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Up for discussion

Ambulance merger taking shape

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EDITOR

The Ackley council was updated on the proposed merger between Ackley Volunteer Ambulance Service and Eldora EMS into Greenbelt EMS during their Wednesday evening meeting. Details, as presented in an updated financial merger proposal, were approved by a three-to-two vote by the Ackley council. Voting in favor of the proposal and its terms were Judy Crawford, Dan Scallon and Mike Abbas. Opposed were Joe Wessels and Chuy Flores.

Flores noted on Thursday that his vote against the proposal was twofold, based on concerns about Ackley volunteers having to apply for their roles with the crew of the new service, as well as concerns regarding winter roadways.

"Highway 57 between Iowa Falls and Ackley is a priority roadway, plowed first; the blacktop between Eldora and Ackley is a county road without that same priority," Flores said. "That fact is something that needs to be taken into consideration before any decision."

"I'm not convinced this is the right decision," he explained.

Prior to the council vote, clerk Malena Dennis explained that the financial agreement needed to be accepted by both the Eldora and Ackley councils. Both would then need to approve a contract which before being accepted would need to be looked over by each community's city attorney.

On Feb. 1, a subcommittee consisting of Judy Crawford, Dan Scallon and AVAS president Joan Fra-

zier, along with representative from Eldora - Carrie Callaway Morton, Jerry Kramer and Maile Carter, met to discuss financials of a proposal, choosing to break the merger into phases, effectively slowing down the merger and allowing Ackley time to secure sleeping quarters for the crew which will be stationed in Ackley.

Details of Phase 1 include providing direction on future service employees, noting that AVAS members will need to go through the process to become employees of the City of Eldora and that the new EMS service (Greenbelt EMS) will assume the assets of the current AVAS. During this phase, there would be a crew in Ackley, but not one providing 24/7 service. Greenbelt EMS will provide that backup as needed from Eldora.

Financials during Phase 1, which includes roughly the first year of existence, would allow each entity to keep their own account receivable revenue through the end of June 2023. Call/run revenue, beginning on July 1, 2023, would be provided to Greenbelt EMS.

The details also include that there may or may not be a Greenbelt EMS crew in Ackley and that members of the crew would respond from Eldora as needed. Currently, AVAS does not always have a crew available, mostly during daytime hours, and relies upon backup provided by Eldora.

In Phase II, a full-time staff, 24/7, would be stationed in Ackley. The delay, as mentioned above, allows time for Ackley to find and secure sleeping quarters for that crew. Roughly in the second year of the agreement, the split financial agreement would be revisited,

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While the rest of us are dreaming of what will be planted in our gardens, Stan Siems of Ackley has been harvesting various types of lettuce and other produce grown in his greenhouse.

Thankfully, Stan has enough of the lettuces available for those who want to purchase it. Currently, he's harvesting head lettuce, leaf lettuce, and romaine.

Soon there will be cucumbers, tomatoes, pole beans, green peppers and jalapeño peppers ready to go. Stan is making plans to deliver his produce to residents of Ackley each Friday, and to Iowa Falls on Saturdays. To check out what's ready, or to make an appointment to pick some up at the greenhouse, contact him directly. ●

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Ackley's Xi Zeta Sigma members provided funding from their annual craft fair to the Friends of Prairie Bridges park shelter construction project. Members contributed \$2,000 towards the project. Construction is slated to begin this summer. On hand for the presentation were members of Prairie Bridges Park Board and Sorority members. Left to right they included: Jeff Hesnard, Theresa Krull, Bo Schipper, Jessica Schipper, Mike Fistler, Ginger Williams, Paul Williams, Machel Eichmeier, Michelle Bartling, Brynn Brass and Taylor, Angie Risius and Kathy Enslin.

Funding the future

Sorority makes donation

BECKY SCHIPPER
EDITOR

Xi Zeta Sigma sorority of Ackley is a non-profit service organization with a strong history of supporting the Ackley community over their past 40 plus years of existence.

Best known locally for their annual craft fair, held each November, the members allocate admission fees plus additional funds to non-profit organizations within the community. Members vote as a group to determine the organization which will benefit.

The funding raised through the 2022 Craft Fair was allocated to the Friends of Prairie Bridges and will be used towards the construction of the new shelter house in the Back Forty.

"We are very grateful that the

shelter was chosen by the sorority to receive the funds this year," said Jess Schipper, park board representative. "This project will benefit many and will be a wonderful addition to what we can offer at the park, as well as hopefully, bringing others to our community as they use it for weddings, reunions and the like."

Angie Risius is the current president of the sorority, a member for the past 25-plus years. She says the group has made similar donations to many organizations in the community, including the Ackley Volunteer Ambulance Service, Fire Department, Ackley Medical Center, Dollars for Scholars, the Ackley American Legion Auxiliary and others.

"Our goal is always to meet the needs of the community," Risius explains. "We provide as much funding as we possible can, the better we do, the more that goes back to the community."

The 17 members also provide funding to annual events such as the Children's Toy Drawing, Santa's Helpers, After Prom, and others, along with providing donations of time to things like the AGWSR concession booth and countless others.

Members meet monthly from September to May, providing support for each other and their community as they proceed through each year.

Dates for the 2023 Craft Fair have been set. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18. Mark your calendars to take part as a vendor or to attend. Vendors interested in having a booth may contact Angie or Tammy Hofmeister.

Officers of Xi Zeta Sigma, a chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, include Risius, Carlene Bergeson as vice president, Lori Johnson as treasurer, and Tammy Hofmeister as secretary. ●



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Take a closer look. This fake bill made its way to an Ackley business recently. Ackley Police Chief Gerry Frick urges residents and businesses to examine money they may receive or spend.

Counterfeit bills spotted in Ackley

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EDITOR

Ackley Police Chief Gerry Frick has been investigating some funny stuff in Ackley. Funny money, to be precise.

His warning to residents and businesses came on Monday, following a report from an Ackley business. In this instance, a transaction was paid with at least one counterfeit bill, which is normally used by filmmakers.

Rather than reading 'The United States of America' in the top right

corner, it instead reads 'For Motion Picture Purposes'. Another difference in the bill is rather than reading 'Federal Reserve Note' at the top, it reads 'Motion Picture Purposes'.

Anyone who discovers the bills should contact the Chief. In addition to looking at those spots on any bills that might pass through your hands, Chief Frick notes that the serial numbers on the bills are the same and is another way to check.

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Pleasant Hill Change

The large pine trees which until recently surrounded Pleasant Hill Cemetery, north of Ackley, have been cut down. A call to the cemetery committee secretary, Nancy French, confirmed that several of the large trees were diseased, while others were damaging stones in the cemetery. The committee chose to have the trees taken down and will replant as finances allow. Those wishing to contribute toward the cost of replanting may contact Nancy, or any of the committee members.

PSB announces promotions

Peoples Savings Bank would like to announce the promotions of two employees effective Jan. 1.

Sara Blackstock has been promoted to BSA and Compliance Specialist at PSB Corporation, the bank's holding company. Blackstock has worked at Peoples Savings Bank for over 11 years, most recently serving as Vice President & Operations Manager.



Blackstock



Hunt

Alayna Hunt has been promoted to Consumer and Real Estate Loan Officer. Hunt has worked at PSB since March of 2022, previously in the role of Loan Administrator & Universal Banker. Hunt continues to serve on the bank's marketing team as well.

Community Endowment Fund Program

Nonprofit organizations within Hardin County have the opportunity to receive funding from the County Endowment Fund Program (CEFP) and Hardin County Arts & Culture Endowment through the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCCEF). These two opportunities will provide grants in the following areas of interest: Arts/Culture/Humanities, Education, Environment/Animals, Health, Human Services and Public/Society Benefit. Application forms are

available on the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation's website, <http://endowhardincoiowa.org/> along with HCCCEF Guideline and Policies.

To be considered for a grant, nonprofits must complete the application provided. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, by emailing Tam Elerding, HCCCEF Program Director at endowhardinco@gmail.com. The HCCCEF Affiliate Advisory Board will meet on March 16 to consider the grants and determine recipients.

Scallon recognized

Lori Scallon of Ackley, an H&R Block franchise owner, has been recognized as one of the top 100 franchises for the organization. Scallon has offices in Parkersburg and Eldora where she provides services such as preparing taxes,

bookkeeping for small businesses, invoicing, payroll, and others.

Each year H&R Block recognizes the top franchisees for business performance across a series of key metrics. Scallon has 24 years of experience.

It's almost spring

I took the Tunes for a walk on Tuesday. Remember last Tuesday? Sun shining brightly, temperatures reaching 37 degrees, melting snow and slush on every sidewalk and puddles at every street corner? Yeah. Tuesday.

We headed east on Park Avenue where we discovered a doe munching in the flower gardens of a home. She couldn't have cared less that we were walking a few yards away. Barely raised her head, and only flickered an ear when I reached for my phone to take her photo.

The experience got me thinking about the damage deer can do to gardens and trees in residential areas. Of course, I headed straight to the University of Iowa Extension to see how to deter them. I quote, "Living with wild-life like white-tailed deer requires patience and taking action early to prevent damage."

Deer, the article said, can damage plants through browsing on or trampling plants, prefer branches less than one inch in diameter, and that to determine whether damage is caused by deer or rabbits, one needs to look at the plants closely.

Deer typically don't leave tooth marks on bark, they have no upper incisors and branches, leaves or twigs will have a rough, or torn appearance. Rabbits, on the other hand, leave tooth marks when gnawing.

There are several ways to combat the damage done by deer. First suggested are deer-resistant



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Warm weather on Feb. 7 led to the discovery of these sedum buds (stonecrop) in an Ackley flower bed. Who knew they'd be up so early and giving hope that spring is on its way?



BY BECKY SCHIPPER | EDITOR

plants such as yarrow, ageratum, columbine, coneflower, alyssum, peony, poppies, geranium and marigold. Of course, fencing was mentioned, as were repellents, which are only a short-term solution. It was also suggested that frightening the deer away from the area can be accomplished (by using motion-activated lights or sprinklers), but again, it is only a short-term solution.

I have a slightly different problem. In my garden there is a cat, and about a dozen rabbits, neither of which I welcome. For many reasons. Two exactly. Number two. The rabbits I can deal with (except that they nibble off

all the new growth in early spring). But cat two is an awful experience in the gardens.

So, said cat is on my list.

Enter my adult daughter, who has more of a heart for animals than anyone I've ever known. She caught said cat shortly after realizing it had hurt its foot. (She actually noticed blood on her deck and trailed the creature to my other neighbor's shed. Said daughter is now searching for the first cat's friend, who she knows is 'lonely' and will have two cats to get to a shelter.

Both cats are new to our neighborhood, appearing only recently, and both are relatively tame. Which leads me to believe that some fine individual dumped them off. Instead of doing the right thing, they've instead dropped the issue in our yards.

Until next week, we're taking part in a cat relocation program. Only, we won't be dropping them off in someone else's neighborhood.

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and shed maintenance, utilities, and liability expenses would be taken on by Greenbelt EMS as Ackley would no longer be receiving revenue. The financial split would be based upon run numbers from each community.

The approved proposal also includes establishment of a seven-member advisory board for the new service. Members would meet monthly. The board will include a Greenbelt EMS Service Director, a crew member residing from within the AGWSR School District (appointed by the Mayor of Ackley) and a second residing in the Eldora-New Providence district (appointed by the Mayor of Eldora).

Mayors of the Ackley and Eldora would additionally be charged with appointing two residents from within their respective city to serve on the board.

The board would be charged with presenting semi-annual reports to each council, approve any large-ticket purchases - anything greater than \$5,000. Members would be required to attend the monthly meetings and those missing two meet-

ings in a row would be removed from their position.

While the proposal was approved by the Ackley council members in the vote, councilman Joe Wessels voiced that he wouldn't 'buy into this merger' and questioned if the votes of Crawford and Scallon, in favor of the proposal, were a 'conflict of interest'.

Ackley councilwoman Judy Crawford said on Thursday that like Flores, she too has a passion for Ackley and explained that the council needs to support keeping a service here for residents who have a strong commitment to it.

"This is a fluid document, nothing is etched in stone and changes can still be made," Crawford said.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, discussion on the topic of the merger continued as Justin Bartling, a former member of the AVAS an current paramedic with the Iowa Falls service, explained that it was his belief that Iowa Falls could respond to Ackley emergencies within 12 minutes.

Councilman Dan Scallon suggested that the travel time would be more realistic at 20 minutes.

Bartling continued, "As a paramedic, there have been zero times that within the first five minutes on scene that I have

used a paramedic skill. My concern is that paramedics are expensive and not cost effective." He explained that services cannot bill at paramedic rates if that skillset is not used on a call and suggested that a 24/7 ambulance service was sufficient for the community, adding that a first responder service could be considered.

First responders do not transport patients, rather, they identify conditions and comfort patients until an EMT or paramedic service arrives on scene. They can perform AED and airway maintenance, and can prepare patients for transport or provide lift assistance as needed.

AVAS president Joan Frazier was out of town and unable to take part in the conversations which took place.

The City of Ackley still holds funding from the 2020 GO Bond in the amount of \$336,000. Those funds had been slated for the construction of a new AVAS shed. The amount was not close to the single bid received in April of 2022 at \$491,000. Bid specifications sent out at the time did not include completion of the office area for the shed, leaving studded walls and without electricity and plumbing to that area. Those expenses were estimated to be an additional amount between \$100,000 and \$200,000 for completion.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ETNA township meeting

The ETNA township trustee meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Ackley Public Library (401 State Street), Ackley. The meeting will include the Annual

Proposed Budget and is open to the public.

Craft fair

A craft and vendor fair is planned for Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Franklin County Convention Center, Hampton.

Forty-Five different crafters and vendors will fill up the space.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase along with door prizes and a silent auction.

Burger fry

The Ackley Sons of the American Legion will host their next burger fry this Saturday, Feb. 18.

Serving takes place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Plan now to attend.

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"While I can't get your money back for you, I can start a trail of where it came from," Frick said.

The Chief also noted that he is aware of counterfeit \$100 bills as well. These bills have been known to pass the counterfeit detector pen - a

chemical test which distinguishes the type of paper it's been printed upon. Frick explained that some ATMs even miss these particular counterfeit bills.

"People get busy. And a clerk, for instance, can get in a hurry - there's ten people in line and they're moving fast to get everyone out as quickly as

possible. It's not hard to miss these details until it's too late."

While he can't provide further information on the investigation, Frick says the larger bills have a foreign language, believed to be Chinese, writing on them.

If you discover the counterfeits, call the Ackley Police Department non-emergency line at 641-847-2222.

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One of the presenters at the 2023 AGWSR Career Fair was Mechdyne of Marshalltown. The company serves global clients including government labs, university and research centers, and others who use advanced technologies.

Where will they go?

AGWSR students take part in career fair

BECKY SCHIPPER
EDITOR

Determining the direction of life, from choosing a career and college, can be difficult, with the help of Ginger Williams, AGWSR High School Counselor, that decision got a bit easier for juniors and seniors. Williams organized the second annual Career Fair for students with 19 local/area businesses taking part.

"The idea is to expose the students to careers they may not have thought about," began Williams. "Those employers, in turn, provide the students with information on the skills they are looking for."

Williams says planning for the fair begins with communication with students and learning what they are interested in. Students also take a survey to aid in finding presenters for the day. Williams then guides the

students to a minimum of five employers to visit with.

Those presenters may not be directly what each student might choose as their career, still the businesses they represent play a role in the field chosen by the student.

Williams used the following example following the fair.

"Let's say a student wants to pursue a career in welding," she began. "I didn't have a welder take part this year, so I might guide that student to a financial planner, knowing that they may well pursue ownership of their own welding business."

In addition to placing students with employers relating to their career interests, students were also guided to those beyond their focus. In this way, they might look closer at another option, or specialty in the field of their choice.

While some students use the fair to gain knowledge about their chosen field, others aren't that far along in their decision, or may not want to further their education after high school. Williams says

those students can use the fair to aid in their decision, and some actually get jobs lined up for after graduation.

During this particular fair, Williams noted that many AGWSR alumni were included.

"It helps to see familiar faces and names succeeding after graduating from AGWSR," Williams said. "For instance, Carrinton Hunt, a previous grad was on hand. Carrinton is a realtor in Oelwein. Another recent grad was present with those from Pine Lake Processors."

Brianna Kruger, one of the students taking part explained that she considers the fair to be a great opportunity.

"For many kids who are undecided on what they want to do after high school, the fair allowed them to get a brief glimpse into many different occupations," Kruger said.

Each student visited a minimum of five stations in 20-minute rotations. Following the presentations from businesses, students received information on financial aid opportunities. ●

Can drive

The AGWSR After Prom Committee will hold a can/bottle drive on Saturday, March 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the AGWSR high school shop with curbside pickup planned in Ackley, Geneva, Wellsburg and Steamboat Rock.

Individuals who need pickup prior to March 11 may call Amy Lafrenz at 641-858-6602 to schedule. ●

Community Foundation Scholarship

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa's (CFNEIA) 2023 scholarship application process is now open, and AGWSR students may apply for scholarships available through CFNEIA at www.cfneia.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply for 2023 scholarships is 8 p.m. on March 8.

AGWSR students interested in applying for 2023 scholarships should visit the CFNEIA website to view the eligibility checklist. A common application, also available through the CFNEIA website, must be completed. All required materials must be submitted through the online system. ●

Trees for Kids Grant

The Trees for Kids grant program is now accepting applications through March 3.

Grantees can be awarded up to \$2,500 All trees for this program must be planted on school grounds or public property. Youth are required to be engaged in the process. To apply for the grant, visit: www.iowadnr.gov/UrbanForestry. ●

Senior Spotlight



Avery Ann Lafrenz

Parents: Amy Thomason and Brandon Lafrenz
Siblings: Full- Taylor Lafrenz; Step- Georgia Vaughn, Lila Vaughn, Harlie Vaughn.
How many years have you been a Cougar?: 13
What's next?: I will be attend-

ing the University of Northern Iowa to double major in finance and real estate.

What have you enjoyed the most about AGWSR?: I love all of the friendships that I have made over the years.

Honors/Awards: An honor roll, National Honor Society, varsity sports letters.

What's on your bucket list?: After college, I want to become a real estate agent and, eventually, start my own business. I would also like to travel a lot when I am older.

Shout Out!: I would like to thank the community for always supporting everything that goes on at the school. Their continued support keeps our school running and all of us enjoying everything we do!

Remember when: Mrs. Eichmeier read "The Land of Stories" to us every day in fourth grade.



Ella McGrath

Parents: Robert and Tara McGrath
Siblings: Gabe and Georgia McGrath
How many years have you been a Cougar?: 14
What's next?: I plan on going to an undecided college to major in horticulture and chemistry.

leadership team this year, member of student council for three years, lettered in: band, speech, basketball and volleyball stats.

What's on your bucket list?: As an adult, I would like to do research as a plant chemist, and solve issues with primary crops of third-world countries. My bucket list includes visiting every continent, doing a hiking tour, and possibly volunteering with the Peace Corps.

Shout Out!: I would like to thank my parents, for always listening to me, supporting me, and helping me through high school, and my grandmas for inspiring me to be the person I am today.

Re-do?: I wouldn't put so much pressure on myself to be perfect at everything. I wish I could tell myself back then that it's okay to make mistakes.

If they made a movie about your life, who would play you?: Taylor Swift

Remember when: I sang in ¿Puedo ir al baño?.

What else?: "It isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are." -Martin Luther King Jr.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Kindergarten Roundup

AGWSR has started preparing for the 2023-24 school year, including incoming kindergarten students. Parents of children who will turn 5 by Sept. 15 should call the appropriate school office (641-847-

2611 for Ackley; 641-869-5121 for Wellsburg) by the March 31 deadline to sign your child up for Kindergarten Roundup.

Open gym

An open gym is planned at the Wellsburg center on Sundays in February from 2 to 4 p.m.. Basketballs are provided for use and hallways

will be open for walkers. Open gym will conclude on Feb. 26.

Cougar Connection

Cougar Connection and Cougar impact organizations support AGWSR students in kindergarten through eighth

grade. The organization supports students by funding field trips, assemblies, dances, and teacher supplies. Cougar Connection will meet in the Ackley media center at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. Parents are encouraged to take part.

Freshman Night

Parents of eighth graders

whose children will be freshmen in the fall of 2023 are welcome to attend an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Staff will provide insight to graduation requirements, four-year planning documents, and the class registration process. ●

From the Archives

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As Americans, we love sports. We love to play sports and watch sports, root for the home team or our favorite team, but there is only one sport in America that has been dubbed "America's favorite pastime" for the last three centuries, and that sport is baseball.

While thumbing

through old pictures and archives looking for a unique piece to bring back 'From the Archives', Larry Wright, a volunteer for the Ackley Heritage Center, walked to the back of the Ackley World Journal, picked something up off the back shelf, and sat this awesome find on my desk.

This unique trophy with baseball bats and balls as handles, was awarded to the Ackley High School baseball team for their win in the local baseball tournament against Eldora and Conrad baseball teams in the year 1913. The names



of the nine young men who played on the team are engraved in the body along with the stats of their win against both teams.

Those young men are listed are John DeNei,

Earl Bolender, Henry Penning, Gordon Leach, Herman Snater, Robert Leach, John Blecher, Oscar Peterson and Carl Folkers. The team beat Conrad 5-3, and Eldora with an impressive win of 7-1.

The trophy, along with other unique Ackley memorabilia can be found at the Soda Fountain, the new location of the Ackley World Journal. If you have memories or unique items to share, please do so by visiting or calling the Ackley World Journal at 641-847-2592. ●

Franklin County event holders

Center-1 of Hampton Cis hosting a special event for those who host events within the Franklin County area. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Mayne's Grove Lodge, South of Hampton on highway 65. It will give event hosts an opportunity to receive \$1,000 to-

wards their event while making connections with other events hosted within the limits of Franklin County. Each Franklin County event that has at least one representative in attendance will receive \$1,000 for their event. For more information, please contact Center-1 at 641-456-5668. ●

Iowa Valley partners to offer online courses and certificates

Online curriculum is in demand, and Iowa Valley Business and Community Solutions is partnering with a new curriculum provider, MindEdge. The collaboration will offer the very latest in online courses and certificate programs.

MindEdge courses and certificates offer

diverse content delivery methods such as video, interactive exercises, learner assessments and simulation technology that best suits individual learning styles and are available at any time, allowing learners to study at their own pace and on their own schedule.

This is especial-

ly important for students who juggle full-time employment and family responsibilities. Courses are also affordable on almost any budget, with many courses offered under \$100.

Iowa Valley has curated a list of courses offered based on those most requested in our

region. However, they have access to additional course materials if a student is looking for something that is not on the website.

The online course catalog can be found at <https://catalog.mindedge.com/iavalley> Students can register and take the courses from this website. ●

The String Showdown

Friends of Prairie Bridges is hosting The String Showdown on Friday, Feb. 17, at the Ackley Recreation Center. Tickets are on sale now at \$40 each.

The String Showdown features dueling strings and comedic entertainment by multi-instrumentalist Mike Lauer, and Greg Byers. The show is filled

with music from radio, television and movies that will have the audience clapping and singing along.

Contact one of these Friends of Prairie Bridges Board members to purchase tickets: Jess Schipper, Kevin Neuberger, Mike Fistler, Paul Williams, Bo Schipper, Jeff Hensard, Steve Scallon, Teresa Krull. ●



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Organizing your receipts can be the most difficult part of tax season. If you begin early, and now is your chance to do so for next year, the task can be much easier.

Preparing for tax season

Three tips to keep your documents organized

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Taxes can be a daunting task. Some people are so anxious that they put it off until just before the April 15 deadline. According to a survey by IPX1031, 32% of Americans waited until the last minute to file taxes in 2022. Of those who procrastinated on filing, 25% said that they waited because filing taxes is too stressful and complicated.

While you can wait until the deadline to file, you'll only increase your tax anxiety. If you find tax season intimidating, check out these three tips that can help ease tax time stress.

1. Take a deep breath

It may seem trite, but the first thing you need to do to tackle your taxes is to take a deep breath. You likely already have everything you need to start your tax forms. It's just a matter of finding all your documents and organizing them so you can easily fill out your information and submit your forms.

Start early to help ease your tax season stress, so you have plenty of time to input and review your information. If you wait until the deadline, you'll only get more anxious about the prospect of being late or making mistakes on your tax forms.

Another way to manage tax time stress is to tackle your tax forms one section at a time. You can do this over the course of a few days or a couple of weeks. You can enlist the help of a partner or friend to keep you accountable and sit with you while you do your taxes.

2. Get organized

Whether you're doing personal or business taxes, creating a system with specific categories will help you stay organized throughout the year. That way, when it's time to tackle taxes, you'll have everything you need right in front of you.

First, create a deductions and expenses folder. In this folder, you'll keep cellphone and internet bills, receipts for supplies (like pencils, pens and papers), client dinner receipts and documents of charitable donations.

Next, you'll set up an income folder where you'll store your paystubs, bank statements and other records that prove any income you have produced during the year. If needed, you can create another folder for business tax documents like W-2s, property taxes and self-employment forms.

Lastly, make an investments folder. Here, you can save retirement contributions to IRAs or other accounts, tax-deferred investments, nondeductible investments and any other taxable investments.

By setting up and using this organiza-

tional system throughout the year, you'll be able to breeze through your tax forms with minimal stress.

3. Go digital

Now that you've got the system in place, it's time to simplify taxes by going digital. Recreate the organizational system above on your computer. You can also store or sync the folders on the cloud or mobile device so you can access documents on the go. You can also upload invoices, receipts and other documents into digital files as soon as you receive them.

The easiest way to convert physical documents into digital ones is to scan them. Simplify the process by using an application like Mopria Scan. This app allows you to scan directly from any Mopria certified device to your Android device without installing multiple apps, software or drivers for every scanner or printer you use at home or the office.

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Don't let tax season anxiety get you down. Using these three tips, you'll be able to complete your tax forms quickly and set yourself up for success for the next tax season. ●

How to maximize the value and timeliness of your tax return

COURTESY OF STATEPOINT

Research shows that if you're dreading tax season, you're not alone.

According to the Pew Research Center, 47% of Americans say they are bothered a lot by the complexity of the federal tax system. Other taxpayers stress out over getting the details right. In a Credello survey, 22% of respondents say not maximizing their refund is their biggest fear around doing taxes, while another 22% said their biggest fear is making a mistake.

"Many Americans rely on their tax refund to make ends meet. Accessing those funds should be fast and easy," says Chad Prashad, president and CEO of World Finance.

To help you get a handle on your taxes, World Finance is drawing on its 26 years of filing expertise to offer these timely tips:

- Get ready early. As soon as your employer provides your W2, you can file your taxes. Having all other documentation and receipts ready to go will help expedite the process, which means you will get your tax return faster, too. Collect the necessary materials in one place before filing.

- Consider significant life changes. Did you move in 2022? Have a baby? Get married? Change jobs? Each of these monumental life events can have an impact on your taxes, so be sure to disclose these factors when filing or to the professional filing on your behalf.

- Know what's new. Visit IRS.gov to learn about any changes to tax filings that are applicable to you. A tax services profes-



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Get assistance from a professional, who can help you get the biggest possible tax return.

sional can also help you identify relevant updates. World Finance tax pros have year-round training to stay on top of the latest tax filing requirements and are ready to tailor tax services to each tax customer's financial situation.

- Review and adjust. Once you know what your return is going to be this year, make any necessary adjustments to your W2 to make sure you're withholding enough during the year. If this is your first year working with a professional tax service, have them review your previous years' filings as well. You may be able to recover additional refunds if anything was missed. World Finance offers this service for no additional charge.

- Consider a tax refund loan. After filing, you can potentially take out a loan for the amount of your expected refund. This is known as a tax refund loan and an option to consider if you need your

refund as soon as possible.

- Work with a professional. Filing your taxes with a software program is a low-cost option, but only if you have time to dedicate to the task, and the know-how to get your biggest possible tax return. Working with a reliable, trusted tax preparation service can help ensure your taxes are filed correctly, and your return is as substantial as it can be. Look for a service that offers transparent pricing, flexible filing options and same-day Tax Advance Loans, such as World Finance. For more information, visit loansbyworld.com/taxes.

Tax season doesn't need to create headaches, fears, or anxieties. By gathering important tax documents in advance and understanding your filing and refund options, you can have confidence that you've maximized the value and timeliness of your tax return. ●

How to turn your finances around in the months ahead

COURTESY OF STATEPOINT

Many consumers are feeling financial strain after a challenging economic year in 2022. One in three Americans say they are struggling to get by or are in trouble financially, according to Lincoln Financial Group's Consumer Sentiment Tracker. The study also found that people aren't necessarily seeing any relief in sight, with 76% believing factors like inflation, market volatility and debt will worsen.

However, there are a few bright spots. Those who had specific financial goals last year were two to three times more likely to say various aspects of their personal finances improved. They were also three times more likely to say they did a great job on their overall financial wellness last year and twice as likely to be optimistic about their finances in 2023. So where should you start in creating and reaching your own financial goals?

"Lincoln's research underscores the importance of taking a definitive approach," said Ed Walters, senior vice president, Lincoln Financial Network, the wealth management arm of Lincoln Financial Group. "While financial goals don't need to be complicated, you should be able to easily track and monitor your progress. Consumers' wallets are stretched thin with many competing financial priorities, so now is a great time to get back to the basics."

Lincoln Financial Group recommends setting these three goals to help turn your finances around in the months ahead:



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Developing a budget and saving money can be difficult, though by working with a financial professional the difficult can become easy.

1. Develop and stick to a budget

Keep it simple. Start with fixed expenses like mortgage, rent, savings and car payments, then move to the more flexible expenses like groceries and entertainment. Instead of establishing a fixed amount, bucket the flexible expenses together and adjust how you allocate your money monthly to address your needs and plans for that month. Tap into budgeting calculators and other expense management tools.

2. Save some money from every paycheck

Now that you have a simple budget in place, take a few minutes to review those monthly expenses, from mortgage and car payments to morning coffee. Cutting a little bit here and there may reveal extra money to set aside. Those funds can be put toward

an emergency savings account, employer-sponsored retirement plan or college fund, or be used to prioritize investments. You'll be surprised how quickly a little bit adds up over time.

3. Work with a financial professional

Lincoln's study found consumers who are advised by financial professionals are more successful in meeting their goals. A financial professional can help tailor a holistic plan to your specific needs, as well as educate you about various insurance and retirement solutions.

"It's important that you're honest with yourself about where you are financially and what your goals are," said Walters. "With a little discipline, knowledge and guidance, you can have a strong financial year and see long-lasting results." ●

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Who We Get to Love

PASTOR DJ STEEN
 ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Whenever my family makes a trip to Waterloo/Cedar Falls, we usually try and eat lunch at Chick-fil-A. Even though it's always packed with people, the food is so good, and the customer service is always outstanding.



Steen

In fact, they have four key ingredients for great customer service called the Core 4: eye contact, smile, speak enthusiastically, and stay connected. Speaking from lots of personal experience, they do all those things very well. And that's what they're known for- chicken and customer service. It makes me wonder, what is the Church known for? To hear the news tell it, the Christian Church is long on pointing out other people's flaws and sins and short on loving people and serving them in their time of need. That's too bad because this is completely different from the message Jesus communicated. In Luke chapter 10, Jesus is asked by a

Jewish religious scholar about how to get to heaven. Jesus tells him to love God with all his heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love his neighbor the way he loves himself. In a follow up question aimed at finding a loophole in loving his neighbor, the scholar asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" The man was apparently trying to limit the scope of who he had to love and still receive the reward of eternal life, and in response Jesus tells a story that we know as the story of the Good Samaritan.

turned the definition of a neighbor upside down by communicating that a neighbor was anyone who needed help, even if you considered them your enemy and we become a neighbor by helping those in need. Finally, Jesus tells the religious scholar do go and the same thing. In other words, wherever you go, find your neighbor and be a neighbor.

As followers of Jesus, we shouldn't ask "Who do I have to love?", but rather "Who do I get to love?" We have the privilege of seeing everyone around us as our neighbor and loving them with the same importance we love God. Years ago, my brother was going to school in Texas and he and a friend were at a local grocery store.

His friend saw a Mexican family in the checkout lane and felt compelled to talk to them. He asked them if anyone had ever welcomed them to the United States. They said no and so he welcomed them to our country. They were so moved that they started crying. We don't have to wonder who our neighbor is anymore- Jesus made that very clear so now all we have to do is go and love people with the radical love of Jesus. ●

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OBITUARIES

Eileen Johnson

May 29, 1932-Feb. 8, 2023

PARKERSBURG

Eileen Johnson, age 90, of Parkersburg, was born the daughter of Henry and Minnie (Warschkow) Bennewitz, on May 28, 1932, in Hampton, Iowa. She graduated from Dows High School in 1949 and went to further her education at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. At the age of 50, Eileen graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, with a degree in religion.



Johnson

On Jan. 15, 1955, Eileen was united in marriage with Henry A. Johnson at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterloo. After their marriage, the couple lived on the family farm north of Aplington, and later moved east of Ackley. They then moved northwest of Aplington, where they farmed. During this time, Eileen farmed with Henry, worked for the Ackley newspaper, worked in the office at the Ackley Presbyterian Village, and as an interim pastor at several churches, the last being The Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She also volunteered as a hospital chaplain at the Allen Hospital in Waterloo. In 1997, Henry and Eileen moved into Parkersburg after retirement.

Eileen was an active member at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. She taught both Sunday school and confirmation classes, was a member of the Women's Fellowship and loved to volunteer. She was a 4-H and Cub Scout Leader, and a part of the Parkersburg Historical Society.

In her spare time, she enjoyed birdwatching, vol-

unteering as a poll watcher and researching genealogy. She loved to travel, especially to Germany, Jerusalem and to 48 states. She was advanced in technology and enjoyed building her own computers and teaching others how to use them. She especially loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, Eileen died surrounded by family at Secnic Living Communities in Iowa Falls, of natural causes. Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Johnson (Jan. 17, 2014), her parents; her grandson Nathan Keninger; and brother Wayne Bennewitz.

Eileen is survived by three children: Sheila (George) Gordon of Stewart, Tenn.; Doug (Kathy) Johnson of Aplington; and Regina (Landy) Calfee of Iowa Falls; six grandchildren: Crissy Kentopp (Joe Anderson), Chad Hon, Sabrina (Taner) Mai, Tabitha Johnson, Holli (Dinesh) Keshwani and Trevor Keninger; 11 great-grandchildren: Ariel, Lucas, Khloe, Ty'Rique, Tareya, Kendyl, Weston, Maya, Ava, Ella and Payton; three in-laws: Ann Reinieke of Dike, Lois (Clyde) Glenn of St. Charles, Miss.; and Lester (Martha) Johnson, of Aplington.

A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Memorials may be directed to the family. Redman Funeral & Cremation Services, Parkersburg Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.redmanfuneral.com

DEATH NOTICES

Wyatt James Raska

Friday, Feb. 3, 2023

COULTER-Wyatt James

Raska, 14, of Coulter, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton. Services for Wyatt Raska were held Friday, Feb. 10, at the Faith Baptist Church in Hampton. Memorials may be directed to: Wyatt Raska Memorial, c/o Linn's Funeral Home, 1521 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126.

ACKLEY PD REPORT

January 2023

Chief Gerry Frisk is providing the Ackley World Journal monthly police reports. Those reports are being provided the same week as the Ackley City Council meeting. The January Police Report follows (dates are not always provided):

Four traffic stops resulting in warnings for non-registered go-cart, loud exhaust, equipment violation - headlight out, driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Assisted on three ambulance calls.

Seven notifications to drivers to move vehicles for snow removal.

Three dog complaints. Emergency committal. Vehicle accidents, two.

Interviewed three juveniles for case.

Noise complaints, 700 Park Ave. Parking complaints, two.

Assisted elderly resident who fell in their home.

Arrest for Violation of No Contact Order.

Interviewed suspect, tampering with witness.

Return of service for search warrants.

Complaints of semi parking in residential area, two.

911 hang-ups, two. A result of land line mix up).

Medical committals for juveniles, two.

Motorist assist, two.

In addition, Frisk set up STEP grant for 2024 with the State of Iowa, and received body cameras from Wolf.com.

HCSO LOGS

Feb. 1

Disabled vehicle, Hwy. 20/S56, Steamboat Rock
Car/deer accident, Alden
Citizen assist, caller has questions
Erratic driving, S56/175

Feb. 2

Report of rifle in roadway, Hwy. 57, Ackley
Harassing communication, Buckeye
Car/deer accident, D35, Steamboat Rock

Feb. 3

Disabled vehicle, Hwy. 20, mile marker 174
Disabled vehicle, Hwy. 20, mile marker 178, semi on shoulder with flashers

Citizen assist, regarding child pulled from school by parent, Buckeye

Citizen assist, question regarding jump starting of vehicle

Feb. 4

Warrant arrest. Andrew Mazurik, Failure to Appear and Driving While Suspended

Disabled vehicle, Hwy S56, Steamboat Rock

Sexual abuse report, 130th St canoe launch, Iowa Falls

Feb. 5

Accident, D55, Hubbard, no injuries

Feb. 6

Erratic driving, Hwy. 175, Eldora
Dogs running at large, Iowa Falls

Disabled vehicle, 15th Street, Ackley, tractor in roadway

Accident report, Hwy. 175, Eldora, two vehicles, vehicle in ditch

LETTERS

Deep Regrets

TO THE EDITOR:

As I viewed the text phone photos that were sent to me of the trees cut down at Pleasant Hill Cemetery north of Ackley my heart sank. I was told all these trees were healthy trees. I regret going into a knee jerking response before knowing all the facts.

I deeply regret the role I played in this event not knowing all the facts on my social media page.

On Feb. 8, I had the opportunity to talk with the Board President of Pleasant Hill Cemetery. He called in Iowa River Rough Cut which is a high-tech tree service for diagnosing diseases in trees. It was duly noted: All the trees in the cemetery were diseased.

Iowa River Rough Cut of Iowa Falls, Iowa did cut down all the trees professionally with care, honoring the trees and avoiding damages to tombstones.

The Board President did contact the Trustees of Osceola to log out the large logs of trees which could be saved for reimbursing a paltry sum of tree removal into the cemetery fund. Osceola Township trustees granted permission.

The Board President also told me with refreshing facts Kelly Tree Farm of Clarence, Iowa will be replanting two windbreaks at Pleasant Hill this spring of 2023. New spring planting of trees will enhance the look of the cemetery.

This is my public apology to always learn the facts first. I have come to a better understanding of learning the circumstances of events surrounding our sacred places that are important to us.

I grew up in Ackley with my great-grandparents and their babies buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Respectfully yours,
LUELLA MEYER
RODEMEYER
HAMPTON

Fight Eminent Domain Together

TO THE EDITOR:

Do you support the banning eminent domain for carbon pipelines? Eighty percent of Iowa voters oppose allowing private corporations to use eminent domain to build carbon pipelines. The opposition crosses party lines. Our land is not for sale! Without my consent. Eminent domain is meant to be used for the public good, not private profit. These investors are

going to make billions of dollars. This money comes from the federal government and is our tax dollars. It is being wasted in the name of climate change. I am also concerned about safety in case of a leak, drainage of tiles, and reduces productivity.

Please join in the fight and contact the Iowa Utilities Board with an email. File your objection at customer@iub.iowa.gov using docket number HLP-2021-0001.

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There will be a rally in Des Moines at the Capitol on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. Come join us as we fight for our land.

Thank you for your help and support,
TERESA THOMS
STEAMBOAT ROCK

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 By: Taylor Nederhoff
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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD L. BRANDT, Deceased.

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Champs run NICL-West table

BY COREY MEINTS
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The last time the AGWSR Cougar girls won the North Iowa Cedar League-West, most of their roster were just more than toddlers. But even that 2010-11 team didn't do what this season's edition did – run the gauntlet unscathed.

The Cougars (18-1, 8-0) capped their perfect run through the loop with a 59-34 home win over the East Marshall Mustangs (2-18, 0-8) in Ackley Friday night. To cap it off, two rarely-used seniors got to close their regular season home careers with points and serious playing time.

By the time role player Avery Lafrenz and oft-injured Brianna Kruger left the court, the Cougars held a lead they would never relinquish.

"They played well enough that I didn't need to sub and set the tone for the game," said AGWSR head coach Mike Finger. "The girls I put in for them knew they did a good job and wanted to keep it going."

It was an underclassmen that got the scoring started, however, as Trevyn Smith made a pair of free throws. Then Kruger put her mark on the game with a bucket in the post for a quick 4-0 home lead. EM did answer after that, but third senior Brynn Smith ended a fastbreak in response. She also ended the first quarter with a trey to make it 11-4.

AGWSR 59, EM 34

Feb. 3 at Ackley
EM: 4 5 6 19- 34
AGWSR: 11 17 15 16- 59

Scoring
EM: Morgan Neuroth 7 2-2 19; Reagan Tolle 3 0-0 6; Makayla Hala 2 0-0 5; Delaney Ryan 1 0-0 2; Alivia Neuroth 1 0-2 2.

AGWSR: Nakia Ollivierre 9 3-5 24; Josie Kuper 4 2-4 10; Brynn Smith 3 0-0 8; Ava Olson 2 0-0 4; Piper Smith 1 0-0 3; Catelynn Koop 1 1-4 3; Avery Lafrenz 1 0-1 2; Trevyn Smit 0 2-6 2.

The Cougars scored the first 10 points of the second frame, seven from Josie Kuper and three from freshman Nakia Ollivierre, to start blowing the contest wide open. Ollivierre closed the half with seven unanswered points to give the hosts a 28-9 lead at the half.

AGWSR started the third quarter with another big run, dropping in the reverse's first seven points. Ollivierre added eight more points after EM's first answer, leading to a 43-15 lead at the buzzer.

By the time the Mustangs found their form, behind 15 Morgan Neuroth fourth quarter points, it was too late. Everybody on the Cougar bench got in, with freshman Piper Smith scoring the games final points with a three from the top of the key just ahead of the horn.

With the postseason beginning at home on Thursday, Finger said it was a good chance to do a few things other than the norm. But said he will not be tinkering with what has already led to his team's 18 wins. ●

Milestones met in home meet

Gerbracht wins 100th, Cougars 18th with sweep

BY COREY MEINTS
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With the NICL Meet canceled the previous Saturday, all but four members were left looking for meets to fill the long stretch before the Feb. 11 District. Two of them met in Ackley, Along with North Butler-Clarksville, in a late season add-on to the schedule.

It's a good thing for the AGWSR Cougars that the triangular got put together as they won their school record 18th dual of the season. It also allowed senior Bo Gerbracht to pick up his 100th career win.

The Cougars beat NB-C 51-27 to tie the program dual wins record at 17, then broke that mark with a 54-24 win over the SHBCLUW Storm. Along the way, Cougar senior Bo Gerbracht reached the 100-win plateau.

In between, the Storm fell to NB-C 36-24.

Jariyah Bowles opened with a pin at 106 against NB-C, but the Cougars were down 15-12 five weights in with a decision, a forfeit and a pin. Gerbracht won number 99 with a fall to give the Cougars a lead for a match. A pin by NB-C's Ryland Pitzenberger at 145 gave them a 21-18 lead.

That, too, was short-lived as the Cougars rattled off six of the next seven matches. That run included falls by Kaden Abbas at 152 and Aiden Heitland at 220. The hosts also picked up forfeits at 160, 195 and 285 and a decision by Ben Puenta at 170.

The nightcap was a re-match from a conference triangular on Jan. 5 in Conrad, a dual the Cougars won 60-15. While the result wasn't as extreme, it was still decisive as AGWSR won five matches by fall. The Storm won their two matches also by pin. The rest were forfeits, with SHBCLUW taking two while giving the Cougars four.

The Storm held a 12-0 lead with a forfeit to Eggers at 120 and a Walker Ashton fall at 126. Gerbracht picked up his 100th win of his career with



COREY MEINTS/ACKLEY WORLD JOURNAL

Bo Gerbracht won his 100th match of his career with a pin in a late home meet addition to the schedule. The Cougars swept North Butler-Clarksville and SHBCLUW to win their record 18th dual.

AGWSR Wrestling

Jan. 31 at Ackley

AGWSR 51, North Butler-Clarksville 27

106: Jariyah Bowles (A) pin Weston Miller 2:55; 113: Aaron Huber (A) FF; 120: Jaxon Miller (N) dec. Jaedrek Bowles 4-3; 126: Aiden Morrison (N) FF; 132: Tanner Arjes (N) pin Noah Clikeman 1:59; 138: Bo Gerbracht (A) pin Stroker Koop 0:50; 145: Ryland Pitzenberger (N) pin Jayden Nagel 3:41; 152: Kaden Abbas (A) pin Samuel Martinez-Macias 0:34; 160: Collin Willems (A) FF; 170: Ben Puenta (A) dec. Ashton Fairhurst 2-0; 182: MaKade Bloker (N) pin Jared Granzow 0:25; 195: Eli Brandt (A) FF; 220: Aiden Heitland (A) pin Weston Jensen (N) 0:47; 285: Tate Miller (A) FF.

AGWSR 54, SHBCLUW 24

120: Zaden Eggers (S) FF; 126: Walker Ashton (S) pin Jae. Bowles 5:19; 132: Clikeman (A) FF; 138: No Match; 145: Gerbracht (A) pin Ryan Busch 3:05; 152: Abbas (A) pin Kaiden McWilliams 1:49; 160: Puenta (A) pin Wyatt Guiles 1:14; 170: Paxson (S) FF; 182: Granzow (A) pin Kane 0:29; 195: Brandt (A) FF; 220: Heitland (A) FF; 285: Sean May (S) pin Miller 3:01; 106: Jar. Bowles (A) pin Maverick Grafke 3:36; 113: Huber (A) FF.

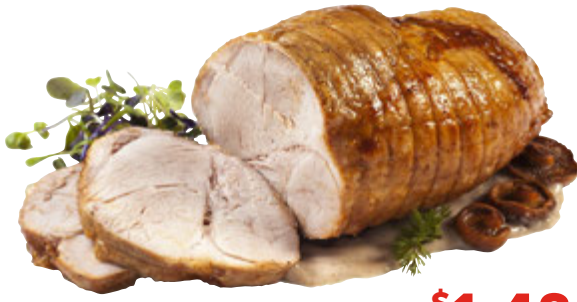
a pin at 145 after a forfeit to Noah Clikeman at 132 and a double forfeit at 138 to knot it at 12-12.

The Cougars took the lead for good with falls by Abbas at 152 and Puenta at 170 to make 24-12. Alex Paxson cut into the Cougar lead with a forfeit at 170 before Jared Granzow picked up a 29-second pin at 182. Forfeits to Eli Brandt at 195 and Heitland at 220 gave way to SHBCLUW's final win, a Sean May fall. AGWSR closed it out with a Jar. Bowles pin at 106 and a forfeit to Aaron Huber at 113.

AGWSR skipper Chad Gerbracht was happy to get the meet in, and not only because it gave his squad a new win record and gave his son a chance to reach his own milestone, but to stay mat-ready for Districts in Ogden.

"I feel good about tonight, especially being off a couple weekends in a row and not seeing any action," Gerbracht said. "I'm grateful these other two teams agreed to come here. I know they wanted to wrestle before Districts, too. We're in the same boat wanting to be ready for that." ●

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The Ellsworth Community College Panthers will be holding a wrestling clinic for area wrestlers grades 6-12 on Sunday, Feb. 19. The clinic will be held at the ECC Wrestling Room on the upper level of the Martin Dittmer Gymnasium on campus from 1 to 4 p.m. ECC assistant coach Richie Manning will lead the clinic. Manning is a 2017 Veteran's World Freestyle silver medalist and a 2017 Veteran's World Greco-Roman bronze medalist. The clinic is limited to the first 50 wrestlers and costs \$25 with checks payable to ECC Wrestling. Pre-register by contacting Panther head coach Victor Coronado at Victor.Coronado@iavalley.edu or 641-648-4611 ext. 8711.

Trap sign up Feb. 19

The AGWSR Trap Team will hold registration on Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Ackley recreation Club. Those in grades 5-8 and newcomers regardless of age will meet at 1 p.m. with high school shooters meeting at 3 p.m. •

Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Ackley/7 p.m.
TBA vs. TBA
Class 1A Region 2
Semifinal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

TBA/7 p.m.
TBA vs. TBA
Class 1A Region 2 Final

FEB. 27-MARCH 4

Des Moines/TBA
Class 1A Girls State
Tournament

BOYS WRESTLING

FEB. 15-18

Des Moines/9 a.m.
Class 1A State Wrestling



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Junior Kaden Abbas earned his return to this week's Class 1A State Championships in Des Moines with a runner-up finish at the District in Ogden. Four Cougars punched their ticket on Saturday. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. today.

Four for the show

Heitland leads Cougar qualifiers

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The magic number seemed to fall anywhere between two and six State qualifiers for Cougars as they headed to the Class 1A District 7 meet in Ogden on Saturday. They landed in between and will be sending four to Des Moines when the State Championships begin Wednesday morning.



Bowles



Heitland

"There were a couple others we thought would be in there, but that's wrestling," AGWSR head coach said. "But everybody did a good job."

Leading the way was junior Aiden Heitland at 220, AGWSR lone cham-



AGWSR senior Ben Puente showed his excitement for making his only State Tournament appearance following this wrestleback win in Ogden on Saturday. He is one of four Cougars set to wrestle in Des Moines beginning Wednesday morning.

He took a bye and a decision into the title bout where he beat West Hancock's David Smith 4-0.

While Heitland was the only champion for the Cougars, he wasn't alone

in the finals. Freshman Jariyah Bowles was there at 106 after a bye and two decisions. He fell in the championship to Ogden's Caleb Wisecup, 7-5. But when his semifinal vic-

Class 1A District 7

Saturday at Ogden

Team Standings (Qualifiers): 1. Emmetsburg (7) 167.5; 2. West Hancock (6) 142; 3. Ogden (4) 141.5; 4. AGWSR (4) 128; 5. West Bend-Mallard (0) 78; 6. North Tama (3) 77; 7. Manson Northwest Webster (1) 70; 8. South Hamilton (1) 63; 9. Fort Dodge St. Edmond (2) 60; 10. Collins-Maxwell (0) 5.

AGWSR Results

106: Jariyah Bowles (2nd place)- Bye; dec. Maxon Monat (NT) 9-5; dec. Mason Knapp (WBM) 20-15; dec. by Caleb Wisecup (O) 7-5.

120: Jaedrek Bowles (DNP)- Bye; dec. by Tatum Hanson (MNW) 5-2; pin Drew Fehr (WBM) 3:12; MD by Lincoln Wilcoxon (E) 12-1.

132: Noah Klikeman (3rd)- pin Cole Pelleymounter (O) 1:13; dec. Evan Boothroyd (WH) 7-3; dec. by Sam Myer (SE) 14-12; pin by Gavin Rausch (NT) 3:23.

138: Bo Gerbracht (3rd)- pin Ethan Gayken (WH) 1:56; pin by Keyton Rensburg (SH) 3:06; pin Blake Hantrods (CM) 2:23; pin Simon Hickingbottom (O) 3:16.

145: Kaden Abbas (2nd)- pin Keegan Brooks (NT) 2:18; dec. by Ryan Brennan (E) 11-5; pin Gustavo Gomez (WH) 1:09; pin Braden Young (SH) 0:58; MFF by Kale Munson (O).

152: Collin Willems (DNP)- Bye; pin by Nano Guillen (SE) 5:13; pin Drayke Podhajsky (NT) 4:59; pin by Garrett Fehr (WBM) N/A.

160: Ben Puente (2nd)- MD David Martinez (WH) 13-2; MD by Justin Wirtz (E) 9-0; pin Johnathan Oneil (SH) 1:32; pin Nathan Comer (O) 3:26; dec. Logan Grimm (WBM) 3-1.

182: Jared Granzow (DNP)- Bye; pin by Cooper Harman (MNW) 2:25; pin Drew Hammer (O) 0:46; pin by Graham Peters (SH) 0:28.

195: Eli Brandt (4th)- pin Marshall Day (CM) 1:59; dec. by Ben Saxton (E) 9-3; pin Adam Walker (SE) 3:07; dec. by Ethan Zaugg (WBM) 6-4.

220: Aiden Heitland (1st)- Bye; pin Earnest Taylor (SH) 3:22; dec. David Smith (WH) 4-0.

285: Tate Miller (3rd)- pin Jack Habben (WBM) 0:08; pin by David Hammer (O) 1:51; pin Reese Luedtke (WH) 0:37; pin Leon Cook (MNW) 0:22; pin by Gage Jorgenson (E) 1:33.

tim Mason Knapp of West Bend-Mallard won on the backside, Bowles was in.

"Jariyah had to be the surprise of the tournament, Gerbracht said. "He turned

a lot of things around from where he started this season. He showed up and wrestled hard today, but

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Cougars roar into quarterfinals

AGWSR beats C-N, move on in Region 2

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The Colo-NESCO Royals (2-19) probably got their fill of the AGWSR Cougars (21-1) last week. Monday night they lost to the 13th-ranked Cougars 68-18 in Colo. Thursday, in a Class 1A Region 2 first round game at Ackley, they lost 56-24.



Lippert

"We didn't necessarily shoot it as well tonight as we normally do, but that happens from time to time and there wasn't a let-up on defense," AGWSR head coach Mike Finger said. "Anytime you beat a team handedly just two or three days earlier causes some concern. I wanted to see us come out and play the



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Nakia Ollivierre scored 25 in AGWSR's post-season opener, but AGWSR's defense had every bit to do with their 56-24 win over Colo-NESCO in Ackley Thursday night.

Class 1A Region 3

Feb. 9 at Ackley

C-N: 4 8 5 7- 24
AGWSR: 24 20 10 2- 56

Scoring

C-N: Abigail Kettwig 40-0 8; Abigail Hostetler 20-0 5; Riley Handsaker 20-0 5; Sydney Ingle 10-0-2; Lily Stalzer 10-0-2; Callie Kohlwe 0 1-2 1; Jessica Duran 0 1-2 1.

AGWSR: Nakia Ollivierre 9 3-4 25; Karis Lippert 3 1-1 7; Brynn Smith 2 1-1 7; Josie Kuper 3 1-3 7; Ava Olson 1 2-4 4; Trevyn Smith 1 1-2 3; Catelynn Koop 0 2-2 2; Avery Lafrenz 0 1-2 1.

Brynn Smith hit a three from the right corner and

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game intensely and that we weren't shortcutting. I

give our girls full credit, they came out and execut-

ed well and played hard." After C-N opened the

scoring on a Riley Handsaker double, AGWSR's