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AROUND TOWN

Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Dinner

Holy Trinity Church in Richmond will host a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy great homemade food and fellowship.

Achieve Challenge

The Ravens boys basketball teams will be hosting Regina Catholic on Saturday, Nov. 26 in The Achieve Challenge (a state-wide community service initiative for Iowa schools and their basketball programs). JV game tips off at 4:30 p.m.; varsity follows. Admission is \$5 with one non-perishable/canned food item or \$7 without food donation. No passes for this event.

Lone Tree Winter Fest

The Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce presents Winter Fest on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy a vendor fair, food trucks, kids' activities, carriage rides, tree lighting, and more. Visit the Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more information.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library on Monday, Nov. 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Comments or questions, call 319-656-5347.

Riverside Santa Visit

Meet Santa at the Riverside Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. Santa's helpers will hand out treats, and Santa will listen to what kids want for Christmas.

Wellman Christmas Toy Giveaway

The Wellman Volunteer Fire Department, along with local donors and the employees of Dollar General, will host a Christmas Toy Giveaway on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Wellman Fire Station. Area parents are invited to stop by without the kids to pick up free toys for the holidays. For more information, contact Tracy Owens 319-461-5598.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Winson Leaton, Cellaring Packaging Lead & Production Assistant, keeps Kalona Brewing's barrels gleaming.

KALONA BREWING HITS RESET

"We've always wanted to be the living room of Kalona."

BY CHERYL ALLEN
 The News

KALONA

Since its founding in 2012, Kalona Brewing Company had been on an upward trajectory. Their fifteen-barrel brewing system was humming along. Their diverse and delicious craft beers were being poured from the tap at the bar and canned and distributed across Iowa. Their scratch-focused kitchen had loyal diners seated in the restaurant at lunch and dinner. By the end of 2019, they were heading into one of their best years ever. And then COVID struck.

You've heard this story before. It's a common one.

The brewpub lost kitchen staff. Their Crown aluminum can supplier dropped them. People changed their dining

We asked Head Brewer Warren "W" Yoder:

What beer pairs well with turkey?

"Anything. Old Soul would go really well with turkey. It's a Wee Heavy, really rich depth of flavor on it."

Straight from the can or out of a glass?

"Most styles, the fresher the beer, the better. Out of the tap, in a pint glass."

Cold from the fridge, or room temperature?

"The sign of a good beer is whether you can drink it warm or not. A light lager you want to drink cold, but [generally] cold temperatures will mask flaws in the flavor of a beer. The sign of a good beer is one that you can let get room temperature, and it's still good."

habits. Kalona Brewing is not unique in this way; the entire restaurant and brewing industry has faced these challenges.

But going forward, Kalona Brewing will forge its own path.

The company's team isn't

sitting at the bar crying in their beers. They are focused. Optimistic. Excited.

"It's a learning experience," says Shauna McKnight, General Manager. "I've never had to navigate a pandemic before. I think we learned a lot. I think

we'll come out on the other end a better company."

"Yeah, we're not crying about it," says Warren "W" Yoder, Head Brewer. "We're just trying to find a way. That is what a lot of businesses in our industry are trying to do, trying to find creative ways that will make them the most successful moving forward. What might have worked five years ago is not necessarily going to work this year, or next year."

The first challenge the brewpub is trying to address is the shortage of kitchen help. Because Kalona Brewing is short-staffed, they've kept the kitchen closed on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons when it ordinarily would be serving lunch. They've contin-

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Wellman-Scofield Public Library took home a \$632,860 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation on Nov. 16. Pictured: Lisa Lundstrom (Children's Librarian), Carrie Geno (Assistant Director), Erin Campbell (Director), Sarah Latcham (Board President), Laurelin Geno (clerk) gleaming.

"We are beyond thrilled"

Wellman Library, Wellman Fire, Kalona Fire, and M-P Baseball awarded WCRF grants

BY CHERYL ALLEN
 The News

RIVERSIDE

"It is really fun to give away other people's money," Shawn Ellingson told the excited group happily munching hors d'oeuvres at Riverside Casino's Event Center on Wednesday night.

The president of the Board of Directors of the Washing-

ton County Riverboat Foundation kicked off an evening that would see the Wellman-Scofield Public Library awarded \$632,860 for their library expansion project; the Kalona Volunteer Fire Department awarded \$230,000 for a pump-tanker fire truck; the Mid-Prairie Community School District awarded \$159,040 for their Field of Dreams; and the Wellman Volunteer Fire De-

partment awarded \$64,866 for self-contained breathing apparatus units.

Before issuing oversized checks to Spring, Fall, and Municipal grant recipients, Ellingson briefly remarked on the Nov. 12 fire in Washington that saw the WCRF displaced from their office in Greiner

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Ambulance Service Controversy heats up

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
 The News

WASHINGTON

Faced with an ambulance department director on paid suspension, pending investigation, and an interim director who resigned abruptly Nov. 17, the Washington County Supervisors Tuesday not only debated how to get a temporary interim director, but also who would handle day to day operations, especially billings. Currently, the latter is filled and, as the members spoke, could continue until an interim director is found. The move was approved with a recommendation there would be extra compensation for the extra work.

Earlier, in discussion, County Attorney John Gish suggested that the interim (temporary position) be filled from outside of the department since there were issues regarding the vote of no confidence letter and its list of names given to the board earlier this month. He explained that because it is temporary, the board could appoint, and no job posting was needed.

However, during further discussion in which there were three who had indicated interest in the post, one could not be immediately available, and the second, who could have, yester-

day had medical family emergencies, said supervisor Jack Seward, Jr. However, he noted, it was possible that the third person could be available later, and consideration could be taken in a special meeting. However, under the circumstances, Seward said he had no actual recommendation "at this time."

After more discussion regarding the vacancy, the board agreed that Gish should prepare a job description posting and authorized two members to review/approve it for posting this week. Normally, it would be a 30-day process, which led to further discussion about the day-to-day operations with concerns raised about field supervisors who would logically have been next in line after the resignation of Pat Curl, the assistant director who had become the interim one in October.

The interim and billing position discussion followed an earlier one about an independent audit of the ambulance services billing department, with agreement to hire an outside firm (estimated cost \$15,500 plus expenses) and indefinite tabling of discussion about a new \$350,758 ambulance for delivery in 2024.

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Wellman Garden Club learns about organics

The Wellman Garden Club met at the Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 17. To begin, we were treated to a reading of "The Night Before Thanksgiving" read by President Marilyn Powell. October minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer reported that we have \$259 in our treasury.

Members responded to our roll call question about products that we prefer to buy as organic by saying fresh vegetables & fruits (especially bananas), eggs, meat, & milk. Many grow some of their own vegetables & consider that to

be organic.

Ellen Johnston gave a presentation on organic and natural foods. She grows a variety of natural food on her farm near Morning Sun, Iowa. Ellen grew up in Iowa and did office work for many years here and later in California. When she was ready to retire, she decided that gardening would be fun, so she returned to Iowa to do it.

Technically, organic means no toxic chemicals (fertilizers or pesticides). There are several other guarantees with "certified" organic products like no

GMO, soil testing is done, etc. Why use organic? The speaker says those foods are tastier and more delicious. Growing things naturally provides a fun way to exercise, it's educational, helps build immune systems, and improves health.

Ellen especially loves to grow garlic and brought several varieties to show us. Using mostly hand tools like hoes and rakes, she produced several thousand heads of garlic this year; she saves her own seeds for the next planting. Garlic has several health benefits: it lowers blood pressure, cholesterol and LDL, prevents blood clots, regulates blood sugar, is an anti-fungal, a natural antibiotic, and a memory enhancer. It was interesting to hear about her planting process, and to see her enthusiasm for gardening.

December's meeting will be a Christmas luncheon, catered by Janet Stutzman, on Friday,



SUBMITTED

Ellen Johnston of Morning Sun discussed garlic growing with the Wellman Garden Club on Nov. 17.

December 16th in the Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall. The tea committee served a delicious pumpkin dessert, nuts, candy,

and beverages, all of which were enjoyed as we sat and visited further with our entertaining guest speaker.

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Choir Director Collette McClellen directs the Mixed Choir at the Pops & Pie concert on Nov. 10.

Mid-Prairie delights at Pops & Pie concert

The Mid-Prairie Choir Department held their annual Pops & Pie concert on Thursday, November 10. In a traditional year, the choir department would usually host the concert in the Spring, but there's been a change in events this school year.

The concert was switched with the annual Madrigal Dinner, which on normal occasion takes place in December. This switch needed to take place because of the saddening news of the choir director, Collette McClellen's recent breast cancer diagnosis. Without McClel-

len's fundamental support and direction, there would not be a Mid-Prairie Choir.

During the first half of the concert, over twenty soloists, duets, and groups performed a variety of songs. From a barbershop quartet to a thrilling musical theatre piece, it was clear the students have been practicing tirelessly to put on a good concert.

Between a heavy rainstorm and a brief intermission, McClellen blessed the audience with a small section of Ave Maria.

When the rest of the audi-

ence arrived for the second half of the concert, it was time for the Ladies Lyrica and Mixed Choir to perform. Ladies Lyrica performed the songs: "I See the Light" from Tangled, "Pure Imagination" from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, "The Rising of the Moon" featuring Terra Richardson on the fiddle, and "I Will Survive". Then the Mixed Choir performed the songs, "The Little Beggarmen", "James Bond Theme", "Tears in Heaven", and finished out the concert with "We'll Rant and We'll Roar".

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MID-PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Hayden Litwiller
 5th grade
 Son of Brad & Kelly Litwiller

Hayden has stepped in on multiple occasions to help a struggling student. His patience and calm demeanor has a positive impact on those around him.

Anthony Slabaugh
 6th grade
 Son of Mark & Rosemary Slabaugh

Anthony has shown growth and leadership this year. He has stepped up in the classroom and does a great job including others. He is kind, respectful, and has a great sense of humor! Great job Anthony!

Esther Shapovalov
 7th grade
 Daughter of Mike & Lubov Shapovalov

Esther is an extremely hard worker. She does a great job of asking questions when she doesn't understand something. She is also respectful of other students and staff.

Eli Conrad
 8th grade
 Son of Trevor & Ashley Conrad

Eli always takes what we're doing in class and builds on it to do something creative and impressive. He uses his creativity and curiosity to challenge himself to understand things deeply.

Sue Kleese School Nurse
 Nurse Sue was nominated as staff member of the month because of her kindness and positive attitude. Her calm presence helps relax students in situations that may be uncomfortable. We're glad to have Nurse Sue at the middle school!

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Forecasts for North Washington County

Thursday Nov. 24	Friday Nov. 25	Saturday Nov. 26	Sunday Nov. 27
48° 29° RealFeel® 46° Clouds breaking, a shower or two	47° 28° RealFeel® 42° Mostly sunny	47° 32° RealFeel® 43° Sun giving way to clouds	46° 30° RealFeel® 42° Sunshine and patchy clouds

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Monday Nov. 28	Tuesday Nov. 29	Wednesday Nov. 30
47° 34° RealFeel® 42° Mostly cloudy	44° 29° RealFeel® 38° Low clouds; ice at night	45° 24° RealFeel® 29° Mostly cloudy, a few showers; windy



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:06 a.m.	4:41 p.m.	8:03 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Friday	7:07 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	9:19 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Saturday	7:08 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	10:27 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	11:22 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Monday	7:10 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	12:06 p.m.	9:44 p.m.
Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	11:01 p.m.
Wednesday	7:12 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	1:08 p.m.	none



DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
1	2	2	2	2	1	2
Dust & Dander Forecast						
2	3	4	2	3	4	5
Outdoor activities forecast						
4	4	4	3	4	4	1
Healthy Heart forecast						
8	9	9	9	9	9	5

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
Arthritis forecast						
2	1	7	3	1	7	6
Flu forecast						
0	0	2	0	0	2	2
Migraine forecast						
2	2	2	2	2	1	0
Sinus forecast						
3	3	6	4	4	5	3

Support the Schlabach family at Nov. 10 fundraiser

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

KALONA

Kayla and Simon Schlabach hope to raise support for their youngest child, Rhett (4), who has been diagnosed with pediatric diffuse high-grade glioma. This is a highly aggressive brain cancer, and they have been told there is no treatment available. Rhett is one of three children they have, with the others being Miles (6) and Aria (4).

To raise money for medical expenses, food, and time off work while they navigate this difficult time, there is a fundraiser being planned. The fundraiser is being put together by Karsen Jehle (Rhett is her boyfriend's nephew and she is also a friend of the parents) and it will take place on December 10 (5 p.m.-9 p.m.), at Holy Trinity

Parish Life Center, 571 Howard St. Richmond.

"We're going to have a meal and we're going to have a live auction, silent auction, and a raffle," Jehle said about the fundraiser. "There will also be an option for drive-thru for the meal. In case people aren't wanting to come in for whatever reason. We've had an overwhelming amount of donations and support through the community, and I just want to get the word out for everyone to come and support this family."

It was the beginning of November when Kayla noticed Rhett's left side of his body was not working as it should. He was taken to the ER and the doctors found a mass on his brain. On November 7, after they removed a portion of the tumor for a pathology test, the results came back, and he was diagnosed with pediatric dif-

fuse high-grade glioma.

"Obviously, a very difficult time, but they continue to be very strong in their faith," Jehle said about the mindset of Kayla and Simon. "They're researching constantly, but also trying to spend as much time with Rhett as they can. Kayla has been saying they're just going to love on Rhett as long as God lets them, but hopefully a miracle happens."

Two years ago, Kayla and Simon moved to Florida, but most of their family still reside in Kalona. On Kayla's side of the family there is Kim Gingerich (Mom), Tyler and Kelsie Hebl (sibling), Karson Gingerich (sibling), and Keegan Gingerich (sibling).

On Simon's side of the family there is Randy Hoyt (Dad), Sheryl Hoyt (Mom), Jensen and Randy Ropp (sibling), Avery and Andrew Schwartz (sib-

ling), Autumn Schlabach (sibling), Josiah and Rosina Hoyt (sibling), Caleb Hoyt (sibling), Elijah Hoyt (sibling), Hannah and Dakota Boyse (sibling), Alex and Kesha Carlson (sibling), and Jesse and Coleen Hoyt (sibling).

One known cause of high-grade gliomas is high doses of radiation, but the reason for most high-grade gliomas in children is not known. Although the outlook is poor, some children can be cured.

"[Rhett] is improving, actually. He's not able to walk by himself or use his left arm, and the left side of his face is slow, but it's progressively getting better as we work on it," Jehle said about Rhett's current condition.

The donations that have been raised for the family are up to \$20,000. Kayla and Simon are thankful for all the support

they have been given throughout this difficult time. They hope people stay upbeat when they see them and their children, because they want things to feel as normal as possible for their family.

"[Rhett] is the best kid you'd ever meet," Jehle said. "He has never done anything wrong. [The Schlabach family] is very strong in their faith and continue to be very strong in their faith during this difficult time. He's just a very great kid."

If you have any questions about the Schlabach Family Fundraiser on December 10, contact Karsen Jehle at karsenjehle@hotmail.com. If you want to support the Schlabach family by donating, visit giveandgo.com/Schlabachfamily.

CMPC offers opportunity to contribute during Christmas in Kalona

The festivities during Christmas in Kalona provide us with a wonderful opportunity to feel the love and joy of the season while making memories with our loved ones. This is also a season of generosity, and those so inclined will have an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches at the event.

The CMPC booth will be set up on Dec. 3 in the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the vendor area.

The Council recognizes the needs of many in our community, and uses the funds collected to support the following local ministries:

Retrograde Ministries is a Christian residential care program with locations in Kalona and Sharon Center that offers programs for addiction recovery, sober living, and extremely low-income housing. The immersive residential addiction recovery program helps people get clean, develop healthy habits, get a job, make

sobriety connections, and receive life skills training. The long-term sober living community is for those who want a fresh start and want to rebuild their lives surrounded by people who want the same thing.

The Lighthouse Center is a Christian community outreach in Washington that serves all of Washington County. The heart of this ministry is to reach people in need by offering food, clothing, counseling, furniture, emergency housing, transitional living, and the

message of Jesus Christ.

Shelter House, which is located in Iowa City, provides safe shelter and helps people improve the quality of their lives as they move beyond homelessness. It has a 70-bed emergency shelter, as well as over 60 permanent supportive housing units. Shelter House focuses on programs and support services that include housing, employment, and mental health recovery that helps adults, children, and families

get back on their feet.

The Local Missions Fund is an initiative of the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches that discerns which local needs the churches can best address. To date, the fund has helped pay utility bills; provide clothing, food, and furniture; and build ramps to provide accessibility.

The CMPC also uses funds to support food pantries in Wellman and Kalona.

Optimists seek student Essay Contest entries

The Optimist Club of Kalona is encouraging area students to contemplate the question, "Who is an everyday hero that brings out the optimism in you?" as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays, based on the theme of, "Discovering the optimism within me" and determine the top winners. Winners will receive awards and the winning essays will be sent to the district level where college scholarships are available for top winners.

"Young students today have so many fresh ideas about the world and their future," Club President Carl Poe said. "As Optimists, it is our goal to encourage them and do what we can to bring out the best in

each of them. This gives them a wonderful opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at the same time."

The Optimist Club of Kalona has been participating in the Optimist Essay Contest for a number of years and has been active in the community since February 1968. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include an Oratorical Contest, Photo Contest, Junior Golf Camp, Jack O Lantern Jaunt, and Community of Flags, just to name a few.

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more by contacting the Kalona Optimists Essay Contest chair Wendy Smith at 319-461-9131.

Optimist International is

one of the world's largest service club organizations with 80,000 adult and youth members in 2,500 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Friend of Youth," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year.

To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No confidence in Washington Co. supervisors

To the Editor, Washington County Board of Supervisors and ALL citizens of Washington County,

This is a letter of NO CONFIDENCE in the current Board of Supervisors.

The Washington County Board of Supervisors are destroying the Washington County Ambulance Service, which should be a concern of ALL citizens who might need quality care in an emergency. The minutes of the Board of Supervisors in "The Union" written by Kalen McCain and "The News" written by Mary Zielinski, and on KCH Radio indicate the micro-managing of the Ambulance Department and waste of money to Washington Co. taxpayers in handling personnel matters. The board unanimously and ILLEGALLY voted to place the ambulance director on "unpaid administrative leave." The board had to rescind the unpaid leave after hiring counsel outside the county found they had acted illegally. We have a PAID county attorney. Why is the board wasting tax payer money to hire another attorney? The county also pays a Human Resources employee, but has found it necessary to hire other Human Resource personnel from ISAC for investigations. In addition to one Human Resource consultant outside the county, it is on the agenda to consider still ANOTHER HR SERVICE, INCS, at a cost of \$950 PER MONTH! WHY are they wasting MORE taxpayer money?

The board appointed the administrative assistant to oversee the ambulance service while the director is on paid administrative leave. Due to lack of respect by the board, the assistant administrator RESIGNED. The department is now short-handed requiring the remaining personnel to put in mandatory overtime to fill the schedule. This results in more overtime pay, an added expense to the budget. There had been NO mandatory overtime pay prior to putting the director on leave. MORE waste caused by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Marcus Fedler acknowledged the micro-managing of the entire Board of Supervisors in the discussion of increasing the pay for ONE employee.

Washington County Supervisors say they've heard negative feedback about the ambulance department's Basic Life Support truck, specifically concerning a transport of a patient from the University of Iowa to Omaha, Nebraska. How does a county citizen even know about transports or where they are transported? Were the complaints from disgruntled employees to the board or did they again go against the chain of command set forth in the handbook by not taking their complaint to the ambulance director/administrative assistant?

The Washington Co. Ambulance was contacted BY the University because insurance would not pay for air transport and ALS transport is often difficult to find. The patient had no other options. At no time was the county 911 staff compromised. The staff who transported the patient were NOT REQUIRED to go yet wanted to help the patient get the medical attention he deserved. The department profit for that single transfer was \$2,470.98. Additional units remained available for all calls during that nine-hour period.

The Transfer Truck has generated a NET income of \$130,000 in eight months and has roughly saved \$6 for EVERY man, woman and child in Washington County. So, what is the concern? Bob Yoder wondered if the Transfer Truck was "running competition to private business". When any other business comes to Washington Co., do they take a poll to see if they are competing or interfering with other businesses???? NO!!!! The Transfer Truck helps to create income for the short fall in the budget of the ambulance service. Why would the Supervisors even spend time questioning the service? What was the negative feedback???

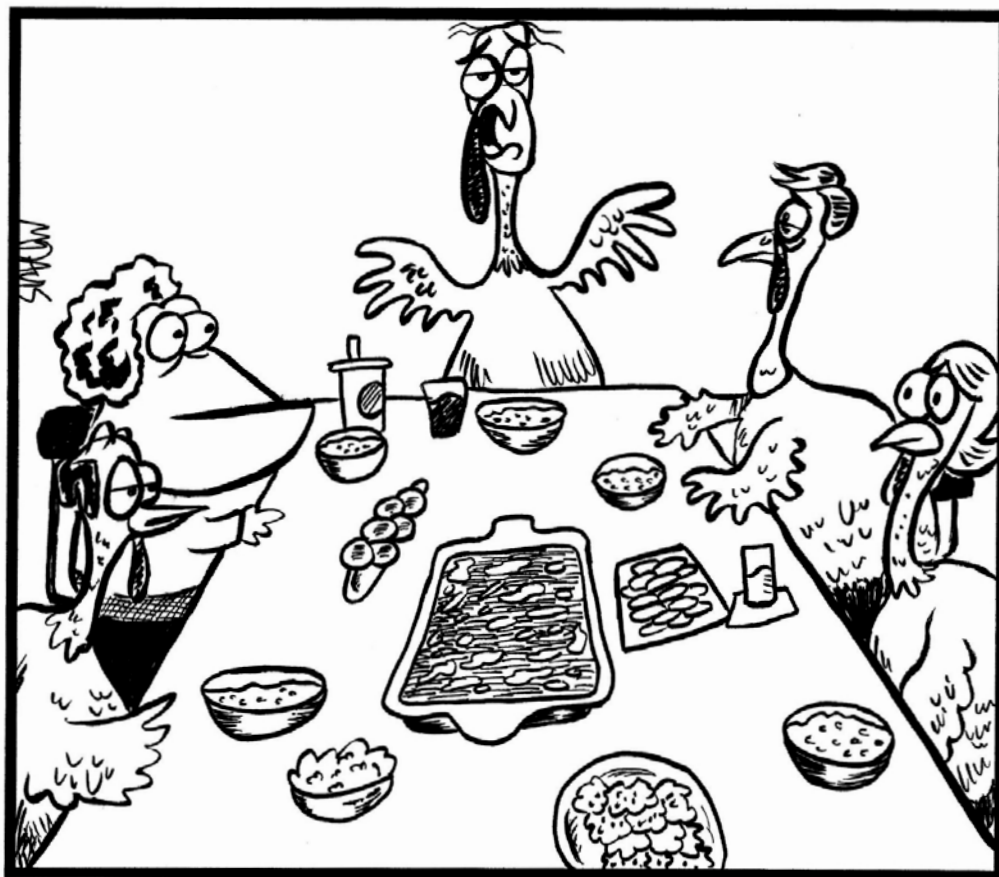
In a letter of no confidence to the board, read by Mike Freel, (part-time employee and brother-in-law of Supervisor Bob Yoder, conflict of interest?) he stated that the morale of the employees was low. The Board of Supervisors voted to give ONE paramedic a nearly \$3.00 increase in salary to discourage him from going from full-time to part time. How does that improve morale among the other employees? Every other county employee should be at the next meeting requesting increased pay.

When the director of the ambulance service first began his duties, he put in 840 hours of overtime to compensate for employees who hadn't yet been hired to fill shifts. He considered it a matter of life or death and did not want to be responsible for individuals who might need critical care by NOT sending an ambulance due to lack of staff. The director worked many shifts to provide quality service for the ambulance. At a Board of Supervisors' meeting, Supervisors said they could NOT pay him overtime because if they did that for one director, they would have to do the same for all other department heads. Where was that reasoning when they voted to give ONE ambulance employee a raise of nearly \$3.00, but not ALL ambulance or ALL county employees another \$3.00 raise????

At the close of a BOS meeting, when taking input from people who had used ZOOM, Supervisor Richard Young told those on ZOOM that he had sold the buildings and assets, but he still retained the Washington County Ambulance Inc name. Therefore, he could purchase an ambulance and start his own service at any time. THAT is a conflict

FLYSOUP

BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS



"Let's have a moment of silence for all who we lost this Thanksgiving. Cousin Ernie, Aunt Kate, Uncle Bob..."

The News welcomes Michael D. Davis, a cartoonist raised and living in Toledo, Iowa. Drawing since elementary school, Mike grew up doodling stupid and weird things. He has published multiple cartoon collections and a few coloring books (all available on Amazon). Growing up in a small town with a newspaper that didn't have any cartoons or comics, Mike finds it a dream come true to correct this travesty.

er of interest. Supervisor Young should recuse himself on ANY and ALL decisions concerning the present Washington County Ambulance Service.

In closed session, the name of the employee who complained about her demotion has never been disclosed. WHY??? The Board of Supervisors was given the original copy of a letter stating reasons for her demotion that was signed by the employee and the director, written by the administrative assistant. The person who wrote the letter (the administrative assistant) was NEVER questioned during the investigation. WHY? Only the director was questioned. The letter given to the board by the employee had been falsified by changing normal text to bold text and omitting her signature. It is a felony to falsify documents used in a formal investigation. Is the board looking into this????

ty Ambulance Service. The Supervisors claim they have been made aware of personnel and management issues. It is due to their micro-managing every decision that has put the ambulance service in turmoil. The board needs to hear from others who are supportive of the ambulance administration before the Washington County Ambulance Service becomes nonexistent and Supervisor Richard Young fulfills his threat.

Dana Peck, Joyce Smith, Nick Smith, Michelle Shalla, Art Peck, Katie Detweiler, Merle Bontrager, Fern Bontrager, Joshua Kelley, Dan Flynn, Judy Sieren, Jessica Yoder, Carston Yoder, Karen Sypher, Rebecca Bush, Chris Swart, Tammy Swart, Amber Swart, Brian Peck, Cathy Conway, Bob Goodrich, Heath West, Angela West, Anthony Martin, Shannon Wander, Kurt Rosbacka, Robert Kanagy, Jesse Gingerich and George Schultz

It's time to hold the Board of Supervisors accountable for their waste of taxpayer money and inexcusable actions concerning the Washington County Ambulance, or step aside.

Reinstate Washington County Ambulance Director

This letter is to address concerns of the recent decisions and actions of the Washington County Board of Supervisors regarding the Ambulance Director.

As a result of Closed sessions, a decision was made to place the Ambulance Director on Unpaid Administrative Leave. Later this was changed to "Paid Administrative Leave" since that was not a legal option -- either "Paid Administrative Leave" or "Unpaid Suspension".

Closed sessions are to protect identity of involved employee. That was not followed by identifying the position. Jermeij Peck's name was made public and went through the nation on the EMS1 publication and was the most viewed article that week.

What we do know is this: Jeremy Peck has been, and is, a qualified servant of the Washington County community and has dedicated most of his adult life serving and leading a response to the needs of emergency care.

Jeremy Peck has served the Wellman Fire Department as Fire Chief for 14 years.

Jeremy Peck has served and built up the Wellman First Responders into an active involved response team.

His approach has been an educated, no nonsense, no need for control, leading by example.

His experience gives a calm and knowledgeable response in the time of emergencies.

As Director of the Washington County Ambulance, with the funding provided by the Washington County Supervisors, he was able to bring the fleet of vehicles purchased by the county, to a well-maintained fleet along with adding a new vehicle.

As director, first and foremost meeting the emergency needs of the community, he established and acquired a location in Kalona for an emergency vehicle to reduce the response time. This required a working relationship with community leaders.

As director, he took the business approach and had people in place to first, meet the emergency needs in the county, as well as obtaining ways to increase the revenue by filling transport needs, and having proper coding in place to file Medicare and Medicaid claims. This resulted in NET revenues of \$130,000.00 to date.

What we also know: There appear to be conflicts of interest in the Board of Supervisors.

While they may be legal, are they moral, ethical, and are they in the best interests of the county?

One of the current Board of Supervisors was the previous owner of the purchased ambulance vehicles by the County, while serving in that capacity. He also was the supervisor of some of the current Washington County Ambulance employees.

He has not recused himself from decisions, but rather very active in overseeing the issues related to the Washington County Ambulance.

When the county was considering purchasing the fleet from the current supervisor,

County Ambulance, or step aside.

We know there have been countless phone calls, conversations, emails, and zoom comments on this issue in support of Jeremy.

We are asking that the Board of Supervisors put aside their personal perspective, put the citizens of Washington County first, and reinstate Jeremy Peck as Ambulance Director.

Thank you, Merle & Fern Bontrager, Tim Smith, Tyler Hershberger, Ed & Bobbie Hershberger, Rob Young, Jesse Gingerich, Blake & Jenni Hershberger, Toni Rios, Robert Kanagy, Ryan & Amy Allen, Rebecca Bush, Chris Swart, Tammy Swart, Amber Swart, John Conway, Clint Humphrey, Art & Dana Peck, Ryan Miller, Twila Beachy, Steven Ebersole, Angela Ballard, Nicole Hall, Austin Knupp, Joshua Kelly

A Director cannot succeed with a Board of Supervisors micromanaging, and the influence of previous owner involved in decisions as a supervisor.

We are asking that the previous owner/supervisor either recuses himself from decisions regarding the Washington

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Council approves changes to vehicle ordinance

BY JOHN BUTTERS
The News
WELLMAN

City council members approved a first reading of an ATV/UTV amendment to ordinance 170 of Wellman's municipal code. The amendment is needed to reach compliance with changes to the state laws regarding ATV use of state highways. Similar amendments are being adopted by other Iowa communities.

The ordinance applies to "small, slow, motorized vehicles operating within the City, including (but not limited to) golf carts, lawn tractors, electric scooters, and motorized wheelchairs being operated upon any street, road, sidewalk, public path, or public lands." Following a public hearing, council members voted to waive a second and third reading of the ordinance and set a date of Dec. 3 for a second public hearing before final adoption.

In other business, council members approved repairs and maintenance to the fire safety system of the Wellman YMCA building. Summit Fire Protection had submitted an estimate of \$4,900 for the work. Council members also approved a \$3,900 bid to refinish the floors at the skating rink and agreed to a July 4th fireworks contract with J&M Displays for \$18,000.

Cold settles in at the Eicher homestead

It is Saturday evening here at the Eicher homestead. It is 7 p.m. and the mercury on the thermometer is down to 33 degrees. We are having snow flurries all day, with no accumulation though. I think our warm weather is history for 2022. Last Saturday I was out without a coat raking leaves, and now today, with a high of 36 degrees, I limited outdoor work to only the necessity.

LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

Joe has some very talented harmonica players in his family. I never could get the hang of it, so I would always tease Joe that I'm not windy enough to play it.

week. It helps fill the freezer for them. This is now Monday. Grandson Denzel is now four months old. He's around 15 pounds. He sure is a happy baby. He giggles so easy. Yesterday I was holding him in church, and he looked over towards the men and spotted his daddy (Dustin). He started grinning and reaching to want to go there. Dustin came to get him, and I could hear him giggling over there.

It is a quiet night here. The three boys and Lovina all had plans tonight, and all left before supper. My husband Joe is showering now, and we will call it an early night. Our church services are hosted by a family that lives 11 miles from here. Everyone will need to make an early start.

Today the boys and Joe tackled the job of organizing our pole barn, on the tool shed side and the side where we have church and large gatherings, etc. It looks quite a lot better. Joe started the coal stove in there, and it's much cooler than the house it but keeps the water from freezing. Also the battery pack from our solar power needs a little heat in the cold months.

Granddaughter Andrea (daughter Elizabeth and Tim's) is now nine months. I held her during church, too. She's very active and pushes the push toy around and gets around walking by furniture or crawling. They grow so fast. I will share the recipe for my dressing that I use for Thanksgiving dinner. God bless!

Last night we had our whole family here for supper. It has been a while since everyone was home, at least at the same time. The menfolk grilled 20 pounds of chicken as well as some wings. We made mashed potatoes and noodles along with cheese and then brownies, jello cake, and ice cream for dessert.

Sister Verena was here a few days and nights. She went home today. I think she likes to leave once in a while for a change of mind. It's lonely for her, living alone. Last Sunday our family had brunch at daughter Elizabeth and Tim's house. Sister Verena joined us there, too.

Dressing
2 tablespoons chicken-flavored soup base
2 cups hot water (use potato water, if you have some)
10 slices bread, crumbled
4 eggs
1/4 cup diced carrots
1/4 cup diced celery or celery leaves
1/4 cup chopped onions
Dissolve soup base in hot water, then add rest of ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased casserole dish or cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

The grandchildren had a great time with Grandma's new toys (from Karen in Kansas). They were quite entertained all night. After supper we all gathered around the table and sang songs.

Tim and Elizabeth had a delicious meal of ham and cheese oven omelet, biscuits, sausage gravy, etc. I took cherry, pumpkin, and apple pies. Dessert also was ice cream and gelatin. We played games in the afternoon and were served good snacks, with one being venison summer sausage that Tim made. It is very good! He also made good jerky.

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.

Making memories as a family is so very precious to me. The little grandchildren enjoyed listening to all of us singing. And when Grandpa Joe started playing the harmonica, they were amazed and sat there and stared at him. Joe doesn't often play it anymore, so he had to get some practice, but they enjoyed it just the same.

Son-in-law Dustin harvested an eight-point buck this

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Thanksgiving, the library will be closed Nov. 24-26, opening again on Monday, Nov. 28, to resume normal programming.

New Junior Fiction: "Attack of the Plants" by Annmarie Anderson; "The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy" by Anne Ursu; "How to Find What You're Not Looking For" by Veera Hiranandani; "How to Speak Dragonese" by Cressida Cowell; "Fenway and Hattie and the Evil Bunny Gang" by Victoria Coe

dabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole" by Wong Herbert Yee; "Just a Teacher's Pet" by Mayer, Mercer; "Digger and Daisy Go Camping" by Judy Young; New Board Books: "Splash" by Leslie Patricelli

New Adult Fiction: "The Sea Wolves" by Clive Cussler; "Mistborn" by Brandon Sanderson; "The Whittiers" by Danielle Steel; "The Witching Tree" by Alice Blanchard; "All Is Bright: A Christmas Romance" by RaeAnne Thayne

Juvenile Nonfiction: "The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver" by Gene Barretta; "What Was the Underground Railroad?" by Yona McDonough

New Adult Non-Fiction: "And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle" by Jon Meacham; "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times" by Michelle Obama

New Easy Reader Books: "The Queen of Kindergarten" by Derrick Barnes; "Froggy Goes to Bed" by London, Johnathan; "How to be a Viking" by Cressida Cowell; "The Knight Who Might" by Treleaven, Lou;

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Lone Tree law student honored with UI award

Six Hawkeyes, including Isaac Sarinana of Lone Tree, were recognized at the University of Iowa's First-Generation Student Awards and Recognition Ceremony as part of the weeklong National First-Generation College Celebration. The UI First-Generation Task Force established the awards to recognize first-gen student achievements as well as the outstanding advocacy and support efforts of faculty and staff.

first-generation students to also excel at the University of Iowa. Isaac Sarinana is a second-year law student in the UI College of Law. He grew up in Nichols, Iowa, and graduated from high school in West Liberty, Iowa. Sarinana enlisted in the United States Army National Guard at the age of 17 in hopes of attending college with tuition assistance. Sarinana decided to pursue law school after retaining an immigration attorney in Iowa City to sponsor a family member for permanent residency in 2016. After that experience, he enrolled

at Iowa on a pre-law track, earning a Bachelor of Arts in criminology, law, and justice in 2021. He is a first-gen high school graduate, university graduate, and law student. Sarinana spent his first summer internship exploring Iowa and Illinois workers' compensation law, medical malpractice litigation, and employment discrimination law.

Held each year in November to commemorate the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965, the National First-Generation College Celebration encourages colleges and universities across the country to celebrate the successes of the institution's first-generation students. The UI celebrates all week long.

He looks forward to exploring other areas of law at the Shuttlesworth & Ingersoll law firm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, next summer.

First-Generation Student Achievement Award The First-Generation Student Achievement Award honors one first-gen undergraduate student and one graduate or professional first-gen college student who has pursued and met ambitious goals, demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, and created pathways for/inspired other

OBITUARIES

Lois M. Hochstetler

1934 - 2022



Lois M. Hochstetler, 88, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen, Ind.

active member of Clinton Frame Church where she enjoyed participating in many of their activities including Sunday School.

She was born Sept. 7, 1934, in Wellman, Iowa, to Daniel and Leona (Fisher) Miller.

She loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

On June 20, 1954, she married Leo Clifford Hochstetler in Kalona. He died Feb. 16, 2003.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Clinton Frame Church where a 10 a.m., Saturday funeral service will be held.

Survivors include two sons: Craig (Connie) Hochstetler, Sierra Vista, Ariz. and Ritch (Charlotte) Hochstetler, Elkhart; two grandchildren: Austin Hochstetler and Leslie (Tyler) Huston; four great-grandchildren: Emma, Wyatt, Laney and Jase Huston; three sisters: LaVerta (Carl) Yoder of Wellman, Linda (LaVerne) Messer of Wayland and Marcia (Ellis) Miller of Kalona; and three brothers: Carl (Marge) Miller, Bob (Sheryl) Miller and Warren (Paula) Miller, all of Kalona.

Burial will be at Clinton Frame Cemetery at a later date.

A longtime resident of Shipshewana, Ind., she moved to Goshen with her husband in 1999. Mrs. Hochstetler was an

Memorial donations may be given to Clinton Frame Church or American Parkinson Disease Association.

Online condolences may be shared at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis M. Zahradnek

1932 - 2022



Phyllis M. Zahradnek, 90, of Kalona, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at Pleasantview in Kalona. A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at Memory Gardens in Iowa City. A memorial fund has been established for the Kalona 1st Responders. The Beatty Peterseim Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Zahradnek, Jake Zahradnek (Jenny Sexton and children: Gabe, Garrett and Bella) and Jessie Zahradnek all of Kalona,

Phyllis Marie (Spenner) Zahradnek was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Riverside, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Lillian (Maier) Spenner. She graduated from Kalona High School in 1950. She was united in marriage to Lyle "Hoot" Zahradnek on Jan. 5, 1953, in Mt. Pleasant. Phyllis worked at Sharon Telephone and later as a cook at Iowa City High School for 15 years. She enjoyed Cubs baseball, was an avid Hawkeye football fan (going on several bus trips to away games) and going out to eat.

and Clint Zahradnek of San Antonio, Texas; three great-grandchildren: Maddi (Justin Harland), Shelby and Jack Zahradnek; daughter-in-law: Serena Zahradnek of Kalona; five step-grandchildren; and one sister: Mary Carter of Frisco, Texas.

Survivors include four grandchildren: Jerry (Traci)

preceding Phyllis in death were her parents; her husband: Lyle "Hoot"; an infant daughter: Marilyn; two sons: Ed and Dave Zahradnek; two sisters: Delores Zahradnek and Carolyn Amelon; and two daughters-in-law: Debra Zahradnek and Claudine Zahradnek.

KALONA OPTIMIST CLUB

The Kalona Optimist Club met Nov. 3, with Andrae Naraine as the guest speaker. He talked to the group about his wood working hobby and brought some beautiful items for display. Jim Crowther was the Lucky Optimist for the evening.

for KCTC and she told the group about the many benefits the Kalona Co-op has to offer. In addition to the expansion of fiber optics countywide, KCTC supports the schools, local organizations and community activities. Ms. Peck entertained a number of questions from club members after her interesting presentation. Dennis Phares was the Lucky Optimist of the night.

The Club met Nov. 17 with Jim Crowther as Program Chair and he introduced Casey Peck as his speaker. Ms. Peck is the General Manager

ALPHA CLUB

The Alpha Club met on Nov. 14 for a tour of Mid-Prairie's Culinary Arts Program at the High School. Club members gathered at Claudia Bishop's home for the business meeting and the group will sponsor a booth at the YMCA on Dec. 3 for the Christmas in Kalona event selling glass cleaning cloths.

Bishop and Teresa Fleming and those attending were Jan Ferry, June Hunter, Kay Kaalberg, Linda Kemp, Donna Merck, Mary Lue Ogilvie, Jan Peterseim, Deanna Poe and Marilyn Yoder.

Refreshments were provided by Claudia

The Club will meet at Teresa Fleming's home in December for a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.

SENIOR DINING MENU NOV. 24 - 30

Goodwin Senior Dining
Thursday - Thanksgiving
Friday - Closed
Monday - Salmon loaf, creamed potatoes and peas, mixed vegetables, strawberries
Tuesday - Chili soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit salad, cookie
Wednesday - Group beef goulash, kidney bean salad, cottage cheese, cherry cheesecake

Lone Tree Senior Dining
Thursday - Thanksgiving
Friday - Closed
Monday - Reuben casserole, mixed veggies, applesauce, cookies
Tuesday - Smothered chicken, cheesy potatoes, corn tropical fruit
Wednesday - Spaghetti bake, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges, pudding

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Thank you for all the wonderful cards and thoughts for Marvin's 90th Birthday! He is truly blessed to have such a wonderful community! - Marvin and Simon Family

Dessert auction raises over \$9,500 to split between HACAP, CFWC

BY RON SLECHTA
The News

KEOTA

Over \$9,500 was raised in the dessert auction for the Community Foundation of Washington County (CFWC) Chef Spotlight Fundraiser Dinner at the Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery Event Center in rural Keota Monday evening, Nov. 14. Some 110 donors attended the banquet.

Proceeds from the event were split between CFWC and the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP), which has funds invested in an endowment through CFWC. The foundation uses its funds to sustain operations for another year.

"We are very pleased with that total and thank everyone for their incredible generosity," commented Millie Yougquist, executive director of the CFWC. "We did serve 109 people and sold tickets, but we are still paying bills for the dinner, so we don't know the exact amount raised."

"All in all, we felt it was a great event and we're very pleased, so, thanks very much to all who attended," she added.

The dinner featured locally produced foods prepared by Mid-Prairie Nutrition director

Cory Evans and Mid-Prairie High School Culinary Class director Glenda Seward with help from students of the class. The students also served the food and cleared the tables.

Nancy Roth and Kim Bowlin of the Kalona Historical Society assisted and provided technical help.

Eichelberger Pork provided the pork tenderloin for the meal, while Wolf Floral provided the table centerpieces.

Dwight Duwa did a great job as auctioneer of the desserts; he also purchased some himself.

The meal included a butternut squash soup served in a bread bowl. The romaine lettuce salad was served with roasted apple vinaigrette dressing tossed with candied almonds, dried cranberries, and sharp white cheddar cheese. The entree was sliced pork loin with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans.

The desserts were donated by various businesses and members of the CFWC board. HACAP executive director Jane Drapeaux informed those in attendance of all the services of that organization.

HACAP is a diverse, community-focused nonprofit dedicated to the sustained improvement of human life in our communities. As one of sixteen



An assortment of desserts were auctioned as a fundraiser during the evening.

Iowa community action agencies, they provide flexible and adaptive programs and services that work toward removing the barriers to self-sufficiency. HACAP provides service in nine counties in Iowa: Benton, Dubuque, Delaware, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington. HACAP builds collaboration among for-profit, nonprofit, and faith-based service groups and community members in order to make stronger, healthier communities.

CFWC president Tim Sullivan, Kalona, served as master of ceremonies. Other board



SUBMITTED

Auctioneer Dwight Duwa, Wellman, helped to raise over \$9,500 for the Community Foundation of Washington County and HACAP at the Chef Spotlight dinner Nov. 14 by auctioning off pies, cupcakes and cakes as well as chocolates.

members attending included treasurer Jeremy Reynolds, Riverside; Susan McClellan, John Conway, and Mark Schneider, Wellman; Marty Beenblossom, Renella Crawford and Mary Audia, Washington; Kirk Leffert, Kalona; and Heather Marek, Riverside.

Millie Youngquist, Washington is executive director. CFWC is a 501c3 non-profit organization, an affiliate of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.

CFWC has sponsored the Chef Spotlight fundraiser dinner since 2009.

Mid-Prairie FFA attends Ankeny Conferences

Nine members of the Mid-Prairie FFA attended the Ignite, Amplify and Transform Conferences in Ankeny at the FFA Enrichment Center on Saturday, January 4. The Ignite Conference was for 7-9th graders and focused on connecting students to opportunities through FFA.

Stella Janecek, Madelyn Sieren, Quinton Smith, Elijah Statler and Allie Whetstine attended this conference. Their programming included information on advocating for the agricultural industry, understanding genuine leadership, giving of themselves daily, opportunities in FFA, creating experiences that lead to careers and developing communication and cooperation.

The Amplify Conference was for 10-11th graders and focused on student development. Brylee Gearhart, Ava Gingerich and Sydney Knebel attended this conference. The Amplify conference focused on the importance of having a vivid vision, discovering personal



SUBMITTED

Nine members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter attended the Ignite, Amplify and Transform Conferences: Allie Whetstine, Madelyn Sieren, Marissa Cline, Brylee Gearhart, Sydney Knebel, Elijah Statler, Ava Gingerich, Quinton Smith and Stella Janecek.

passions for the future, developing self-confidence and winning mentality, establishing a strategy to reach for their vision, and understanding the value of accountability.

Marissa Cline participated in the Transform conference for seniors. This conference focused on chapter leadership development and how to pay it forward to local FFA chapters

and create personal plans after high school. This conference included programming on how to leave a legacy, recognizing the importance of diversity and inclusion, identifying oppor-

tunities of how to be involved with FFA after high school.

These conferences were presented by the Iowa FFA State Officer team along with past State FFA Officers.

From llamas to carriage rides, Lone Tree's Winterfest offers full day of fun

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

LONE TREE

Winterfest in Lone Tree will be taking place on November 26, from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Sponsored by local small businesses and the Lone Tree Chamber of Commerce, this is an event taking place in downtown Lone Tree that the whole family can enjoy during the holiday season.

The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. with a vendor market featuring a wide variety of businesses, including Deeply Rooted Beauty & Boutique, Julie's Fountain of Flowers, Fabulous Finds Consignment Store, Ayden's Closet, Kari Ford-Scentsy, Soraya Gem Co, Delightfully Sweet Bakery, Shelia's Sugar Shop, Lolli Cakes, and Six Seasons T-Shirt Boutique. The vendor market is scheduled to last until 3 p.m. Also, at 10 a.m., there will be an El Gringo Loco Food Truck. Whether you want breakfast or lunch, this food truck has you covered. The food truck will be there until 4 p.m.

Starting at 12 p.m., The Traveling Tapster will be open for business. They will be serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. They offer a wide range of signature drinks based on color scheme or favorite mixed beverages. This mobile bar-

tending service is available for a wide variety of events, from weddings to company retreats. The drinks they provide will be available until 7 p.m.

Beginning at 2 p.m., there will be activities for kids. These activities range from cookie decorating, letters to Santa, creating crafts, and more. All these fun activities for the children will go on until 4 p.m.

Also at 2 p.m. will be Christmas Llamas, live animals dressed in Christmas apparel and filled with holiday cheer. You may take pictures with them and even pet them. These animals are sponsored by Julie Chown of Ruhl and Ruhl Realtors. The Christmas Llamas will be at the event until 3 p.m.

Then at 4 p.m., the Town Christmas Tree will be decorated. People are encouraged to bring ornaments to add to the tree. The decorating concludes at 6 p.m.

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., carriage rides will be offered. These community-style rides have a large carriage that fits multiple people. The ride will travel around the town and will last about 10 minutes, with hot cocoa offered to riders.

Finally, at 6 p.m. the Festival of Trees and Soup Supper will take place at the Wellness Center. The festivities will come to an end at 8 p.m.

Hinson Consulting will lead search for new city administrator

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

RIVERSIDE

Hinson Consulting, of Washington, has been hired by the Riverside City Council to direct the search for a new city administrator.

Christine Yancey, who has been city administrator since 2019, will leave the job at the end of December.

Brent Hinson, owner of Hinson Consulting, spoke with the City Council via phone at Monday's regularly scheduled meeting. Hinson and the City Council agreed on a \$13,600 discounted consulting agreement. He will meet again with the board Dec. 5 to discuss the procedure and possible timeline.

Hinson also led the search when Yancey was hired in 2019, and the company's other past searches include one for Maquoketa City Manager last year. Hinson said the company has strong contacts within the state of Iowa but would also conduct an out-of-state search. "We've got to be careful with this position," Council Person Edgar McGuire said.

Yancey was hired three

years ago when the city did not have a city administrator. The search that year carried an \$11,000 fee from Hinson.

Wastewater Plant

The City Council approved a resolution to start the bidding process for repairs at the Wastewater Plant. The work is estimated by Axiom Consultants of Iowa City at \$243,873. A public comment session was held Monday, but there was no comment.

The City Council is hoping to award the bid at its Dec. 19 meeting.

Third Street Update

Road, sidewalk and driveway work continues in Phase 2, or the western portion, of the \$3.2 million Third Street water main and sewer main project.

Brian Boelk, a civil engineer and co-founder of Axiom Consultants, said early winter weather may soon intervene, especially with the final construction and installation of stairs leading up to elevated sidewalks. Once the handrails arrive, they can still be installed during the winter, Boelk said.

Any remaining work would

be completed in the early spring after winter weather passes.

A change order of \$5,768 was approved with Streb Construction of Iowa City for an extension of the retaining wall on Third Street.

The board also approved a payment of \$558,636.83 to Streb Construction for work completed.

Board Action

The City Council approved the transfer of \$1.325 million of funds to pay for capital improvements in Fiscal Year 2023.

The Council approved application and electrical inspection permit fees, beginning Nov. 21: \$35 for a residential application and \$15 for a resident permit, and \$35 for a solar PV array application and \$165 for a permit.

The Council appointed Christine Kirkwood to the Board of Adjustments for a five-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Next meeting: The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. A work session is scheduled for Nov. 28.

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Plaza. Unmoored just days before the Nov. 16 Grant Award Celebration, Executive Director Patty Koller “rallied” to complete last-minute preparations.

“A QSO is what we are, and we’re a 501c nonprofit,” Ellingson said of the WCRF. “We’ve been around for about six years now, and we’re actually governed by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. And we receive our money from all the gambling that happens here at the casino.”

“Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, they’re the ones that make this happen,” he explained. “You guys going in there and enjoying yourself, having a good time, is what’s created all of this. All these things that we’re doing tonight, all these 501c 3’s that are receiving money, this wouldn’t happen without you guys enjoying this establishment.”

The WCRF conducts spring and fall grant cycles for special projects. Earlier this year, spring grants totaling \$3,435,693 were awarded; for the fall grant cycle, \$1,491,377 was awarded. Municipalities within Washington County also receive regular quarterly grants from the foundation.

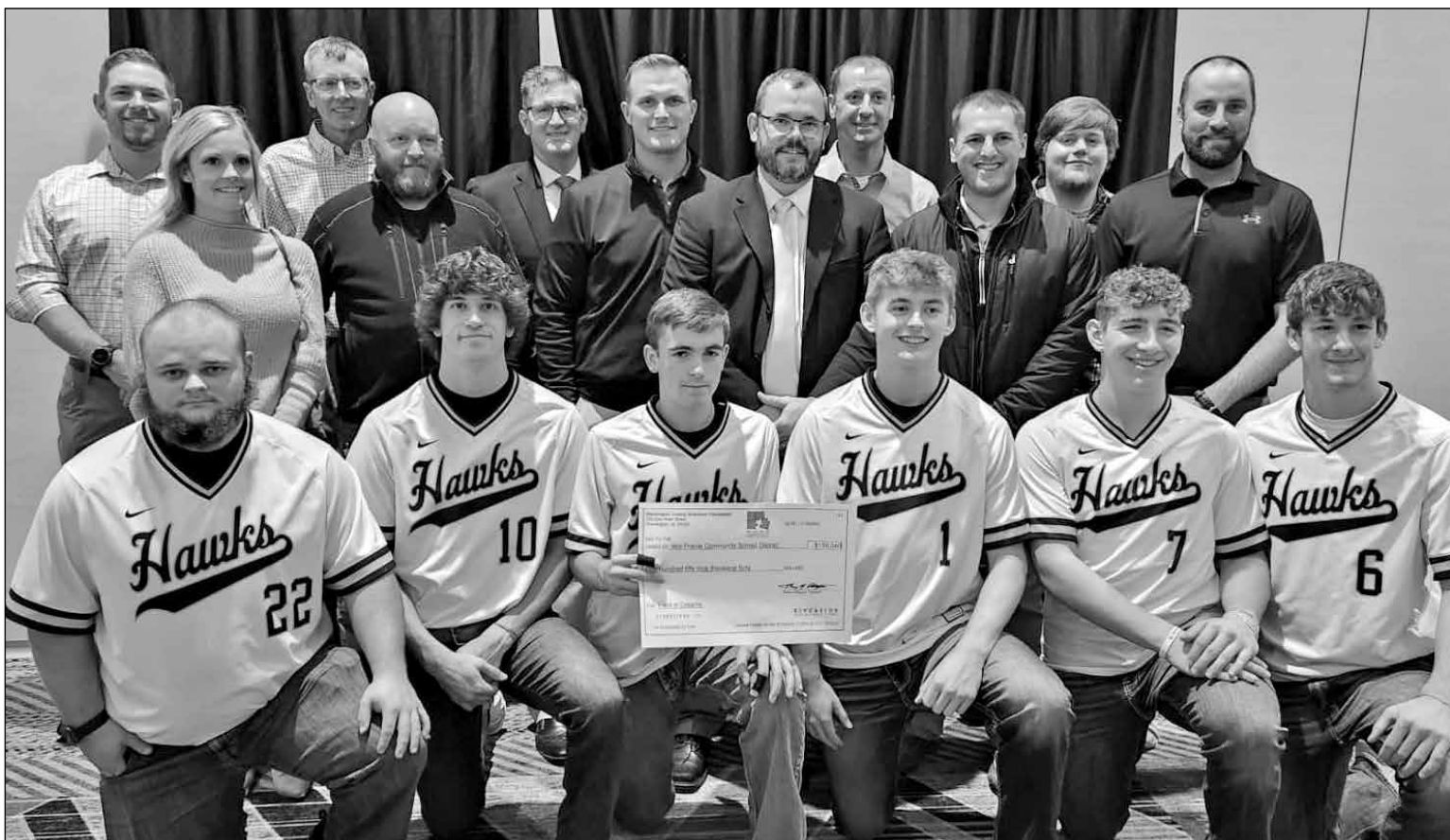
The largest grant recipient of the fall cycle was the Wellman-Scotfield Public Library.

“We are beyond thrilled,” said Carrie Geno, Assistant Director. “It was a huge surprise, and we are so very grateful. This is a project we’ve been hoping to do for several years, and it’s going to have a big impact, not only for our library, but our community.”

The east side of the building the library occupies has been vacant for years; with the grant funds, the library will be able to knock down a wall separating the two sides, which will more than double the space. This will allow for an expanded collection and programs.

“We’re still in shock,” Geno said. “We’re excited to call the architect that we’ve been working with on the plans and see what our next step is.”

Another grant recipient in the city of Wellman was the Wellman Volunteer Fire Department, which will use the funds to purchase self-



Mid-Prairie Baseball players and their supporters will see their Field of Dreams made real with funds from a WCRF grant. Back Row: Tyler Grout, Hayley Hershberger, Chad Burmeister, Jason Hall, Brian Stone, Tyler Hotz, Jeremy Pickard, Ryan Harland, Kyle Mullet, Brody Miller, Jed Seward. Front Row: Jack Zahradnek, Collin Miller, Cameron Pickard, Alex Bean, Karsen Grout, Cain Brown.

contained breathing apparatus units. When going into a smoke-filled structure, the breathing apparatus protects the firefighter and is vital to their safety.

“We were [surprised],” said Tracy Owens, Secretary/Treasurer. “This was something we have to purchase. Ours are outdated and need replaced. We’ve saved up money for it, but we also just bought a pumper last year, which was over \$300,000 [and] we’re still paying on it. But \$65,000 is a big deal because we’re looking to buy ten new packs, and it is amazing the amount of money it takes to keep a fire department in check, just in gear and equipment, let alone just day-to-day bills. So, this was a very big thing.”

The Kalona Volunteer Fire Department was also awarded grant funds; they will use theirs to purchase a pumper-tanker truck. The WCRF invited Fire Chief Jerry Zahradnek to address the celebrants upon receipt of the department’s

award. “It’s difficult to measure the overall importance of purchasing a new fire truck at this time, since it directly serves Kalona’s 28 firefighters, the best team of firefighters you could ever ask to work with, giving them the maximum ability to respond quickly, effectively, and safely. And that competence translates into every mutual-aid fire call Kalona receives,” he said.

“There aren’t enough ways to describe how proud I am as a fire chief each time we go into battle with other firefighters in our nearby departments, knowing we can depend on each other and work side by side as a cohesive team,” he continued. “This new pumper tanker firetruck is much needed to update our fleet. And we are very thankful for the chance to finalize the purchase of this new truck for delivery in the summer of 2023.”

The Mid-Prairie Community School District sought a WCRF grant to renovate

its baseball field, and their request was also granted on Wednesday night.

The baseball field playing surface has become uneven and potentially unsafe, and the field and viewing areas also struggle with improper water drainage. Potholes dot the outfield, and the press box lacks air conditioning. Many of these issues will be addressed by money raised from previous fundraisers; however, as senior baseball player Cameron Pickard told the room, the WCRF grant will be a big help. “With the money that the Washington County Riverboat Foundation gave to us, we will make new seating terraces behind the backstop, and we will make a new and bigger press box,” he said. “We are also putting in a clubhouse so players will be able to change and store their personal items between games. And we also are adding more storage to keep our tools in there, to keep the field nice and good.”

“This project should in-

crease the economic status of Kalona and Wellman because it should reel in more people to watch the games, and I invite all of you to come by this summer and watch us boys do what we love to do, and that’s play baseball,” Pickard said.

A total of 14 grants were awarded in the fall cycle. Others of note include:

Cub Scout Troop 234, which serves the Mid-Prairie district, received \$1575 for firewood equipment and \$1475 for Pinewood Derby supplies and equipment.

The City of West Chester received \$20,000 to re-roof the former middle school building, which has become an important, multi-use building for the community.

The Keota Community School District received \$41,405 for Phase 1 Baseball and Softball Field Renovations.

For more information about the Washington County Riverboat Foundation visit washingtoncountyriverboatfoundation.org.

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ued to serve both lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, with dinner service on Wednesday and Thursday, and brunch and dinner on Sunday.

“This summer we decided that we were going to focus on the times that we were the most busy, so we could give the best service and make the best food and have the best experience for everybody,” McKnight explains. “That’s what we’ve been doing so far.”

The plan is to open the kitchen again for lunch mid-week.

“We’re looking to hire a couple more people so that we can get that rolling. I think it will happen sooner rather than later,” McKnight says.

So be assured that Kalona Brewing’s mid-week lunch menu is only on a temporary hiatus; your weekday cheese curds & onion rings habit may resume soon enough.

The second challenge the brewpub faces regards the canning and distribution of beer.

“One of the things that we’ve had to refocus on is, what is our business model and what is our distribution

reach?” Yoder says. “We’ve found [the staffing shortage] to be a struggle for distribution.” Working with distributors has its drawbacks; they take inventory from the brewery, but they don’t necessarily get that product on store shelves, much less make sure it sells. As a result, Kalona Brewing has predominately self-promoted and distributed their beer. But delivering across the state eats up the man-hours, and the company doesn’t have staff to spare.

Getting cans has also been an issue.

“We have a Wild Goose canning line and we have our can seamer, [which is] set up so that we have a particular Crown aluminum blank can, and then a certain lid end that goes with that seamer, so we are very limited as to who we can get [cans] from,” Yoder explains.

The brewery had a supplier that sold them the quantities of the specific can and lid they need for their equipment, but when COVID hit, the supplier dropped their smaller customers. That left the brewery scur-

rying to find new suppliers, but now that the price and quantity of cans available to them is less certain, they have started to question how much canning they really want to do.

So, you may have heard a rumor that the brewery would stop canning its beer.

“There was an initial thought about disbanding the canning operation and then just producing keg beer for the immediate area for self-distribution,” Yoder admits, giving the rumor some credence. But that is not what the brewery intends to do.

“We decided to continue canning, but at a reduced rate,” Yoder says. “Instead of canning 70-80% of the production beers that we do, we’re now going to do about 30-40%. The focus is going to be just canned sales here at the brewpub, and then also for the immediate area: Iowa City, Fairfield, Mount Pleasant, and Davenport as well.”

“One of the things we’re trying to do is become more streamlined, a little bit more efficient in what we’re doing, how we do it, and how many

people we have doing it,” he adds.

The brewery’s two core beers, Kalona Classic Light Lager and Sucha Much India Pale Ale, will continue to be available in cans, as will four or five seasonal releases throughout the year. The next two canning runs, according to Yoder, will be of Start-up Stout Coffee Stout and, for the first time, Horse Power American-Style Hefeweizen.

Kalona Brewing’s new-found efficiency has exciting ramifications. For the brewer, “It’s going to give me a lot more nimbleness as to what I brew, because I’m not worrying about production volumes as much,” Yoder says.

“One thing about [just doing barrels] is that it gives a lot more freedom to do varieties and just do one-off batches that we’ll have on tap here or in kegs throughout the area that we provide service to,” he explains.

New, limited releases only available in the brewpub or a few select locations will give beer lovers rare, exclusive tasting experiences. Or, as Yoder

puts it, by him focusing on the brewpub in Kalona rather than a wide distribution of canned beers, customers are going to be able to “come in here, they’re going to have tap beer, it’s going to be special, and it’s going to be fun.”

“It’s kind of exciting,” he concludes. “The focus is going to be on this business here. Cans are nice. Having your products out there is great because it’s advertising that gets people to know who you are. But yet, I’ve always felt that this should be the focus -- the brewpub -- because we’ve always wanted to be the living room of Kalona.”

Kalona Brewing Company is located at 405 B Avenue, Kalona. Bar hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Current Kitchen hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

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Highland Elementary's new playground completed

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

RIVERSIDE

Sometimes you get what you ask for.

Back in September, the superintendent of the Highland Community School District hoped that the new playgrounds being installed at the elementary school would be completed by Thanksgiving. Wish granted.

On Nov. 18, I'm back at Highland Elementary in Riverside, and it's a much different day than when I last visited two months ago. On that blue-sky day, students actively enjoyed their morning recess in shorts and tees; today, the playgrounds are quiet under gray-white clouds and frosty 18-degree temps.

An entirely new pre-K playground has sprouted up in the intervening months. What I last saw as leveled dirt and rock has become a clean, new playspace on the west side of the school.

The area had originally been grass that served no special function other than to keep maintenance staff busy on the lawnmower. When the school district found itself with \$700,000 unspent from its \$3.7 million bond, they decided to add a pre-K playground, in addition to other outdoor improvements.

"This is not supposed to be anybody but four and five-year-olds out here," Superintendent Ken Crawford explains as we survey the finished space.

For little kids, the fully fenced-in area is especially desirable. "The teachers are saying, 'You know, it's nice not to have people wander off,'" Crawford says.

A soft, spongy surface covers the ground underneath the play equipment. Kids have ample space to enjoy sets of



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Colorful new equipment with a soft surface underfoot invites students to enjoy an active recess.

swings and slides; a tunnel, merry-go-round, and teetertotter round out the options for play. Clean new cement loops through the area, ready for the students to bring the tricycles out of the shed and ride.

Around the corner to the back, a covered sandbox and picnic table invite students to get creative with sand sculpting or sit down and relax.

"Just for the kids. That's what we're doing," Crawford remarks as we conclude the tour.

Lucky kids, indeed. The pre-K playground is just one part of Highland Elementary's new playground, ballfield, and activity surface project that began in June. Recall that story by referring to your Sept. 13, 2022, issue of The News.



The new pre-K playground, completed this month.



The west side of Highland Elementary, as it was in September 2022

"Welcoming" Kalona Public Library sets records in 2022

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

The 2021-2022 Library Annual Report, presented by Library Director Trevor Shering and Director of Youth Services Olivia Kahler, ended the regular meeting of the Kalona City Council on a high note this week.

From the success of the Summer Reading Program, which saw "a record number of participants this year," to the highest physical circulation numbers the library has seen yet, the report from the library leadership was all positive.

Sherping and Kahler reviewed the big things the library has accomplished this year, which included going fine-free, adopting a new catalog system, reworking the library volunteer program, and conducting 53 in-person programs in the 9-week long Summer Reading Program.

"The thing I really want to point out," Shering said while presenting the annual statistics, "Is we broke 50,000 circulations of physical materials for the first time ever. That is a record for the library one year after that massive drop-off from the pandemic."

"I think that's very impressive," he added. "We still have the same number of patrons, still have the same door count. Really, the only thing I can attribute that to, when I think about it, is just a welcoming environment. People enjoy spending time here."

After fielding questions from council members about why Kalona's library is so successful, Shering said, "I feel like I have a very easy job because I don't have to work hard to get people in. For some reason, our community really loves to use the library."

"One thing I will say, on the revenue side," City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh said,

"I think it's important for everybody to acknowledge here, county funds make up a portion of their budget. Our library serves a lot of county residents. It's going to be very important that we all speak to our elected officials at the county level to make sure that they maintain that county [funding]."

Several council members expressed their appreciation for Shering and Kahler's work at the library.

"This is so good, this is so good," council member Craig Spitzer said after inquiring about the collection.

"You do a good job, and I really want to tell you how much I appreciate all the people that work over there," council member Jenelle Bender concurred.

Copies of the Kalona Public Library 2022 Annual Report are available for viewing at the

Kalona Public Library.

City Administrator's Report

In his report to the City Council, Schlabaugh noted that 5th Street is now open, as the soil remediation project and repaving of the street near Midway Van Rental is now complete. Letters will go out this week to golf cart and UTV owners with instructions on how to renew registrations for 2023. Most leaves have been collected, and pre-snow street sweeping is underway. Crews will conduct agreed-upon repair work to the water plant next week.

At the Washington County Riverboat Foundation's Grant Award Celebration on Nov. 16, the city's municipal grants were acknowledged.

"Over three quarters, we've been awarded \$281,959, of which we'll probably get

another check for \$55,000+ for the fourth quarter when that comes out. We've seen a huge increase from the last couple of years in the amount of municipal funds we get," Schlabaugh noted.

Council Actions

Schlabaugh presented the council with the city's 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report, which the council unanimously approved.

"Our 2022 balances, both bank and software systems, do match," Schlabaugh said. "We have more than ample reserves to meet what the auditor would like to see, what the state would recommend, to cover six months' expenditures and so forth. We're well above that, so we're very comfortable with

that." "We have borrowing capacity of just shy of \$11 million, and we're operating at about 30% of that," he added. "There are communities not very far from us that are at 80%. 80% would limit your vision. 30% allows for vision. [That's] how I look at it. Now, that's not to say we go out and go crazy, but you have the ability to look in the future and look at what is going to be best for your community. . . So we feel very comfortable."

The council also passed a resolution approving the city's fiscal year 2023-2024 TIF Certification, and set a work session for Monday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss a game plan for the city's next Student-Built house project.

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“Giving Tree” at Sinclair Tractor an opportunity for generosity

BY CHERYL ALLEN
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If your holiday shopping requires a stop at Sinclair Tractor for miniature tractor replicas, a John Deere-Opoly board game, or a kids’ bike in John Deere green, consider adding to their “Giving Tree” before becoming mesmerized by their wall of toys.

Through Dec. 17, Sinclair Tractor will accept your donations of hats, mittens, and gloves for kids, as well as food and monetary contributions.

Clothespins sit waiting for you to clip winter hats and mittens to the Christmas tree in the front of the store, which will serve as decorations for now; later in the month, the agricultural equipment dealer will bring the winterwear to East Elementary school in Kalona so that every student who needs it can stay warm this winter.

“The day I called [the school], she said, ‘It’s funny that you called. I just put [hats and mittens] out, and we were very low on them, so that’s a great idea,’” administrative assistant Carrie Miller said of her call to Kalona Elementary.

The students “can’t go out to recess unless they’re dressed appropriately,” Miller adds, further emphasizing the importance of this simple contribution.

In addition to cold weather gear, Sinclair Tractor is also collecting food and cash in their toy vehicles and wagons beneath the Christmas tree. These items will be delivered to the Kalona Food Pantry to help those who need to make their dollars stretch a little further this holiday season.

Suggested contributions for under the tree include non-per-



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Fill up the wagons and containers with non-perishable food donations.

ishables such as pasta and pasta sauce; canned vegetables, beans and soups; cereal; hamburger helper; peanut butter and jelly; individual Jell-O and pudding cups; personal hygiene items; paper towels and toilet paper.

Location Manager Hannah Hagen and her team at Sinclair Tractor in Kalona have chosen this special project to do good this holiday season; other locations may have different projects of their own.

Visit Sinclair Tractor at 1409 E Ave, Kalona. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays.



Help decorate Sinclair Tractor’s “Giving Tree” with hats and mittens through Dec. 17.

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Wellman Light the Night & Santa Visit

Wellman’s Light the Night event happens Dec. 10 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. in downtown Wellman. Santa arrives on a fire truck at 2:50 p.m.; Business & Home Decorating contest winners announced at 4:45 p.m.; tree lighting at 5 p.m. Enjoy free hot chocolate, cookies, and music.

on Saturday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Dec. 9. Call Deanna Poe 319-330-5765 or deanna@kctc.net for available times.

Kalona Optimist Christmas Party

The Kalona Optimist club’s annual Christmas party will be Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at Ila and Henry Miller’s home, HIM Hearth n Home, 1012 Juniper Ave, Kalona. Open to Members, spouses, friends, and prospective members. \$18 per person, fried chicken dinner, tip included. \$10 gift exchange.

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Highland senior Mackenzie McFarland pins Fort Madison's Hailey Kemper during a second-round match in West Liberty.

Game changer: Shot clock arrives for Iowa hoops



Paul Bowker
Columnist

The defensive stand was dramatic. Lone Tree's boys basketball team, playing for the first time this season, was in a battle against BGM in its pre-season opener last Friday. The Lions had whittled a 14-point deficit to two points with just a couple of minutes remaining in the game.

In the Iowa basketball of the past, BGM may have just held the ball and watched the clock tick down on a victory.

The rules have changed. Iowa's adoption of a 35-second shot clock means you can't sit on a lead anymore.

"Last year, they could have held the ball for two minutes," Lone Tree coach Tom Squiers said. "Then you've got to foul and hope they miss free throws. Well, this way, you can say, 'Hey, you know what, hold it for 35 seconds, get a stop and we're going to get the ball back.'"

The Lions nearly pulled it off. Lone Tree's strong defensive stand stopped BGM from getting a shot off. The shot clock ticked down, 9-8-7-6, and desperation set in. Finally, with five seconds left, a move toward the basket resulted in a Lone Tree foul.

The Lions lost by two, 47-45. And players on both sides learned a valuable lesson they can take into this regular season featuring a major change in both boys and girls basketball.

Highland girls basketball coach Jody Fink said the Huskies got into overtime Saturday night at Iowa Valley because Iowa Valley was unable to hold the ball for the last three minutes of regulation while clinging to a six-point lead.

The signs of a new era in Iowa basketball are everywhere.

At Mid-Prairie, during a 5-on-5 drill during practice, a high-pitched buzzer echoes through the gym when players running a set play on offense are out of time after the defense puts up a great stand. The shot clock could work out perfectly for the Golden Hawks, who were one of the top defensive teams in the state last year.

At Lone Tree last week, temporary shot clocks were positioned on the wall and a separate person sitting at the scoring table pushed a button to reset the clock every time the ball hit the rim or changed possession.

TOUGH ENOUGH

Huskies go 11-1 with three first-place finishers at West Liberty Tournament

BY JEFF YODER

The News

WEST LIBERTY

The little Highland wrestling team had a big night at West Liberty on Monday. Three of the four Huskies reached the top of the podium in the 18-team tournament.

Led by five victories from senior Mackenzie McFarland, the Huskies went 11-1 with first-place finishes from McFarland, Abbie Grout, and Lilly Barre.

Highland coach Dylan Stewart said the girls have gained some mental toughness over the offseason, which has been evident through two tournaments.

"We're starting to fight in really close matches," he said. "A lot of the stuff that we do in the practice room is starting to transition onto the mat, which you love to see."

"From last year to this year, it's just our mindset. I really think a lot of our

girls are starting to believe in themselves, they're very confident."

Junior Lilly Barre reached the championship match of the BGM tournament on Saturday. Two days later, a pair of first-period pins put her on top of the podium for the first time in her career.

She pinned North Scott's Sierra Metcalf in 61 seconds to secure first place.

"I just came in and I knew what I had to do," Barre said. "I knew I had to get the head pressure on really quickly, that's been my biggest struggle. So I came in doing that and I knew as soon as she popped up, I was going to have to hit my double and it all just went as planned."

Barre has five pins in six matches so far this season.

"It feels great," she said. "From last year, winning two matches the whole season, to now winning five matches so far, and I've only been to two tournaments... it feels pretty good."

Grout opened her day at 100 with the

Huskies' most competitive match of the day, a 6-4 decision over Wilton's Audrey Cummings. A pair of penalty points for locked hands cut into Grout's lead and made the match closer than it should have been, but she responded by pinning her next two opponents to claim first place in the bracket.

"I think it just showed a lot of mental toughness," Stewart said. "I thought she's just really in a good mindset and really believing in herself. So you love to see that and you'd love to see her build on that."

McFarland took a 3-0 lead in her first match. She started the third period on top and pinned Alburnett's Hallie Portwood with just over a minute remaining. First place was on the line in McFarland's fourth-round match with Wapello's Madi Lundvall, who had won her first three on Monday.

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Lone Tree comes back to edge Keota for first victory

BY JEFF YODER

The News

MARENGO

The Lone Tree girls basketball team picked up its first win of the season with a fourth-quarter comeback in the Four Corners Classic on Saturday.

Lady Lion sophomore Vivian Zaruba was 4-for-4 from the free throw line over the final two minutes as Lone Tree scored the last six points of the 28-26 win over Keota.

"It's very nerve racking, but I do like having the chance to score," Zaruba said about stepping to the line under pressure.

Lone Tree trailed just once through the first three quarters, but a 9-2 run would put the

Eagles up 22-17 in the fourth.

Senior Riley Krueger made her second 3-pointer of the game to cut the lead to two points with 4:36 left in the game. Krueger and Zaruba led Lone Tree in scoring with six points apiece.

Eight players combined for 11 field goals for Lone Tree in the low-scoring contest, and none finished with more than two.

While Lone Tree coach Ryan Shelman hopes to see the Lone Tree offense improve with experience, he expects to see more balance in the team's offensive distribution this year.

Last year, over one third of the Lady Lion field goals were scored by Kasey Chown, who graduated in the summer.

"I think we're going to have some girls that could go out and get us some numbers on any given night," Shelman said. "But I do think that we're going to have more of a balanced attack, which is going to make us a tougher team to defend moving forward."

Bailey McGrew got behind the Keota defense and caught a perfectly placed lob from freshman Finley Jacque to tie the game at 22-22 in the fourth quarter. McGrew, who finished with four points, also drew a charge that kept the Eagles from adding to a two-point lead in the final three minutes.

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Lone Tree senior Riley Krueger puts up a shot in the paint during the second half of Saturday's 28-26 win over Keota.

ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

SARAH BURTON

HIGHLAND JUNIOR

Burton scored 25 points during the Huskies 53-27 win over Keota in the season opener on Friday. Burton has 39 points, 20 rebounds, six steals, and six blocked shots through two games this year.

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Area boys basketball scrimmages began this past week. Lone Tree fell 47-45 to BGM in a scrimmage hosted by the Lions on Friday. Mid-Prairie was a 34-33 winner over E-B-F during a jamboree in Wellman on Monday, while Hillcrest defeated New London 34-29 in a jamboree on Monday as well.

Highland splits in opening games at Iowa Valley

BY JEFF YODER
The News

MARENGO

Highland opened the basketball season with a split in the Four Corners Classic at Iowa Valley over the weekend.

Sarah Burton scored 25 points in a 53-27 win over Keota on Friday. The Huskies battled back from a six-point deficit in the fourth quarter on Saturday, but Iowa Valley escaped with a 44-40 overtime win.

"To start the season off, I'm happy with it," Highland coach Jody Fink said. "We came, we fought and showed a lot of growth. We can learn from this, but we've got to take care of unforced turnovers, rebounds, and free throws. Those three things were the difference in the game."

The Tigers scored six points from offensive rebounds during a 12-0 run that began in the fourth quarter when Burton went to the bench with four fouls.

While Iowa Valley was getting third and fourth chance points from offensive rebounds, Highland missed all four of its free throw attempts during the fourth quarter.

Burton finally ended the scoring drought with 2:37 left in the game and later pulled the



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Highland junior Kelsi Cerny finishes a fast break to tie the game at 37-37 in the fourth quarter.

Huskies within two with a put-back of her own. Katelyn Waters answered a Tiger bucket to cut the lead to 37-35, and Kelsi Cerny tied the game with a steal and score in the final minute.

"She did a nice job of being able to sit there and take it,"

Fink said. "Anna Herrig came in and did a good job and Kerra Longbine came in and did a good job defensively."

The Tigers' 5-foot-10 sophomore center, Lydia Kriegel, scored the go ahead bucket with two minutes left to go up

41-40. The Huskies would not score again and Iowa Valley made three of its final five free throws to seal it.

Despite being limited by foul trouble, Burton scored 14 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked six shots before

fouling out in overtime.

Jessica Kraus scored eight points on 2-of-7 shooting from the 3-point line. She also had six rebounds and four assists.

"I expected that from her," Fink said. "That's something we talked about before we came here. She has to be that threat and go out and look to take those shots. And she's just going to grow offensively for us."

Stella Slaymaker grabbed seven rebounds on the defensive end for Highland. Waters finished with six points, three assists and two steals.

On a night where the Huskies shot 7-of-22 from the foul line as a team, senior Anna Herrig made 3-of-6 at the stripe. Longbine made her only free throw attempt to complete a 3-point play in the first quarter.

Katie Herrig made a jumper off of an inbounds pass to give the Huskies a 17-8 lead after one quarter. Waters would extend the Highland run to 10-0 with a steal and layup early in the second.

Waters had eight points, 11 assists and four steals in Highland's win over Keota on Friday. Anna Herrig scored eight points as well on 4-of-5 shooting and Kraus added seven.

The Huskies will host Hillcrest Academy to open SEISC North play on November 29.



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Left, Mid-Prairie freshman Ellie Callahan forces her opponent to her back during Monday's tournament. Right, senior Marissa Cline gets into position to secure a pin.

Mid-Prairie has success at West Liberty, takes title at BGM

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WEST LIBERTY

After winning the BGM tournament on Saturday, the Mid-Prairie girls continued a successful opening week of wrestling with five first-place finishers at West Liberty on Monday.

Junior Gabi Robertson went 4-0 over the three day stretch to win her bracket in both tournaments.

Robertson closed the day with a quick pin, but had to work for the victory in her first match, an 11-7 decision over Durant's Lainey Shlangoski

"She was super good," Robertson said. "I met with her last

year too, and I think she beat me. So I was happy to come out on top."

Robertson took a 6-1 lead with a buzzer-beating take-down in the first period and extended the lead to 11-3 with three back points in the second.

"I just tried to stay on top and not get stuck, because I knew that she's really heavy on top," Robertson said. "So I knew I had to stay on top myself. And I was able to keep her there."

"There was a lot of blood time in that match, and it kind of worked out well for me, because I got breaks every so often when she had to take her blood time."

Ellie Brenneman, Grace

Conway, Marissa Cline, and Sam Stacey were all bracket winners as well.

"Overall, it was a solid night with nine out of our ten wrestlers getting first or second, and all of us winning matches," Mid-Prairie coach Dylan Walther said.

"Our new girls are starting to look like wrestlers. We look like we have a much better idea of what is going on and are doing a lot of things we are talking about in practice. We just sometimes get caught in moves we haven't seen before."

Brenneman picked up a pair of pins to move to 6-1 on the season. Cline continued a dominant season with her fifth first-

period pin of the season. She has won six matches by fall and has just one loss on the year. Conway wrestled for a total of just 51 seconds on Monday, winning both of her matches by pin in 30 seconds or less. Stacey also won both of her matches by first-period fall.

Freshman Ellie Callahan missed Saturday's tournament, but returned on Monday to go 2-1 with a pair of pins to finish second in her bracket.

"Ellie Callahan looked solid in her return," Walther said. "With her and Mia at 170, we have had to bump Ellie up for the team. Without any team points being kept, she wrestled her natural weight."

Mia Garvey also finished second with two wins and one loss in her bracket. Ashlee Farrier was 2-1 with a second place finish and Kenda Shqair was 1-1 to finish second in her bracket of three. Mardie Berry was 1-2 with a pin of Fort Madison's Marquel Warner in the first round of her bracket.

BGM Tournament

The Golden Hawks edged Des Moines Public Schools combined wrestling program (DMPS) 118-116 to claim the tournament title at BGM on Saturday.



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Left, Hillcrest freshman Claire Withrow works to deny a Tri-County pass during the second half on Friday. Right, sophomore Malia Yoder organizes the Raven offense.

Malia Yoder leads Ravens in season-opening loss

BY JEFF YODER
The News

THORNBURG

It might take more than one season for Ravens' girls basketball rebuild to yield results in the win column. But with the youngest and most inexperienced roster in the Southeast Iowa Super Conference, Hillcrest Academy coach Mitchell Drey is looking at things from a long-term perspective.

"I hate losing, I really do," Drey said. "I hated it last year, but we had to take those lumps to make sure our sophomores were ready this year. Now it just comes down to doing that same thing this year. I hate losing. But we're going to be young, so we're going to make some mistakes like we did tonight."

The Ravens, who lost four starters from last year's 1-19 squad, opened the 2022-23 season with a 45-30 loss at Tri-

County on Friday.

All 30 points were scored by sophomores and freshmen. The Ravens have just one junior and no seniors on the roster.

"We're not quite there yet," Drey said. "What makes me happy is, we've got two more years to grow. Where some other teams might lose some of their girls next year or the year after that, we get to keep ours for two more."

Raven sophomore Malia Yoder led the team with 13 points on Friday. She converted a 4-point play and made another 3-pointer during a 9-0 run in the second quarter. Her seven-point spurt was followed by free throws made by Delaney Shaw and Lydia Beachy that cut the Tri-County lead to 17-16.

"Malia did a great job, I knew that she could do this," Drey said. She showed that she was capable last year a couple of times."

Yoder is the only returning

starter from a season ago. She scored over six points per game and led the Ravens with 35 assists for the season. Despite being just a sophomore, she takes a leadership role on the court.

"Because since we're so young, people aren't really expecting us to do much but I'm excited to prove them wrong," Yoder said.

She said that the team has shown improvement already through the early season practices.

"All the freshmen have definitely improved so much and our communication has been much better," she said.

Freshman Claire Withrow scored eight of her 11 points after halftime on Friday.

Beachy, a sophomore, was typically the first Raven to come off the bench last year. She grabbed 51 rebounds and led the team with four blocked shots last season.

While Beachy made just her

second career start on Friday, she's one of the more experienced players in the Hillcrest lineup.

"I think we have a lot of potential," Beachy said. "It's going to be an interesting year. But I think we have the skills to get better. And we have a couple more years together to go even further."

Hillcrest fell behind 17-7 on Friday before Yoder drew a foul on her first made 3-pointer.

She cashed in from outside for the third time to cut the lead to 21-19 early in the second half, but the Trojans responded with a 13-2 run.

Tri-County had just two made field goals in the second quarter, but made seven in the third quarter as Raven turnovers led to easy scores in transition.

Drey said that his team also allowed too many offensive rebounds during the third quarter. "We knew coming in that

we're an undersized team, so rebounding is huge," he explained. "But the good thing is it's fixable, we can fix those two things as long as we put the effort in."

And the effort is there. According to Drey, his team's biggest strength is "how hard they go."

"They're going all the time. I told them at the beginning of the season, we were going to run a bunch. And we did. They went through it. They didn't complain. They just put their heads down and they worked. And that's great to have in a young team. They want to work and they want to get better. So now we've just got to get the experience."

Hillcrest (0-1) begins the conference slate at Columbus on Tuesday, November 22. The Ravens open the season with four straight road games before welcoming Lone Tree to Hillcrest Union on December 6.

Athletic Golden Hawks look to push the pace of play

BY JEFF YODER
The News

WELLMAN

You can expect the Mid-Prairie girls basketball to look a little different this season in terms of style of play.

"I think we're a very athletic group, which we haven't had in a while," said senior point guard Amara Jones, who was an RVC South all-conference selection last year.

"We're all pretty fast, and everyone can catch the ball really well. We're going to be able to play at such a quicker pace than we have been able to in the past. So that's what I'm really excited about."

Jones is one of three returning starters for Mid-Prairie. The Golden Hawks will have to replace the production of Cana Rediger and all-state forward Maddie Nonnenmann, lost to graduation.

"We're definitely going to miss the seniors that we're losing," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said. "I think the biggest thing for us is using our speed and our quickness to our advantage and finding ways to score and transition and create turnovers on defense and turn that into offense."

Jones led the RVC South with 85 steals a season ago and Nora Pennington, now a junior, was also in the top 10 with 64 steals.

Jones also averaged over 10 points and five rebounds per game. She led the team with nearly four assists per contest.



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Mid-Prairie point guard Amara Jones finishes a fast break against Durant last year.

Maya Nonnenmann will replace her sister in the Golden Hawks' starting lineup this season. She was fourth on the team in rebounds, assists and steals last season and scored 3.3 points per game off of the bench. Kylie Reinier will also move into the starting lineup. Reinier will look to maintain her efficient shooting (20-of-43) from a season ago, with a higher volume of shot attempts this year.

Pennington and Landry Pacha will also see their roles expand this season.

"All of them together have to play some more minutes and do some more scoring for us, to make up for some of the scoring we're losing," Hershberger said. "We're not the tallest group, but if we can make up for that with how hard we play, that will be a huge advantage for us. I'm really excited about the way we've been practicing."

Pennington averaged over five points per game last year as a sophomore. Pacha, at just 5-foot-8, was the leading rebounder for the Golden Hawks last year with nearly six boards per game.

"Kylie and Landry have done a really good job in practice knowing where to be and when to be there," Jones said about her teammates. "Because we needed two people to step up when we lost two of our start-

ers and they've done a good job of being those people to step up."

Mid-Prairie could also see contributions from a pair of freshman guards.

"Jovi Evans will make an impact for us right away at a guard position," Hershberger said. "With how athletic she is, she can do a lot of things and help you out with her quickness."

Katelyn Harland is another one that will be a freshman off the bench for us and could make an impact at some point in this year. So, I'm just really excited about some of the new players we have as well as the ones returning."

Despite finishing last season with a record of 15-9 with a 3A regional final appearance, Mid-Prairie finished fourth out of seven teams in the RVC South with a conference record of 12-7. The conference appears to be loaded again with No. 6 (3A) West Liberty, No. 8 (2A) Regina, and No. 14 (2A) West Branch all appearing in the IGSAU's preseason rankings.

"I think if we learn how to run the floor better and start finishing more shots, we will be a really dangerous team to play against this season," Jones said.

Mid-Prairie opens the season at Fairfield on Tuesday, November 22. The Golden Hawks face Anamosa in the home opener on December 2, and host No. 6 West Liberty to open RVC South play on December 6.

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Once installed, the new permanent shot clocks (which were donated by Wake Forest men's basketball coach Steve Forbes, a Lone Tree graduate) will be installed above the backboard and the clocks will be fully integrated into the clock system at the scoring table.

It will clearly change the high school game in Iowa. Fans

will stand up and scream as the shot clock winds down on an opposing team desperately looking to take a shot. Think Iowa football at Kinnick Stadium when the opposing team's quarterback can't bark out his signals loudly enough to overcome the noise.

Coaches will be shouting for timeouts as the shot clock

winds toward :00.

"I've always been a proponent of the shot clock," Squiers said. "We've always tried to play it fast."

This is really a good thing. It brings Iowa in line with, well, just about every other level of basketball being played in the land. It'll drum up excitement for team defenses. It'll likely

speed up the game.

And the last two minutes? Everything changes now.

"I think the strategy changes a little bit when you have a lead," said Squiers, who has been basketball coach at Lone Tree for 35 years. "You have a 7- or 8-point lead with two minutes left, that used to be extremely hard to come

back from, where now, 35-second shot (clock), I think those things are possible."

Buckle your seat belts. This could be a wild and glorious ride.

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McFarland got a takedown with 42 seconds left in the opening period and secured the pin 15 seconds later. "I thought today she was really locked in and moved her feet a lot," Stewart said. "She's listening to some coaching, getting a lot of shot fakes in there. She started to understand how to open her opponents up. We're just hoping she can build off that confidence."

Angelina Roling went 2-1 to finish second at 115. She bounced back from her first loss of the season to pin WA-CO's Rylee Rice in less than a minute.

"All these girls, they're starting to walk into gyms and really understand that they might be top dogs in the gym," Stewart said. "So just getting them to build on that confidence is really where we've got to keep it all. And it's so much fun."

BGM tournament

Roling came back from 1-0 down in the third period with a reversal and pin of Louisa-Muscantine's Madilyn Eichelberger



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Lilly Barre earns her fifth pin of the season at West Liberty.

in the first-place match at 120 pounds in the BGM tournament on Saturday. Roling went 2-0 on the first day of the wrestling season for Highland. McFarland finished second at 110, with an 8-6 overtime loss in the first place match. Barre went 3-1 on the day, and also fell in the championship match at

125, which was one of the larger brackets with 12 wrestlers. After a first-round bye, Grout dropped a semifinal match at 100, but bounced back to win the next two, finishing third.

Freshman Lexie Skipton saw the first action of her career, wrestling in the JV tournament.

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Mid-Prairie had first-place finishes from Garvey and Robertson, while Farrier and Brenneman also reached the finals as well.

"It was a total team effort," Walther said. "If any win turns to a loss, we don't have the points to win," Walther said. "Mia Garvey clinched the team title with a win over Katie Yaw of DMPS in the final second of the match."

Colfax-Mingo's Lily Webster was looking for revenge in the final at 100, which was a rematch of the seventh-place match from last year's state tournament. But Robertson came out on top again, this time with a 4-2 victory in overtime.

"A lot of little things added up throughout the day," explained Walther. "In the first match of the tournament, Kendra Shqair pinned her opponent in a match she was losing 7-2 at one point. Mardie Berry did the same in the other gym, trailing 6-1 before getting a pin."

Farrier, who was the five-seed at 130 pounds, knocked off the top seed Simone Standifer

(DMPS) in the semifinals with a 1-0 decision.

Brenneman reached the final at 140 with a medical forfeit and a first period pin of Iowa Valley's Grace Schlak.

"She has looked tough," Walther said. "Only losing in the finals Saturday to a girl that made a deep run at state."

Conway went 2-2 on the day to finish fourth in her bracket.

North Scott Tournament

Mid-Prairie opened the season on Tuesday, November 15 with a second-place finish at the North Scott Tournament.

Farrier, Brenneman, Cline and Stacey were all bracket winners, while Robertson, Berry, and Garvey all finished runner up at their respective weights.

It took Berry, a freshman, just 15 seconds to earn her first varsity win with a pin of Notre Dame's Navaeh Howard on Tuesday. Freshman Ellie Callahan earned her first varsity win with a second period pin in the third-place match, wrestling up one weight class at 190.

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Jacque had a critical steal and score to tie the game at 26-26 with 1:38 left.

"Finley made a huge play," Shelman said. "On a night when we missed a lot of layups as a team, to continue to attack the basket and go in that situation — I thought she really stepped up."

Rylee Shield gave Lone Tree a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Lions would not score again until just 35 seconds remained in the half. When Zaruba's putback ended the long drought, it put Lone Tree back on top 9-8 heading into the locker room.

"We had looks, we just weren't finishing," Shelman said about the second quarter. "We're a young team and so there's going to be a learning curve."

"We had to make some adjustments, especially defensively. We had plenty of open looks, we had to be more aggressive offensively in the second half."

Avery Lisk beat the shot



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Finley Jacque eyes the rim for a game-tying layup after stealing the ball with less than two minutes left.

clock to score Lone Tree's first basket of the game and added a third-quarter bucket to finish with four. She had 11 points in a 53-31 loss to Iowa Valley on

the first day of the Four Corners Classic.

Krueger, who led the Lady Lions with 13 points in the season opener, is the only senior

on the team.

"We're really young and I think we have a lot of learning to do, but we're getting there really fast," Krueger said. "We're

learning something new every single practice. So, I think by the end of the season, we'll be up there."

Krueger's scoring average of 5.8 points per game from a season ago is the best among the Lady Lion returners.

Shelman has seen good effort and energy from his team defensively through practices and the first two games.

"I think we have the potential to be a really good defensive team," he said. "We have some things that we have to tighten up and we have some learning to do both offensively and defensively, but I would say our scrappiness and our willingness to learn are exciting."

"I like our team chemistry. The girls all get along, they enjoy being with each other. I enjoy coaching them. So I really think that the unity that we have, the balanced scoring, and our potential to be a really good defensive team — those are the things that really get me excited for the season."

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A little child of J.R. Hays, overturned a pot of boiling water scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Bush, a merchant for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The child was suffering intensely but was relieved by a single application of the Pain Balm. Another application or two made it sound and well.

One of the provisions of the new state code is that house owners need give undesirable tenants, or tenants who fail to pay their rent but three days notice to vacate. The old law required thirty days notice to be served.

Bently McCoy was the victim of a mistake in drinking from his wife's yeast cup. It is a novel experience, related in his versatile manner. He is in the habit of drinking milk, and on the evening in question, Mrs. Mc., who uses milk to soak the yeast, put some to soak in a tin cup. Bently went to the crock, picked up the tin, dipped it in and securing a good supply, drank to his stomach's content. He tells of his experience, but as we cannot use his exact words, it will only be necessary to state that he was considerably lightened; felt as though he was treading on air, and emitted fumes of yeast steam as a means of getting rid of an over-supply. He arose early the next morning also.

Last week the Kalona News commenced its seventh year and save the past year has been the most prosperous of the six. We do not doubt the fact while it is in such able hands. Mr. Smith is a veteran in the business, or at least one would judge him so by carefully noting his work. We trust he will continue to be prosperous, for he gives Kalona and vicinity a good local paper.

The Marquam boys are very uneasy regarding their brother Ed, whose whereabouts are to them unknown. He left home Oct. 3, and was seen going on foot in the direction of Richmond. They have heard nothing of him since. He is about 38 years old. He is not a strong man physically, and this tends to increase their anxiety. If any of our readers can furnish information it will be thankfully received by the family.

The largest number of letters ever sent out from the Kalona post office were mailed here Tuesday. They numbered 488. While this is much above the average, our office does a good business the year 'round.

Leo Randall was the unfortunate victim of a buzz-saw accident Tuesday morning of a serious kind and by which he is minus the ends of two fingers besides sustaining a bad cut in the hand. He was helping saw wood at his father's place, when one end of a stick of wood caught on something, jerking his right hand against the saw. The two middle fingers were cut off just below the roots of the nails and a bad cut was made in the side of his hand above the thumb. The latter wound may cause the most trouble, as the bone and cords were cut in two and the bone badly splintered. Drs. Allen and Wells dressed the wounds, and it is hoped they will heal in due time without further trouble.

Wellman

Hurley McDowell, the young man from Wellman charged with burglary, appeared Friday morning before Judge Ryan for sentence. McDowell is nineteen years of age, and was given a very nice talk by Judge Ryan, who gave him some sensible advice to follow. The young man was not sentenced, and his case continued for judgment. On good behavior, until Judge Ryan's next visit, upon payment of the costs, he will probably be allowed to escape punishment.

Dan G. Swartzendruber's little boy, Jakie, is down with malarial fever.

A pearl button factory is to be established at What Cheer. Dr. Williams seems to be the main spoke in the wheel. The clam shells will be gathered on English and Skunk Rivers. Wellman fellows are going to try gathering them. They can get \$6.00 a ton for the shells on

board the cars at Wellman. A good business for our fellows if they can fish out enough shells in a day. It is understood that if they keep an eye peeled for pearls, they can make some money on the side.

Supervisor S.D. Carris was in town a few minutes Wednesday evening of last week. They have the old McKain Bridge torn out ready for the new structure. Last Saturday night some heathen stole a lot of material taken out of the old bridge, and Mr. Carris offers \$25 reward for arrest and conviction of the party or parties.

Druggist W.L. Watters is laid up with a wounded foot, and is having a very serious time with it. Yesterday a week ago, he stepped on a nail which ran into his foot perhaps an inch. It was thought to be nothing very serious at first, and he kept at work until Friday morning when he took to his bed and has been down ever since. He has suffered intense pain almost continuously since that time. Such a wound is fully as dangerous as it is disagreeable.

Old Miser Maling, who was recently murdered at his home, was a miser in all that the name implies. One time he contracted to deliver 1,000 bushels of corn. Fearing he would be cheated out of a few pounds or bushels by weighing on another's scales, he weighed every bushel of that corn on a small scale, the size commonly used in stores, filling the small box with corn, often breaking an ear to make the balance perfect, and then lifting the box to the top of the wagon bed, dumping it in. He performed all the labor required in weighing 1,000 bushels of corn by that process. This is no fake story. It was told to a reporter by a man who has lived within a few miles of Meling for many years and shows to what a ridiculous extreme the miser carries his business transactions.

Clint Miller accidentally allowed one hand to come in contact with a circle saw, and resulting in an annoying, though not serious, wound.

An outrageous assault was made upon John Allen, an aged fisherman. He was slashed twice with a knife, while standing in the entrance to his house. Frank Harris, his assailant, is in jail.

120 YEARS AGO NOV 21, 1902

Kalona

Inspector Robt. J. Martin was in town again the latter part of last week, and mapped out another rural mail route to take in the territory southeast and south of Kalona. We understand the Richmond post office is not to be discontinued for a while at least. Three applicants were examined for carrier, viz: J. A. Kirkpatrick, Tom Brewer and Dan Donabey. The proposition to establish a gasoline gas-lighting plant in Riverside, which was voted on Monday, carried by a vote of 208 to 80. The plant will cost the town \$5,000.

A blind man gave a musical entertainment at the Methodist church Tuesday night, which was well patronized. He took in over \$6 in collections, but wasn't satisfied. He ought to edit a paper or carry mail, if he wants to get rich in three or four weeks.

Everybody and everybody's friend come and spend Thanksgiving day in Kalona, and attend the service, and help to eat the good dinner which the Methodist ladies are preparing. Several turkeys, lots of chickens in pies, dumplings, roasted, and every other way. Cakes, pies, fruits, and every-

thing good. Oysters in the evening besides the general supper. Dinner and supper in the Fenstermaker building.

It is sometimes possible to go back and say the word that was not said; but it is never possible to return and unsay what ought not to have been said.

Auctioneer Griff Johnson of Wilton Junction paid Kalona one compliment, among others, that ought to be gratifying to every citizen in the town. He said that of all the towns he had visited this year, only one town had as well-kept lawns as Kalona, the one exception being Grinnell. This is true. You will travel a long way before you find a neater and cleaner town than Kalona.

Kalona is not the only town on the map that has water in her cellars. Mr. Smith, the real estate agent, says the same trouble exists in Keota, and we are told that is the condition in most places where there is not a proper sewage system., the ground is so full of water that it is next to an impossibility to keep it out of cellars. Such a condition may not occur again for twenty years, and we must submit as graciously as possible.

Downcast, in the rural district, it happened that the mean man invited the preacher to dinner. The mean man had plenty of money, but he did not spend it on his table, which on that occasion showed but scant fare. "Parson," said the mean man, "times are hard and groceries high; but such as it is you're welcome. Will you ask a blessing?" "I will," replied the parson; "fold your hands." And then he said: "Lord, make us thankful for what we are about to receive—for these greens without bacon, this bread without salt, this coffee without sugar—and after we have received it, give thy servant strength to get home in time for dinner."

Perhaps your mother had thin hair, but that is no reason why you must go through life with half-starved hair. If you want long, thick hair, feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor, and make it rich, dark, and heavy.

Kirkpatrick & Randel and Lemley and Randel have their wood-sawing outfits in operation now and doing lots of business. With plenty of wood, Kalona people will not be likely to freeze if they are not able to get hard coal.

Daniel Troyer has put in a set of scales in front of O.H. Dunlap's carpenter shop, and has rented the lower part of the building for a flour and feed store. A gang of carpenters are at work on the room putting it in shape to receive the stock.

Armed with a search warrant Constable C.O. Bailey went to Nira Thursday afternoon, went through the grocery store of Samuel Evans and returned with seventy-three bottles of "medicine," which the authorities pronounce a poor quality of whiskey. The goods are now stored in A.S. Folger's office and summons has been issued to the owner to appear the 28th and show cause why the same shall not be condemned. Three boxes of the goods contain 36 pint bottles, labeled Dandelion Bitters. Other bottles labeled American Quinine Elixir contain 32 pint bottles. The other five bottles are labeled Melrose Rock Candy Cordial.

Lone Tree

Mr. F. N. Wilcox, of Columbus Junction, was in Lone Tree on business, Tuesday. If the world was more thickly inhabited with such jovial fellows as Frank, there would be no such thing as having "the blues."

The many friends of Rev. W. G. Thorne will be grieved

to learn that he has broken down in health and is at present in the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich. The strain on his nervous system at conference growing out of the duties of his position as presiding elder of the Muscatine district proved too great, and about three weeks ago he was prostrated by a nervous collapse.

Don't sneak around and borrow your neighbor's paper in order to beat the editor out of a dollar. Subscribe and be a man.

If Lone Tree had the money spent foolishly during the past ten years, in some public improvement, it would make quite a showing.

Get after your rotten, broken and dangerous sidewalks or the city authorities will be after you. Blocks of old and dangerous sidewalks should be replaced with new ones before the ground freezes.

Where are the ladders purchased by the town to be used in case of a fire? Who knows? Who cares? It seems that no one does. In case of fire, not a man could lay his hands on a ladder. If they have been stolen, why not look up the thief; if they are still here, why not have a place for them and then enforce the ordinance passed several years ago relative to meddling with them only in case of fire. These things have been shamefully neglected in Lone Tree and now is a good time to begin to frame a few good resolutions.

Emma, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Jehle, died Wednesday after an illness of only an hour. The bursting of a blood vessel in the head is supposed to be the cause of her sudden death.

Joe Cerwinskee, a wealthy and respected farmer, met a tragic death while driving to a township meeting. He was driving a spirited young horse and attempted to catch up with a neighbor who was some distance ahead. The latter pulled out to one side of the road and the two indulged in a race. The excitement was too much for Cerwinskee, and when the race was over it was found he was dead in his buggy.

Fire destroyed the hoarded savings of Joe Smith, a farmer. Smith owned a patch of land near the city and he and his wife had carefully saved \$1,400. They were afraid of banks and kept the money concealed in a stocking. While they were out in the field, fire destroyed the house and all their money.

The new gasoline street lamp in front of the M.E. Church puts to shame the old kerosene oil lamps being kept up by the town on the various street corners. The city dads should get near enough to the church to look into the good qualities of this lamp as it is a

decided improvement over any outdoor lamp ever installed in Lone Tree.

Reports of smallpox cases in the state are becoming more and more numerous as the season advances. Dr. J.F. Kennedy of the state board of health, says: "I have no doubt there will be a large number of cases in the state this winter. I look to see them very numerous. So far there have been no deaths reported and the disease wherever it existed in the state seems to be of a mild type."

Wellman

Mrs. Annie Adam's cattle that were so badly poisoned some time ago by eating rotten barley are recovering with two exceptions. One died last night and another is liable to pass in its checks.

Owen Duer was trying to pull up a small dead apple tree and in doing so fell onto a fence and the root of the tree struck him in his eye causing it to become so swollen that he could not see much. The doctor thought it would be all right soon, as the sight was not injured.

School commences here Monday, after being closed a week on account of the teacher's sickness.

The friends of Andrew Murray, a well-known Brooklyn veterinary surgeon, are anxiously awaiting the outcome of a remarkable experiment and exhibition of nerve on his part. He is a tall, strong man of 50 years whose health has been uniformly good until very recently. A few months ago a back tooth began to ache and he had it pulled. Shortly afterward his tongue and neck became affected. He was a heavy smoker, so he stopped using tobacco, but the growth in his mouth increased, until he could scarcely eat. Meantime the glands in his neck swelled ominously.

Mr. Murray consulted a specialist and was advised that he had cancer in pronounced form. Mr. Murray was told that he must submit to an operation or succumb within eight months.

Rather than take his chances on the operating table, under ether, Murray resolved to operate on himself. With a veterinary surgeon's knife in hand, he stood up before a mirror and, pulling out his tongue, cut into the underpart and side of it, where the growth protruded. His tongue shows the marks of the keen knife, and the growth seems removed. Mr. Murray declares that he never felt better in his life.

Whether or not the cancerous growth is entirely removed or whether it will again appear soon in more virulent form is the question upon which surgical opinion is divided.

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JOHNSON COUNTY

Fiscal year to date cost (as of 7/1/22): \$632.14

THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FORMAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Proclamations, ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors are only summarized in the published minutes; the full text may be inspected at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncounty-ia.gov. Effective date for resolutions is November 10, 2022.

Chairperson Porter called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 5:31 p.m. Members present: Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken unanimously.

PROCLAMATION NO. 11-10-22-01 RECOGNIZING VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022

Summary: This proclamation commemorates all Americans who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Space Force, both in times of war and peace; American women and men who protect our nation with honor, decency, and resolve, serving to preserve liberty and safeguard the rights, freedoms, and security of all Americans. Board Action: Proclaimed Thursday, November 11, 2022, as Veterans Day in Johnson County and encouraged all people to observe this day by honoring veterans, past and present, for their honor, and faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Proclamation 11-10-22-01. The following individuals spoke: Retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class and Veterans Affairs Commission (Commission) Chairperson Larry Hingten, U.S. Army Veteran and VA Commissioner Joanne Downes, U.S. Army Veteran and Commission Secretary Bill Blanchard, U.S. Navy Veteran and Board Office Executive Director Mike Hensch, and U.S. Air Force Veteran and Johnson County Veterans Affairs Director Gary Boseneiler.

Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Heiden, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for November 10, 2022, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

3e - City Electric Su	1620.00
Abbe Center For Comm	52418.00
Abbehealth Inc	51432.46
Access Technologies In	356.14
Adam Grier	81.66
Advanced Correctional H	42.69
Advancement Llc	750.00
Ae Outdoor Power	832.99
Alesha M Tripses	21.88
Alterations	44.00
Astorfer Rents Lic Db	7528.00
Amazon.Com Capital Se	1270.45
American Planning Asso	458.00
Anderson-Bogert Engl	18820.00
Ann M Ghabel	750.00
Annette F Martin	762.50
AT&T Mobility	427.83
Aureon Communications	3944.42
Barron Motor Supply	288.69
Benjamin Butler	600.00
Benton County Access	8811.46
Benton County Transpor	376.50
Best Buy Bus Adv Act	2161.99
Bh Orchard And Woodlan	750.00
Big Brothers Big Sis	13794.15
Bike Library	9259.00
Billion Of Iowa City	2228.58
Black Hawk-Grundy Ment	188.64
Buchanan County Sherif	577.38
Builders Of Hope Glob	2324.96
Caring Hands & More L	1317.60
Cdw Government Inc	73.21
Cedar Valley Commun	7886.66
Central Iowa Detention	318.78
Certified Laboratories	223.15
Challenge To Change	22600.00
Charm-Tex Inc	2167.40
Chris Henze	108.00
City Of Iowa City - Ut	412.87
CJ Cooper & Associates	45.00
Clinton County Sherif	3300.00
Cody R Ohare	84.00
Community Crisis Ser	79949.17
Consumers Cooperative	7801.18
Corporate Translation S	91.42
Crt Systems Inc	2361.00
Cr Care Pharmacy	291.21
Custom Hose & Supplie	1036.70
David & Crystal Pirkl	850.00
David G Baumgartner	103.50
De Novo Alternative	18500.00
Deborah Seymour Guard	35.00
Deery Brothers Ford L	456.40
Delaware Co Windhill A	325.00
Delaware Dubuque Jack	1341.97
Delta Dental Of Iowa	6593.85
Dennis La Grange Lisw	377.74
Dkc Real Estate Llc	1500.00
Douglas J Mattes	1600.00
Ecolab Pest Elimination	90.96
Elizabeth Rodriguez	1398.97
Emerald Court Apartmen	800.00
Ems Learning Resources	42.50
Evergreen Estates	922.04
Farmers Electric Coope	159.80
Fidelity Security Lf	3400.96
First Judicial Distr	20991.90
Foundation 2	140789.76
Frannay Rodriguez-Perez	6.75
Galls Llc Dba Qtrmstr	212.96
Gatr Truck Center	6133.31
Goodwill Industries O	1549.00
Greater IC Housing Fel	817.00
Greiner Buildings Inc	4995.00
H & P Llc	850.00
Hands Up Communication	692.61
Hartig Pharmacy Service	64.04
Hawkeye Environmental	75.00
Hawkeye Weld & Repair I	96.30
Hdc Business Forms Corp	74.23
Heartland Shredding Inc	70.00
Henderson Truck Equ	105158.88

Hillcrest Family Se	103483.92
Hills Bank & Trust C	30404.80
Hospers & Brother Print	47.50
Hy-Vee #1080	200.00
Hy-Vee #1281	1912.01
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Imwca	30093.00
Independence Communit	1680.00
Insight Public Sector	3489.27
Insurance Strategies C	975.00
Integrated Telehealth	18708.61
Iowa Association For E	225.00
Iowa Chapter Of Apco	475.00
Iowa City Mhp Llc	515.00
Iowa County Sheriffs	155.75
Iowa Northland Region	4108.00
Iowa One Call	18.00
Iowa Paper Inc	725.66
Iowa State Prison Indu	550.00
Iowa Valley Rc&D	7579.10
Isac	1750.00
Jan Shaw	685.00
Janice Binder Attorney	198.00
Jasro Llc	1400.00
Jeanne A Strand	123.95
Jeffrey Lavallee	198.00
Jerald Stimmel	134.97
Jerry Wear	850.00
Jill E Behrens	300.00
Joanne Downes	389.24
Johnna S Forbes	3593.60
Johnson County Audit	14219.39
Johnson County Audit	29565.20
Johnson County Extensio	45.00
Johnson County Histor	5000.00
Johnson County Refuse	268.00
Johnson County Second	1883.75
Johnson County Sheri	12685.54
Jones County Auditor	9454.14
K Plaza Corp	400.00
Kelly Schneider	7.50
Kirkwood Community	139433.36
Koch Office Group	134.57
Koh Investments Llc	850.00
Kramer Law Office Pllc	130.30
Kristin Varzavand	750.00
Larrabee Center Inc	931.86
Laura Jennifer Semprin	150.00
Law Office Of David Fi	165.00
Lenovo (United States)	2153.00
Lensing Funeral Servi	3200.00
Linn County Access C	82521.76
Ll Pelling Co Inc	1434.28
Lionnie L Matthews	1012.58
Louis William Anderson	850.00
Lowe's	15.17
Lrs Portables Llc	500.00
Lynn M Rose	25.00
Mail Services Llc	4251.17
Martin Equipment Of	20850.00
Martin R Gaffey	745.00
Matheson Tri Gas	308.20
Mckesson Medical Surgic	28.93
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Medical Associates Cl	1163.00
Melaine Kelley	579.00
Menards - Iowa City	1117.20
Mercy Psych Group/Merc	875.00
Mercy Services Iowa C	1420.00
Meridian People Devel	1175.00
Michael W Kennedy	700.00
Mid American Energy	2844.52
Midwest Mailworks Inc	232.36
Murphy Pavement Techn	8993.50
Mutual Wheel Company	106.68
Nami Of Johnson Count	3952.00
Nancy Tomkovicz	13.75
Neighborhood Centers	5074.76
Nelsen Appraisal Asso	4500.00
Nelson Pharmacy Consul	118.70
Nest Property Managem	3950.00
North Star Community	1754.56
Office Express Office	418.89
Old Town Investments L	850.00
Ottsen Oil Co	542.73
Pak Llc	1300.00
Pathways Adult Day He	6040.42
Patricia D Desjardins	451.00
Pesticide Bureau - Idal	30.00
Peterson Contractors	72922.21
Pioneer Law Office	260.70
Premier Automotive	485.99
Provantage Llc	48.00
Psc Distribution	64.86
Quality Home Repair Ll	525.00
Quill Corporation	93.47
Raymond J Jiras	1001.00
Reach For Your Potent	1569.59
Resources For Human D	1172.43
Rex's Refills	218.30
Ricoh USA Inc	1966.88
Rubber Duck	122.10
S & M East Llc	600.00
Sacaba Llc	1000.00
Sadler Power Train Inc	65.33
Samantha Turnbull	35.00
Schindler Elevator Co	1302.33
Scott County Sherif	196.89
Sector Llc	3814.85
Seidl & Seidl Plc	1305.80
Sharon Telephone Co	104.06
Shay Electric Service	475.00
Sixth Judicial Distr	17673.20
Soloprotect US Llc	76.29
South Slope Coop Comm	1844.70
Southgate Property Man	850.00
Staples Advantage	1098.59
Staples Credit Plan	179.88
Stevan Nachazel	86.88
Stitch In Time Inc	146.50
Storey Kenworthy Corp	773.22
Successful Living	2000.00
Sunset Jones	750.00
Sycamore Apartments Ll	700.00
Tailwind Iowa City Llc	615.00
The Lodge Apartments	700.00
Thermo Scientific An	89673.55
To The Rescue	3606.84
Treasurer State Of	125539.70
United States Postal	10000.00
University Of Iowa	414.60
Unlimited Abilities	1228.20
US Cellular	3165.18
Verizon Wireless	412.26
Wellmark Blue Cross	167000.00
Westwinds Real Estate	700.00
Wimactel Inc	61.00
Windstream It-Comm.Llc	74.70

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of November 3, 2022.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve the payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a ma-

majority of the Supervisors.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-22-28263 of Roger Roeder, requesting rezoning of 10 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential, 1.04 acres from A-Agricultural to R2-Residential, and 1.06 acres from R-Residential to R2-Residential. The property is located at 1388 James Avenue NE, in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of James Ave. NE and Deer Woods Dr. NE/140th St. NE, in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 81 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 5:57 p.m.

Motion by Green, second by Heiden, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-22-28263. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Green, second by Heiden, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-22-28263 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Convended Public Hearing at 5:58 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-22-28275 of Dale and Audrey Miller, requesting rezoning of 3.17 acres from ML-Light Industrial to CH-Commercial Highway. The property is located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of 500th Street SW and Waterway Lane SW, in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 78 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Washington Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-22-28275. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-22-28275 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Convended Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-22-28276 of Scott Rohret, requesting rezoning of 21.39 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located on 400th Street SW, approximately 500 feet west of Erica Boulevard SW, in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 79 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Hardin Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., was present to answer questions. Steve Leathers spoke against the application. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-22-28276. Roll call: Aye: Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan; nay: Green.

Heiden said the property is in the growth area and the application complies with County Zoning regulations. She asked Mueller to comment on access and infrastructure pertaining to fire safety and flooding. Mueller replied that County staff has considered these safety risks and will address those at the subdivision design stage, not at a rezoning stage. Green-Douglass confirmed her understanding that the subdivision design stage is the time to consider access and other service issues and said that is what informed her vote to collapse three readings. Green said whenever there is public opposition to an application he prefers not to waive three readings, but that he will support the application.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-22-28276 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Convended Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-22-28277 of Brad and Tonya McDonough, requesting rezoning of 0.6 acres from RUA-Urban Residential to RUB-Urban Residential. The property is located at 432 Westview Dr NE, approximately 290 feet west of Pleasant View Dr NE, in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 81 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M. in Big Grove Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Applicant Brad McDonough was present to answer any questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning

Application PZC-22-28277. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-22-28277 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Convended Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. on Zoning Application PZC-22-28278 of Gary Swenka, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 2126 250th Street NW, approximately 1,750 feet west of Greencastle Avenue NW, in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 80 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Oxford Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., spoke about the application. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-22-28278. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-22-28278 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Heiden, Porter, Sullivan.

Recessed at 6:43 p.m.; reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Convended Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-22-28226 of Susan Frauenholtz, submitted by Tharp Law Office, requesting preliminary and final plat approval of Frauenholtz Farm Homestead. The request is on property described as 5675 500th Street SE, located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 78, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Johnson County, Iowa. The property is situated on the south side of 500th Street SE, approximately 3,200 feet west of its intersection with Johnson Muscatine Road SE, in Lincoln Township.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF FRAUENHOLTZ FARM HOMESTEAD JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-22-28226, the preliminary and final plat of Frauenholtz Farm Homestead, Johnson County, is submitted for approval and the County Zoning Commission recommends that the plat be approved. Board Action: Approved and finalized the plat and Subdivider's Agreement of Frauenholtz Farm Homestead, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed, and named the documents to be recorded.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-01.

Convended Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-22-28267 of Alan Benson, requesting preliminary plat approval of Hidden Ridge Subdivision. The property is located on the east side of Highway 965 NW, approximately 1,400 feet south of Marak Rd NW, in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 81 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:59 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-02 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF HIDDEN RIDGE SUBDIVISION JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-22-28267, the preliminary plat of Hidden Ridge Subdivision, Johnson County, is submitted for approval and the County Zoning Commission recommends that the plat be approved. Board Action: Approved the plat and directed the plat to be signed. Motion by Green, second by Heiden, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-02.

Convended Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-22-28265 of Hunter Norland, requesting preliminary and final plat approval of Vista Ridge. The property is located on the north side of 360th St SW, approximately 280 feet west of Kansas Ave SW, in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 79 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Clear Creek Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Scott Ritter of Hart-Frederick Consultants P.C., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-03 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF VISTA RIDGE JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-22-28265, the preliminary and final plat of Vista Ridge, Johnson County, is submitted for approval and the County Zoning

Commission recommends that the plat be approved. Board Action: Approved and finalized the plat and Subdivider's Agreement of Vista Ridge, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed, and named the documents to be recorded. Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-03.

Convended Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-22-28280 of Gary Swenka, requesting preliminary and final plat approval of Greencastle West Subdivision. The property is located at 2126 250th Street NW, approximately 1,750 feet west of Greencastle Avenue NW, in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 80 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M. in Oxford Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-04 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF GREENCASCADE WEST SUBDIVISION JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-22-28280, the preliminary and final plat of Greencastle West Subdivision, Johnson County, is submitted for approval and the County Zoning Commission recommends that the plat be approved. Board Action: Approved and finalized the plat and Subdivider's Agreement of Greencastle West Subdivision, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed, and named the documents to be recorded. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Green, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-04.

Convended Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-22-28281 of David Teagle, requesting preliminary plat approval of Rapid Creek Estates. The property is located at 4760 Rapid Creek Rd NE, approximately 2,200 feet east of Rapid Creek Tri NE, in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 80 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Newport Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Assistant Planning, Development, and Sustainability Director Nate Mueller reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. There were no additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-05 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF RAPID CREEK ESTATES JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-22-28281, the preliminary plat of Rapid Creek Estates, Johnson County, is submitted for approval and the County Zoning Commission recommends that the plat be approved. Board Action: Approved the plat and directed the plat to be signed. Motion by Green, second by Heiden, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-05.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-22-06 RESOLUTION AWARDING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE - SECOND LEVEL COURTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT LOCATED IN JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: A public hearing was conducted concerning proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for, and estimated total cost of the said public improvement, to-wit: Johnson County Courthouse— Second Level Courtroom Renovation Project. Notice to Bidders for said project was duly noticed and bids were received, opened, and examined, and a determination was made as to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Board Action: Awarded a contract to Tricon General Construction, Inc., Cedar Rapids, in the amount of \$1,817,000 for the Johnson County Courthouse— Second Level Courtroom Renovation Project and authorized the Chairperson to sign the documents necessary to effectuate awarding the contract. to Tricon General Construction, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, IA and authorizes the Chairperson (or in the Chairperson's absence, the Vice Chairperson) to sign any documents, including the previously approved form of contract, necessary to effectuate said award of contract in such manner as is consistent with the law.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Resolution 11-10-22-06. Motion by Green-Douglass, second by Heiden, to approve the contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp., Reston, Virginia, for eCivis Grant Management Software in an amount of \$277,602.81.

Motion by Green, second by Green-Douglass, to set a bid letting date and time for the Utah Avenue SE Bridge Replacement over Buck Creek project for December 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and authorize the Auditor to publish the notice to bidders.

Motion by Heiden, second by Green, to set a bid letting date and time for the Herbert Hoover Highway and Johnson Cedar Road Roundabout project for December 13, 2022

HIGHLAND CSD

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 5:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM

Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board Secretary Sue Rich.

Roll call was taken with Dan Ruth, Mike Golden, Josh Thomann, Melissa Murphy, Rachel Longbine, Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Ruth made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

The election of officers was held: Nominations for President: Nate Robinson was the only nomination President

Nate Robinson – 7 yes votes

Nominations for Vice-President: Monica Jepson was the only nomination

Monica Jepson – 7 yes votes

Sue Rich, Board Secretary, administered the oath of office to the President & Vice-President.

Sue Rich was appointed as Board Secretary/Treasurer.

Golden made a motion to follow board policy 210.2 with regular meetings being on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 pm in the Highland High School board room. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 7-0

Longbine made a motion to have The News as the official newspaper of the school district. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

Golden made a motion to have the law office of Holland, Michael, Raiber & Sittig be the official legal counsel for the school district. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Ruth made a motion to approve the official bank depositories and limits for the school district. Seconded by Thomann.

Motion carried 6-0

Robinson abstained

People's Trust & Savings Bank - \$2,000,000

Hills Bank & Trust Company - \$1,000,000

UMB Bank (PMA-ISJIT) - \$5,000,000

Longbine made a motion to follow the Robert's Rule of Order in board policy 210.7. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

Golden made a motion to approve the board committee appointments for the 2022-23 school year.

Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Sue Rich, Business Manager, reviewed the annual financial report.

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Approval of the October 24, 2022 special meeting minutes

Approval of the October 24, 2022 work session minutes.

Financial Reports: Approval of the October financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following November bills.

General Fund - \$135,286.39

Prepaid General Fund - \$3,900.92

Schoolhouse Fund - \$122,621.18

Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$6,250.02

Activity Fund - \$13,445.62

Prepaid Activity Fund - \$3,170.76

Lunch Fund - \$18,022.54

School Fund Raisers: Boys Basketball-Trucker Hat Sales

Ruth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

Classroom Cash from Hills Bank was presented by Cindy Michel in the amount of \$1,439.34. Since 2004 Classroom Cash has contributed \$37,534.62 to Highland Community Schools.

Gina Trower gave an overview of the National FFA Convention that the FFA students attended the last week of October. She thanked all the businesses and individuals who gave sponsorships on behalf of the students. The group at-

tended break out sessions, the vendor show, a concert and a family fun night. They also visited the soldiers and sailors monument in Indianapolis before leaving for home.

Longbine made a motion to approve trying to sell the used basketball hoops from the elementary playground by advertising them in the newspaper and on Facebook and if no interest then to salvage them. Seconded by Murphy.

Motion carried 7-0

Golden made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for open enrollment out in the amount of \$223,314.30. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 7-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for ELL beyond 5 years in the amount of \$9,340.38. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

Golden made a motion to approve the supplemental amount for excess LEP costs for serving ELL students in a limited English Instructional Program during the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$49,131.34. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Mr Crawford went over the first readings of policies 401.13, 401.14, 408.1, 604.1-604.11. These will be brought back to the next regular meeting for the 2nd reading.

Ruth made a motion to approve the below listed board policies. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

603.1 Basic Instruction Program

603.2 Summer School Instruction

603.3 Special Education

603.4 Multicultural/Gender Fair Education

603.5 Health Education

603.5E1 Human Growth & Development Student Excuse Form

603.6 Physical Education

603.7 Career Education

603.8 Teaching About Religion

603.8R1 Teaching About Religion-Regulation-Religious Holidays

603.9 Academic Freedom

603.9R1 Academic Freedom - Teaching Controversial Issues

603.10 Global Education

603.11 Citizenship

A work session will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the high school board room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 6:04 pm. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 7-0

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356 NOVEMBER 14, 2022 – 6:15 P.M. WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

RETIRING SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

President Jeremy Pickard called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Mary Allred (arrived to the meeting at 7:19 p.m.) Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Jeremy Pickard, Marianne Schlabach, Jed Seward, Jake Snider.

Board members absent: Mary Allred (arrived to the meeting at 7:19 p.m.).

Also Present: Brian Stone, Jeff Swartzentruber, Chuck Banks, Robin Foster, Rob Hruby, Rachel Kerns, Amy Shalla, and Frank Slabaugh.

Marianne Schlabach moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Denise Chittick. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Items

Marianne Schlabach moved to approve the following consent items.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of October 24, 2022; Denise Chittick seconded the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment (Sine Die) The Board President adjourned "sine die" the final meeting of the 2021-2022 and partial 2022-2023 School Board at 6:16 p.m.

New Board of Education – Organization of the 2022-2023 Board

Board Secretary, Jeff Swartzentruber, called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Nominations for President of the Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Jake Snider nominated Gabrielle Frederick for President of the Board. Gabrielle Frederick responded to the nomination and expressed reservations. Swartzentruber asked for a second. Motion died for lack of a second.

Marianne Schlabach nominated Jeremy Pickard for President of the Board. Additional nominations were requested by Swartzentruber, and there were none. Seconded by Denise Chittick. Further discussion ensued. Motion carried 5-0 as Jeremy Pickard abstained from voting.

Nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 School Year: Jeremy Pickard nominated Gabrielle Frederick for Vice-President. Additional nominations were requested by Swartzentruber, and there were none. Seconded by Marianne Schlabach. Motion carried 6-0.

The Oaths of Office were administered Jeremy Pickard President of the Board and Gabrielle Frederick Vice President of the Board.

New President Jeremy Pickard, again, called the New Board of Education meeting to order.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to adopt the agenda as presented for the New Board. Seconded by Marianne Schlabach. Motion carried 6-0.

WORK SESSION

Hawk Highlight

Behavior Interventionists, Beth Dehogues and Mackenzie Kos provided an update on their work and changes to

Minor and Major Behavior Matrix. They provided a view of the matrix and connected it to the PBIS program. They also discussed the Continuum of Responses approach that dovetails into the strategy used for the matrix and followed this up with details. This program was presented to staff and continues to be implemented. The Board expressed appreciation for the presentation and the explanation of the program and protocols. The Board also asked questions of Dehogues, Kos and administrators for clarification. The program was strongly affirmed.

Board Member and Administrator Dialogue

Facility Long-term prioritizing

The Board continued discussions on the Long-term Facilities Plan and began to prioritize the projects identified to date. Some preliminary costing was shared by Superintendent Stone using the priorities list. He shared two initial scenarios for the Board to review and discuss. The Board discussed the approach to referendum questions for an increase of the bond levy rate and a question for the amount of General Obligation bonds to be issued for the projects. The discussion centered on asking the questions at the same time, or asking them separately. The Board recognizes that the community needs to understand the long-range plan and the steps included with the master plan. The Board discussed a smaller scope of projects first and then a larger project later as part of the master plan. The Board discussed the issues related to usage of the various spaces including Fine Arts, Education, and Athletic. At the next meeting the Board needs to determine the approach to be taken, will it be one question, or two questions. And of the debt service levy question what is the level to raise the debt service levy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Public Forum – 7:00 p.m.

No one spoke.

The Board returned to the Facility Long-term prioritizing of the Work Session (Mary Allred arrived at 7:19 p.m.)

Consent Items

Jed Seward moved to approve the following consent items.

Finance Report

The Finance Report for Year-to-date October 2022;

Payment of Bills

The bills as listed for November 14, 2022; and Prepaid Bills;

Open Enrollment Requests

Asenath Shetler requests Brice Shetler (Grade 2) and Celie Shetler (Grade 5), attend Mid-Prairie from Highland Community School District for the 2022-23 School Year;

Jamie Mullins requests Mackenzie Rilea (Grade 8), attend Mid-Prairie Virtual Academy from Williamsburg Community School District for the 2022-23 School Year;

Zachary and Angela Miller request Beckett Miller (Grade 5) and Brylee Miller (Grade 8) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Iowa City Community School District for the 2022-23 School Year;

Personnel Items

Contract issued to Caleb Potts, High School Math Teacher, \$18,885 per remainder of School Year;

Work Agreement issued to Deana Nolan, High School Paraprofessional, \$14.67 per hour;

Contract issued to Megan Neal, High School Prom Sponsor, \$929.85 per annum;

Contract issued to Brock Moore, Middle School Head Girls Wrestling Coach and Boys Assistant Wrestling Coach, \$3,276 per annum;

Winter Volunteer Coaches

Jared Duwa, Assistant HS Wrestling Coach, \$-0-

Shannon McCain, Assistant HS Wrestling Coach, \$-0-

Timothy O'Tool, Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coach, \$1,500 from Basketball Resale

Tana Boshart, Assistant MS Girls Basketball Coach, \$-0-

Noah Hugh, Assistant MS Boys Wrestling Coach, \$-0-

Fundraising Requests - No requests submitted

Marianne Schlabach seconded the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

Finance

Interest Based Bargaining School Board Representative

The board discussed who the representatives from the Board will be for the 2022-23 School Year. Jed Seward and Denise Chittick served in this capacity last year with approximately two meetings per month from November to March or April and scheduled to precede School Board meetings. The first meeting will be prior to the December 12th School Board meeting. Then future meetings will also be prior to the School Board meetings. Jed Seward and Denise Chittick both stated an openness to serve for the upcoming year.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to appoint Jed Seward and Denise Chittick as the School Board Representatives to the Mid-Prairie School District Interest Based Bargaining Committee for 2022-2023 School Year. Mary Allred seconded the motion. The Motion carried 7-0.

Washington and Johnson County Conference Boards

The board discussed who the representatives for these boards will be for the 2022-2023 School Year. Both boards work to approve the County Budget via the Assessor's Office. Gabrielle Frederick is the only Johnson County resident amongst the School Board Members. Gabrielle Frederick represented Mid-Prairie at Johnson County and Jake Snider represented Mid-Prairie at Washington County in the prior fiscal year.

Jed Seward moved to approve Gabrielle Frederick as the Johnson County Representative to the Johnson County Conference Board and Jake Snider as the Washington County Representative to the Washington County Conference Board for the 2022-2023 School Year. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. The Motion carried 7-0.

IASB Representative/Delegate

The board discussed who the delegate to IASB would be for the coming year after this week's annual convention and delegate session. Gabrielle Frederick has served as the IASB delegate for Mid-Prairie for the past number of years. She stated that she is willing to continue in this role and yet welcomed others to serve in the coming year if they have interest. The Board discussed representation at IASB.

Mary Allred moved to approve Gabrielle Frederick as the IASB delegate for the coming year to start immediately after the November 16-18, 2022 Annual Convention. Marianne Schlabach seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Utility Easement Request – Soccer Field

Business Manager Swartzentruber

presented a request for an underground electric easement by Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy) for a utility easement to cross on the North border of the soccer field complex as noted on the Exhibit B map that is attached to the Easement Document. The Board approved an Underground Electric Easement in June of 2022 for an area at the North most point for the placement of a pad-mounted XMFR and pole. Alliant found that the underground area they had planned to use at the street is already overcrowded with other utilities making their original plan untenable. This request allows them a 10 foot area on the north boundary of the Soccer fields.

Mary Allred moved to approve the permanent easement with Interstate Power and Light as presented in the document. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SBRC Resolution for Additional Allowable Growth for Enrollment and ELL Business Manager Swartzentruber

presented the additional allowable growth resolution that, if passed, will allow the District to increase spending authority of \$64,043 for Open Enrollment Out and of \$6,226.92 for ELL Beyond 5 Years. These amounts are a result of the Certified Enrollment data from the October 1, 2022, count date.

Jake Snider moved to approve Resolution 11142201 to allow the Superintendent to request increased spending authority of \$64,043 on Open Enrollment Out for the 2022-2023 School year and \$6,226.92 for ELL Beyond 5 Years. Jed Seward seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Gabrielle Frederick - yes; Mary Allred - yes; Jed Seward - yes; Jeremy Pickard - yes; Marianne Schlabach - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes

Student Learning

Carl A. Nelson/Shive-Hattery Presentation on the Design Development process for the upcoming East Elementary and Middle School additions and renovations projects

The Carl A. Nelson and Shive-Hattery teams provided an update on the East Elementary and Middle School Design Development process for additions and renovations. Shive-Hattery shared an overview of the current site plans and building drawings of both buildings and noted that there are not significant changes from the previous phase. Also included was a review of budget of these projects at this point and changes made to the projects as preparations for bid documents and bid packages are prepared. Shive-Hattery discussed the Wrestling space as part of their presentation and discussed an initial estimation before the Schematic Design phase as it appears that it may be higher than the \$1million. There is recognition that the scope needs to be further refined on the Wrestling space.

The next phase is to move to Construction documents for the Middle School, East Elementary, and the High School Track to be presented to the Board at the January 23, 2023 meeting. The Board informally agreed to continue to move forward with this process for the three projects.

Reschedule the March 13, 2023 School Board Meeting

Superintendent Stone discussed the potential need to change the first Board Meeting in March as this is Spring Break week with a number of Board Members known to be absent due to travel plans. Another date needs to be considered

and/or selected unless the March 13, 2023 date is cancelled outright. A special meeting could be called as needed. Mary Allred moved to cancel the March 13, 2023 School Board Meeting. Jed Seward seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Evaluation Process

Gabrielle Frederick presented some ideas about the Superintendent evaluation process. Normally, it would be the second meeting in November. The Superintendent Contract states that it is to be conducted on May 15, 2023, which is not a scheduled Board Meeting date, for the first year of his contract. Frederick stated her thoughts on having Superintendent Stone share the progress towards the goals that the Board had set at the next School Board meeting. She recommends that it be a closed session at the end of the next meeting with recognition that this is Superintendent Stone's decision. Additional comments were made about timing, process, and content of the evaluation. The Board provided feedback to move in the direction stated above for the next meeting in November. Frederick also discussed the idea of doing a Board Member evaluation, either peer to peer or self-evaluation. There seemed to be agreement to explore the Board Member evaluation idea.

Work Session Completion of Unfinished Work Session Items

There were no unfinished items from the Work Session section of the meeting.

Announcements and Suggestions for Next Agenda

President Pickard has invited State of Iowa Legislators Heather Hora and Dawn Driscoll to the Work Session of the November 28th School Board Meeting.

Business Manager Swartzentruber noted that the District has been approached about our interest in leasing a 100 foot by 100 foot portion of our property for a cellphone tower at \$500 per month. Is there interest in putting this on the agenda to discuss? Let Pickard or Swartzentruber know if this should be an agenda item.

Business Manager Swartzentruber communicated that the first quarter ES-SER III reimbursement requests were made and that \$625,500-plus was submitted for reimbursement. \$139,000 remains and is committed to projects for the remainder of the 2022-2023 School Year. There can be no new projects.

Business Manager Swartzentruber communicated that \$750,000 and \$1,100,000 have been invested in Treasuries through the Hills Bank Trust Investment Management Accounts following the established Board Policy guidelines.

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: First Reading of Board Policy 802.4 Fixed Assets; Level I Investigators, and Superintendent interim evaluation.

Board Highlights

Gabrielle Frederick stated that she is proud of Jake Snider for doing the first ever resolution motion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

President, Jeremy Pickard
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Washington County, after consultation with the County Engineer, has authority to vacate certain roads within the County pursuant to Code of Iowa Section 306.10. The County desires to vacate the following roads in Washington County legally described as follows:

140th Street

140th Street adjoining Block 4, 5, and 9 and adjoining the previously vacated unnamed Street on the west side of Block 4 in the Original Plat of the Town of Nira and continuing to the west line of the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 77-N, Range 9W in Washington County.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the

above proposed road vacation on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers located in the Washington County Courthouse, 222 West Main Street, Washington, Iowa.

Questions prior to the hearing may be directed to the County Engineer's office, (319) 653-7731, or e-mail engineer@co.washington.ia.us.

Dated: November 17, 2022
For the Board of Supervisors
Washington County, Iowa

s/ Daniel L. Widmer
County Auditor

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

CITY OF RIVERSIDE COUNCIL WORK SESSION - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Attendance: Mayor Schneider
Council Persons: Tom Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene, and Kevin Mills

Building Inspector David Tornow
Admin Christine Yancey
Clerk Becky LaRoche

Minutes:
City of Riverside City Council held a work session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
David Tornow, Building Inspector,

discussed ordinance changes to building inspection fees, procedures, and nuisances. Residential codes involving noise, pools, weeds, sidewalks, unused cars, campers, trailers, and storage containers were reviewed for clarification and possible updates to present code of ordinances.

City Council discussed procedures for filling City Staff positions.
Work Session closed at 7:55 p.m.

Signed: Allen Schneider, Mayor
Attest: Becky LaRoche, City Clerk

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Applications available at City Hall or at www.RiversideIowa.gov or send your resume and cover letter to: City Administrator, 60 N Greene Street PO Box 188, Riverside, IA 52327. (319) 648-3501

EOE

The Board of Directors of the Highland Community School District of Riverside, Iowa are selling four (4) basketball hoops located at the elementary school in Riverside, Iowa.

They are square backboards with metal hoops. There are no nets. The District is asking \$20 for each hoop and for the buyer to take the hoops with them.

Please contact the office of the Superintendent of Highland Community School District, 1715 Vine Avenue, Riverside, Iowa, 52327 if you are interested in purchasing any of these hoops. It will be based on first come, first serve basis.

Any questions can be directed to Ken Crawford, Superintendent, at (319) 648-3822 or email at kcrawford@highlandhuskies.org.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

Nov. 15
Report of a juvenile at Mid-Prairie High School in possession of a vape. Issued citation to juvenile for possession of tobacco 1st offense.
Caller in the 500 block of 13th Street, Wellman, reports a resident stated a nurse was aggressive and verbally abusive. DHS has been contacted.
Caller reports he is south of Wellman on Ginkgo and a large black Angus cow is walking down the middle of the road. He struck the cow with his vehicle.
Caller in the 1400 block of Iowa River Road, Riverside, reports a deer stuck in a fence. Officer responded and assisted with the injured deer.
Caller in the 100 block of Buckeye Lane, Riverside, reports his ex, who currently resides in his home, is moving the cameras inside the residence. He would like to speak with a deputy. Civil problem.
Caller in the 1600 block of Dogwood Ave., Wellman, reports an assault. Officers responded and arrested Anthony Philip Lentz, 24, of New London for domestic abuse assault 2nd offense.

Nov. 16
Caller advised they lost control due to weather and slid into the ditch on Riverside Road and 135th Street, Riverside. No injuries.
Kalona Fire requested for an unknown vehicle down an embankment on Orville Yoder Turnpike.
Caller reports a semi backed into his vehicle in the casino parking lot. He would like a deputy to respond. Operators Marc Alan Korver of Washington and Anthony Thomas Taormina of Tiffin. Information exchanged.

Nov. 17
Officer reports being out with a male subject walking along Highway 22, Kalona. Subject was given a ride to the Light-house in Washington.
Report of a suspicious male that has been at the casino for a couple of days. He is now walking to Kum & Go. Officer responded and spoke with the subject who is waiting for his brother to come get him from Iowa City.
Casino reports a subject in possession of a fake id. Issued a citation to Paige Simpkinson, 18, of Colorado for entering or attempting to enter a gaming floor under the age of 21.

Nov. 18
Vehicle stop at Sixth Street and N Avenue, Kalona. Arrested Shannon Dean Blake, 49, of Kalona, for driving while barred.

Caller in the 1600 block of Dogwood Avenue, Wellman, reports a subject is refusing to give their dog back to them. Officer spoke to the caller. They will try to work out the situation with the other party.
Caller in the 200 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports they cannot get into their trailer. A family member possibly locked them out. Officer responded. They did not lock them out but were advised if they wanted to remove them from the trailer they must go through the eviction process.

Nov. 19
Kalona Fire Department is requested for a tree on fire in the 4900 block of Sharon Center Road.
Caller in the 600 block of Ash Street, Riverside, reports her daughter went for a walk down to the park 1/2 hour ago and has not come home. Officer checked the area and the park and was unable to locate.
Caller in the 1300 block of Nutmeg Avenue, Kalona, reports a disabled vehicle in their driveway. Officer responded. Driver was no longer there. Car is off the road. NO issues.
Caller in the 700 block of Eighth Avenue, Wellman, reports they have a raccoon in their basement. Officers responded and advised the subject to get a live trap.

Nov. 20
Caller in the 3100 block of 116th Circle, Riverside, reports their son is being harassed by someone through Facebook. Officer spoke with the caller. Both parties were making harassing comments towards each other. They were advised to block the subject and cease any further contact. If they continue to harass them, they were advised to call back.
Deputy received information of a subject who had gotten onto the gaming floor without an ID. Officer advised the subject was over 21 and Okay to be on the gaming floor.
Caller requests a deputy to assist with subject retrieve their property in the 500 block of A Avenue, Kalona. They already had been in an altercation. Officer responded. The subject retrieved their items.
Caller in the 700 block of Fourth Street, Kalona, reports a neighbors dog has been outside barking for the last five minutes and requests a deputy respond. Officer responded and was unable to locate.