fleming made a motion for Mayor to sign for specs, plans and final opinion of cost and go to bid for project, Bontrager seconded and all present voted ayes.

Bontrager made a motion to approve Litwiller & VanWinkle to attend Clayton Energy Conference on May 25th & 26th, Stutzman seconded and all present voted ayes.

Council moved into a work session to discuss Splashpad preliminary plans & cost.

Council moved into a work session to discuss Employee Evaluation Process. With no further business to be discussed Fleming moved for adjournment at 6:19pm, Stutzman seconded, and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

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motion duly carried.

Resolution 2023-0, a resolution approving acceptance of the Public Improvements from CJ Moyna & Sons (Lift Station and Force Main). Whereas, Moyna Holdings has proposed the execution and delivery of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station and Perpetual Easement for acceptance by the City of Kalona, with the express purpose of dedicating it to the city. A motion was made by Bender, and seconded by G Schmidt, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Setting of Public Hearing on April 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM to be held in the City of Kalona council chambers, to amend the City of Kalona Ordinance Chapter

160 Floodplain Management in accordance with the DNR. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by G Schmidt, with a voting yes. The motion carried.

The mayor read Proclamation to make April 6, 2023, Junior Achievement Day.

Resolution 2023-P, a resolution approving 15' utility easement for the purpose of providing utility services to the Student-Built House at 313 & 315 C Avenue. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by J Schmidt, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Setting of work session for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by

Bender, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

Setting of work session for Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Motion was made by Beisheim, and seconded by Spitzer, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held by council of Veterans Project in partnership with Storyline Multimedia on May 19 and May 20. Staff shared details of the project with the council. Council directed staff to continue working with Storyline Multimedia for the project.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk
MARK ROBE, Mayor

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
County Name: WASHINGTON COUNTY County Number: 92

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/25/2023 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Board of Supervisor's Room, Courthouse
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request.

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

Table showing Budget 2023/2024, Re-Est 2022/2023, Actual 2021/2022, and AVG Annual % CHG for various categories including REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES, and Proposed property taxation by type.

Table showing Proposed property taxation by type and Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation, including Countywide Levies, Rural Only Levies, Special District Levies, TIF Tax Revenues, and Utility Replacement Excise Tax.

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information: General Basic Fund levy exceeds \$3.50 due to unusual need for additional moneys to permit continuance of programs which provide substantial benefit to county residents.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO LEVY GENERAL BASIC PROPERTY TAX RATES WHICH EXCEED STATUTORY MAXIMUMS The accompanying budget summary requires a general basic property tax rate that exceeds the maximum rate as established by the general assembly.

Table comparing Proposed General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value (4.50000) with Maximum General Basic Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Value (3.50000).

Major reasons for the difference between the proposed general basic tax rate and the maximum basic tax rate: Unusual need for additional moneys to permit continuance of programs which provide substantial benefit to county residents.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
WASHINGTON COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The WASHINGTON COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023
Meeting Date/Time: 4/25/2023 09:00 AM Contact: Michelle Hyman Phone: (319) 653-7715

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisor's Room, Courthouse
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

Table showing Budget 2022/2023, Current Amendment, and Total Budget After Current Amendment for various categories including REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES, and Proposed property taxation by type.

Explanation of Changes: Receipt of Opioid settlement money; Attorney fees; Increase in Ambulance costs and decrease in revenues including grant; Decrease in Public Health grants; Sheriff vehicles ordered prior fiscal year and paid in current; Increase in Secondary Road construction, new equipment, and increase in sale of materials/shared cost revenues; Digitizing of records; Commitment to spend part of the ARPA funds for building space study.

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2023

The Riverside City Council meeting opened at 6:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present: Tom Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene, and Kevin Mills.

Motion by Sexton, second by Schneider to approve agenda with pulling 4.e. for separate vote. Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Kiene, second by Schneider to approve consent agenda including March 20th, 25th, and 29th minutes, P&Z March 28th minutes, expenditures without McGuire mileage expense, and La Chiva Loka alcohol permit renewal. Motion carried 5-0.

Schneider moved, seconded by Sexton to pay McGuire mileage expense of \$22.27. Passed 4-0 McGuire abstained. Sexton moved, second by McGuire to approve Tonia Rebling and Luis Murguía as new Volunteer Fire Department members.

Bill Halleran and Mike Meinders addressed City Council during public forum.

Mike Meinders expressed concern of steepness of their alley between 3rd and 4th Streets, and lack of street access to homes on his block.

Sexton moved, second by McGuire to open Public Hearing on proposed budget for Fiscal year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 at 6:14 PM. Passed 5-0. There were no written or oral comments on proposed budget. Schneider moved, second by McGuire to return to close Public Hearing at 6:15 PM. Passed 5-0.

Damon John, Riverside Casino and Golf Resort updated City Council on 1st quarter sales and future scheduled concerts and events.

Brian Boelk, Axiom Consulting, gave updates on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Plant bid documents, Railroad Park resurfacing, 3rd Street Improvements, and storm drainage on Kleopfer/Buckeye Streets, rezoning request and future developments.

Luis Ramirez, PeopleService, Inc. commented on Well #8 repairs and the air handler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Rick Leverett, Altorfer Service, discussed inspections, repairs, and maintenance schedule for (8) City Generators. McGuire moved, second by Sexton to approve 3 year maintenance agree-

ment with Altorfer at annual estimated cost of \$5487.00, passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by McGuire, to pass Resolution #2023-26, Adopting City Budget for FY 23-24. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by Kiene, to set date for Public Hearing on rezoning Lot #1- parcel # 04-09-401-001, and Lot #2 - parcel #04-09-400-026 on east HWY 22 from C-3, Avenue of Saints Commercial to C-1, Central Business Commercial on April 17th, 2023 at regular Council Meeting, which begins at 6:00PM. Passed 5-0.

Kiene moved, second by McGuire to pass Resolution #2023-28, Approving purchase of John Deere Gator from Sinclair Tractor of Kalona, with trade-in of John Deere 1445 mower, in the amount of \$27,250.00. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by Kiene to pass Resolution #2023-29, Approving street maintenance repair cost from L.L. Pelling in the amount of \$30,352.20. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Schneider to pass Resolution #2023-30, Approving agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments to prepare Downtown Revitalization Grant application at no cost to City. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Schneider to pass Resolution #2023-31, Approving Downtown Revitalization Grant for JSS Investments at 71 W 1st Street from Hotel/Motel Funds not to exceed \$25,000. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Sexton to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1.i Administrator Search at 7:46 PM. Passed 5-0.

Council returned to open meeting at 8:25 PM.

McGuire moved, seconded by Schneider to table administrative resolution. Passed 5-0.

Motion by McGuire, second by Schneider to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Passed 5-0.

Full content of Council Meetings can be viewed on the City website; riverside-iowa.gov

City Council Meeting - Monday, April 17th, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall.

ATTEST: Becky LaRoche; City Clerk Allen Schneider; Mayor

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EXPENDITURES APRIL 3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

BILLS	
ACCESS, COPIER	\$ 359.71
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	\$ 3,975.92
AXIOM CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERING	\$ 5,482.50
BECKY LaROCHE, CELL	\$ 50.00
BIG IRON WELDING, MOWER BLADES	\$ 17.50
BRYAN LENZ, CELL	\$ 50.00
EDGAR MCGUIRE, MILEAGE	\$ 22.27
ESO, FD-REPORTING	\$ 7,021.43
HARRY'S TROPHIES, NAME BADGES	\$ 90.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, MEMBERSHIP	\$ 758.00
IOWA PUMP WORKS, FLYGT PUMP	\$ 960.00
IPI, SIGN	\$ 556.05
JIM'S SMALL ENGINE, PADDLE KIT	\$ 204.99
JOHNSON CO MUTUAL AID, MEMBERSHIP	\$ 178.00
KUM & GO FLEET, FD-RIDE	\$ 272.47
LOGAN MICHEL, CELL	\$ 50.00
MEARDON, SUPPEL, DOWNER, LEGAL	\$ 641.30

MID AMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT	\$ 673.29
MIDWAY VAN RENTAL, ADMIN TOURS	\$ 110.00
PEOPLE SERVICES, SERVICE	\$ 24,044.00
PYRAMID SERVICES, TORO REPAIRS	\$ 434.28
RIVERSIDE HISTORY CENTER, GRANT	\$ 7,500.00
SEI INSURANCE, INSURANCE	\$ 105,622.44
SHARON TELEPHONE, SERVICE	\$ 523.71
VERIZON, CH TABLET	\$ 25.02
WONDER WOMAN LLC, ADMIN SEARCH	\$ 300.00
YODITY'S, SHOP PAINT	\$ 18.97
TOTAL BILLS	\$ 159,941.85
DELTA DENTAL, PHIL	\$ 186.84
LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE INS, APRIL	\$ 188.76
WELLMARK, BC/BS	\$ 2,118.58
VERIZON, CELL	\$ 63.54
US CELLULAR, FD	\$ 72.45
TOTAL PAID BILLS	\$ 2,630.17
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 162,572.02

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RIVERSIDE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2023

The Riverside City Council special meeting opened at 6:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present: Tom Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene, and Kevin Mills.

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

Mayor connected with Mark Jackson of Hinson Consulting via phone.

McGuire moved, second by Schneider to pass Resolution #2023-32, to hire Cole Smith as permanent fulltime

City Administrator. Passed 4-1. Sexton opposed.

Cole Smith will start as City Administrator on May 1st, 2023.

Motion by Kiene, second by McGuire to adjourn at 6:08 PM. Passed 5-0.

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ATTEST: Becky LaRoche; City Clerk Allen Schneider; Mayor

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LONE TREE CSD

LONE TREE CSD MARCH 2023 BOARD BILLS

OPERATING FUND	
AAA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, ASBESTOS REMOVAL	1,585.14
ACTION SEWER & SEPTIC SERVICE INC, REPAIRS/SERVICE	240.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, GAS & ELECTRIC	7,892.55
BLICK Art Materials, SUPPLIES	355.69
BLUEALTECH TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS LLC, CHROMEBOOKS	250.00
BLUM, TIM, CONSULTANT FEE	3,639.78
CITY OF LONE TREE, WATER/SEWER	1,280.06
CLEARFY, SUPPLIES	303.34
COBB OIL COMPANY, DIESEL, GAS	2,581.07
DEMCO, SUPPLIES	163.03
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VEHICLE INSPECTIONS	450.00
FOUNTAIN OF FLOWERS AND GIFTS, FLOWERS	115.00
GRANT WOOD AEA, SERVICES	1,120.70
HANKEYE WELD & REPAIR, INC, STEEL	325.00
HY-VEE #1281, SUPPLIES	702.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SUPPLIES	58.56
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, ICM FEES	956.00
IOWA PAPER, SUPPLIES	465.02
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS, TESTING MATERIALS	1,120.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	220.95
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, MONITORING	781.05
JOHNSON CONTROLS, REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,922.02
JRS CAR AND TRUCK REPAIR, BUS REPAIRS	1,316.67
KALONA NEWS, SUBSCRIPTION	584.92
KCI, AD	106.08
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, REGISTRATION/TUITION	18,725.60
KOCH OFFICE GROUP, SUPPLIES	1,747.96
LONE TREE TIRE AND SERVICE, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	32.48
LOUISA COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, ELECTION FEES	171.58
LR5/JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC, GARBAGE SERVICE	781.00
LYNCH DALLAS, PC, LEGAL FEES	2,491.50
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC, SUPPLIES	104.80
MCPHERSON & JACOBSEN, LLC, SERVICES	3,450.00
MIDAMERICA BOOKS, BOOKS	263.40

ONE SOURCE THE BACKGROUND CHECK COMPANY, BACKGROUND CHECKS	20.50
QUADIENT, POSTAGE MACHINE	78.54
QUILL CORPORATION, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	494.94
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT	285.00
RELIABLE TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL	515.00
RUNDLETT LANDSCAPING INC, SNOW REMOVAL	2,682.50
SCHOLASTIC, CLASSROOM MATERIALS	763.17
SINCLAIR TRACTOR, REPAIR PARTS/SUPPLIES	220.95
SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY, SUPPLIES	12.59
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, NATURAL GAS	9,922.80
TATE, MARK, REIMBURSEMENT	90.00
TERRACON, WATER TESTING	969.80
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY OF IOWA, LABOR	5,950.00
UNITED ART AND EDUCATION, SUPPLIES	136.50
VISA, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	5,621.15
WALMART STORES/CAPITAL ONE, SUPPLIES	59.70
WARD'S SCIENCE, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	118.61
WEST MUSIC COMPANY, INSTRUMENTAL SUPPLIES	109.96
WILLIER, CHARLES, REIMBURSEMENT	70.00
WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE	301.41
Fund Total:	84,727.06

WELLNESS CENTER	
CITY OF LONE TREE, WATER/SEWER	84.07
GRANT WOOD AEA, SERVICES	8.68
MEDACOM, WELLNESS CENTER CABLE	389.26
VISA, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	79.97
WALMART STORES/CAPITAL ONE, SUPPLIES	45.42
Fund Total:	607.40

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO, MILK	80.77
BSN SPORTS, SUPPLIES	4,024.73
FOUNTAIN OF FLOWERS AND GIFTS, FLOWERS	70.00
GAME ON, PIZZA	0.00
IOWA CITY ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, DUES	200.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOC., REGISTRATIONS/FEES	176.00
MENARDS, SUPPLIES	121.13
MINN TEX CITRUS, FRUIT	14.83
NATIONAL FFA, AWARDS	66.00
PEPSI-COLA, BEVERAGES	938.71
PERFORMANCE THERAPIES, TRAINING	42.00
PHELPS, SUPPLIES	1,136.34
SEI SUPER CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE DUES	1,455.00
VIERS, LACEY, SUPPLIES	118.80
VISA, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	1,986.63
WALMART STORES/CAPITAL ONE, SUPPLIES	287.55
Fund Total:	10,718.49

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND	
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO, MILK	2,662.55
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC, SUPPLIES	16,516.39
VISA, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	28.78
Fund Total:	19,207.72

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LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SESSION & BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE

1. Call To Order Special Session: The Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District called the special meeting to order by President Sladek @ 6:32 PM.

2. Roll Call: Robert Sladek, Gordon Viers, Joel Yedlik, Michael Hotz. Ogren absent

3. New Business: a. Discussion/Approval Procurement Cards: Yedlik motioned to approve using Procurement Cards. Viers seconded. All AYE. Motion carried. 4-0

b. Discussion/Approval of Server

Replacement: DeVore discussed the bids for the server updates. Yedlik motioned to approve the bid from Tri-City. Viers seconded. Motion carried 3-1. Hotz Nay

c. Discussion/Approval Operational Sharing with Mid-Prairie

i. Discussion/Approval of Operational Sharing Transportation Director: Viers motioned to approve the operational sharing agreement for the shared transportation director. Yedlik seconded. All AYE. motion carried. 4-0

ii. Discussion/Approval Operational Sharing Special Education Director: Viers motion to approve the operational sharing agreement for the Special Education Director. Yedlik seconded. All AYE. Motion carried 4-0

4. New Business:

a. Discussion 600 Policy: The board of directors reviewed and discussed 600 policies.

b. Discussion Financials: Business Manager Sharp discussed the budget guarantee & projection for the next year.

Adjourn: Yedlik motioned to adjourn the special session and workshop. Viers seconded. All AYE. Motion carried. 4-0

5. Adjourned @ 8:14 PM

Board President Board Secretary

Next board meeting Wednesday, April 19th @ 6:30 PM

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HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MARCH 2023 INVOICES

Activity Account	
Amazon Capital Services, Misc Supplies	\$2,010.50
Anderson's Prom, Class of 24-Prom Decorations	\$1,189.11
East Central IA Soccer Officials, Soccer-Assigning Fee	\$70.00
Elite Sports, Shooting Sports-Medals	\$394.90
Grant Wood AEA, Class of 24-Signage	\$50.11
Iowa City Athletic Officials Association, BBB-Scheduling Fee	\$350.00
Iowa High School Speech Assoc., Speech-District Fees	\$165.00
Iowa State Trapschooling Association, Shooting Sports-Iowa dues	\$85.00
Adam McLaughlin, JH BBB-official-2/27	\$82.88
Molly's Cupcakes, Jr Class Prom Fundraiser	\$2,380.35
Pepsi-Cola, HE Concessions	\$180.00
Pitco Education, LLC, Robotics-Supplies	\$85.79
S.S.S.F./SCTP, Shooting Sports Registration	\$1,266.00
Kelli Schwarz, Reimb.-Prom Decorations	\$151.61
SkateTime School Programs Inc, HE-PE Skating rental	\$3,312.00
Tim Sullivan, JH BBB-official-2/27	\$76.44
Total	\$11,849.69

General Account	
AAA Mechanical Contractors, INC., HS-Toilet Repair	\$2,072.42
Access Systems, HS-Copier Repair	\$120.00
Ace-N-More, Transp. Supplies	\$53.51
Jess Allen, Feb. Transportation	\$35.00
Amazon Capital Services, HS-Instruct. Supplies	\$29.95
Crystal Andrew, Feb. Transportation	\$28.00
Arnold Motor Supply, Transp. Supplies	\$52.27
Fidelity Security Life, Vision Ins Prem	\$281.99
Blick Art Materials, HE-Art Supplies	\$1,448.35
Dabria Brown, Feb. Transportation	\$92.00
Michael or Rosalind Cavin, Feb. Transportation	\$115.00
Coe College Music Department, MS/HS-Coe College Honor Band	\$125.00
Kristy Cole, Feb. Transportation	\$28.00
Cornestone Geospatial Consulting, Redistricting Plan & Mapping Fees	\$880.00
Amanda or Sean Crane, Feb. Transportation	\$31.50
Decker, Inc. School Fix, HS-Girl's locker room bench	\$814.46
Delta Dental of Iowa, Dental Ins Prem	\$3,239.88
Brandon Devillier, Reimb.-Class Supplies	\$56.56
Eastern Iowa Light & Power, HS-Electric	\$5,505.66
English River Concrete, HS/MS-Snow Removal	\$3,255.00
Ferrelgas LP, LP-Gas	\$15,279.88
Grant Wood AEA, HS-Window Graphics	\$113.63
Highland Community Schools, Health Ins Prem	\$5,594.94
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CITY OF LONE TREE APRIL 03, 2023

Mayor Spilman called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Swinton, Ford, Zadow, Dix and Ronan present. Ronan, Zadow motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0. Zadow, Swinton motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes, reports, bills, etc). CARRIED 5-0. Water samples were read from 123 N DeVoe St and 300 W Commercial St, both reported safe and filed.

Ford, Swinton motioned to approve city wide clean up day for May 13th from 8am-11am at North Park. CARRIED 5-0.

Zadow, Swinton motioned to approve estimate from National Wash Authority to clean water tower in the amount of \$11,400. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to approve clerk to proceed with grant applications for Dougherty Park project to remove and replace play equipment. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Dix motioned to approve clerk to send out letters to all residents for DNR requested information on lead service line inventory. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to approve clerk to move forward to place camera in and outside of city hall. CARRIED 5-0.

Ronan, Dix motioned to approve LTSCD yearbook sponsorship of \$75.

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Iowa Dept of Human Services, Medicaid State Share	\$7,199.35
Iowa High School Music Assoc., Reg. Fee-State Large Group	\$135.00
J&M Roofing & Maintenance Co., HS-Roof Repair	\$514.00</

