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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE



A tolerable 81° at the start of Wellman's July 4 parade gave way to a high of 90° later in the afternoon, but folks kept their cool with frozen treats during the city's full day of activities. Above, Grayson Owens, a third-generation firefighter, drove the Wellman fire engine in the kiddie parade Tuesday morning. Look for more Wellman photos on page 11A.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Pony rides were a popular activity in Wellman's North Park after the parade.



Doug Havel inside Bud's Custom Meats, where you can find almost any meat your heart desires.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Have you thanked your butcher lately?

As Bud's Custom Meats approaches its 40th year, owner Doug Havel takes a look back

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News
RIVERSIDE

Our communities are fortunate to have many long-lived businesses that add a sense of stability and continuity to our lives, even as the world around us shifts and one generation gives way to another. One such business is Bud's Custom Meats in Riverside.

For owner Doug Havel, the

butcher's art has long been a way of life.

"My dad was a farmer, so we butchered on the farm," he says of his upbringing. His dad's skills were in such demand by the neighbors, in fact, that to stay within the law he would have to open his own butcher shop. So naturally, he did.

Raymond "Bud" Havel built his shop in 1984 with the help of his son and daughter. In 1997,

Doug Havel bought his dad out and took over the business. In the 39 years since its founding, the business has adapted and evolved.

If you've ever driven by the business located on Hwy 22, you know what it's known for: BEEF JERKY, as the signs proclaim in all caps.

Bud's Custom Meats didn't start out making beef jerky, but about two years in, they

began experimenting with it, and their traditional methodology and original seasoning mix created something customers came back for. Today they offer jerky in several flavors, including Hot, Cajun, and Teriyaki, but Havel says he's never lost a taste for the original, now labeled Bud's Famous Beef Jerky.

"We piece out pretty close to 1200 to 1500 pounds of jerky every week, which yields about 600-650 pounds of dried jerky weight that we sell each week," Havel says. "We sell a lot of jerky."

That jerky may be the famous thing, but it's not the only

thing the butchers are working on behind the counter: they butcher about 15 head of beef, 10 head of hogs, and 15 head of sheep a week. They process 800 pounds of beef sticks and bologna, 300 pounds of bacon, 1000 pounds of pork burgers a week as well. They're bustling back there.

"It's always amazing to see how much stuff we do each week, how it's grown from when my dad had the business," Havel says. "When he started, we did three to five beef a week. We didn't do all

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AROUND TOWN

Veterans Tribute Video

If you missed the Veterans Tribute video by Storyline Multimedia with the cooperation of the Cities of Kalona and Wellman before the fireworks displays on July 3 and 4, view it online at cityofkalona.org.

Kalona Farmers Market

The next Kalona Farmers Market will be Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 5th Street, downtown Kalona. The theme is Barnyard; music by Steve Grismore Trio. Upcoming musician schedule: 8/12 Great Bluegrass Herons; 8/26 Lee Klett; 9/9 Annie Savage and the

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

Kalona Cars and Coffee

Come out to the Kalona Coffeehouse on Saturday, July 15 from 8 - 10 a.m. for cars and coffee. Bring a car of any vintage or admire those driven in by others. Consider purchasing hot breakfast items at Best of Iowa, tea bombs and protein shakes at Harvest Nutrition, and coffee at Kalona Coffeehouse.

Music Festival & Tornado Benefit

Bad Angle Events and Melanie Schweitzer

will host the New Roots Music Festival & Tornado Benefit on Sunday, July 16 at 4 p.m. at the bandshell in Wellman's North Park. This fundraiser seeks to provide replacement trees through Trees Forever for those lost to the March tornado. Three acts: The Young Ramblers at 4 p.m.; Ryne Doughty at 5 p.m.; Old Man Band at 7 p.m. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit

The Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit will take place Saturday, July 22 at the Kalona Golf Club. For more details, to register, or to be a sponsor, go to hillcresttravens.org/golfbenefit. Contact Jeremy Ours at jours@hillcresttravens.org with

questions.

English Valleys History Center

North English native Dean Hester will give a presentation on wildlife photography and bird-watching at the EV History Center on Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m. All are invited; no charge; donations accepted. 108 N. Main St., North English.

Colorado Peaches

Place orders for Colorado peaches by Monday, July 24 for mid-August delivery. \$38 per box (40-50 peaches) or \$20 per half box. Contact United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree

319-629-4900.

Hunter Education

The Iowa DNR's Hunter Education course will be offered July 27-29 at the West Chester Heritage Building, 510 Main St., West Chester. No charge; preregistration required; must be at least 11 years of age. Register at license.goutdoorsiowa.com/Event/EventsHome.aspx or call Jim Cuddeback at 319-863-3091 with questions.

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El Guanaco fills restaurant void in Lone Tree

BY TJ RHODES
The News

LONE TREE

New has always been good. But this new is great. For Lone Tree, the new is El Guanaco, a Salvadorian/Mexican restaurant opened by Rodolfo and Ana Ramirez in mid-June. It operates in the heart of downtown, next to city hall at 113 N Devoe St., the former site of Gussy's.

If this style cuisine isn't your cup of tea, they also serve the American standard, burgers with fries.

El Guanaco is the definition of a family business, a dwindling model. Helping the owners are their three kids: Yessica, Johana and Karen. They moved to Lone Tree about a year ago from El Salvador.

Opening a restaurant has always been a dream of Rodolfos'. He worked as a baker in the past, baking various

bread, but El Guanaco is his to freely control.

His favorite thing to cook in the kitchen is chicken. This favoritism could be seen on the menu where chicken is an option for many different dishes such as flautas and burritos.

The Ramirez family has greatly enjoyed the first few weeks of business and hopes to serve Lone Tree residents for a long time coming. If things work out, they'd love to expand into other nearby cities. But for now, they'll focus on the order and full dinner ahead.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Owners of El Guanaco restaurant in Lone Tree, the Ramirez family: Rodolfo and Ana, center, flanked by daughters Yessica, Johana, and Karen.



There is a wide variety of dishes on the menu.



Reporter TJ Rhodes ordered flautas, which he highly recommends.



Sports editor Giovanni Coronel enjoyed a burrito.

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Industrial-chic styling lends El Guanaco a pleasant ambiance.

Kalona area represented at GoodGuys car show

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

The GoodGuys Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals car show drew thousands to the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines on June 30 – July 2, and the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce was there promoting our communities and local businesses.

“It’s a great mix of demographics; you’ve got people from all over the United States that come to this car show, East Coast to West Coast,” Chamber director Tonia Poole said. “It’s one of the biggest events of the year, so you’re getting widespread people who like to travel. A lot of them are retirees, so they’ve got the time and the funds and are looking for opportunities to travel, so we want to present [the Kalona area] as an option.”

Hot rod and late model automotive enthusiasts gathered to admire over 4000 rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, and trucks over the weekend. Pie baking and watermelon eating contests, dragster and RC car exhibitions, and a fireworks extravaganza rounded out the show, which also drew attendees from our communities.

“A lot of local people go to this,” Poole noted. “We met a lot of people from Washington, and Riverside people from our community that were there as well.”

Having exhibited for the first time in 2022, the Chamber had some experience for this show and knew just what to do to draw attendees to the booth.

“We doubled our booth size and added two vehicles to draw more attention and show off what we have to offer in our town. We got great placement. GoodGuys really took care of us,” Poole said.

The Chamber’s booth featured baskets, sauces, and cookbooks from the Kalona Historical Village; hats, bandanas, and cozies from Kalona Brewing Company; metal sig-



The Kalona area was represented at the GoodGuys car show in Des Moines June 30 - July 2.

nage from JFH Metal Signs & Fabrication in Wellman; and the Kalona Traveling Quilt, for which raffle tickets could be purchased.

An Amish buggy and the Kalona Brewing Company’s restored 1952 Chevrolet panel truck – customized with two beverage-dispensing taps – were on display, providing photo ops and provoking questions from attendees.

People were curious about the buggy, wondering if it were an old car, Poole said.

“It was fun being able to tell them we still have these here today; if you come and visit us, you can see a horse and buggy that’s still being used,” Poole said. “It’s really neat to make those connections with people that we probably wouldn’t have gotten otherwise.”

Kalona Brewing Company hired Shawn Maine to restore their panel truck a few years ago, and he hadn’t seen the vehicle since he completed it back then. When he ran into it at the car show, he stopped for photos and “he was really happy to see it,” Poole said. He had never put beverage taps into a vehicle before, so the project was memorable for him.

Our local area is home to plenty of car enthusiasts and related businesses, Poole said. From working on Porsches to professional racing, collision repair to restoration, our own community is passionate about cars. That makes it easy to relate to the aficionados at the GoodGuys event, and to encourage them to come here for a visit.

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Thursday July 13	Friday July 14	Saturday July 15	Sunday July 16	Monday July 17	Tuesday July 18	Wednesday July 19
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Humid with clouds limiting sun	A strong morning t-storm; humid	Sunshine with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Plenty of clouds	Humid with variable cloudiness	Humid with a thunderstorm in spots



SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Thursday	5:44 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	Thursday	2:06 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Friday	5:45 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	Friday	2:42 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
Saturday	5:46 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	Saturday	3:26 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Sunday	5:47 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	Sunday	4:17 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Monday	5:48 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	Monday	5:15 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
Tuesday	5:48 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Tuesday	6:16 a.m.	9:44 p.m.
Wednesday	5:49 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	10:11 p.m.

	Phase	Date
	New	Jul 17
	First	Jul 25
	Full	Aug 1
	Last	Aug 8

DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
8	7	10	9	5	5	5
4	9	6	3	0	4	10
6	0	6	7	9	9	4
10	10	10	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
3	4	3	3	1	1	3
2	7	5	4	3	2	5
1	1	0	0	0	0	3
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

66th Annual Pleasantview Benefit Sale

For the 66th time, the Pleasantview community will gather over a two-day period of time to eat, listen to music, catch up with neighbors near and far, and attend both a silent and live auction. Oh, and actually bid during said auctions, with proceeds providing an upgrade to the Therapeutic Facility (resident bathing and whirlpool care).

of Hillcrest Academy, located eight miles northwest of Kalona (15 miles southwest of Iowa City).

The Benefit was first held in 1956, in preparation for construction of a senior living facility initially named Pleasantview Home (known simply as Pleasantview for the past three years). In 2020 and 2021, the event, as did most public activities, entered a forced hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the fall of '22, the Benefit

returned...resulting in record numbers, both in attendance and in net proceeds.

More information can be found at <https://pvkalona.com/benefit-sale/>.

Pleasantview is a non-profit long-term care facility that also includes Independent Living and skilled care. A 28-apartment Assisted Living facility, along with a 16-unit Memory Care center, is scheduled to open later this summer.

LT council approves mural work, tax vote

BY TJ RHODES
The News

LONE TREE

The Lone Tree city council met on July 10, a week later than normal due to the holidays, to discuss a brief number of topics. The big one was approving mural work for both North Park and Dougherty Park with artist Drew Etienne of Indiana, who is currently living in Iowa City for school.

The murals will be painted at the outhouses in each park. One park will don a patriotic theme, with one wall featuring the Statue of Liberty, whereas the other park will tap into Lone Tree's natural side, with an image of grass, flowers and butterflies.

Etienne will begin work on the murals as early as next

week (July 17-23).

In other good news, the council approved Fall Festival which will have no layout changes from previous years. Fall Festival will be held Aug. 25-27.

Water tower cleaning has been completed and is appreciated by Lone Tree residents and folks passing through town.

Potential ordinance change and tax vote

As an update to their meeting a month ago, the council is considering an ordinance change that would allow the city to apply for the catalyst grant for \$100,000. The ordinance would change zoning areas to encourage more business in downtown Lone Tree. The ordinance is still in the

early stages of development.

It would "prohibit first story dwellings in C-1 commercial zoning district," to accomplish it's goal.

The council also approved resolution 2023-L, which is a local option sales tax referendum that will be on the voting ballot in November. It is a "proposition authorizing imposition of a local sales and service tax in the City of Lone Tree, Iowa, at one percent (1%)." It would be effective July 1, 2025, and the tax would 100% go towards "community improvement." Examples listed include streets/curbs, gutter, water, sewer, storm sewer, parks and more.

The Lone Tree City Council will next meet Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

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Lone Tree Party in the Park

Lone Tree's next Party in the Park will be August 1 from 4 - 8 p.m. at ABC Park. A future event is planned for August 15.

Mayor's Classic Car Cruise

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

Dessert & Ice Cream Social

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

Washington County Treasurer's Office Closure

The Washington County Treasurer's office will be closed Tuesday, July 25 to allow staff to attend regional training. The office will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, July 26. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. However, vehicle transfers are not processed after 4:00 p.m. All driver's license services are provided by appointment. Please call 319-653-7789 to make an appointment.

Classic cars, hot breakfast in Kalona July 15

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

KALONA

On Saturday morning, July 15, Kalona will experiment with "Cars & Coffee," a meet-and-greet near the corner of B Avenue and 5th Street from 8-10 a.m. Those with unique, classic or modded cars that they'd like to show off are invited to bring their vehicles downtown, and those who love such things are invited to come out and admire the colors and chrome.

Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce Director Tonia Poole says that other communities hold meetups like this on a regular basis and draw perhaps 10-50 cars on a given day.

"We don't really know what to expect, but we're excited. We've got great beverage places here in Kalona, between the [Kalona] Coffeehouse and Harvest Nutrition, and then Best of Iowa is going to bring in hot breakfast items for that day," she said. "Whether you're into

cars or not, you might want to come down for breakfast burritos."

Breakfast burritos and hot egg sandwiches are a special treat for a town that lacks a true breakfast restaurant. What could be more fun on a Saturday morning than satisfying food, automotive eye candy, and conversation with those who share your interests?

Should it be successful, the Chamber hopes to host a similar meetup for bicyclists on August 19. Athletes, mark your calendars.

PET OF THE WEEK

MICAH



Meet Micah, a special needs kitty. He is three years old. He's had a very rough go of life. When he came to us from the streets, he had damage to his ears from frostbite. Micah loves to be held tightly and cuddled! He also likes to walk around exploring. He is gentle and sweet and gets along well with everyone. One of his eyes doesn't see and the other has partial vision. Micah is positive for FeLV. Other cats in the home would need to be vaccinated against it, or he would make a wonderful only cat! He hasn't had any interest at all in the months he's been with us. If you can help by providing a temporary or permanent home for this special boy, please call PAWS & More at (319) 653-6713. We are hoping for a miracle for Micah!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Iowans should be free to choose

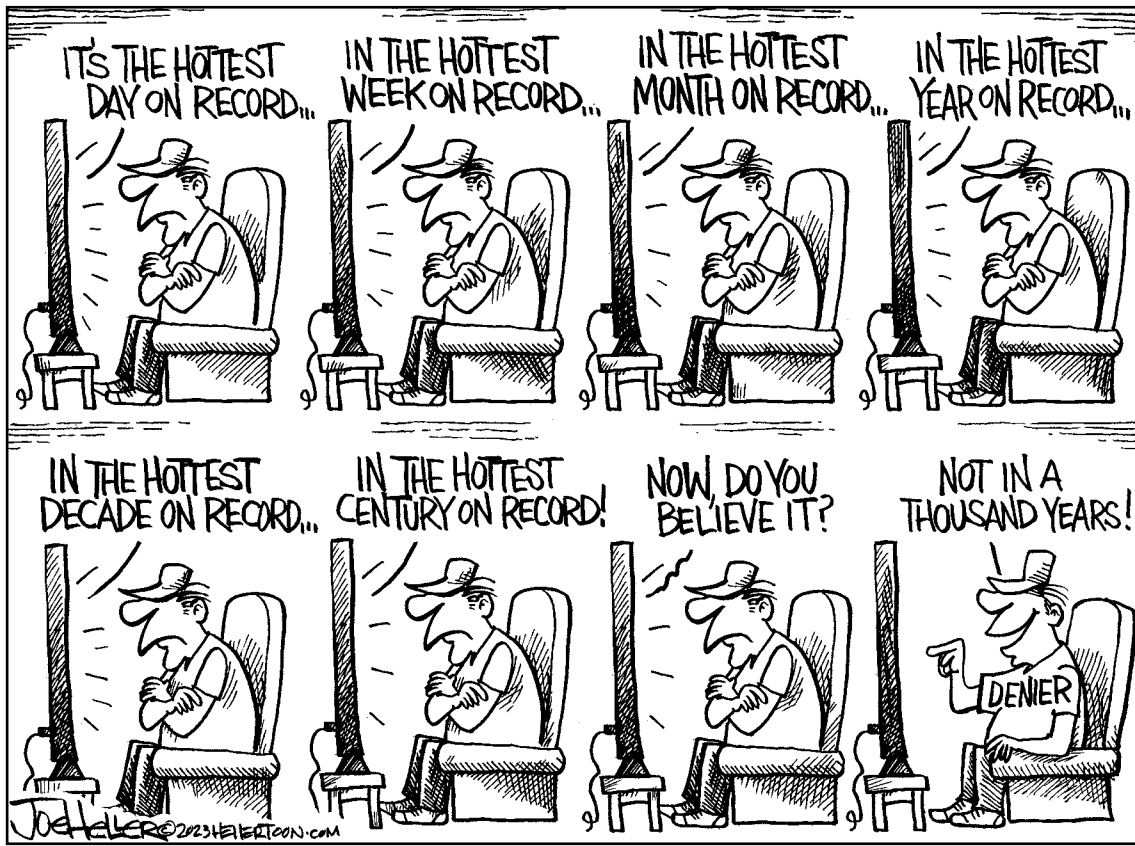
Over 60% of Iowans support a woman's freedom to choose what happens with her pregnancy, and I'm one of them.

Women and their loved ones need to be able to decide whether the time is right to bring a child into the world. Women, their families, and their health care professionals need the freedom to be able to make a decision, quickly if necessary, if there is any type of risk and the woman's life needs to take

precedence. All concerned need to have the space and privacy to make sometimes agonizing choices.

As the legislature conducts a special session regarding abortion rights, I hope they'll keep in mind that pregnancy is a risky and complicated condition, and Iowans deserve to be allowed to make these important health care decisions without the government looking over their shoulder.

Eileen Beran Kalona



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Consequences and repercussions from SCOTUS's Dobbs decision

It's been a year since the Supreme Court stripped women of their nearly 50-year right to make their own reproductive health-care decisions (Roe v. Wade). SCOTUS's Dobbs v. Jackson decision has created a ripple effect, catching many people by surprise:

For the first time EVER, a majority of Americans say abortion is morally acceptable and recent abortion laws are too strict.

For the first time in two decades, more people identify as pro-choice versus pro-life.

For the first time in 49 years, "Dobbs decision transferred all-or-nothing disputes to the states" (Wall Street Journal, June 29), an undue burden on state supreme courts.

A recent NBC News poll found voters who oppose the court's actions include 55% of men, 67% of women, 66% of suburban women, 77% of female voters ages 18-49, 92% of Democrats, 60% of indepen-



Steve Corbin
Professor Emeritus, UNI

dents and 31% of Republicans (June 22).

A March 17-May 18 Kaiser Family Foundation survey of 569 OBGYN doctors revealed shocking findings: "68% found the [Dobbs] ruling has worsened their ability to manage pregnancy-related emergencies, [and] has worsened pregnancy-related mortality (64%), racial and ethnic inequities in maternal health (70%) and the ability to attract new OBGYNs to the field (55%)."

Michele Goodwin, a legal expert in bioethics and health law, notes "A dramatic proliferation in anti-abortion legislation in the United States has coincided with this nation becoming the deadliest in the

'developed world' to be pregnant and attempt to give birth" (Ms., May 24, 2022).

Black women are 3.5 times more likely to die due to maternal mortality than their white counterparts; banning abortion will not help Black women (ibid).

The states with the highest maternal mortality rates also lead the nation in anti-abortion legislation (ibid).

Isabella Oishi, Georgetown Law student, writes since the Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8) became law, it did not reduce the need for abortion care. Rather, there has been an 11-fold increase in Texans crossing state lines for abortions (April 2022). Oishi further reveals for states that prohibit women to seek abortions in other states "are likely unconstitutional based on the right to travel, the Privileges and Immunities Clause and the Dormant Commerce Clause. The antiabortion legislation harkens back to the

(1793) Fugitive Slave Act."

Federal judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly announced a constitutional right to abortion may be found in the 13th Amendment, an area that was ignored by the Supreme Court (National Review, Feb. 7). (The 13th Amendment -- ratified at the end of the Civil War in 1865 -- made slavery and involuntary servitude illegal.)

Andrew Koppelman, author of "Forced Labor: A Thirteenth Amendment Defense of Abortion," writes "forced pregnancy's violation of personal liberty is obvious. Restrictions on abortion also violate the [13th] amendment's guarantee of equality, because forcing women to be mothers makes them into a servant caste, a group that, by virtue of a status of birth, is held subject to a special duty to serve others and not themselves" (National Review, Feb. 7).

Elie Mystal, a legal scholar, wrote in the March 2022 issue

of The Nation: "these [anti-abortion] states are borrowing traces of the sadistic logic and psychological tactics of this country's enslavers." As recently as June 29, Ja'han Jones, a research-based author, concurred with Mystal by noting "with abortion rights being rescinded across the country, it's more important than ever that we call restrictions on this vital procedure what they actually are: slavery."

The issues of pro-choice vs. pro-life, awareness of the 13th Amendment's slavery and involuntary servitude prohibition, OBGYN doctor concerns, morality and maternal mortality have come center stage to voters and the 2024 election. GOP candidates will -- most likely -- purposely ignore these multitude of findings while Democrats will tout women's reproductive rights.

SCOTUS's 6-3 decision created this unnecessary chaos for 334 million Americans.

Great response to Optimists' Community Blood Drive

Once again, the Kalona community responded by turning out in good numbers for the Kalona Optimists' Community Blood Drive on Monday, July 10, at the Kalona Mennonite Church.

ImpactLife, which conducted the blood drive, credited Kalona with giving 67 pints of blood. The goal was 57.

That total included 57 single-unit blood donors and five double-red (platelets) donors (credited for 10 units), according to Deanna Poe of the Optimists. She also reported there were 20 walk-in donors, which was greatly appreciated, who had not pre-registered to donate blood.

There were also a few deferrals and several first-time donors.

Impact Life staff said they were amazed by the turnout for the Kalona Optimists' blood drive as we exceed the drive in the city of Washington, which is a much larger community.

"It was a success all the way around!" Deanna Poe said.

As a member of the Optimist Club, I would like to thank all the blood donors as there have been a number of other blood drives in the area in recent months. The Optimists would also like to thank Jeremy Ours of the Kalona Rotary Club for sending out an email encouraging Kalona Rotarians to donate



Ron Slechta
Blindside

blood.

Flag stolen

Why would anyone steal a flag that was put up to respect our nation and all who have served to make sure the USA remains a free nation?

It happened over the 4th of July weekend. Someone stole a flag from the display of 35 flags at the north end of Kalona City Park.

Jan Peterseim, a Friend of the Optimists member, proposed to the Kalona Optimists that they expand their Community of Flags program to include an array of flags at the City Park on the southside of Highway 22. At the time, some members thought it might be possible to get 10 or so people to pay \$40 a year or \$75 for two years to place a flag at the park. Businesses and individuals overwhelmed the Optimists, with 35 paying to place a flag in the park. That is in addition to 320 Kalona residents subscribing to have flags placed in front of their homes on special national holidays, including Memorial Day, Flag Day (June

14), Juneteenth/Emancipation Day (June 19), Independence Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day (Sept. 11), and Veterans Day.

That is over 355 flags paying tribute to our great nation.

Please have respect for the flags and the Optimists who work hard to put up and take down the flags each holiday and to maintain the flags.

This isn't the only time that someone has shown disrespect for the American flag in Kalona. Shortly after Jan Peterseim spearheaded an effort to put up 100 USA flags lining Sharon Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day, a motorist ran over a row of flags.

The criminal has never been found, even though there must have been some damage to his or her vehicle. The Washington County Sheriff's office also offered no hope of ever finding the person who stole the flag from City Park.

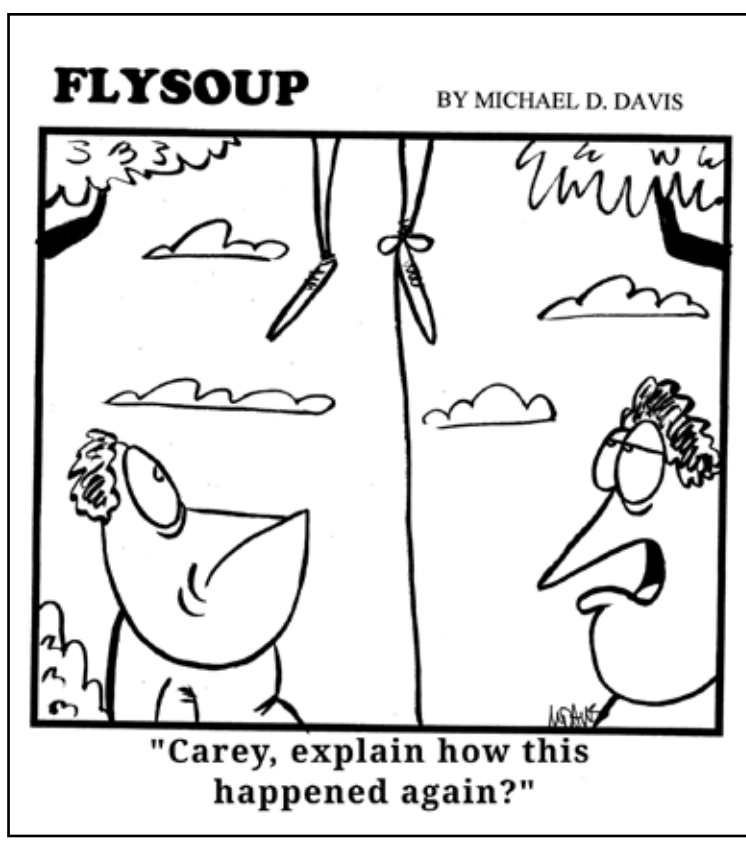
If the person who stole the flag would like to bring the flag into The News office at 419 B Avenue during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, the Optimists would appreciate the return of the flag with no questions asked.

If anyone would like to subscribe to having a flag placed in their front yard on the above-mentioned holidays, please stop into The News to pick up

an flag subscription form and leave a check for \$40 for one year or \$75 for two years before the price increases next year.

The Optimists use the funds raised from the Community of Flags to help pay for programs for youth of the community, in-

cluding Youth Ball, Golf Camp, Kalona Public Library youth programs, youth bikes given away on Kalona Day, Students of the Month at Mid-Prairie Middle School during the school year, and other youth programs and activities.



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WASHINGTON COUNTY TO CROWN NEW QUEEN



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Gwen Piette.



Halle Hazelett.

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Grace Conway.



Kerra Longbine.



Taylor Bartholomew.



Zoey Dennler.

The Washington County Fair is quickly approaching, and one of the longest-running traditions is the crowning of the Washington County Fair Queen. This year, seven high school girls from around the county will be competing for the title of 2023 Washington County Fair Queen. The contest starts off fair week on Sunday, July 16 as the contestants experience a day of interviews followed by a pageant that evening at 7 p.m. Joining the contestants on stage this year as the master of ceremonies will be Miss Iowa 2023, Alysa Goethe and the 2022 Washington County Fair Queen, Katie Leichty.

This year's contestants vying for the crown and title are: Taylor Bartholomew the daughter of Scott and Michelle Bartholomew of Washington, Grace Conway, the daughter of Sean and Barb Conway of Wellman, Zoey Dennler, the daughter of Darren and Karen Dennler of Crawfordsville, Halle Hazelett, the daughter of Joel and Angela Hazelett of Ainsworth, Kerra Longbine, daughter of Jason and Rachel Longbine of Ainsworth, Gwen Piette, daughter of Owen and Emily Piette of Ainsworth, and Greta Sieren, daughter of Jason and Katherine Sieren of Keota.

City signs contracts for Smith Creek Bridge

BY JOHN BUTTERS
The News

WELLMAN

Wellman city council members approved supplemental agreements with engineering firm Calhoun-Burns Associates, Inc. for final plans and drawings of the planned 9th Avenue/Ginkgo Avenue Bridge replacement project. The agreements are part of a contract that council members approved in March of 2022 with the firm for professional engineering services and design work on the project. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has plans to replace the

bridge over Smith Creek with in the next few years. The estimated cost of the replacement project is \$1.4 to \$1.5 million, with the city responsible for an estimated \$400,000 in engineering and design costs. The state will pay up to \$1 million of the construction costs and retains the right of final approval of both the design and engineering proposals. The Washington County Engineering Department will assist Wellman with the planning, which will reduce its overall expense. In a related action, the city approved a contract with JCG

Land Services of Nevada, Iowa to assist it in acquiring the right-of-way needed for the bridge project. The firm provides services for utility companies and public agencies in the acquisition of private property for public use. In other business, the city council approved a contract with Gronewold, Bell, Khynn & Co. for the city's 2023 fiscal year audit. It also approved the purchase of a mower and the addition of a snowplow for one of the city's trucks. A request to keep chickens at 1114 7th Avenue was granted.

RIVERSIDE RESIDENT RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Governor's Volunteer Awards, now in its 39th year, provides an easy way for Iowa non-profits, charitable organizations, and government entities to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award. This year, more than 600 awards are being presented by Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg during five regional ceremonies across Iowa. It is estimated that more than 150 communities in Iowa were served by this year's honorees. On Friday, July 7, the Southeastern Iowa Ceremony took place at Ottumwa Schools Career Campus, where Brian Retke of Riverside received an Individual award.

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Spring Semester President's List, including Jacob Foubert, Wellman.

COLLEGE HONOR

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2023 semester, including Thaddeus Shetter, Electrical Engineering, of Wellman.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Nearly 1,800 students graduated from the Spring Semester from Des Moines Area Community College's Ankeny, Boone, Carroll, Newton, Urban and West Campuses, including Jacob Foubert of Wellman (Civil Engineering Technology).

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Bud's Custom Meats began by butchering livestock for local farmers, a service it still provides.

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the stuff that we do now." "We had three employees back then, and now I've got 10 employees," he continues. "Of course, we do three times the work that he did, but I have three times the employees too. We start at six o'clock in the morning and we go hard until about two o'clock. Then we just kind of clean up and then take care of customers until five o'clock." At one point, that high productivity literally exploded the butcher shop's 200-amp electrical meter. The power company upgraded them to the largest meter they had, but "I was pushing that right to the limit," Havel says. The solution was the solar panels you see flanking the shop. Havel took advantage of the government incentives offered at the time, installed the panels, and found himself with all the power he needed. The power he generates feeds the grid and turns his meter backwards, dropping his electrical bill by a third each month. Changing government regulations in the meat processing industry are also a constant challenge the business faces. "This business is changing all the time, [there are] new regulations all the time," Havel says. "We used to have zero jerky regulations when we first started doing it. Now it's completely different." Today, variables such as water activity and humidity levels, moisture and protein content, are all regulated and controlled. Bud's Custom Meats keeps up, but it takes time and attention. Changing market preferences have also affected the business. When Havel's dad owned the business, hides left over from butchered animals could be sold for a profit and turned into leather. Today that is no longer the case, as consumers would rather buy goods made of synthetic materials. "We used to get paid \$50 [a hide] back when my dad was butcher," Havel says. "Now I pay them \$2000 a month to take the stuff away."

enjoys watching his counter people recall what customers usually buy and help them get what they came in for, and he likes finding out where people come from and getting to know them when he has the opportunity. He also enjoys the hands-on aspects of his work; these days, taking care of the jerky and stuffing the beef sticks suit him best. "The cutting up the meat and the butchering part, that's just getting too heavy for me now," he says. As he has just entered his 60's, Havel isn't ready to retire, but he is thinking about slowing down. "This is a job where there's constantly coolers and freezers to watch all the time," he says. "I didn't get to travel near as much as what I wanted to, and I want to do some traveling before I get to where I can't do anything anymore." "I suppose my ideal life now would almost be, work two months, take a two-week vacation," he says. "That way we could travel to the places we haven't seen and then come back."

To keep a business running for nearly 40 years is no easy feat. 80% of American businesses don't last 20 years, never mind twice as long. How has Havel managed to pull that off? "Probably my hard work and dedication to the business," he says. "I'm here 13 hours a day. When my dad had it, I was probably here 10-12 hours a day. When I first took over, I didn't go home until all the work was done." "It just takes a lot of hard work," he reiterates. "You've got to put in the hours." Does it feel worth it? "Oh, yeah. Real worth it," he says. "It's satisfying to know that so many people are pleased with the products that you do." If it's been a while since you visited, stop by Bud's Custom Meats at 3027 IA-22 in Riverside. You'll find a shop filled with far more than jerky and beef sticks; the butcher stocks a large variety of game fish and seafood, as well as exotic meats such as elk, rabbit, frog legs, and occasionally turtle. For those ready to fire up the grill, you'll find no shortage of steaks, burgers and hot dogs. When Havel or his staff hand you that red-lettered bag filled with meat for meals or snacks, just read the text on it and you'll know what to say. Thank you.

Growing, changing, and being challenged are parts of business and of life, and those aspects of running Bud's Custom Meats haven't detracted from Havel's love of what he does. He embraces his calling. His favorite part of his work is "the customers that come in. We like to joke around in here with the customers, and people come back," Havel says. He



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Bud's Custom Meats makes about 1000 pounds of pork burgers a week, their biggest patty seller.

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Tony's life, as he once knew it, was changed forever on Feb 5 when his left leg was amputated below the knee. After several weeks, in both the hospital and a physical rehab facility, he was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease leaving him with kidney failure. He is now taking kidney dialysis three days, every week, in Muscatine. With the help from his son Emmitt, members of his family and friends, and with the use of a wheelchair, he is living independently in his own home. In several months he will be fitted for a prosthetic. At this time his future is unknown.

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Music festival to raise funds for post-tornado tree replacement

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

"It's just stuff, it's all replaceable," folks said after the March 31 tornado destroyed their homes and properties earlier this year, a sentiment that expressed gratefulness that no human lives were lost in the disaster. Animal lives were lost, however, and perhaps often overlooked, so were the lives of trees.

Melanie Schweitzer felt the loss of her trees after the tornado tore through the property owned by her and husband Mike, narrowly missing their house in Wellman. What had been a lush and shaded area of their backyard became a debris field that took days to clean up with the generous help of others.

Being a landscape designer, who provides services through her business, Flora, Schweitzer was able to plant new trees in the newly bare places already this spring, but she could see her neighbors weren't able to do the same. She so appreciated the help she received from others after the storm that she wanted to pay it forward; in terms of how she might do that, she thought, "I can plant trees. Let's try and raise some money and plant trees for people who lost them."



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

The bare area in Melanie Schweitzer's yard was wooded before the tornado ripped through in March. Part of the evergreen windbreak still stands, but a new row of small evergreens was planted this spring. Schweitzer hopes to help others replace trees through her fundraising event on July 16.

The end result of that thought is the New Roots Music Festival and Tornado Fundraiser on Sunday, July 16 from 4-7 p.m. at the Wellman bandshell. Bad Angle Events helped Schweitzer round up the Young Ramblers, Ryne Doughty, and Old Man Band to perform, and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Freewill donations will go toward purchasing and planting trees at seven tornado-damaged homesteads in Washington County.

"It's really a loss I feel pretty significantly," Schweitzer says of her mature trees. They provided shade and a windbreak, never mind their air-cleaning, carbon-storing, anxiety-reliev-

ing superpowers. "It's almost a mourning," she admits.

Schweitzer hopes to raise \$2000 per homestead, which would purchase 10 shade and windbreak trees at wholesale, which volunteers would help plant this fall. She's created shortlists of evergreens and shade trees that would best stand up to the environmental conditions they'll have to tolerate, such as exposure to herbicides from farming, deer grazing, and drought. With a little luck, in five to 10 years, trees like white pine or Norway spruce, ginkgo or river birch, will have grown enough to fill the void.

Thinking about trees comes

easily to Schweitzer, putting on a fundraiser, less so. "It's a lot more involved than I ever could have figured," she says.

So that donations made can be tax-deductible, Schweitzer partnered with Trees Forever, an Iowa-based 501(c)3 charitable organization that facilitates tree planting grants for communities, which has set up an account to receive donations. From there, funds will transfer to the Wellman Rotary, which has experience in fundraising and will distribute the funds.

To identify families who could use help with tree replacement, Schweitzer turned to Marissa Reisen, the Washington County Emergency

Coordinator, who reached out to those with tornado-damaged properties.

It is interesting to note that most insurance policies for homes and farms do not cover the cost of tree removal or replacement. It costs thousands of dollars to plant a few new trees, tens of thousands of dollars to bring in backhoes and bulldozers to remove those downed by a storm.

As Schweitzer recognizes, it means a lot when a community helps with recovery after a disaster.

"People were [generous] with their time to help us clean up. We had a lot of people out there helping us walk the fields and clean up the yard," Schweitzer says. "We just feel like we want to be able to return that favor in some way."

If you can't make the New Roots Music Festival and Tornado Fundraiser on Sunday, July 16 from 4-7 p.m. at the Wellman bandshell, donations can be made to secure.givelive.org, or checks can be mailed to Trees Forever, 80 W. 8th Ave., Marion, IA 52302 (include Washington County Tornado Tree Restoration in the memo line).

If you would like to help with tree planting this fall, contact Melanie Schweitzer at 319-631-5328 or melanie@farm-freshflora.com.

Board resets public hearing, OKs mental health changes

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
The News

WASHINGTON

Following an approximately hour-long closed session prior to the regular 9 a.m. meeting, the Washington County Supervisors approved two requests, seven homestead tax credit applications, re-set a public hearing, and formally approved a memorandum and a 28E Agreement with the new mental health agency.

The Memorandum of Agreement concerns reimbursements to the 13 member counties of the new Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa for county employees, occupancy (facilities space) and equipment. Specifically, it is for providing local access to mental health and disability services for children and adults, as well as services "in which an Iowa @8E organization may lawfully be engaged." The agreement states that staff will consist of and remain employees of the individual member counties.

Prior to the Tuesday acknowledgement, agreement

had been reached regarding wages, conditions of employment and reimbursements to the counties from regional funds. The change was effective July 1, 2023.

In other business, the board: Approved employment termination for Benjamin Campbell, Washington County Ambulance part-time EMT, who resigned effective June 24.

Approved secondary road use for the Southeast Iowa Tractor Association's Travis Greiner Memorial Tractor Ride from Keota through western Washington County from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. August 26. All proceeds from the event benefit the Travis Greiner Scholarship fund.

Approved seven applications for the Disabled Veterans Homestead Tax Credit after being informed all were eligible for the credit.

Approved rescheduling the Public Hearing on the McKain's Landing grading project to upgrade the existing secondary road right-of-way (on Dogwood Avenue) for measures associated with roadway grade

changes which involve acquisition of agricultural land from owners via condemnation proceedings. The hearing originally set for 9 a.m. July 25 in the supervisors' office was moved to August 22 at the same time and place. County Engineer Jacob Thorius said the change was to allow time to meet with the landowners.

During the supervisors' comments brief segment, it was noted that the county still needs to have a director for its ambulance services, a position currently filled by acting director Katrina Altenhofen. It also was noted that there is a detailed procedure to be followed. The open meeting that followed the closed session had no announcement or approval of any decision from that session which was called under "Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."

Committee recommends tax-neutral plan for facilities upgrades at Mid-Prairie

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

WELLMAN

After holding five meetings over the last few months, the facilities committee presented their recommendation to the Mid-Prairie Board of Education Monday night for how to go forward on their next General Obligation Bond Referendum. Representing the 45-member committee were Ryan Schlaubaugh and Matt Gent, who told the board that through discussion, the committee reached a unanimous recommendation that the board seek a GO Bond Referendum for \$8.7 million this fall.

Funds would be used for four improvement projects: paving at East and West Elementary Schools; classroom additions at West Elementary; HVAC at West Elementary; and a multipurpose wrestling center at the high school.

The committee chose projects that every student could benefit from and that would allow the district to demonstrate fiscal responsibility. Taxpayers would incur no additional taxes for the next few years as the levy amount would remain the same, and the debt incurred would be paid down in five or six years.

Fourteen Mid-Prairie staff members are on the committee, and "I think it was pretty clear that they were championing for the students," Schlaubaugh said.

The committee hopes to continue meeting to develop a long-term master plan that would include larger projects in the future. The board gave them the go-ahead to finalize the petition/ballot language and start collecting the 272 signatures needed on the petition to call for the bond election.

Activities director

At the previous meeting on June 26, the board approved the hiring of Alec Clark as the 7-12 Activities Director; however, Clark resigned from the position shortly after. High

school social studies teacher and former head football coach Pete Cavanagh's transfer to 7-12 Activities Director was approved Monday night.

Additional business

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the board accepted the student handbooks as presented. There was substantial discussion on the policies regarding what constitutes cheating and the consequences of such; as a result, the board requested that language for those policies be made more specific.

With the retirement of Chad Surom, the district finds itself with an open position for a business teacher that it is unable to fill. As a result, the board approved the use of the online learning platform Elevate for students to meet business and computer science class requirements.

"I don't love it, but I don't know what else to do," board President Jeremy Pickard said.

The board passed the second reading of Board Policy Chapter 600.

The board agreed on their 2024 IASB Legislative Priorities, which are Mental Health; Teacher Recruitment and Licensure; Teacher Professional Development and Retention; and School Funding Policy.

Board member elections

The terms of four board members, Jeremy Pickard, Mary Allred, Denise Chittick, and Marianne Schlabach, are up at the end of this year, and school board elections will be held on November 7, 2023. For those wishing to run for a four-year term, election paperwork can be filed from August 28 to September 21. The paperwork can be found online at mphawks.org/district/leadership/school-board/elections or picked up at the Central Office. The board's next regular meeting will be Monday, August 14 at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room.

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING OFFERED

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide Mental Health First Aid Training in Wellman. The training will be led by two trained facilitators.

"Research from the National Institute of Mental Health shows that nearly 1 in 5 adults lives with a mental illness," said Dawn Dunnegan, Human Sciences Specialist, Family Well-being. Additionally, 123 people die by suicide each day according to recent data from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has responded to these alarming statistics by offering Mental Health First Aid. This program provides adults with tools they can use to identify when someone in their life might be struggling with a mental health and/or substance use problem."

Participants will also learn how to connect people to appropriate support and resources when necessary. A five-step action plan will be taught to guide participants through the process of reaching out and offering appropriate support.

"Everyone can benefit from taking a mental health first aid course, from agribusiness professionals, producers, paramedics, and faith leaders to teachers, mothers, fathers, siblings and friends. Learning more about mental health can help reduce the stigma associated with behavioral health problems. When we can recognize signs of trouble, we can help people get the assistance they need," said Dunnegan.

ISU Extension and Outreach will offer Mental Health First Aid on Thursday, August 10th, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Wellman YMCA, 525

13th Street, Wellman. The instructor-led program will last for eight hours and participants will receive a certificate.

Training is being offered FREE thanks to Project Recovery Iowa Grant. Sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Washington County Extension, The Wellman YMCA and Ann C. Williams Farm Bureau Financial Service. Space is limited so register today. Lunch will be provided by the Ann C. Williams Farm Bureau Financial Services. To register, go to <https://go.iastate.edu/OAVGNG> or contact the Washington County Extension Office at 319-653-4811.

For more information, contact Dawn Dunnegan, dunnegan@iastate.edu, 319-217-9474 or the Washington County Extension Office 319-653-4811.

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Enthusiastic crowds lined 8th Avenue in downtown Wellman to wave and collect candy.



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The Dino-Venture exhibit inside the Parkside Activity Center gave kids lots of interactive exhibits and activities to enjoy. The animated T-Rex created by Doug Campbell was more realistic and lively this year, taking a bit of courage to approach.



The kiddie train that snaked through North Park in the afternoon had cars named for Wellman businesses past and present.



These poker-faced pooches loved the attention of riding in the parade, but they played it cool.



Pony rides provided by Windy Acres Stables were enjoyed by a steady stream of youngsters.



Uncle Sam (Brandon Lefever) enjoyed a Kalona bar on Saturday afternoon outside the bingo tent in North Park.



The Nitro softball girls shot water and threw baseballs into the crowd from their float.

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Jim Millice (passenger), the parade's Grand Marshal, is flanked by his fellow Wellman volunteer firefighters while being honored for his nearly 65 years of service.



Bubbles wafting from Eden Salon & Spa's float made parade-front properties briefly magical.



Swartzendruber Farms' float featured straw, corn, and live goats.



The Mid-Prairie marching band, directed by David Kunz, followed the color guard at the parade start.

RICHMOND SONS OF AMVETS FIREWORKS



BRENDAN SCHNOEBELEN/THE NEWS

Crowds gathered around the makeshift stage to hear some classical rock and roll and country.



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FOUR-PEAT TITLE FOR GOLDEN HAWKS

Mid-Prairie's hit parade produces 11-0 win over Durant and its fourth consecutive district championship

BY PAUL D. BOWKER
The News

WELLMAN

When the final out was made last Saturday night, Mid-Prairie pitcher Alex Bean hopped off the pitching mound with a smile and a shout.

Senior teammate Cain Brown raced in from first base and senior Collin Miller came in from center field.

Junior shortstop Karson Grout joined in, as did the rest of the Golden Hawks to celebrate their dominating 11-0 win over Durant and their fourth consecutive district championship.

Brown was a freshman reserve on the varsity when Mid-Prairie began its four-year run with a district title in 2020, a team that also won a substate game to advance to the state 2A tournament in Des Moines. Miller was a freshman pitcher. Grout was an eighth-grader who won a starting spot. Bean was on the JV.

"Four in a row," said Brown, who had three hits in the win. "That's pretty crazy, but it just goes to show that coaching and the development of players and the hard work we put into it."

"We just play so well together," said Grout, a University of Iowa verbal recruit who also had three hits. "Everyone's energetic. It's amazing. Everyone does their job and they battle. They battle their tails off."

Head coach Kyle Mullet, a Mid-Prairie alum, was an assistant coach to Andy Greiner in 2020 when the Golden Hawks won 15 games in a season abbreviated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, with Mullet promoted to head coach, the Golden Hawks have won 65 games, captured three district



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

The Golden Hawks celebrate after Joe Hall's triple scored three runs on Wednesday against Wilton.

titles and advanced to the state tournament twice.

"There's a lot of talent in this community," Mullet said. "Between the youth programs and the success that early teams have had. That first team getting to the state tournament in 2020, it's just gotten people excited about baseball and we're just blessed with the talent."

"We've got a good coaching staff, we've got awesome assistant coaches. They teach the

game the right way. We're just fortunate to have that."

This year, the goal is more than reaching the 2A state tournament in Carroll.

"Our goal is a state championship," Brown said. "We weren't going to be happy with anything else."

Mid-Prairie, which entered the postseason ranked No. 2 in the state behind Van Meter, took two impressive steps in the 2A District 9 tournament. The Golden Hawks scored 10-0

and 11-0 wins over Wilton and Durant, respectively, sending them to Tuesday's substate final against Van Buren County. The win over Durant was the 15th straight for the Golden Hawks.

"We needed this, for sure," Mullet said. "We needed Bean to stay under 65 pitches. ... This time of year, it's good pitching and defense."

Brown began his three-hit night in the opening inning and scored on a single by

Brady Weber. Dylan Henry hit a triple to score Weber. Henry scored on another hit.

The Golden Hawks scored three runs in each of the first two innings, then added four runs in the third inning and another run in the fourth. By the time the Golden Hawks put Saturday's game away by scoring four times in the third inning, Durant was on its third pitcher.

Brock Harland and Henry added to the 14-hit parade with two hits apiece. Grout scored three times, and Brown and Henry each scored twice.

Bean gave up just three hits over five innings and struck out three.

"Fastball was working. I felt like I could locate that pretty well in the outer half," Bean said.

Mid-Prairie 10
Wilton 0

Hosting Wilton in the district semifinals July 5, the Golden Hawks scored in every inning and ended it with a run-scoring hit in the fifth inning to clinch a 10-0 win.

"We wanted to get this over as soon as we can," Golden Hawks head coach Kyle Mullet said.

Senior pitcher Collin Miller struck out seven and allowed just two hits.

Brady Weber, a sophomore, had a game-high three hits. Dylan Henry and Brock Harland each had two.

But the hitting highlight came in the fourth inning when Joe Hall slammed a ball toward the outfield fence for a triple, scoring two Mid-Prairie runs, then scored himself on an error and was mobbed at home by his teammates.

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Ravens rout Regina for District Championship

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

When the playoffs come around it's all about earning the right to play more baseball. Win and advance or lose, watch the season come to a screeching halt. With neither team ready for the latter, Hillcrest and Regina battled it out in a Class 1A District 10 Championship matchup on July 8.

Proving to have the mettle and grit to win a high stakes postseason game Hillcrest, earning the title of District Champions, defeated Regina, 8-4, on July 8.

A home game for Hillcrest, this championship contest was filled with spectators, but it was the Regina dugout who made the most noise early on.

Up to bat in the top of the first the Regals took immediate control of the game. With one Regal on base, senior Danny Gavin decided to detonate, blasting the ball far away for a two-run home run.

If the Regina dugout was loud before this HR turned the dial of the noise meter all the way up to 11. The high-octane energy of the Regals and their ability to score so quickly put a bit of a dour mood over Hillcrest early on.

"We just had to settle down a little bit. Regina brought a lot of energy. Anytime you get a home run like that to start the game like they did, you know, that's a huge momentum play,"

Hillcrest coach Danny Hershberger said. "I think once we were able to kind of get the nerves out of the way and settle in and we just had to settle and start playing baseball the way we know how to play."

Regina scored again in the top of the first to take a 3-0 lead and they threatened to do even more damage on offense when their bases became loaded with only one out.

Credit to Hillcrest for being

able to not let Regina's wave of momentum overwhelm them, getting the two outs they needed to end the inning, stranding three Regal baserunners.

Turning the tides in the second frame Hillcrest found its

footing on defense and offense. After surrendering no runs in the top of the second, despite the bases becoming loaded again, the Ravens went to work at bat.

Three consecutive fielding errors by the Regina defense set the stage for senior Josiah Beachy to bring in Hillcrest's first run of the game. Scoring a base hit RBI, Beachy brought fellow senior Jace Rempel home.

"Josiah has been huge for us, he steps up and just does a great job of living in the moment and comes with a huge hit there to get some guys in," Hershberger said. "Then once we had the momentum, I thought the guys did a great job of just getting back to what they have done all year, just finding ways to hit the ball hard and put pressure on the other team to make some plays."

With the bases loaded and no outs the Ravens had the grand opportunity to turn the tables, but Regina attempted to quell the potential Hillcrest comeback by securing two straight strikeouts. Unfortunately for the Regals, those two outs brought up the top of the batting order for Hillcrest, sophomore Liam Schrock.

No stranger to making big plays, Liam hit a game changing base hit to bring in two Ravens to tie the game. Senior



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Hillcrest senior Grant Bender fires up the home crowd after scoring the tying run in a Hillcrest 8-4 District Championship victory over Regina on July 8.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

COLLIN MILLER

MID-PRAIRIE SENIOR

Miller went to work on the mound in the postseason, striking out seven batters in the Golden Hawk's 10-0 district semifinal victory over Wilton on July 8. Giving up zero runs in a shutout game that lasted five innings Miller only gave up two hits and walked four batters. With a team best 7-0 pitching record Miller leads Mid-Prairie in strikeouts with 66.

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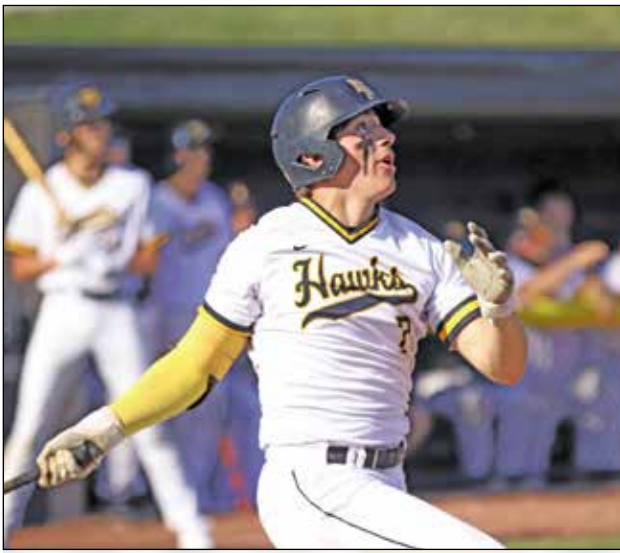
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RVC South All-Conference selections

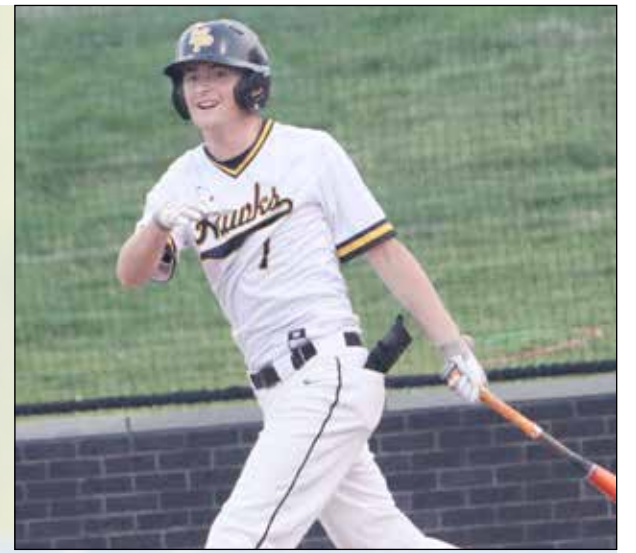
RVC SOUTH FIRST TEAM



Karson Grout*
.444 | 43-96 | 35 RBIs | .539 OBP



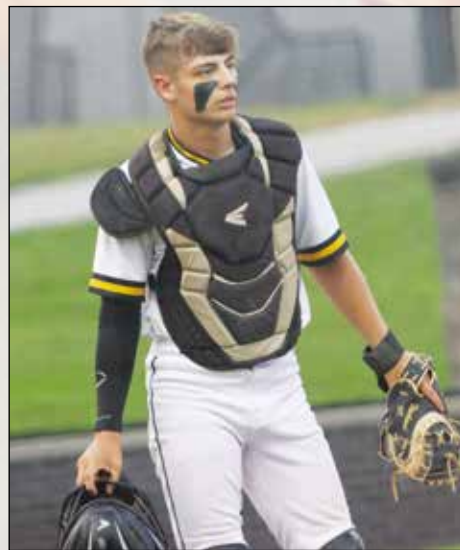
Cain Brown**
28-95 | 24 RBIs | 22 steals | 33 runs



Alex Bean*
.392 | 25 RBIs | 38-97 | 5-1



Collin Miller*
6-0 | 1.70 ERA | 59 SO | 1.07 WHIP



Brock Harland***
4-0 | 1.09 ERA | 178 PO | .282



Madeline Schrader
.287 | 13 RBIs | 20 runs | 50 PO



Brady Weber*
5-0 | 1.69 ERA | 17 RBIs | 24-73



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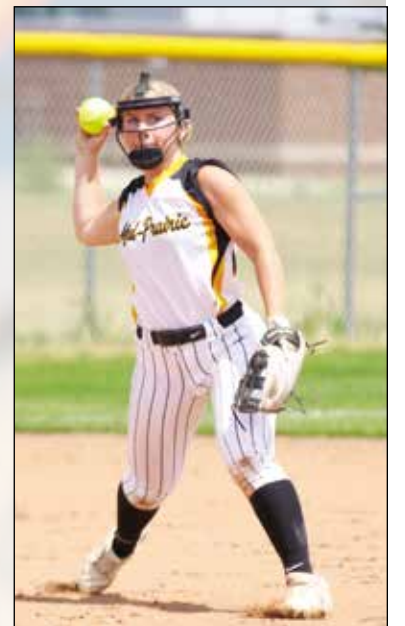


Dakota Mitchell
47-111 | 31 runs | 22 RBIs | 58 PO

RVC SOUTH SECOND TEAM



Sophie Miller
158 PO | 48-119 | 24 RBIs | 9 TOS



Brenna Jehle
.343 | 25 RBIs | 77 A | .430 OBP

RVC SOUTH HONORABLE MENTION



Hannah Sellers
.377 | 211 PO | 4 HR | 22 RBIs



Landry Gingerich
2.06 ERA | .268 | 10 RBIs | 11-41



Camron Pickard
22-80 | 14 SB | .459 OBP | 14 RBIs



Sydney Knebel
119 SO | 3.48 ERA | 1.32 WHIP | 44-112

* These players made the first team all-district team. ** Cain Brown made the second all-district team. *** Brock Harland made second all-district as pitcher.

RVC South first team All-Conference

Collin Miller Mid-Prairie
Drake Collins West Liberty
Karson Grout Mid-Prairie
Cain Brown Mid-Prairie
Jack Tierney Regina
Connor Schwarz Durant
Alex Bean Mid-Prairie
Danny Gavin Regina
Caden Schmidt Tipton
Brock Harland Mid-Prairie
Cade Souhrada Wilton
Brady Weber Mid-Prairie
Connor Nicpon Regina

RVC South second team All-Conference

Tytan Griffith West Liberty
Davis Webb Tipton
Camron Pickard Mid-Prairie
Ryker Dengler West Liberty
Brady Meincke Durant
Max Lodge West Branch
Seth Axsom West Liberty
Colby Gast Durant
Owen Hassell Wilton
Jack Clark Regina
Garrett Hollenback Durant
Colin Cassidy West Liberty
Landyn Putman Wilton

RVC South first team All-Conference

Ashley Webb Regina
Grace Madlock Wilton
Gabby Sueppel Regina
Taylor Drayfahl Wilton
Charlotte Brown Wilton
Pearson Hall West Liberty
Dani Laughlin Regina
Sully Hall West Liberty
Madeline Schrader Mid-Prairie
Courtney Kessler Regina
Finley Hall West Liberty
Dakota Mitchell Mid-Prairie
Lanie Meyer West Branch

RVC South second team All-Conference

Sydney Knebel Mid-Prairie
Reese Litton Regina
Alli Clark Regina
Kiley Collins West Liberty
Brenna Jehle Mid-Prairie
Kaylee Coss Wilton
Morgan Gahan Regina
Audra Coss Wilton
Brynn Cassady West Liberty
Sophie Miller Mid-Prairie
Hayley Madlock Wilton
Kylie Struck West Liberty
Jillian Panther Regina
Alyse Klinkhammer West Branch

Pitcher
Infield
Infield
Infield
Infield
Outfield
Outfield
Outfield
Catcher
Utility
Utility



Teammates Sophie Miller (left), Sydney Knebel (center), and Hannah Sellers (right), converge on the mound before an inning begins on July 6.

Curtains close on Hawk's softball season

BY TJ RHODES
The News

CENTER POINT

One bat can set everything in motion.

That is what sophomore Dakota Mitchell did all season leading off the batting order with the Golden Hawks. Things in Center Point were bright when Mitchell led off the game with a double. Sophomore Brenna Jehle would lay down a sacrifice bunt, setting up sophomore Sydney Knebel for an RBI single, giving the Hawks a 1-0 lead over Center Point-Urbana.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, momentum never coalesced to string together a rally of runs, eventually losing 3-1 to the Stormin Pointers.

Knebel started on the mound, a place extremely familiar. She played through some discomfort and forced the first two batters to ground out to Mitchell. A third ground out to Mitchell was too hot to handle, allowing the first hit of the night for CP-U. Knebel would get out of the inning unscathed.

After the Hawks were retired in order, the Stormin Pointers re-entered the batters' box. With runners on the corners, a line drive flew just over junior Hannah Sellers' glove at first base, tying the game. Another single would load the bases before Knebel forced a popup and ground out to get out of the inning with minimal damage.

Mitchell, determined to spark her team, hit a one-out triple in the third inning. She was left stranded at third. Mitchell has stood out all season.

"[Dakota] sparks us all the time," head coach Amy Hartsock-Williams said. "If she doesn't get on, it's a surprise, it's like that. She's just a great hitter. She works hard all year long and it shows."

The bottom of the third would be Knebel's last. She walked the first two batters

and was struggling. A wild pitch helped the two runners advance. The Hawks were frantically warming up freshman Kadence Grout to come in as soon as possible as things seemed to be getting out of hand.

Knebel, through the pain, fought on and ended the inning very strong. She forced a fly-out that was deep enough for the runner at third to tag and score. Despite this, the runner thought twice and stayed put, watching as senior Madeline Schrader made a good throw to her cutoff.

Knebel then forced two groundouts, keeping the ball game tied at one.

"[Sydney] honestly didn't have a choice. She had to stay in there and fight through it, and she did," Hartsock-Williams said. "Credit to Sydney for fighting through it to give Kadence a chance to warm up."

Grout entered the game in the fourth inning. With one runner on and two outs, the Stormin Pointers started a rally.

An error allowed another runner on base. Two RBI singles followed to give the Pointers a 3-1 lead heading into the fifth inning. Despite this inning, Grout also had a great showing in Center Point. Without the mental errors by the Hawks, Grout likely pitches three scoreless innings.

"Kadence pitched an excellent game, she put the ball where we asked her to put the ball, she worked her pitches," Hartsock-Williams said. "This is only going to help her grow. So, we're going to help her. I mean, she's a freshman for goodness' sake. So, to come in and do that, that's tough, mentally."

No more runners crossed home plate for the remainder of the contest. For the Hawks, it was excellent defensive play that kept them in the game.

The Hawks ended the fifth with a great double play started by eighth grader Morgyn Bender in left field. Bender

dove for the ball, catching it and making a throw to eighth grader Olivia Swartzendruber covering second base for the double play. Without the Bender dive, the Pointers would have increased their lead.

"We've been telling [Morgyn] she's capable of diving plays all season, so it was awesome to see her do that. She's a very athletic eighth grader," Hartsock-Williams said. "We know she can cover ground and she proved it to herself."

In the sixth inning, sophomore Brylee Gearhart stepped up big. Gearhart entered the game with Knebel exiting the batting order. Gearhart had only seen action in three games so far this season. She was patient at the plate, watching three balls come through before taking a swing and missing. On a 3-1 count, Gearhart singled for her third hit of the year, sparking some life in the dugout.

"That's clutch. When you've been out on the outside of the dugout timing the pitcher, knowing you might get the opportunity, she went out there and made sure she was ready to step right in," Hartsock-Williams said. "She didn't just sit in the dugout and not pay attention. She's just a great hitter so I am not surprised she got that line drive."

An error allowed Sellers to reach as well. The Pointers would steal back the momentum with a great play by their third basemen, robbing Schrader of a hit and potential RBI on the third base foul line. The Hawks tried with all their might in the top of the seventh. Swartzendruber struck out on a 3-2 count after a great at-bat. Senior Molly Yoder, threatening with a bunt, eventually popped up. With two outs, Mitchell forced a walk, reaching for the fourth time in the game. Jehle would end things with an infield pop-up as the tying run.

"We're disappointed. We want more. In order to feel



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie eighth grader Olivia Swartzendruber fouls off a pitch against the Center Point-Urbana Stormin Pointers on July 6.



Mid-Prairie sophomore Dakota Mitchell makes a routine throw from shortstop to first base on July 6.

like we've made progress, this game needs to be won," Hartsock-Williams said. We wanted it as much as they did and again, you got to give credit to our fight. We never gave up. So, that's learning, that's growing."

There will always be better days. The season comes to a close but there were many positives throughout the season. Hartsock-Williams wanted her team to face off against the very best all year and thought the team's ability to compete was a constant reminder of improvement.

"I'm super proud of these girls. We could have made a schedule where we look real good and felt real good about ourselves, but we didn't do that," Hartsock-Williams said. "Our goal is to get to that state tournament and to do that, we have to elevate our game and these girls did that."

The team will greatly miss the speed, defense and leadership of both seniors, Yoder and

Schrader.

"I can't say enough about these two girls with our up and down season. Every single time we had a down, those girls made sure everybody got up, every single time. They never let anybody wallow," Hartsock-Williams said. "This year, I put them through a lot. We took no breaks. I'm putting them up against four and five A competition and those girls embraced it. You can't get better leaders than Molly and Madeline."

Of the current roster, only one athlete will be a senior in the following year, that being Sellers. Because the team loaded up their schedule with tough games and tournaments, they will have a great deal more experience next season and hope to keep progressing.

One thing is for certain, the season may be over, but the Golden Hawks are not done making noise.

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Top: Mid-Prairie pitcher Alex Bean gave up just three hits in Saturday's 11-0 win over Durant for the Golden Hawks' fourth straight district title. Bottom: Mid-Prairie senior Collin Miller sprints toward first base after getting a hit against Durant.



PAUL D. BOWKER/THE NEWS

Karson Grout of Mid-Prairie heads toward third base while tagging on a fly ball in last Saturday's district championship game against Durant. Grout had three hits and scored three times in the Golden Hawks' 11-0 victory.

“Racing for a cause”

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL
The News

KALONA

Continuing to raise awareness and funding for the Concerns Of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) foundation by utilizing their passion for motorsports, Warren and Denise Ropp are organizing a “Racing For a Cause” event, aptly named C.O.P.S Night, at the Hawkeye Downs Speedway and Expo Center in Cedar Rapids on July 14.

This event offers free admission for all members of the Law enforcement community, along with their immediate family members.

Kalona residents Warren and Denise have been raising funds and awareness since 2010 and this will be the 14th year, they are promoting the cause.

The Ropps have a long history with racing and dealing Legend Cars, scale replicas of automobiles from the 1930s and 1940s. Using their expertise with those cars they have orchestrated racing events to help give the C.O.P.S. foundation the recognition it deserves.

“We just use that format to promote and raise awareness,” Denise said about how they use the races to support the C.O.P.S. foundation. “By raising awareness and funds it helps fallen officer’s families with counseling and other items insurance doesn’t cover.”

“Neither one of us has sat on the committee or the board of the Iowa C.O.P.S chapter or the National Foundation,” Warren said. “We’re not on it. We’re just outsiders supporting their cause.”

The event that served as the catalyst for the Ropps to get involved with supporting the foundation is when a friend of theirs lost his life, Danny Martinez Jr. He was a fellow racer and a former police officer; he left behind a wife and five children. Denise and Warren’s son, who is currently serving with the Ames, Iowa Police Department, was also a friend of Danny.

Granger, Iowa, is the base of

operation for the Iowa C.O.P.S chapter. Founded in 1984 the foundation is used whenever a law enforcement officer is killed while performing his or her sworn duties, to serve and protect communities.

Also assisting in funeral arrangements, they offer to send family members to retreats and camps to meet with grievance counselors and other families who face similar situations.

The “Racing For a Cause” series not only holds events in Iowa, but in Missouri and Wisconsin as well. A staple of the events is the Legend Cars having names of fallen officers inscribed on them.

“We requested all of our guys that compete, have the name of a fallen officer on their car, and they need to know what happened in the scenario,” Warren said.

C.O.P.S Night is sponsored by DS Disposal (Cedar Rapids, Iowa). At 4:30 pm the pits will open, at 6:00 pm the Grandstands will open, and the Opening Ceremonies will commence at 7:05 pm. There will be tee shirts available for sale with the proceeds going to help raise funding.

Warren and Denise encourage all Kalona and surrounding residents to come on the 14th to show their support for the Law Enforcement Community.

They would also like to thank the following “Racing For a cause Series” sponsors: CBI Bank, Dean & Dorothy Miller-Kalona Hills Bank, ICM Financial Services Inc-Cedar Falls IA, Innovative Signs-Elly IA, Stump Town Shooters-Hills IA, Blake Hershberger Enterprises, Bulltown Repair-Kalona IA, CS Auto Body-Kalona IA, Ewing Investments-Pella IA, Hydra-Fab-Hiawatha IA, Kalona Brewing Company, Legends Direct-Cedar Rapids IA, NAPA Auto Parts-Kalona Iowa, Kalona Tire, Grace Lighting-Iowa City IA, Signature Signs-Sauk City WI, Sinclair Tractor-Kalona IA, Slabach Construction-Kalona IA, Slabaugh Trucking-Kalona IA, US Legend Cars International-Harrisburg NC, and Vintage Cooperative-Pella IA.



Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider and Deputy Horning



A close-up of the C.O.P.S tribute car seen above.



The 13U Bulltown baseball team poses with a championship banner.

Bulltown Baseball 13U takes home title

BY CHRISTOPHER A. GRIER
Submitted

CORALVILLE

In their final tournament ever as a team, the 13U Bulltown Baseball team took home a tournament title in the USSA Iowa State Baseball Tournament. The team went 4-1 on the weekend, finishing with three straight solid wins to claim the silver bracket championship and send the team of 12 players home with lots of smiles.

“What a great way to cap off five years with these boys. The bulk of this team has been together since they were seven and eight years old, and this was a fantastic way to end their Bulltown Baseball careers. As coaches, we’ve asked a lot of these kids and their parents and we couldn’t have had a better group to work with. We have said since I started coaching in 9U that we are preparing them to be excellent young men and excellent baseball players when we turn them over to the high school. For seven of our 12 players, they head off to the high school next year, and I believe we and they accomplished the goal,” said coach Chris Grier.

Coach Stacey Brown added, “The way the boys came together this weekend and really played for each other is what sticks out to me. They were the toughest team in the tournament and they put it all together in time to go out on top.”

“All year long we as coaches talked to the boys a lot about mental toughness and grit,” concluded coach Kyle Miller. “I thought each individual player showed that this weekend. It was a true team effort to accomplish what they did this weekend!”

Keep your eyes on Mid-Prairie baseball in the years to come. These boys are going to be fun to watch.

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FORMAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 29, 2023

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

Vice Chairperson Sullivan called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:01 a.m. Members present: V. Fixmer-Oraiz*, Jon Green, Royceann Porter and Rod Sullivan; Members absent: Lisa Green-Douglass.

*Denotes electronic participation
All actions were taken by the following vote: Roll call: aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Porter Sullivan; absent: Green-Douglass.

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Management Authority, and authorized the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Articles of Agreement on behalf of Johnson County; and authorized the Auditor to file a copy of this Resolution and Agreement with the Secretary of State and forward a copy of the executed Articles to the coordinator for the Middle Iowa WMA. Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve Resolution No. 06-29-23-01, effective June 29, 2023, ratifying the Middle Watershed Management Authority Articles of Agreement and as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to increase the level of benefits for employees covered under Johnson County's collective bargaining units [Ambulance and Sheriff] effective July 1, 2023, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve Change Order #1 to the Professional Historical Interpretive Services Agreement with Dr. Rebecca Conard, to reallocate expenses with no increase in the approved budget.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the 28E Agreement for the Mobility Coordinator with the City of Coralville for FY24.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the 28E Agreement for the Mobility Coordinator with the City of Iowa City for FY24.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the Amendment to the 28E Agreement for Paratransit Service with the City of Iowa City and the Amendment to the 28E Agreement for Paratransit Service with the City of Coralville, that extends services an additional 31 days through July 31, 2023.

Motion by Porter, second by Green, to approve the Contract for Same-Day On-Demand Transit Services between Johnson County SEATS and the City of North Liberty for FY24.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with 4C's for the Starting Strong Program, that will increase recruitment and retention of child development homes, in the total amount of \$75,000, effective July 1, 2023.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the FY24 Crisis Child Care Services Agreement with 4C's in the amount of \$15,000.

Motion by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve a 22% hourly increase to the rate of pay for the Ambulance Department Field Supervisor position, as outlined in the agenda packet of this meeting.

Adjourned at 9:14 a.m.
/s/ Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor
Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board
These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on July 6, 2023.

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MID-PRAIRIE CSD

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LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 6:30 PM
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
SUPERINTENDENT TYLER HOTZ
SBO, SHEILA THARP
BOARD SECRETARY,
RENAE WILLIAMS

1. Call to Order Workshop: Sladek called board workshop to order @ 6:33 PM

2. Roll Call: Present: Robert Sladek, Joel Yedlik, Alex Ogren, Gordon Viers, Michael Hotz remote.

3. Approve Agenda: Viers motioned to approve the agenda, Yedlik seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Old Business
A. Facilities: Nick with Emergent presented the proposed HVAC system installation and boiler removal phase document.

B. 500 Series: Supt Hotz presented the board with the revisions that were suggested to the 500 series by Alfers. The first board reading will be at the July 19th regular board meeting.

C. Board Policy 213 Public Participation in Board Meetings: Supt Hotz reviewed policy 213.

D. School Website: Supt Hotz discussed with the board on where the district is at in the process of the new website.

5. New Business
A. Legislative/ISFIS Updates: Supt Hotz informed the board on recent Legislative/ISFIS updates:
•Bus Drivers: The Department of Education is working on a way for individuals who have CDL to have a "fast track" to getting a bus license. More to come and this is not set yet.
•Operational sharing: Sunset was extended to the end of 2034-35. Max of 21 "students" a district can receive. Adjustments have been made. Transportation went from 5 down to 4 kids and Special Education went from 3 to 2 kids.
•Teachers with a Masters and 10+ years of experience no longer need recertification credit to update their license.
•Schools can use up to 5 days or 30 hours of virtual learning. Can be used for snow day make up or built into actual calendar
•If a student's school day is off site or they are in an activity equal or more than activity required in 1/8 of PE class and parent requests student be excused from PE, school must comply
•Financial Literacy does not need to be a stand alone class as long as standards are taught in another course

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•TLC, PD, and TAG can be used for TSS. Max of 5% of TSS can carry over each year. TSS can be used for retention payment but needs to be part of a School Board approved plan.

B. August Schedule: Supt Hotz presented a tentative per inservice district schedule.

C. 2023-2024 Registration Fees: Reviewed and made suggestions to the 23-24 registration fees.
•Adult Passes to \$90 each
•Year books \$55

D. Summer Projects Updates: Supt Hotz updated the board on the 2023 summer projects.

E. Radon Report: A recommendation was provided from Terracon for implementing mitigation in some areas of our school based on the radon report.

F. Legislative Priorities: Every spring, IASB's Government Relations team asks school districts to submit legislative priorities, and requests any changes to the legislative platform for the upcoming legislative session. The feedback provided by districts allows us to position the organization on bills during the legislative session, so that we can effectively represent our members. Submit by August 15th

G. 2023 School Board Elections:

Supt Hotz discussed the timeline for the upcoming school board elections. Elections will be held on November 7, 2023.

3 Webinars through IASB
•August 17th - Running for the School Board 101: Essential Tips for School Board Candidates

•August 31st - Legal & Ethical Campaigns for the School Board
•September 21st - Student Learning: Do Boards Really Make a Difference?

Other Key Dates:
•August 28th - Candidate filing begins
•September 21st - Candidate filing deadline by 5:00p
•September 26th - Candidate withdrawal by 5:00p

H. Superintendent Evaluation Process: Supt Hotz presented the board with his action steps and goals for the 23-24 school year.

I. School Board/Admin Retreat: The retreat date was scheduled for August 9th @ 6:30 P.

6. Adjourn: Yedlik motioned to adjourn the board workshop, Viers seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:13 PM

Next Regular Meeting July 19th, 2023 @ 6:30 in the Library.

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 Ryan Locke, Heather Locke, grantor; Brianna K Embree, Daniel L Rubalcada, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Highland Park Add Lot 7 Block 25; \$143,000
 David E Vittetoe, David Vittetoe, Karen D Vittetoe, Karen Vittetoe, grantor; Todd P Vittetoe, Todd Vittetoe, Brooke E Vittetoe, Brooke Vittetoe, grantee; contract amendment; Aud Parc N in Part NW NW 12-77-9 & in Part NE NW 12-77-9; Part S2 NW 12-77-9
 Kenneth S Root, Penny M Hopper, grantor; Avis M Root, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; N 35 FT Lot 4 & 50 FT Lot 3 in Kalona Mulletts Add Lot 1 Block B
 Marilyn J Howell Trust, Jerald Lynn Dietz Trustee, grantor; Colton Paul Twinn, grantee; warranty deed; SW SW 10-74-6; \$466,000
 Travis K Thrapp, Jennifer N Thrapp, grantor; Russel W Madison, Natalie A Madison, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc A, 17.98 Acres in Part SW 31-74-7; \$460,000
 Tyler B Cain, Kurtis Fox Cain, Kurtis Cain Fox, grantor; Megan L Vanderlinden, Megan L Van Derlinden, grantee; warranty deed; S2 Kalona Snider & Allen Add Lot 14 Block 4; N 38 FT Kalona Snider & Allen Add Lot 15 Block 4; \$158,000
 Sarah Darlene Manley, David Keith Manley, grantor; Sarah Darlene Manley Trustee, Sarah Darlene Manley Revocable Trust, David Keith Manley Trustee, David Keith Manley Revocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivi-

deed; NW SE 11-76-9; N2 SW SE 11-76-9; NE SE 11-76-9; SE NE 11-76-9; N2 SE SE 11-76-9; Part S 40 Acres SE 11-76-9; Aud Parc E, 53, 74 Acres in NEFR4 06-76-8
 Stephen J Adam, Cheryl Adam, grantor; Stephen J Adam Trustee, Stephen J Adam Trust, Cheryl Adam Trustee, Cheryl Adam Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Part N2 SE SE 35-77-9; Part NE SE 35-77-9; W2 NW 13-76-9
June 26-30, 2023
 Dale W Miller, grantor; Linda K Miller, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Kalona Key Estate Add Lot 3
 Carolyn McClure, grantor; Earl A McClure, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Comm 489.07 FT E of SW Corn 29-77-6 thence N 1336.00 FT Cont 11.58 Acres Iowa Finance Authority, grantor; Michael S Norman, Katy C Norman, grantee; quit claim deed; part S2 SW 31-77-8; Part Lot 1 SD of NWFR4 06-76-8
 Terry B Hollingsworth, Dale J Torpey Attorney in Fact, grantor; Jose L Neri Ramos, Jose L Ramos Neri, Marisol Neri Perera, Marisol Perera Neri, grantee; warranty deed; Beginning at SE Corn SE SE 25-74-9 Thence Won Section Line 441.5 FT; \$135,000
 Dallas E Coblentz Executor, Lena Ruth Coblentz Estate, grantor; Dallas E Coblentz, grantee; court officer deed; Kalona Snider & Allen Add Lot 21, 22 Block 4
 Dallas E Coblentz Executor, Lena Ruth Coblentz Estate, grantor; Dallas E Coblentz, grantee; court officer deed; NE NW 36-77-8; NW NE 36-77-8
 Steven M Gault, Joann Gault, grantor; Alyssa K Whittemore, Jacob D Rueniger, grantee; warranty deed; N 70 FT of Commencing at SW Corn Washington Smouses 2nd Add Lot 2 Thence E 162 FT; N 33 FT of Commencing 118 FT N of SW Corn Washington Smouses 2nd Add Lot 0L 2 thence E 162 FT Thence N, W & S; \$237,500

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 Tanner Renoux, Abby Threlkeld, grantor; Cody Layman, Anne Layman, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Tract D, 2.90 Acres in Part NE NE NE 10-74-7; \$71,000
 Robert L Spenner, Janet M Spenner, grantor; Robert L Spenner, grantee; warranty deed; Commencing 47.5 FT N of SE Corn SW SW 07-77-6 thence N 587.26 FT Thence W, S & E
 John W Gish, Nicole M Gish, grantor; Mark T Moeller, Michelle K Moeller, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions West Lake View SD Lot 2 & Shared Agreement for Well \$2; \$380,000
 Michael C Roder, grantor; Gail A Roder, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Washington Littlers SD Lot 5 Block 2 S 10 FT Washington Littlers SD Lot 4 Block 2
 Michael John McDonald, Susan A McDonald, grantor; Heath A McDonald, grantee; quit claim deed; Part NW SE 06-75-9
 Richard H Holden Estate, Luke Holden CoAdministrator, Jedediah Holden CoAdministrator; Jedediah WR Holden CoAdministrator, Jedediah West Reed Holden CoAdministrator, grantor; Holden Family Farm LLC, grantee; court officer deed; Washington Green Meadows Add Lot 3 Block 1; \$160,000
 Federation Bank, Washington Federal Savings & Loan Association, grantor; Washington County Hospitals & Clinics, grantee; special warranty deed; Washington OP Lot 8 Block 11; \$100,000
 Jeffrey S Swartzendruber Lindsay M Swartzendruber, grantor; Taylor E Bagley, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Mulletts Add Lot 9 Block A; \$255,000
 Dustyn C Lucas, grantor; Stephanie L Vest, grantee; warranty deed; Brighton OL NW Brighton Lot OL 15; \$140,000
 Jerod B Schaack, Vera Schaack, grantor; Dylan Reed, Caitlin Reed, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Kopf SD Lot 1; \$409,000