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#### WELLMAN LIGHTS WINNER



**CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS** 

A community group surveyed the neighborhoods of Wellman and gave Matt Schaeffer's house on Golf View Drive the win for the city's 2022 Home Decorating Contest. Turn to page 10A for more photos.

# Public outcry leads to delay in Windham Village plan

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

**IOWA CITY** 

Windham Village remains the last Johnson County village without an official development plan.

At least, for now.

Following a long discussion and public hearing at its formal session Dec. 8 during which charges of distrust were tossed across the room, the Board of Supervisors chose to defer voting on the village plan for three months.

Jon Green, a former Lone Tree Mayor and member of the board since 2021, moved for the delay and was backed up by a 3-1 vote (Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass voted against the delay and board chair Royceann Porter was not present for the vote).

More than 10 Windham residents and other area residents spoke against a "yes" vote with many hoping for a delay while a newly formed committee in Windham takes time to examine the issue even more closely. Among those speaking in favor of a delay were Dawn Driscoll, a Republican state senator from Williamsburg, and Phil Hemingway, a resident of rural Johnson County who was a Republican candidate for Supervisor in the November elec-

tion. One resident was in tears as she spoke.

"My family chose to live in the country," said Brenda

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# The joy and melancholy of the real Santa Claus







Santa's (Carl Miller's) professional credentials.

Santa incognito: Carl Miller sits outside on B Avenue, Kalona on an early December day.

Kids loved Carl Miller as Santa at Christmas in Kalona

BY CHERYL ALLEN The News

KALONA

Our legend of Santa Claus has its roots in a monk named Nicholas who lived about 1750 years ago in what is now Turkey. He was pious and kind; he gave away his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. His actions and temperament earned him sainthood, and he became known as a protector of children and sailors.

Even after the Protestant Reformation in Europe, when honoring saints became frowned upon, the Dutch continued to think highly of "Sint Nikolaas." They brought this

# "It's amazing, some of the things that happen, and sometimes it's really heartbreaking."

adoration with them into the New World: in 1773, a New York newspaper reported Dutch families gathering to commemorate his death.

Here things took a decid-

edly American turn. By 1804, artwork depicted St. Nicholas leaving fruit in children's drying socks over the fireplace. In 1822, an Episcopal minister wrote a long Christmas poem for his daughters, in which St. Nick fattens up and rides home-to-home in a reindeer-driven sleigh filled with toys.

Shortly after, businesses started soliciting sales by using Santa in their newspaper ads. A copywriter invented Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to get people into department stores. Santa became the tool of consumerism, a mechanism to arouse children's desire for things and seduce the rest of us into buy, buy, buying.

The god-fearing Saint was transformed into the god-less

Wellman Garden Club will enjoy their ca-

tered Christmas Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 16 at

12 p.m. in UMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring a

Let's stop a minute. That's not exactly right.

on Dec. 3.

Meet Carl Miller, professional Santa.

"I had a little girl come up on my lap one day, and she sat there, and we talked, and she told me what all they're going to do for Christmas, and the cookies they're going to make, and where everything would be when I come. And then she turned to me and said, 'Santa,

Christmas?' I said, 'I sure do, and I worship Him also.' [She said], 'Oh, that's so good,' and she laughed. Her mother was off to the side, I could see her. And it wasn't two hours later, the mother came back and handed me a \$100 gift card for Starbucks.

Carl Miller worked as a mall Santa for 13 years in Salem, Oregon, although his story begins and ends in Kalona. And while this is an American story, filled with malls and money, Miller also has the heart of a saint.

"Starbucks was in the mall, so every week I treated the

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### AROUND TOWN

#### **Christmas Dinner** for Seniors

All senior citizens of Riverside are warmly welcomed to a free Christmas dinner hosted by River City Church at the Highland Elementary School, on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5:30-7:00

## **Kalona Optimist**

### **Meeting Cancelled**

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**MILK** 

The Kalona Optimist meeting scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Next meeting is Jan. 5 at the LOFT/Kalona YMCA at 6 p.m. Program by Mid-Prairie Superintendent Brian Stone.

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#### **CHRISTMAS** CHURCH SERVICES

Food Pantry donation.

**Wellman Garden Club** 

**Wellman Mennonite Church** Wellman Mennonite Church will hold a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. 1215 8th Avenue, Wellman.

do you know the real reason for

#### **Champion Hill United Methodist Church**

Champion Hill United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. Steel drums, flute, and viola music; refreshments following. 3132 TT Avenue, Rural North English.

## **Hillcrest Academy**

### **Alumni Night**

Hillcrest Academy will hold its annual Alumni Night event on Tuesday, Dec. 20, with JV boys starting at 4:30 p.m.

Prizes will be given away throughout the varsity games; alumni and student activities will take place during halftime.

**GET STOCKED UP** FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Prices are good Dec. 13 - 26

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| Monday    | 3:02 a.m.  | 1:48 p.m.  |
| Tuesday   | 4:16 a.m.  | 2:18 p.m.  |
| Wednesday | 5:33 a.m.  | 2:56 p.m.  |
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DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

# KCTC fiber internet speeds increase at no cost to members

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company announced that it has refined and increased internet speeds provided to residential and business cooperative members. Similar to previous years where increases were put in place, these improvements are being made at no additional cost to custom-

"We have witnessed an impressive increase in internet usage each year." said Casey Peck, KCTC General Manager. "When the rates we pay are adjusted for purchasing more bandwidth for KCTC internet users, we pass that additional value on to our customers through a speed increase. Our catalog of internet speeds has also seen improvements this year with: symmetrical uploads; a simplified choice of speeds being offered; a reduction in rate for 1 Gig; and we'll be offering 2 Gig service to business customers in the coming months."

Power package The (75Mbps/75Mbps) will KCTC Fiber come (100Mbps/100Mbps). The Family package (250Mbps/150Mbps) will become KCTC Fiber 250 (250Mbps/250Mbps).

pack-The Platinum (400Mbps/250Mbps) will KCTC Fiber become 500 (500Mbps/500Mbps). The Gig (1000Mbps/500Mbps) package will become KCTC Fiber GIG (1000 Mbps/500 Mbps), the price of which will be reduced from \$169.99 to \$159.99 per month with

a 3-year agreement. The speed increases and rate changes will go into effect on January 1st, 2023. For additional information call 319-656-3668, go to KCTC.net, or visit either location in; Kalona – 510 B Ave, or Washington – 112 South Ave B.

## FAMILY MINDFUL MONDAY PROGRAM OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Families of Washington County with youth 4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in the "Family Mindful Mondays" program starting in January

Washington County Extension and Outreach in partnership with YMCA of Washington County and Washington Public Library will be offering this program for free to families of Washington County. The course is free with free meal with free childcare for children 1 year old - 3rd grade and free transportation if needed. The program will be held at Stewart Elementary from 6pm-7:30pm on January 30, February 6, 13, 20.

Families who attend all four sessions will also receive a free family gift.

Designed by Iowa 4-H, this healthy living program is an engaging four-session series that includes practical mindfulness strategies for the adults and youth to work together to manage stress and difficult emotions. Lessons help to improve overall well-being, relationships, and performance in daily activities. This program is for parents and youth to work together to learn about mindfulness and how to incorporate it

According to MindfulSchools.org, research

finds that mindfulness practice can help decrease stress and anxiety and strengthen resilience and emotional regulation for both adults

Registration is open while space is available or until the January 15 deadline. First come, first serve with online registration at https://tinyurl.com/WashCoMindfulMonday. Contact the Washington County Extension Office with any questions or for assistance in getting registered online.

# Leann Rimes concert at

casino rescheduled

The LeAnn Rimes concert scheduled for Friday, December 9 has been rescheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023. LeAnn Rimes was forced to cancel her Riverside Casino & Golf Resort concert due to a vocal cord injury.

"To my friends in Riverside, IA, I was preparing for my show on Friday, but unfortunately, under doctors' orders, this needs to be postponed to ensure the bleed on my vocal cord is completely healed before I sing. But rest assured, I am on the road to recovery and looking forward to getting to sing and dance with you all on September 29, 2023," LeAnn Rimes stated.

Current LeAnn Rimes tickets may be used to gain admittance to the rescheduled show. Ticket holders unable to attend the rescheduled performance can obtain a refund by request in any of the following ways:

Visit the Gift Shop and present the tickets along with the receipt of purchase.

Online purchasers who have not picked up their will call tickets may email their name and order confirmation number to tickets@riversidecasinoandresort.com.

Mail the tickets along with the receipt of purchase to the following address for a refund: Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, Attn: Marketing, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA 52327.

For additional information, please call 319-648-1234 or email tickets@riversidecasinoandresort.com.

## into routine home activities.

**WCHC Granted AAUW Education Award** 

Washington County Hospital and Clinics (WCHC) would like to thank the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for granting WCHC the 2022 Education Award.

WCHC values education and provides educational opportunities through multiple initia-Through partnerships with various colleges, universities and high schools, WCHC works to train the next generation of health care providers and leaders. Additionally, WCHC provides staff and providers as well patients, and their families with a broad array of education opportunities.

'At WCHC we are committed to our educational mission and to giving back to the next generation of health care professionals. We do this through partnering with external groups including high schools and colleges as well as various community groups," stated WCHC CEO, Todd Patterson. Additionally, we are committed to advancing the fund of knowledge for our current staff to ensure that we can provide the highest quality care available to our pa-

Thank you, AAUW, for recognizing WCHC's longstanding commitment to education and education excellence!

# Iowa Finance Authority awards more than \$11 million to local housing trust funds

The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors today announced the award of a total of more than \$11 million in grants to 26 Local Housing Trust Funds to support local housing initiatives. The grant awards are made available through the Local Housing Trust Fund program and are expected to assist 2,390 families.

"The 2023 Local Housing Trust Fund awards represent the largest amount allocated through the program for local housing initiatives since the program's inception," said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Debi Durham. "Thanks to the funding increase supported by Governor Reynolds and the Iowa Legislature, the program is able to serve as an invaluable and flexible resource for meeting the important and unique housing needs of each region of the state.'

"The State Housing Trust Fund is a critical financing tool that helps us to advance local housing priorities," said Scott County Housing Council Executive Director Leslie Kilgannon. "These funds allow us to provide safe, adequate housing opportunities for our workforce and members of our communities."

The grant funds will be used for initiatives such as preserving aging housing stock, subsidizing local rental and down payment assistance programs, providing low-interest loans or grants to assist Iowans with home rehabilitation, financing construction of new single-family housing for low-income Iowans and supporting housing for persons with disabilities and homeless assistance

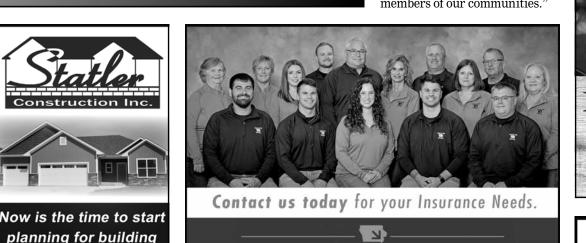
programs. The East Central Housing Trust Fund, which serves Benton, Iowa, Jones, and Washington counties was awarded \$410,325. The Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County was awarded \$441,887.

The State Housing Trust Fund was created by the Iowa Legislature in 2003. The awards announced today will leverage an additional \$3.2 million in other financing or \$.28 for every dollar of Local Housing Trust Fund program funding. Since its inception, the State Housing Trust Fund has provided \$112.2 million in affordable housing assistance to benefit more than 35,200 Iowa families, leveraging more than \$175 million in other funding resources.

The State Housing Trust Fund helps ensure decent, safe and affordable housing for Iowans through two programs. The Local Housing Trust Fund Program receives at least 60 percent of the SHTF allocation to provide grants for organizations certified by the Iowa Finance Authority as a Local Housing Trust Fund.

The remaining funding goes to the Project-Based Housing Program, which aids in the development of affordable single-family and multifamily housing. The Iowa Finance Authority administers both programs and provides technical assistance to housingrelated organizations.

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# "I couldn't have asked for a better office": meet Kalona's new Postmaster

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

#### **KALONA**

The world of mail is a busy one. The number of letters and packages sent by way of the post office is only amplified by the holidays. It is a postmaster's job to make sure the mail goes out correctly and on time. David De Los Santos, the new Postmaster of Kalona, was hired this September. Even though Kalona is a small town, he was caught off guard just how busy a small town can be.

"Oh my gosh, I'm surprised how busy Kalona is considering how small we are," De Los Santos said. "I was shocked how much business comes into the office, but it's great for the community, it's great for us.

There really isn't a slow day here. With Christmas time being here right now it has been insane. There's always something to do and I'm always trying to help my employees."

De Los Santos has been the postmaster for about three months, and he believes Kalona is a wonderful place so far. His interactions with people have been nothing but friendly and he is getting to know some of the local leaders. The Kalona Coffeehouse, a place he visits frequently, already treats him like a regular. They know what his order will be before he even says anything, and it is those small moments that make him glad to be here.

"It's been fantastic. I mean, everyone's so friendly, and I am starting to get to know the local businesses. I really couldn't have asked for a better office to come to," De Los Santos said.

Before coming to Kalona, De Los Santos worked as a supervisor at the Burlington post office for five years. He appreciates the smaller office of Kalona compared to Burlington because he can spend more time communicating with his employees, forming stronger connections that would have been difficult to form in a larger workspace.

"I was trying to get into a less stressful office," De Los Santos said about his decision to come to Kalona. "I live in Washington. I actually grew up in Washington, so it was nice getting an office that was close to home."

The title of Postmaster sounds lofty and exciting but working with mail is something most kids don't think of when they think of a future occupation. De Los Santos was the same. He didn't know his future would be a bustling world of papers, stamps, and packages, but he takes pride in the work he does.

"I was in the Marines before this. I was in for about four years before I got hurt. So, I medically retired," De Los Santos said. "Honestly, I was sitting at home bored. I don't think I made it a whole month before I just decided I needed to do something. So, I applied for the Washington Post Office as a clerk, and it was fun. It was something for me to do and it just took off from there. That's how I got into the post office; I never thought I would be a postmaster ten vears ago."

While De Los Santos does not go out and hand deliver mail himself, he still gets to interreact with customers when working at the front window of the post office, something he does for about three hours a day. His main responsibilities are the finances, scheduling, and making sure his employees have everything they need.

"I'm responsible for my employees and being a leader



**GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS** 

Kalona's newest Postmaster, David De Los Santos, inside his office at the post office.

for the community, making sure that we're providing the services our customers expect from the post office," De Los Santos said. "We have a great crew of workers here, they're all fantastic."

Life as a postmaster may be a busy one, even in small towns like Kalona, but De Los Santos has the right attitude and above-average know-how when it comes to mail to get the job done well. He may have only been Kalona's postmaster for three short months so far, but he hopes there are many more months to come.

"I could see myself being here for quite a long time," De Los Santos said. "The community is great, and I'm just really excited to be here."

# **4-H CLUB SERVES KEOTA SENIOR RESIDENTS**

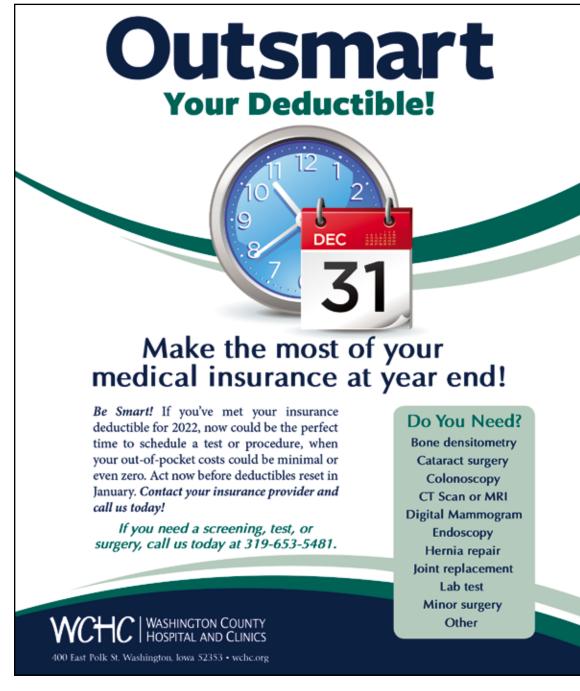


The 76 Progressives 4-H Club played Bingo with the Keota Health Center residents for their December meeting. Club members enjoyed a gift exchange and finished the day playing Bingo and eating popcorn with the residents. The 4-H club donated a gift basket of needed items and goodies for the residents. There were many smiles, laughs and lots of Bingos! This club is a part of the Washington County 4-H program and led by 4-H volunteers Carrie Garman, Angle Greiner and Jayme Sieren. Keota seniors enjoyed a day of Bingo and gifts with the 4-H club.





On Dec 6, Daniel Nisly, a tour guide for Kalona Chamber's Byways Tours, took Goodwin Senior Dining friends to Mt. Pleasant to see the Festival of Lights. The group stopped for dinner in Washington on the way home. Wellman's City Administrator, Kelly Litwiller and Goodwin Dining's Anita Kanagy helped organize this outing for se-





here to help without complaint.



# Holidays: an opportunity to help others in need

Thankfully we are five weeks past the 2022 midterm election. I can hear many voters exuding a sigh of relief and shouting, after \$17 billion was spent on disinformation, misinformation and the occasional truthful political ad, "Yes, finally, the election is over."

Normal life – I think – is back and we've jumped right into the holiday season. Let's ponder how the 2022 holiday season might become better than we've experienced heretofore.

First, let's recognize the word "holiday" means Holy Day. Next, let's value that holidays are celebrated from both a religious and cultural perspective. Then, we need to acknowledge the holy day is celebrated throughout the world.

If we can agree on these three premises, they might – just might – cause us to develop a better appreciation of others and approach the 2022 holiday season from a more holistic and inclusive perspective.

For centuries the holidays celebrated include Bodhi Day (Buddhist), Christmas (Christian), Diwali (Hindu), Eid al-Fitr (Muslim), Hanukkah (Jewish), Kwanzaa (African-American), Lunar New Year (East Asia) and Winter Solstice (Indigenous), to name a few.

Dr. Mike Ronsisvalle, a Florida-based psychologist, claims in faith-based traditions the holidays were a time when people were to purposely



Steve Corbin
Professor Emeritus,
UNI

change their behavior and as such, modify their holiday experience. For some, however, the holiday season will be static and self-centered, only thinking of and gifting to those within their own family.

How might we intentionally change our behavior this holiday season to its fullness?

Reverting back to Americans spending nearly \$17 billion on political candidates, which amounts to \$162.84 per voter, a challenge is offered. For every dollar you contributed to a candidate for public office, intentionally give that same amount to a not-for-profit charity, who may be in greater need of financial assistance than a politicians' in perpetuity reelection coffers.

Didn't give to a politician or party? If so, purposely contact your local food bank and ask if you could spend 1-2-3 hours volunteering at their agency and/or contribute money (\$1 helps provide 10 meals). Don't forget most post-secondary institutions of higher learning also have food pantries to assist students in need.

Inquire if there are any residents at a long-term care facility or hospital who might



like a fruit basket, personal care items, phone call or a 10 minute in-person visit. Your outreach endeavor may assist those who are lonely and isolated during a time period that should be joyful.

There are about 600,000 homeless Americans; 33,146 are veterans (www.hud.gov). The seven best charities for helping homeless people can be found at www.impactful.ninja with the National Alliance to End Homelessness touted as setting the gold standard with a Charity Watch grade of A+.

If you are seeking to help make a positive impact upon

kids-in-need, there are 117,470 children waiting to be adopted in America. The 10 best charities to support foster care are identified at www.impactful. ninja. The top three -- in terms of overall impact -- include Foster Care to Success, Together We Rise and Children's Defense Fund.

My favorite global, nonprofit organization that provides medical services to those affected by war, disaster or disease is International Medical Corps (www.internationalmedicalcorps.org).

Consider contacting your local Kiwanis, Rotary or Lions

Club – all non-sectarian -- to seek membership. Their multitude of service projects would give you around-the-year opportunities to assist people and organizations in your community who need assistance.

While spending time with your family this holiday season is important, consider thinking outside the box and intentionally change your behavior by helping others. It may be the start of a new holiday tradition of pursuing the festive season in a more robust, long-term and meaningful perspective.

Happy Holy Days!

# I don't want to increase your property taxes 23%, but some Supervisors do

A fellow supervisor recently admonished me: I need to learn to count to three. That's the number of votes necessary for Board action.

I can count, but I'm afraid a few supervisors can't wrestle with big numbers, like a 20% tax increase.

We've been given a proposal to renovate two of our buildings, the administration building where you get your license plates, and the Health and Human Services shop across the skywalk. The price tag is near \$30 million, likely higher as we dig into things. To pay for it, we will need to increase your property taxes 23.1% next year, 7.9% the year after that and 2% in 2027.

Oh, and even with those tax increases, we'd still have to blow a \$14m hole in the cash reserves we've spent over a decade building, so we can respond to derechos, floods, fires and whatever other brimstone



Jon Green Johnson County Supervisor

is on offer. Our current reserve is just south of \$26m, so we're talking more than half our

emergency fund.
This is insanity.

Johnson County is growing and we need additional capacity. But this is the wrong project, with the wrong scope, surely with the wrong cost and certainly at the wrong time. I will do whatever I can to ensure we go no further.

Someday I might ask you to pay a little more in property taxes, to support the vital work the county undertakes. But I will not - cannot - ask you to pay for a misguided renovation so I can get my name on a dedication plaque.



When was the last time you spent \$600? Maybe it was paying your rent through Venmo or buying a couch from a neighbor using PayPal. Well, the Biden Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is now planning to monitor these minor transactions.

This is just the latest effort from the IRS to snoop on law-abiding Americans. Just months ago, the Biden administration decided to supersize the IRS by adding 87,000 new agents, under the guise of only going after billionaires. But now, the White House is making life more burdensome for innocent, hardworking Iowans—once again breaking the president's promise that his new tax plan wouldn't hurt every day families.

Even more ridiculous, the very agency who will soon have more new employees than



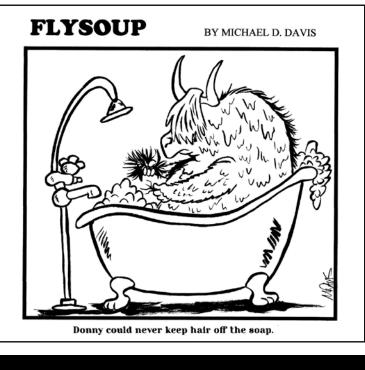
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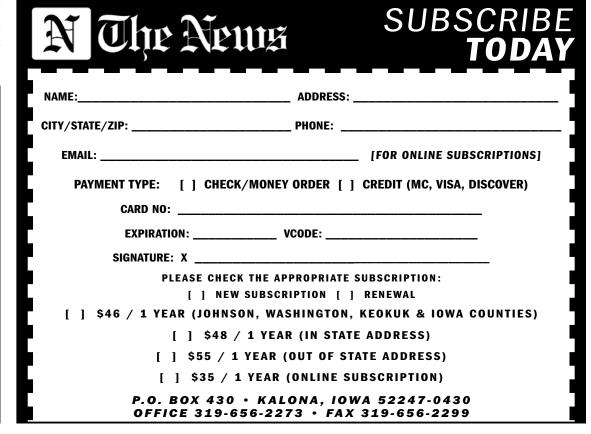
the total number of seats at Jack Trice Stadium, is looking the other way when holding their own employees accountable. A 2019 report revealed that hundreds of IRS employees had failed to pay their own tax bills in full or on time - and that the tax collecting agency had done little to discipline these tax cheats on its own payroll. That's why earlier this year I pushed for an audit of the IRS. And, on behalf of American taxpayers, I am happy to report the IRS agreed to the review.

But the hypocrisy doesn't stop at the IRS. The federal

government can't even balance their checkbooks or provide transparency on their transactions. Last year alone, the federal government spent \$279 billion on improper payments! And that doesn't include the unnecessary projects the government funds each year with your hard-earned money, like studies about turtles on treadmills. Unlike American taxpayers, the federal government is under no obligation for transparency or accountability when it comes to their own spending, which always totals well over \$600.

Iowans are sick of the double standards and egregious overreach. Before Biden builds an army of auditors to snoop on innocent families and small businesses, let's make sure the tax collectors have paid their own taxes and ensure Washington is working for YOU – not the other way around.





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## Preparations for Ervin and Susan's wedding

The menfolk have left for work, and I need to pen this column before getting started for the day. On my agenda today is to cut out my dress, cape, apron, and also daughter Lovina's for the wedding. Ervin and Susan's wedding is in three weeks, and it seems I keep pushing the sewing off.

Last week, I canned 34 quarts of chicken broth for daughter Susan. They need some for the dressing at the wedding. I also canned some soup for us. I put chicken chunks, potatoes, onions, carrots, and celery in a quart jar. Then I filled it up with chicken broth. This will make an easy meal. I can also add a quart of this to some noodles.

Yesterday daughter Loretta and I canned 34 quarts of chicken broth for them. I hope to can some chicken broth for us too, but I will wait until after the wedding and the holidays.

Tomorrow I will go help Ervin and Susan shop for any groceries needed for the wedding meal. It is much easier since they will only have one meal, but there is still a lot to get.

Last week sisters Verena and Emma, nieces Elizabeth, Emma (and her three children), and Crystal, daughters Elizabeth (and children), Verena, Susan (and children), and I all gathered at Ervin's house. We put our brains together and figured out how much of everything would be needed for each

For a few examples, this list includes 40 eight-ounce boxes of cream cheese, 23 pounds of butter, 15 gallons of milk, 19 dozen eggs, and the list goes on

Niece Elizabeth brought a casserole for our lunch, and ev-



eryone else brought something too, so our lunch was easy. Susan has a lot of her things moved over already.

On Sunday, son Joseph and daughter Lovina went to church with their special friends Grace and Daniel. The rest of our family all came for lunch here. The menu included grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, corn, cheese, hot peppers, ice cream, sherbet, cookies, and cupcakes. We spent the afternoon playing games. Before everyone left, we set out snacks such as venison sausage, popcorn, chips and salsa, cheese dip, cookies, apples, clementines, etc.

I had bought some writing tablets on clearance at Walmart for 50 cents, so I gave each of the children one. They were quite entertained writing and drawing in their tablets. Kaitlyn, Abigail, and Jennifer wanted Grandma to see how they could write their names. They are learning so much in school. They grow up so fast.

May God always be their guide as they continue to grow older. Such sweet innocence, and oh, how precious each one is. They all have something unique, and I love listening to their stories.

We have been busy butchering deer. Tonight, son-in-law Dustin, my husband Joe, and sons Benjamin and Joseph have plans to dress one of the pigs Dustin raised. We will grind it into sausage so we can add some to our venison summer sausage. It isn't quite as dry with sausage added.

Daughter Verena will have her 25th birthday on December 10. She still lives with Susan and the children. Her life will also change after Susan's wedding. She has grown so attached to Jennifer and Ryan after two years of being with them daily. May God bless her for being there for them when they needed someone.

December 9 will always bring us a reminder of that morning of the accident which took the life of Susan's husband Mose and turned our lives upside down. As time goes on and we let God lead the way, we can see that life must go on. Not in the ways we expected, but we know He has a plan. I am glad to see Susan happy again.

It's not that she loves her dear Mose any less but has found that love again. My continued prayer is that they will have a long, happy life together. They would appreciate your prayers.

God bless!

#### **Taco Chicken**

8 boneless chicken breasts 1/2 cup Miracle Whip

1/4 cup lemon juice 1 package taco seasoning

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix salad dressing, juice, and taco seasoning. Brush each breast

with mixture. Place in baking pan and bake 60 minutes or until tender.

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

## State Auditor issues advisory on potential phone scam

State Auditor Rob Sand issued an advisory alerting Iowans to a potential phone scam in which the caller identifies themselves as a representative of the Iowa Auditor of State Office (AOS) on Dec. 5.

A concerned citizen notified the AOS Office on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, that they had received a phone call from a person inquiring about their mortgage. The caller also stated that they knew the concerned citizen's name, address,

"The Auditor of State Office will never call you to inquire about your mortgage or personal finances," said State

Auditor Rob Sand. "We have alerted the Iowa Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division."

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following advice to identify and avoid phone

Scammers might pretend to be from a well-known organization or agency like the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, or Medicare. These agencies will never call you to request finan-

Scammers often claim you've won a prize. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Scammers may pressure you to act immediately or pay in a specific way.

Never give your personal or financial information to a random caller.

Talk to someone you trust before acting on a caller's request for money or informa-

To learn more about protecting yourself from scams or to report a scam, contact the Iowa Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division at sumer@ag.iowa.gov.

Questions for the AOS Office should be directed to 515-281-5834 or info@aos.iowa.gov.

## **Extension Horticulture Specialist provides tips for Christmas** tree selection, care and disposal

For many Iowans, decorating their homes with a live Christmas tree serves as an important holiday tradition. While artificial trees can be a time saving alternative, the charm of a cut tree cannot be replicated for some. However, as Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach explains, it is important to follow a few simple guidelines for Christmas tree selection, care and disposal to ensure an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

As Steil explains in an article for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Horticulture and Home Pest News, Christmas trees are available from both cut-your-own tree farms and commercial lots. Pre-cut trees purchased from commercial lots may be local or may be shipped from out of state. For those looking to purchase a local tree, the Iowa Christmas Tree Association website provides a list of Christmas tree farms across the state.

Scotch pine cut Christmas trees.Many species of Christmas tree are available in both local farms and in commercial lots. "Tree species commonly available at tree farms and commercial lots in Iowa include Scotch pine, white pine, red pine, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Canaan fir, Douglas fir, white spruce and Colorado spruce," adds Steil. "The species you select will depend on attributes like color, shape, needle retention, aroma and branch stiffness (to hold up heavy ornaments)." Visit Horticultural

and Home Pest News for more

information on the attributes of these species.

Before selecting a tree, it is important to consider where the tree will be placed within the home. "Be sure to choose a location away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator. Also, decide on the size (height and width) of the tree you want," explains Steil. "Remembe, a tree in a field or outdoor lot will not look as tall or wide as it will in your home. Bring a tape measure with you to ensure it will fit."

While trees from cut-yourown farms are obviously fresh, trees from commercial lots may be cut, shipped and then stored for weeks before arriving in the lot, so it is important to check these trees for freshness. Needles on a fresh tree should be pliable, while those on a dry tree will be brittle. While it is normal for a tree to drop a few needles, heavy needle drop also can be an indication of a dry tree.

After purchasing a tree, it is important to get the tree into water as quickly as possible. Before bringing the tree into the house, remove an inch or more from the bottom of the trunk to facilitate water uptake. "Avoid shaving the sides of the trunk down to fit in the stand as the outer layer of the trunk just under the bark is where most of the water is taken up," adds Steil.

The most important factor in caring for a cut tree is providing enough water. To ensure a cut tree lives for as long as possible, use a tree stand with a large water reservoir and check water levels frequently, at least once or twice



a day. As Steil explains, it is best to use clear, plain water, as additives such as sugar or molasses provide no benefit to the tree.

After the holidays, Christmas trees can be disposed of or recycled in many ways. It is important not to burn Christmas trees. "Dry, evergreen branches literally explode when burned and could cause a house fire. Also, burning the tree may contribute to the buildup of creosote and lead to a flue fire," warns Steil.

One creative way to recycle a Christmas tree is to place it in the yard or garden for use by birds and other wildlife. Trees also can be chipped for mulch and pruned boughs can be placed over perennials for winter protection. Otherwise, local government offices typically offer Christmas tree disposal programs either at central collection points or curbside. In Ames, Christmas trees can be dropped off following the holidays for free and will be recy-

cled into chips for city parks. For more information, visit Christmas Tree FAQs.

#### **OBITUARY**

## Richard "Dick" Dean Griffith

1935 - 2022

Richard "Dick" Dean Griffith was born Jan. 12, 1935, in Wellman, Iowa, the son of Floyd and Gertrude (Berger) Griffith. He graduated from Wellman High School. Dick served four years for the United States Air Force.

Dick was united in marriage to Marjorie Polton on Aug. 12, 1955, in Biloxi, Miss. To this union they were blessed with four boys. Marjorie died Nov. 19, 1995. Dick later married Gilberta Walker.

He was a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed golfing, being on the farm, watching the San Antonio Spurs and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Dick died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City at the age of 87

He is survived by his wife: Gilberta of Coralville; two



sons: Philip Griffith of Wellman and Joel (Kaitlynn) Griffith of Roches-Verter, mont; seven grandchil-

dren: Jessica, Jeri, Jared, Sarah, Tyler, Emily and Erica; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Marjorie; two sons: John and Kendall; and a sister: Lois Topping.

A private family burial will take place at the Wellman Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the Wellman Ambulance. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.

#### KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be screening Home Alone 2 during the early out hangout on Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and providing hot cocoa and popcorn for all participants. Cocoa and snacks will also be available on Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m., during the Young Adult Sharpie Mugs event, where anyone 13+ can come decorate their mugs in preparation for the holiday season.

New Adult Fiction: "The Girl in the Castle" by James Patterson; "Rabbit Hutch" by Tess Gunty; "Stella Maris" by Cormac McCarthy; "Where We Go When All We Were Is Gone" by Seqouia Nagamatsu; "Daughters of War" by Dinah

New Adult Non-Fiction: "So Help Me God" by Mike Pence; "Punks: New & Selected Poems" by John Keene

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

#### **GOODWIN SENIOR DINING MENU**

Dec. 15 - 22

Thursday - Sweet & sour meatballs, baked rice, hot vegetable, Jell-O cake

Friday – Scalloped potatoes and ham, hot vegetable, Jell-O with fruit

Monday - Bratwurst/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable, fresh

Tuesday - Chili soup, crack- 2711. Cost for meal is \$7.

ers, corn bread/honey, vegetable Jell-O, pudding cup

Wednesday - Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot vegetable, cranberry fluff, Santa Clause cookie

Thursday – Fish patty, sweet potato puffs, cabbage & pepper salad, fruit

Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-



# Birthday Dolores!

Cards may be sent to: 2474 Hwy 22, Kalona IA 52247

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the First Reponders and everyone that prayed for me while I was in the hospital and since returning home.

Also thanks for the cards and food and other acts of kindness shown to me and my family.

The Palliative Doctor called it a "miraculous recovery."

Thanks again, Julie Yoder

Thank you to Troop 235 of the Boy Scouts of America for finishing the addition to the Brad Walker Memorial in Riverside. We also thank every one who worked to see this project completed.

We will always remember Brad. This is a way for others in Riverside to remember him too.

Corrine and Dennis Walker

Eileen Yoder Diane Yoder Leah Yoder

Derek, Nicole, and Jordan Kent and Rhonda Yoder

Mary and Dennis Grimm



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#### **SANTA CLAUS/**Continued from Page 1A

whole crew to Starbucks," Miller says. "They knew that Santa was making good money, and you've got to have charity. You've just got to."

"That's why you do Santa Claus for the Sunday school classes and stuff like that," he continues. "We attended a large church, and every Wednesday night they had a meal and then Bible classes afterwards. We went to dinner one Wednesday night, and kids and families were in the hall as we were walking out. One of the girls who took care of the kids during Bible study came to me, and she said, 'You know so-and-so?' And I said, 'Yeah.' She says, 'She came to us and said, 'Santa's here incognito!' And she says, 'He is. He comes to church here."

Miller grew up in our community, launching a career in automotive repair at the age of 12 by working for his uncle in Frytown. In 1969, he moved to Oregon, where he started his own independent auto repair shop. In 1972, he started growing a beard, though back then it was black.

"I've always done things that are kind of different," he savs. "We moved to Oregon in '69 and started a business. And I went to Europe for six months and taught auto mechanics, came back, and did a radio show for six years every Saturday morning on cars. That's the kind of crazy guy I am."

In 2003, he and his wife returned to Iowa to be near family, settling about 30 miles south of Kalona in Olds. The couple would move back to Oregon in 2006, but not before Miller took a turn at being Kalona's Santa, riding in a carriage in a used Santa suit. It was his first public appearance as Santa, but it sparked something in him.

"I had so much fun with it that I went down to the local mall [when we moved back to Oregon]," Miller says. "I said, 'What do you do for Santas?''

Shooting Star Photo needed a second Santa to sit for photos in the mall that season, and thus, Miller's new career was born. He joined the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas, a professional fraternity for American men who perform as Santa Claus, joined a local Santa group, and spent the next 13 years watching the children of Salem grow up before his eyes.

#### The business of being Santa

The business of being Santa is surprisingly complex. First, you need a Sleigh-Driving Li-

"I don't know that you need it," Miller laughs, showing the card that indicates his nine-reindeer certification and glasses restriction.

Next, you need complete Santa suits. Two of them.

'Sometimes the kids leak. You get that warm-leg syndrome," he says.

The right boots are impor-

"I bought a pair of Santa boots and wore them a couple of times. I didn't like them," he explains. "I finally ended up with boots made of pigskin. They're leather, and they're a little higher, and they're more professional, I think.

You need familiarity with trending toys.

"Every year I get the toy catalog and I go through it. So, I try to keep up with what's going on," Miller says. "It's impossible to know everything, but I tried to [do some research] so that I was current when the kids came in."

You must be comfortable with all ages.

'The voungest I ever held was, a lady came in, and she says, 'I wanted to make sure you were here. I want you to hold my baby," Miller re-"I said, 'When was counts. the baby born?' She said, 'Two days ago."

"I had a lady come in with her mother. Her mother was frail, about 100, I would say. She came in and she said, 'Do you mind if Mom sits on your knee?" Miller says. "I gave her a hug. She was 102. So, Santa's good for everybody from 2 days [old] to 102.'

Sometimes, you have to know when to call security.

'One of the problems we had with one guy was that he would come in, and he would bring a camera and set up and want me to hold his kids a certain way. He'd take a picture. He'd never buy a picture. Well, this is a business," he says. "We had a little problem, and I finally called security and asked them to remove him.'

And finally, you may need some help with wealth management.

"Being a mall Santa pays fairly well," Miller says. "\$40 an hour in the mall, and you're working 8-hour days." corporate parties, "\$400 for an hour." And tips: "Over the 13 years that I spent in the mall, I probably had \$3000 in tips.'

The joy and melancholy of Santa Claus

As you might imagine, Miller knows a lot about what people want for Christmas. We humans retain our youthful innocence as long as we can, but eventually we face the harder truths of life. Our requests for dump trucks and play makeup sets give way to deeper desires, some of which Santa has no power to satisfy.

"A little boy one day came

#### Santa's Prayer

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed. But Santa still knelt by the side of his bed. Dear Father, he prayed, be with me tonight. There's much work to do and my schedule is tight. My sack will hold toys to grant all kids' wishes. The supply will be endless like loaves and fishes. I can do all these things, Lord, only through You. I just need Your blessing, then it's easy to do. I do this only to honor the birth of the One That was sent to redeem us. Your most Holv Son. So to all my friends, lest Your glory I rob, Please, Lord, remind them who gave me this job.

in, and he was with his dad, and he'd come in and we took a picture. We talked, and finally I said, 'What do you want for Christmas?' Well, he gave me a list of stuff, and he says, 'I'd like something for my dad," Miller narrates. "He runs over to the gal behind the camera. She's kind of a looker. He says, 'Would you marry my dad, so I've got a mommy?"

"And then one day I had a young guy. . . and he walked over to say, 'Would you do me a favor?'... He hands me this little box," Miller says. When the young man's girlfriend sat on Santa's lap, "I said to the young lady, 'What would vou like to have for Christmas?' And she says, 'Well, I don't know.' And I said, 'Do you suppose this would do?' And he's on his knees."

"It's amazing some of the things that happen, and sometimes it's really heartbreaking," Miller says. "We had a lady come in one day, one of the last years I worked. We had a reputation, [people would] like to come and they would talk to me. And she says, 'I just lost my son to suicide.' I said, 'Oh my.' And I prayed with her, because that's the only thing vou can do. I hugged her, and she said, 'Thank you so much,' as she left. So that was some of the stuff that I've done.'

#### **Epilogue**

Miller's days as a mall Santa may be behind him, but he's happy to take on local Santa work now that he lives in Kalona, provided it doesn't require an overnight stay. He and his wife live in a cottage at Pleasantview, where Miller has responsibilities as a caregiver and cook, so he doesn't like to spend too much time away.

In fact, you may have already met him: he posed for photos and listened to gift requests at Christmas in Kalona on Dec. 3.

"I started in Kalona, and I'm ending in Kalona," he says.

"I've had a good run, I really have," Miller concludes. "And it's been a lot of fun. I've met a lot of wonderful, wonderful people."

If you're looking for a Santa for personal, corporate, or public events, contact Carl Miller at 503-428-2417.

# UI Hospitals & Clinics ranked among Best Hospitals for Maternity Care

Only two hospitals in Iowa met the bar for recognition.

University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics has been named one of the nation's top hospitals for maternity care by U.S. News & World Report.

U.S. News evaluated nearly 650 hospitals across the country that provide labor and delivery services and submitted detailed data to the publication for analysis. Only 297 hospitals received a High Performing designation, which is the highest award a hospital can earn in maternity care.

"We are proud to be one of the best hospitals for maternity care- not only in Iowa but in the nation. We truly believe our patients are in the best hands when they choose to give birth at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics," says Kelly Ward, medical director of labor and delivery. "This designation is also a testament to how hard our team works to provide the best care for newborns and new parents.

UI Hospitals & Clinics is one of just two hospitals in Iowa to receive this designation.

"When expectant parents are considering their options for welcoming a baby into the world, the Best Hospitals for Maternity Care is designed to help them identify hospitals that excel in delivering babies for uncomplicated pregnan-" says Min Hee Seo, senior health data scientist at U.S. News.

This year's methodology includes four measures not previously factored into Best Hospitals for Maternity Care, including episiotomy rates, vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC) rates, and whether each hospital met new federal criteria for "birthing-friendly" practices. Also new this year, the U.S. News methodology rewards hospitals that tracked and reported their outcomes for patients of different races and ethnicities. "Identifying racial dispari-

ties in maternity care is a vital step toward achieving health equity," says Seo. "The new measures provide expectant parents with many important data points, such as whether hospitals implemented patient

safety practices, to assist them in making a decision about where to receive maternity care."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality, such as C-section rates in lower-risk pregnancies, newborn complication rates, exclusive breast milk feeding rates and early elective delivery rates. among others.

### LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

### AINSWORTH

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

## HILLS

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

### **IOWA CITY**

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

### KALONA

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

319-656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. English River Chapel: 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday Worship:

East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Gable Ave. SW.

10 a.m.; news@englishriverchapel.org.

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

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

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

Haven Conservative Mennonite Church: 5203 Cosgrove Rd. SW. 1 mile west of Hwv.1: Ministry: Nelson Beachy, 319-683-2377, James Swartzentruber, 319-683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Kalona Mennonite Church: 6th Street & J Ave., 656-

2736, kalonamennonitechurch.com; Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday Worship: Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Live-streamed on Facebook. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. All ages

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

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

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

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

al worship at 8:30 a.m. and traditional at 10:30 a.m. Sunnyside Conservative Mennonite Church: 501 14th St. 319-56-2688; Pastors: Floyd Helmuth and Marv Bender; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Jayne St; Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Satur-

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

day Mass: 4 p.m.

**NICHOLS** 

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

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

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

### NORTH ENGLISH

Champion Hill United Methodist Church: 3132 TT Ave., rural North English. 319-664-3829. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.

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

### OXFORD

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

## RICHMOND

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

### RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

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

### SOUTH ENGLISH

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

### WELLMAN

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

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

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Missouri **Synod**) 5th St. & 4th Ave, 605-651-0699; Pastor: Rev. Zachary Voss: Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **WEST CHESTER**

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

### WASHINGTON

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

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## Supervisors deal with architect, road issues, liability agreement, Y pool support

BY MARY ZIELINSKI The News

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Offered a 16,000 square foot building for half of the original \$1.6 M asking price as a facility for relocating county administrative offices, Washington County Supervisors December 6 acknowledged the offer, but could not address a non-agenda item.

Later, during discussion about the long-considered prorenovation/remodeling for administrative offices at the county-owned Orchard Hill Complex and at the county courthouse they noted interviews with three possible architects for the project were set for December 7. By Friday, agenda for the December 13 meeting listed selection of an architect for the remodeling

project, as well as a lease agreement with HACAP involving its use of Building 2 at Orchard HACAP owns the Old Main building on Lexington Blvd. just north of Orchard Hill complex.

Following a public hearing on a request to vacate a portion of 140th Street in the unincorporated town of Nira in Lime Creek Township, the board approved a resolution vacating and closing part of 140th Street in Section 19 and 20 of the Township in Block 4 of the original plat of Nira.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius, referring to the section, told the board "There is no reason to keep it." A resident, who owns the adjoining hunting land on both sides of the roadway, said closure of the roadway would alleviate the trespassing and trash problem that has arisen there.

In other business, the board: ·Discussed the possible creation of a road assessment district to provide improvements (specifically paving to 135th and 140th streets) south of Riverside, primarily involving residents in the Timberline subdivision and some of Deer Run. During an October work session Attorney John Danos of Des Moines, consultant for bond issues. told the board that while it appears to have met the 50 percent minimum state requirement of homeowners seeking the assessment district, it would be far better to have at least 60 to 80 percent in favor, submitting the required petition to create the district and their payment method. Tho-

rius told the board he would prepare a letter to the homeowners summarizing what is involved in such a district. However, Thorius noted that the developer, who still owns the most land, would have the highest assessment. once the road lists, it becomes a county one, maintained by the county. The board approved his drafting and review by the county attorney of the letter, for consideration at the December 13 meeting. Received a funding request

from Workplace Learning connection for \$2,250.50, unchanged from last year's allocation. The board also received a detailed report about the Kirkwood-based program that aids students with work/ career choices with job shadowing opportunities and some

hand-on experiences.

·Were asked to approve the updated shared liability agreement and local grant recipient designation with the East Central Iowa Workforce Development Board from the US. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Management. The agreement was reviewed and approved by attorneys for the seven counties involved.

 Approved a letter of support and pledged a \$10,000 donation to the YMCA of Washington County's indoor pool (aquatics center) project, to aid in leverage for a \$845,000 grant from Enhance Iowa (formerly Vision Iowa) program. The allocation will be made in two payments. The City of Washington has also allocated

# Mid-Prairie Board dresses festive, enjoys school highlights

BY CHERYL ALLEN

The News

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The last meeting of the year saw Mid-Prairie Board of Education members dressed festively in holiday sweaters, one lit up with multi-colored bulbs, and another flashing with green glitter.

The meeting room itself was crowded at the edges with shopping bags, wrapping paper, and gifts, evidence of the district's work to make sure students in need receive gifts from the community. ALC Principal Amy Shalla said 160 students will receive gifts this year, almost double the number from last year.

"I think it's huge," board member Jake Snider said of the project.

#### **FFA National Convention highlights**

The Dec. 12 work session began with a presentation by students Marissa Cline and Gabi Robertson, Mid-Prairie FFA chapter president and chapter reporter respectively, about their trip to the 95th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October.

After showing slides and reviewing the highlights of their trip, board president Jeremy Pickard asked what the FFA members brought back to their chapter from their experience at the national convention.

"I think we just brought back the aspect of loving FFA,"

Cline said. "I've done two years now, and every year I come back with more passion for FFA, more passion for agriculture."

#### Administrator highlights

With time left on the clock before the 7 p.m. meeting, administrators had time to share some of the notable things happening in their schools.

Middle School principal Rob Hruby acknowledged that on this year's Iowa school report card, "The middle school was at commendable, which is great, but we were identified in terms of our special ed students."

He said that the school is assessing their work, "looking at social, emotional, behavioral health pieces and develop[ing] an action plan for how we're going to help those students improve on that. It's a long process, it's a three-year thing. .. That's something we're looking forward to taking on and that is really heavy lifting."

East Elementary principal Greg Jergens said that for both elementary schools, "It's a curricular review year for mathematics. We've had staff members from K-5 who are piloting a couple of the new programs we're considering, which has been pretty cool."

'The last couple weeks have been a lot of fun," he added. "We're doing a lot of things holiday related. The halls are pretty much decorated, and

the kids are enjoying some fun days, and the staff is enjoying some fun days."

Frank Slabaugh, team lead for the Virtual Academy, reported that "We are serving 25 students currently" and that "Every month since the start of the school year, I've had a family or somebody either moving into the district or somebody from outside of the district who has inquired about our virtual academy and wanting to enroll."

"You guys just approved at the last board meeting a family from Pella, so that's the farthest away that we've had. . . I think they saw our scores or something and said that that stood out to them above other virtual academies, so to me, I'm very pleased with that. The company that we use is wanting to highlight us because of the success that we are seeing with our virtual academy," he

Superintendent Brian Stone said that he was elected representative for Southeast Iowa on the Executive Council for the Iowa High School Athletic Association. "We get nominated for this, which I certainly did not nominate myself, but I think it is a great opportunity," he commented.

### **Board action**

During the business meeting portion of the evening, the board took the following acThey approved second readings of Board Policy 802.4 Fixed Assets and Board Policy 708 Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records.

By a unanimous roll call vote, the board passed a Budget Guarantee Resolution for fiscal year 2023-2024.

"We're doing this budget resolution now because our October 1, 2022, count for resident students was down 30.6 students. It's offset by the fact that we have 29 open-enrolled in students coming, so our net is about one," board secretary Jeff Swartzentruber explained. "We'll build for those openenrolled in students, but what we're going to do for our resident students, there is a high possibility that our revenue won't reach last year's revenue. So, we're allowed to do a 101% budget guarantee, and that's what we're moving to do now rather than wait until we see what the State Legislature has to say. So, let's just take care of this now, get it on the books, and then if we don't need it, we won't use it," he said.

The board approved first reading of Board Policy 507.9 Cardiac Emergency Response Plan/Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Stone said the update comes at the request of the nurses.

We're just getting things up to speed a little bit, and we have all the equipment and the facilities that are necessary.

So, nothing drastic here, obviously, but just a good update as to what we've got going on in our building," he commented. Facility task force/architect search process

Perhaps the most significant task in front of the board Monday night was taking the next step toward their next bonding opportunity. Stone said he was working with Snider to put together a facilities task force that will look into the projects vetted during the last bond process.

The task force will work collaboratively with an architectural firm to ensure the projects are feasible; Pickard said it is just due diligence that the board review proposals and qualifications from several firms before choosing one. The district is working with Shive-Hattery, Inc. on their current construction projects.

The board carried a motion to approve the Request for Qualifications from several architectural firms. The board or a subset of such expects to meet in closed session on Jan. 9 to narrow the firms down to 3 or 4 finalists, and then again on Jan. 18 to interview the finalist

The board then entered closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of a particular real estate parcel.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room.

# Board sets hearings, OKs lease, letter about road assessment district

BY MARY ZIELINSKI

The News WASHINGTON

the 1980s.

The Washington County Supervisors meeting Tuesday opened and ended with correcting oversights, one to officially hire an interim ambulance department director and a second 'to clean up a mess" dating to

The first, hiring Katrina Altenhofen as temporary interim ambulance department director, was easily resolved with an agenda amendment (that was originally on the first draft) and okaying employment terms of \$55 per hour for a 20-hour work week, plus allocations for travel expenses. She was named as director December 6.

The second "oversight" brought County Attorney John Gish, who said, "I come to you with a mess to clean up" regarding an abandoned railroad segment between East Harrison and East Polk streets in Washington, dating to the 1980s. The county later bought the land for \$144, recording the

deed in August 1992. However, it also went back on the tax rolls for the adjoining property owners. Last year, after a developer bought the rights to it, the county ownership was discovered and, as Gish noted, "the dispute now is over who owns it," adding that the county collected taxes on it for several years. He explained that the way to "clear up" the situation is for the county to dispose of the property, which involves 13 adjacent landowners; the first step in which is a public hearing, having been first set for December 20, but moved to 9 a.m. December 27. The change is to meet the required time for public notice. Gish explained the usual procedure when railroads abandon land is that it reverts to the adjoining landowners. Gish stressed that the county disposition is preferable to litigation, especially considering the purchase price and the longtime collecting of taxes.

A further land issue moved along but with approval of letters to residents of Stonebridge Estates and Timberline Estates Homeowners Association regarding a possible road assessment district in which the property owners could partner with the county to cover paving costs.

As stressed in the letter, creating such a district requires a minimum of 50 percent approval from the landowners, something that has been done several times in the county. However, earlier this fall, it was noted that 60 to 80 percent in the petition would be preferable. All the other partnerships involved a single owner. In the letter, county engineer Jacob Thorius wrote, "Because of this project and numerous landowners that would potentially be involved, I and the Washington County Board of Supervisors have determined the best way to move forward with this type of project would be to follow the Second Road Assessment Disgrace process spelled out in Iowa Code Chapter 311." A copy of the code was enclosed.

The roads, currently gravel,

are 135th and 140th Streets.

As for costs, there are an estimated 200 properties involved of which Stonebridge has four empty lots; Timberline has 60 with 50 individually owned and one large one, set for development as Timberline III, owned by the developer.

Thorius made it clear that the county could not take on individual negotiations and board members, who did discuss petition signature numbers, approved sending the letter to the two groups. The issue has been the subject of meetings and two work sessions since late summer.

In other business, the board: ·Approved the lighting improvement project for the clingy recycling center at a cost of less than \$600 for all material, with work done by WEMIGA, the contracted operator. The lighting is to provide greater safety for those using it in the early morning hours, a move that came after a report of some "close calls" at the entrance. As noted by owner Lynn Whaley, it is the morning that is a concern "since we close by 4:30 p.m."

·Set a public hearing for the sale of the county lot at 302 W. Main Street for 9 a.m. January 10 and a public hearing for the demolition of the former county jail for 9 a.m. January 3.

## County officials meet with director

BY MARY ZIELINSKI

The News

WASHINGTON

County Attorney John Gish, Assistant County Attorney Jennifer Lerher and Washington County Supervisor Chairman Richard Young met in the Washington County courthouse December 2 with Kelly Garcia, director of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Garcia initiated the meeting after Gish had publicly criticized the department's child protection services.

Gish provided a summary of the session and of issues discussed in the afternoon meeting:

•Too often DHHS rejects legitimate reports of abuse.

•DHHS should be going inside parents' homes to visit children instead of seeing children at court and considering that a good enough visit.

·If there is an allegation of criminal physical or sexual abuse, DHHs needs to involve law enforcement. Sometime, a social worker will "investigate allegations and only report to law enforcement after

DHHS concluded their own review." This has resulted in suspects of sexual or child abuse being interviewed by a social worker before a trained investigator ever has a chance to get involved.

•DHHS should do a better job of notifying county attorneys of reported abuse.

•DHHS has a defensive culture and employees are rarely receptive to suggestions or input from the outside, including county attorneys and medical professionals.

•There needs to be an office that is like an inspector general, and the office's responsibility is to listen to concerns about DHHS and the investigator has the chance to get involved.

"While I believe Director Garcia is interested in protecting children, some of these changes are better coming from legislation instead of DHHS policy," Gish said. "I call on the newly installed legislature to provide oversight of DHHS and enact necessary improvements to protect our children."

## Highland looks at literacy instruction, wrestling

BY EMILY MARNER

The News RIVERSIDE

The Highland School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. The board primarily discussed elementary core literacy instruction, progress, and goals.

Janelle Sulhoff, the Elementary Instructional Coach, presented some statistics in relation to the elementary's core literacy instruction. It was found that they need to focus on a few aspects; most importantly, making sure students can become independent with their learning. Sulhoff is able to analyze the elementary's progress through fidelity

checks and self-assessments like SAMMI.

According to Sulhoff, the majority of Highland Elementary's teachers scored between three and four on the fidelity check, meaning they are meeting the core elements of teaching, and only a couple other

teachers need improvement. We are feeling really good about the structure of this all, where we have been using the data to focus on areas of improvement, and we can identify where teachers need more support. It's great to know what our building needs and how we can move forward.

commented Sulhoff. The board briefly discussed winter activities numbers, which were all within the same range as previous years. There is a growing interest in girls wrestling, especially junior high, but the team needs a coach.

Finally, Superintendent Ken Crawford went over some of the general powers in the Reconsideration Committee, recently formed in September. When a parent or other wants something reconsidered, such as removing a book from the school's library, the school board has ultimate power to decide.

The Highland School Board will reconvene on Monday, January 9 at 5 p.m.



Jean Lenz (left) and Cindy Michel (right) from Hills Bank present Highland Board President Nate Robinson (center) with a Classroom Cash check for \$1,439.34.



Kris Burns (left) and Tyler Coblentz (center) from Hills Bank present Hillcrest Principal Dwight Gingerich (center) with a Classroom Cash check for \$742.80.



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Kris Burns (left) and Jo Edgington (right) from Hills Bank present Mid-Prairie Superintendent Brian Stone (center) with a Classroom Cash check for \$4,264.00.

# Hills Bank donates more than \$7,000 to area schools

Hills Bank, as part of its Classroom Cash® program, recently donated \$1,439.34 to the Highland Community School District, \$742.80 to Hillcrest Academy, \$688.82 to the Lone Tree Community School District, and \$4,264.00 to the Mid-Prairie Community School District. These funds will be

used to support programs and

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#### NATIONAL COMPUTER EDUCATION WEEK AT LONE TREE



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## Riverside who? Johnson County drops city from liaison assignments

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

#### RIVERSIDE

Johnson County is dropping Riverside from its liaison list for 2023.

But the Riverside City Council likely won't miss their neighbors to the north because a Johnson County Supervisor hasn't attended a City Council session for an extended time, if

In a way, it's like that distant aunt who not only didn't show up for Thanksgiving dinner, but it's an aunt nobody really knew about.

'Honestly, I wasn't aware we had a liaison assigned."

Riverside Mayor Allen Schneider told The News.

In fact, Johnson County Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass, the 2022 liaison to Riverside and a North Liberty-area resident, says she has never been to a Riverside meeting.

'Riverside and Riverside City Council is in a different county, so I have never gone to those," Green-Douglass said at the Board of Supervisors work session Dec. 7. "I kind of think, why do we even have it on

So now, they don't.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors decided at its work session last week to remove Riverside from its list of

liaison assignments for 2023 and replace it with a liaison working with township clerks and trustees in rural Johnson County.

The Johnson County Supervisors, who will spend the rest of this month considering assignments for 2023, typically serve as liaisons to other communities in the county, including Hills and Lone Tree. Riverside is unique because the county line is a little more than a mile away from the central part of the city and many of its residents work in Iowa City or other places in Johnson

"I've never gone and I've never gotten a call from anyone there," Green-Douglass

Schneider, who works in Iowa City himself, stands ready to work with Johnson County if a situation surfaces.

"It sounds like this decision won't have much impact," he said. "That being said, we're always open to working with Johnson County if the need arises.

**Special Meeting**The City Council held a special meeting Dec. 8, mostly to discuss lining up temporary help for snow removal, if needed, this winter and also to go into closed session to interview a candidate for a main-

Competitive video gaming takes center stage

tenance position. The Council also went into closed session on Dec. 5 for the same reason.

The Council voted to offer a starting hourly rate of \$22 an hour to the new maintenance worker and is expected to make an appointment at its next meeting Dec. 19.

The Council also agreed on an hourly rate of \$15 an hour for a temporary worker in the winter who would move snow after large storms.

Next board meeting: The City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

# Meisheid case continued

BY MARY ZIELINSKI

The case of Matthew James Meisheid, 40, charged with two counts of Assault on Persons in Certain Occupations by Using or Displaying a Firearm, each a Class D Felony, is set for trial March 21, 2023.

His attorney had filed a written arraignment August 8, entering a not guilty plea on both counts. Trial was then set for November 15 and later moved to December 6.

Charges are the result of county deputies responding to a call July 9 about Meisheid shooting off fireworks near his 3rd Street home in Kalona and, according to the police report, to inform him of the city ordinance against it.

reported that Deputies Meisheid appeared "aggressive, swearing and upset" with them, and when a deputy attempted to explain they were there only to inform him of the ordinance and for him to stop shooting fireworks, he reportedly threatened them, pulled a black semi-automatic pistol with holster out of his right waistline, pointed it into the air, and simulated shooting the

At this point, the deputies reported they felt threatened, feared for their lives, and drove from the scene to seek a warrant for Meisheid's arrest. The warrant was executed at 9 a.m Tuesday, July 12, with five more officers responding.

Bond originally had been set at \$10,000 cash only but was increased to \$25,000 after officers found "dozens of firearms and a large quantity of ammunition" in Meisheid's house. According to the county sheriff's office, the items were seized in the interest of public safety. A later report said there were more than a hundred guns.

Meisheid was charged and taken to the county jail and released July 13 after posting the cash bail. Arraignment in Washington District Court was set for August 5 following the preliminary hearing July 22.

#### BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

During its regular scheduled meeting the Lone Tree School Board elected Robert Sladek to be the school board president. Sladek's term will end in 2025. The school board also elected Joel Yedlik to be the school board vice president. Yedlik's term will end in

#### **Personnel Changes**

There were four new hires to report. Kale Render was assigned to be the Varsity Boy's Track coach. Chadwick Crawford is penciled in to be a High School English Teacher. Jacob Hoyle will be the JV/JH Wrestling coach. Avery Knock will assume the position of Varsity Baseball coach. There was one resignation to report. Render can't be both the JH girls track coach and the Varsity Boy's track, so he is resigning as the girls track coach. There were no transfers to report. **Esports** 

The Lone Tree Esports team gave an educational presentation to the school board. Jessica Howard, the coach of the Esports team, along with members of the team were in attendance to talk to the board about their progress. Esports short for electronic sports -- are video games played in a highly organized, competitive environment.

"This year we played Siege, we ended up making the state playoff bracket. We made the very first level of playoffs and lost in a very hard match to a team that was in the top four last year," Howard said. "We've had a couple different colleges come in and talk and recruit. They're recruiting pretty hard for Rocket League and Smite, but they're offering full ride scholarships for people playing esports as well as guaranteeing some form of employment while you're in college to further your esports career.'

Howard also mentioned how Marshalltown Community College has opened up an actual Esports program, making it possible to get a degree in Esports in either coaching or as a player.

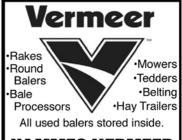
#### Official Newspaper

The News in Kalona was made an official newspaper of the Lone Tree Community School District by the school board. This is a continued partnership between The News and the Lone Tree school. The News will continue to provide Lone Tree residents with public notices that affect their

#### **CROP ADVANTAGE SERIES BRINGS** INFORMATION TO CORALVILLE

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists will travel to the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Coralville for the 2023 Crop Advantage Series to provide farmers, crop consultants and agribusinesses with current research from Iowa State University and updated management information and recommendations based on current and future crop production issues.

In addition, the meeting will also offer continuing educations credits for Certified Crop Advisers (CCA) and pesticide safety recertification for private pesticide applicators. ISU Extension and Outreach will travel to 14 locations across



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Topics at the Coralville Crop Advantage Series meeting will include: tar spot in corn. crop market outlook for 2023, changes to P and K guidelines, climate outlook, risk and rewards of ag carbon credits, weed management issues,

Early registration is \$75 and must be received by Jan. 18. Late registration made less than seven days prior to the meeting or on-site is \$100. Registration includes lunch, printed proceedings, private pesticide applicator recertification and CCA credits.

Online registration and additional information is available at www.cropadvantage.org or from your county extension office.

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#### **WINDHAM**/Continued from Page 1A

Mougin. "Now you seem to want to take that right away from me by putting development in our backyard.

The move to create an official county plan for Windham, which is located a couple of miles north of Frytown and southwest of Iowa City, began in July with the first of two public meetings held at Renee's Roadhouse in the middle of the village on Black Diamond Road

Windham Village is the last of nine small towns, or villages, in Johnson County that were targeted by the Board of Supervisors to develop official growth and vision plans in a process that has taken years to complete. Other villages with adopted plans include River Junction (2019), Joetown (2014), Sharon Center (2014) and Frytown (2008).

The proposed Windham Village plan, which was approved 4-1 by the county's Planning & Zoning Commission in November on a revised boundary zone presented by Windham resident Pat Mougin, is focused on protecting the rural area property and preventing large subdivisions, county staff members say.

"Let us live in rural Johnson County the way we were raised and continue what our fathers and our forefathers' legacy was that they created for this community," said Pat Mougin, who requested a vote delay of three to six months.

One resident of River Junction said the board did not listen to residents when River Junction's plan was finalized three years ago.

Supervisor Pat Heiden, who attended both summer meetings in Windham, said she also

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ing Puppets in Oskaloosa, Iowa, will lead the

attended meetings leading up to the River Junction agreement and voted against the proposal.

"I've heard you," Heiden said. "I heard what you said. Your concern about the growth

Trust came up during an emotional discussion in both public comment and supervisor comment.

The problem is, you don't trust us," Heiden said. "You don't trust county govern-

"You guys don't trust us," said longtime Supervisor Rod Sullivan. "Let's be honest, there's nothing we're going to do here that's going to change that. I can vote with you, I can vote against you, it doesn't matter. You guys just don't trust what we're going to do

The plan currently includes two boundary zones: one, proposed by county staff, covers 196 acres; another, proposed by Pat Mougin, covers about 155 acres. Windham's proposed boundary would be the secondsmallest village zone in Johnson County. River Junction's is about 136 acres.

About 200 signed a petition requesting the Supervisors not approve any kind of a plan. Josh Busard, Director of Johnson County Planning, Development and Sustainability, was in favor of moving ahead with the vote last Thursday.

"I feel that my staff has done an excellent job at trying to pull together all the public comments while still coming up with a plan that is just going to be supportive of our comprehensive plan and the other board policies," Busard said.

But at the end of the discus-LANTERN PUPPET-MAKING OPPORTUNITY IN WEST LIBERTY

workshop. Times are Friday, December 16, 4 - 8

p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, December 17

and 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bollman specializes

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sion, three of the four supervisors present opted to defer a vote for 90 days so that Busard and other members of the county staff can work with the Windham residents commit-

"I really think that this (the proposed plan) is the best way to protect the things that you think are important," Green said, addressing the residents. "However, I also acknowledge that while we may have fulfilled our legal obligations, it's quite clear we are not there yet in terms of there being buy-in from area residents."

To view the proposed Windham Village plan, go to: johnsoncountyiowa.gov/windhamvillage-planning.

### **Board Action**

The board approved Peterson Contractors of Reinbeck to do a bridge-replacement project on James Avenue SW over a branch of the Picayune Creek, north of 540th Street SW. Peterson had the low bid of \$319,627 for the project. Work is expected to be done in the spring.

Another bridge-replacement project will come before the board at its Dec. 15 meeting. Jim Schroeder Construction of Bellevue is the low bidder for a bridge project on Utah Avenue SE near Lone Tree. Schroeder's bid is \$760,145 for work that would begin around May 1, 2023.

The board approved a number of fundings for social services emergency assistance, including the Shelter House for

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 9 a.m. Dec. 15.

# Mississippi Valley Farm Business Association

Friday, Dec. 16

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A high-five seals the deal: Santa is going to come through for this little guy.

# Santa comes to Riverside

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

#### RIVERSIDE

Old Saint Nick made his way to Riverside on December 10, and there was a slew of parents who brought their children to meet with him at the local fire station.

Santa arrived at the Riverside Fire Station not in a sled powered by reindeer but, more appropriately, in a fire truck. Coming to Riverside to ask eager kids what they want for Christmas is something Santa has been doing for a long time. "The [Riverside Area Community Club] started doing Santa

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in 1984, before that it was the chamber of commerce," Riverside city clerk Becky Laroche said. "The RAC club evolved from the chamber of commerce."

Inside the fire station the holiday atmosphere was unmistakable as the Christmas décor of trees, lights, treats, and Santa-style stocking caps caught the eye no matter where someone looked. Cookies and milk were provided to all who wished to partake. After getting to meet Santa, kids were gifted a bag of goodies.

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She was on the city council for several years, and her estate does a donation to the RAC club every year to help pay for the candy and the sacks. Whatever we have left here we take down to the senior village, and if there is still some [left], then they go back to the preschool until we get rid of them all," Laroche said.

Candies, cookies, and getting to tell Santa exactly what they want for Christmas was more than enough to satisfy the little ones who attended this event.



A trio of young ladies dressed festively for their photo with Mr. Claus.

#### **WELLMAN'S LIGHT THE NIGHT**



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Kids enjoyed meeting Santa inside a shelter provided by Premier Portable Buildings, and every kid received a book from the Wellman-Scofield Public Library. The library's Carrie Geno also took photos that families can download free on the library's website.



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Santa Claus arrived in Wellman
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Mid-Prairie senior Camron Pickard brings the ball up the court during a River Valley Conference game at West Branch on Friday.

# STEPPING UP

## Camron Pickard emerges as scorer, leader for Golden Hawk basketball

BY JEFF YODER

The News
WEST BRANCH

The casual basketball fan might be

surprised by Camron Pickard's stellar offensive performance over Mid-Prairie's first four games this year. But it has certainly come as no shock to Golden Hawk head coach Daren Lambert.

"It's expected of him, I'm not surprised," said Lambert after Pickard set a new career high with 23 points on Friday night.

"Other people may be surprised at his success, but we see the work that he puts in and we see the devotion. The guys lean on him, and he did a tremendous job tonight of pulling us through some tough spots for sure."

Pickard scored 17 of Mid-Prairie's 27 second-half points in the 64-56 loss at West Branch. The senior point guard, who had a season high of 13 last year, has scored at least 10 in every game of the Golden Hawks' 3-1 start. And with 18 assists already, Pickard is just two away from matching his season total from a year ago

"I think he knows he's got to be the one to lead," Lambert said. "He's the captain. He's the leader. And he takes that role very seriously. I'm really proud of him, and he's going to continue to have

nights like this throughout the year."

Trailing 33-31, Pickard would score Mid-Prairie's next 11 points in the third quarter. His running floater dropped through the net to break a 35-35 tie. On the next trip, he caught the ball in the corner and didn't hesitate, burying a triple to extend the lead to five.

"My teammates and my coaches were definitely encouraging me to play my game," Pickard said. "And that's the biggest confidence you can get — from your teammates and from your coaches."

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BY DOUGLAS MILES

Correspondent

#### MADION

What the Highland girls' wrestling team lacks in numbers, it compensates with quality.

With a roster that lists just four wrestlers, the burgeoning Huskies' program routinely tussles with schools that boast several times that number.

Many would view this disparity as a detriment. Not the Huskies.

"We're not a big school, we're not a big team but we have got good athletes and we have got great listeners," Highland coach Dylan Stewart said after the Huskies won two silver medals and two bronze Saturday at the Marion Girls' Wrestling Tournament at Marion High School. "They are really good in the room. They listen, they try to apply the knowledge that we give them, so you can't really ask for much more. Everybody would say, 'Oh, we would like to have a full lineup.' But at the end of the day, I want to have kids that want to work hard and want to get better. And I think that is exactly what we have got with this group of girls."

The Marion tournament consisted of 20 schools with wrestlers divided into 44 brackets in a scramble-type of format, meaning pairings were based on weight and experience level. Of the nine schools with less than eight wrestlers at the tournament, only English Valleys (46 points) scored more team points than Highland's 44.

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JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Highland's Abbie Grout works towards a takedown during a tournament.

# Hillcrest downs Lone Tree with third-quarter blitz

BY JEFF YODER
The News

KALONA

After a competitive first half, the Hillcrest Academy boys put on a clinic in the third quarter of a 78-46 win over Lone Tree on Tuesday.

The Ravens came out of the halftime locker room with a 26-23 lead. Less than three minutes of the second half had elapsed by the time Luke Schrock's 3-pointer extended the Hillcrest lead to 43-25.

"There were times where that was just a thing of beauty to watch," Hillcrest coach Dwight Gingerich said. "We were doing things right. We were moving without the ball better, we were getting the ball inside. We were finishing with strength

inside, we weren't sloppy in our footwork as much."

Jace Rempel hit a 3-pointer to begin the offensive barrage. A steal led to a quick bucket for Josiah Beachy. The Hillcrest pressure forced another turnover and the ball popped quickly from Schrock to Beachy to Seth Ours for a layup. Grant Bender scored 13 points during 17-2 and 16-0 third-quarter runs. He finished with a gamehigh 27 points.

"Afterwards we just talked

"Afterwards, we just talked about how when we just execute across the board — offensively defensively on the same page, it makes such a difference, and it's good for the guys to see that," Gingerich said. "The joy that they experienced when they see it coming together like that — that's what

makes it fun "

makes it fun."
Rempel also sparked the 16-0 run with a 3-pointer. He assisted on the next basket with a steal and long pass to freshman Rowan Miller, who beat the Lone Tree defense down the court for a layup.

"Jace Rempel hit some big shots for us," Gingerich said. "Jace wasn't feeling the best, wasn't in school yesterday and bounced back today to play his best game of the year.

"It was a good team effort by everybody. Grant Bender played outstanding. In that second half, Luke Schrock, Seth Ours came up really big, hit some big threes and guided the team out there."

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Hillcrest's Seth Ours is guarded by Lone Tree freshman Emmett Burke.





# **GRANT BENDER**

## HILLCREST **SENIOR**

Bender scored 41 points in an 81-67 win at Louisa-Muscatine on Saturday and had 25 in a 78-48 win over Lone Tree on Tuesday. He made 28 shots and missed just seven over the two-game stretch.



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Left, Hillcrest freshman Claire Withrow looks for an open teammate on Tuesday. Right, Lone Tree sophomore Riley Shield takes a shot in the paint.

# Lone Tree defense shuts down Hillcrest 41-24

**BY JEFF YODER** 

The News

#### KALONA

While the outside shooting was inconsistent for Lone Tree on Tuesday, the Lady Lions were steady on the defensive end and boards in a 41-24 win at Hillcrest.

Lone Tree pressured the Raven ball handlers and disrupted the passing lanes, forcing 30 turnovers in the victory.

"That's what I like best about this team," Lone Tree coach Ryan Shelman said. "We're scrappy, we move, we have long arms. "We actually teach to get tips and that's what leads to our steals."

Trailing 9-7 early in the second quarter, Lone Tree scored 15 of its next 16 points from the 3-point line.

Vivan Zaruba hit back-toback 3-point shots, which gave Lone Tree the lead for good at 13-12. Finely Jacque, Avery Lisk and Riley Krueger each connected from beyond the arc as Lone Tree built a 27-16 halftime lead.

Lone Tree trailed 6-2 with a minute left in the first quarter before exploding for 25 points over the next nine minutes.

"We were moving the ball pretty well against their zone," Shelman said. "I thought our girls did a good job of swinging the ball against their defense, getting interior touches when we could. We had open jump shots. We just weren't hitting them quite the first quarter. But then in that second quarter, we just really started to go off."

Zaruba and Jacque each scored eight points, while Lisk finished with seven.

Freshman Alyson Ford came off of the bench to lead Lone Tree with nine. She ended a three and a half minute scoring drought in the first quarter and scored twice on putbacks.

"She's played some big minutes for us," Shelman "She's done a really nice job defensively and offensively."

Malia Yoder made back-toback shots to pull the Ravens within a point at 17-16 in the second quarter. But the Lady Lions allowed just eight points on three field goals the rest of the way.

"I thought Vivian Zaruba really did a good job of getting her fingers on the ball, and that led to some steals," Shelman said. "I thought Riley Krueger, Avery Lisk, Finley Jacque were just in really good positions. And then our post players did a nice job to kind of keep the ball out of the interior."

Riley Shield scored as the second quarter wound down and scored again in the closing seconds of the third to stretch the lead to 35-20.

The first 28 points of the game were scored by freshmen and sophomores before Lone Tree senior Riley Krueger scored four straight points in the second quarter.

All of the Ravens' points came from freshmen and sophomores, led by Yoder's 13 points.

Freshman Claire Withrow hit a 3-pointer to put the Ra-

vens on top 9-4 in the first and her second from long range gave Hillcrest a 12-10 lead. She finished with eight points and Lydia Beachy added three.

"We were doing a good job of taking care of the ball," Hill-crest coach Mitchell Drey said about the first quarter. "We've got shooters, and throughout the season we've seen it. But when we don't take care of the ball, we don't get the opportunity to shoot and we can't really show that.

"In the first half, we did a great job. Good passes, strong with the ball, making movements with intention. We kind of lost that towards the end of the game. I think we got a little tired, but credit Lone Tree, they forced us into playing their style of game in that second half."

#### English Valleys 51, L-T 43

Finley Jacque scored 21 points in a loss at English Valleys on Saturday.

The Lions fell behind 12-5 after the first quarter and trailed

37-23 before scoring 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Jacque was 3-of-9 from the 3-point line and had three assists in the loss. Vivan Zaruba had six points and nine rebounds. Avery Lisk had five points, four assists and three steals. Riley Kruger scored five points and Alyson Ford made both of her shot attempts

#### L-M 50, Hillcrest 23

Claire Withrow made five 3-point shots in a loss at Louisa-Muscatine on Friday. Delaney Shaw had a team-high six rebounds and two assists. Malia Yoder had five points, two blocks and two assists.

Falcon senior McKenzie Kissell led all scorers with 16 points.

#### Winfield-Mt. U 55, Hillcrest 13

The Ravens played a 9-9 third quarter with No. 14 WMU (8-0) after falling behind 37-1 at halftime on Saturday.

# Ravens fall to WMU in overtime

BY JEFF YODER

BY JEFF YOU The News

## KALONA

Winfield-Mt. Union 3-point specialist Andrew Brown doesn't take many shots, but the Wolves' senior guard was still ready for his opportunities on Saturday.

Trailing Hillcrest Academy 42-32, Brown hit three shots from outside during a fourth-quarter run that sent the game to overtime, where WMU came away with a 59-56 win.

"It was a crazy game, both teams played really hard," Hill-crest coach Dwight Gingerich said. "It felt like we were in a good spot there, going into the fourth quarter. Our kids are disappointed. I think that they really felt like we had a great opportunity at that point, and let it slip away.

"Credit to Winfield, they made some huge plays in the fourth quarter and did enough

to get the W."

The shot clock was winding down with about 1:40 left in the game when Seth Ours pulled up and drained his fifth 3-pointer of the game to put the Ravens up 51-47.

But Abram Edwards scored on two of the next three WMU possessions and Hillcrest was unable to convert the gamewinning layup with five seconds left. Edwards led the Wolves with 22 points on 11-of-20 shooting.

Luke Schrock hit a 3-pointer to give Hillcrest a 56-55 lead midway through the overtime, but those would be the final points for the Ravens.

Cam Buffington, who sat in the second quarter due to foul trouble, scored six of his 17 points in overtime to take the three-point lead. And the Ravens' tying 3-pointer missed the mark in the closing seconds.

The Ravens kept the 6-foot-4 Buffington and 6-foot-6 Edwards from dominating the offensive glass for most of the night, but the Wolves scored six of their eight points in overtime following offensive rebounds. Buffington finished with five offensive boards and 15 total rebounds.

In the third quarter, neither team had led by more than four



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Hillcrest senior Grant Bender uses the glass to score on a reverse layup between WMU defenders on Saturday.

points when Ours hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put the Ravens up 36-30. Schrock would score the next four points to extend the run to 10-0.

Ours ended a 10-0 WMU run with a 3-pointer to make it 45-42. Brown hit the tying shot for the Wolves. Grant Bender answered from outside. Buffington pulled the Ravens within a point, and then Ours hit again from the 3-point line. He finds

ished with 23 points in the loss.

"I'm really proud of the effort of our guys," Gingerich said. "Seth made some big plays late when he was battling to be able to even get up and walk. Our trainer, Chuck Miller, kind of took care of him during timeout and he said he's ready to go. So you've got to be proud of that kind of effort on Seth's part just to play through that"

Schrock scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half and overtime. Bender scored 10 points in the paint in the first half and drew a couple of big fouls from Buffington. Bender finished with 13.

"I thought (Bender) played a ton of minutes tonight, and I know that he's not feeling the best," Gingerich said. "He put a lot out there, proud of his effort. We got some good minutes off the bench. Jace Rempel gave us a lot of good minutes tonight. Bryce Bailey came in, Rowan Miller, Mason (Bender), our three young guys came in and just gave us some important minutes."

Bailey and Miller each scored a bucket during a 13-5 run in that put the Ravens up 26-22 in the second quarter.

"What a great game for our conference and for the two teams here," Gingerich said. "And at this point, it's still early in the year and there's a lot we can take from this game and improve. But again, I like the effort of our guys, and it's something to build on."

### Hillcrest 81, L-M 67

Grant Bender scored a career-high 41 points in the Ravens' road victory on Friday. At the time, his 41 points on 17-of-20 shooting was tied for the state lead for most points in a single game this season. He also had six steals.

The Ravens led 27-14 after one quarter, but the Falcons scored 21 in the second quarter to cut the lead to eight. But there was no slowing the Hill-crest offense on Friday. Seth Ours finished with 16 points and six assists on 3-of-7 shooting from the 3-point line. Jace Rempel had nine points, eight assists, and six steals, while Luke Schrock added eight points and eight assists.

Ty Northup led the Falcons with 27.

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Early in the game, Lone Tree took care of the basketball and matched the Ravens' offensive execution. Drew Gauley hit a pair of threes and tied the game 12-12 late in the first quarter.

Ethan Willoz also had six points in the first half as Lone Tree built a 21-17 lead.

"In the first half, I thought we really did a good job of handling that pressure and we took better shots," Lone Tree coach Tom Squiers said. "In the second half, they made us panic and they sped us up a little bit."

Lone Tree freshman Emmett Burke answered the Ravens' first 3-pointer of the game with one of his own to pull the Lions within two. On the next trip, he took the ball right to the basket and tied the game. He scored seven points in the second quarter and hit another three to end the Ravens' 17-2 run.

"He can shoot the ball and he's a good defender," Squiers said. "He's really hard on himself when he makes a mistake and he's got to get past that. But he's only a freshman and freshmen are going to make mistakes."

Gauley finished with nine points, all coming from behind the arc. Tyce Alt scored twice off of offensive rebounds and finished with 10.

"Having (Ethan) Bockelman in foul trouble hurt us, because he's one of our major scorers," Squiers said. "But he's kind of a streak shooter. When he sits on the bench half the game, he just can't get in that flow. But credit to Hillcrest, they did a great job defensively in the second half

and took us out of our offense, and I think that was the difference."

### Lone Tree 92, CVC 17

Two years ago, a 2-win Lone Tree team faced a 1-win Cedar Valley Christian squad in the first round of the postseason. The two teams were in a similar position when the Huskies defeated the Lions 53-45 in overtime to move on to the next round.

The Lions aren't in that position anymore.

Lone Tree outrebounded Cedar Valley Christian 45-16 and won the turnover battle 35-6 in a blowout victory on Thursday.

Twelve players scored at least four points in the win. Senior Jack Buser had a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Ethan Bockelman was 5-for-5 from the floor for 12 points, while Mitchell Koedam scored 10.

Jack Patterson, Sebastian Jacque, and William Rockafellow each scored eight. Emmett Burke added seven points and three steals, while Tyce Alt and Taj Williams each finished with six. Drew Gauley scored five points and led the Lions with eight assists and three steals. Braden Viers scored five points and had three steals as well.

### L-T 50, English Valleys 30

After scoring just five points in the first half, Lone Tree came back from a 22-18 halftime deficit with a 26-3 run in the third quarter at English Valleys.

The Lions allowed just eight points in the second half, moving to 3-4 for the season.



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Lone Tree senior Jack Buser looks for a teammate in the post as Hillcrest sophomore Micah Gerber defends during Tuesday's game.

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# **Area teams compete in State Dance Championships**

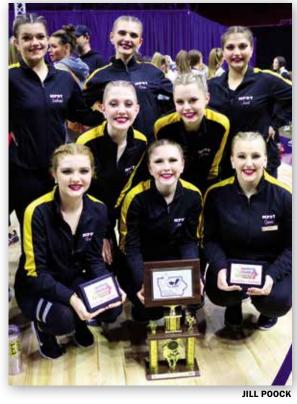


The Lone Tree dance team, pictured duringi a pop performance at Wells Fargo Arena, placed seventh in Class I Pom, third in Class I Jazz and fourth in Class I Lyrical, which marked Lone Tree's first lyrical trophy in school history.



Madi Floyd was one of five Lone Tree soloists to compete at the IS-DTA State Dance Team Championships, held Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at Wells Fargo Arena/HyVee Hall in Des Moines. All three team routines and the five soloists (captain Maddie Kleckner, captain Hayden Yoder, Bailee Gottschalk, Maddi Floyd, and Haiden Gauley) earned Division I ratings. Sophomore Bailee Gottschalk placed 8th for Lone Tree, extending a streak of five years with a top-10 soloist. Lone Tree also brought home a Distinguished Academic Achievement award for an average

team GPA of 3.5-4.0.



The Mid-Prairie Dance Team. Front row, from left: Paityn Jennings, Alivia Poock, and Grace Allred. Middle: Emma Hendricks and Meadow Flynn. Back: Ireland McCain, Drea McCain and Ariel Kaufman.



The Mid-Prairie Dance Team earned Division I ratings for all three of its dances: Pom, Hip Hop, and Jazz, where they placed fourth overall.



The Highland dance team received a Division I ratiing for its group dance. As a group, the Huskies also earned an award for outstanding academics.



Championships in Des Moines.

Kate Hartzler and Adeline Krotz earned Division I ratings for their solos at the **ISDTA State** Dance Team

# Golden Hawks get it done on the defensive end

BY JEFF YODER

#### The News **WEST BRANCH**

Mid-Prairie traveled to West Branch on Friday looking to bounce back from a pair of close losses to ranked teams. But the Bears were also in desperate need of a victory after losing the only two games of their young season to tough op-

That hunger was evident on the defensive end for Mid-Prairie, as the Golden Hawks allowed just two points in the first quarter of a 37-29 win over West Branch.

"I thought our movement was really good," Mid-Prairie coach Danny Hershberger said. "We did a great job of making them take time to get up to court, giving them less time to run their offense. And then we did a great job of rotating and moving when the ball was in the air and the girls did a great job of getting deflections and making it really difficult on

The Bears cut the Mid-Prairie lead to three points at the half after trailing by as many as eight.

But the Golden Hawk defense picked up its intensity again after halftime, holding



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Mid-Prairie's Maya Nonnenmann and West Branch's Olivia Naber work for position during a free throw.

West Branch to just two field goals in the third quarter.

'We have a lot of really tough girls out there," Hershberger said. "It's their third game this week, and we're playing on back-to-back nights

tonight. We're a little bit sore. We're nursing a few injuries, and to be able to play with that toughness is just huge for our

Mid-Prairie snapped a 10game losing streak to West

Branch on a night where the Golden Hawks shot just 28 percent from the floor and just 1-of-15 from the 3-point line.

Senior point guard Amara Jones scored a game-high 10 points and helped Mid-Prairie win the turnover battle with 10 steals. She scored at least two points in each quarter, went 4-for-4 from the foul line, and led the Golden Hawks with four

"She's all over the court for us," Hershberger said. "She's so smart and knows what the other team is trying to do. She does a great job of anticipating where they're going to go with the ball, and then is able to get her hands on it and turn it into offense for us."

Landry Pacha scored six of her eight points in the first half. She had three points during a 10-0 first quarter run. When a West Branch 3-pointer ended the run, she responded with a 3-point play at the other end to restore the eight-point lead. She had four steals and seven rebounds, including three on the offensive end.

"I thought we came out with some really good energy and were able to get the ball ahead in transition a little bit," Hershberger said. "I thought we did a great job of executing our offense. Landry was able to get to the basket and score a couple of times for us there early and then we're able to get some

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# Hawks host Colton Allen Memorial Tourn.

BY JEFF YODER

The News

#### WELLMAN

In just his first week as a varsity wrestler, Mid-Prairie sophomore Quinn Callahan won all five of his matches Saturday to join senior Mose Yoder on the top of the podium at the Colton Allen Memorial Tournament.

Callahan matched up with teammate Terry Bordenave in the first round of the six-team round robin tournament and trailed 2-1 late in the second period. He got a critical takedown with 12 seconds left in the

"I just knew I had to get after it and score points," Callahan said. "Coach (Jared) Duwa, before the match, said that I've got to get to my offense. So I wanted to get to my offense right away."

It went to overtime, where Callahan again trailed by one point in the closing seconds before scoring with a reversal to win the match.

"I just kept my head down, kept grinding," Callahan said about the overtime win over his practice partner. "It's a really competitive relationship between me and him — always battling it out."

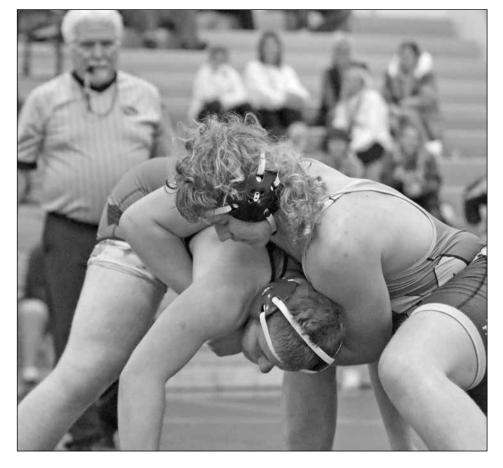
Callahan finished the day with three pins in the first pe-

"Quinn Callahan had a great day," Mid-Prairie coach Randy Billups said. "That was his first tournament as a varsity wrestler, and he defended his wrestle off that he had won the other day. So a super job out of Quinn. He was aggressive, and he was going after it."

Bordenave won his other four matches to finish second at 220 pounds. He has a record of 9-2 for the season.

Jaxsen Timmerman had pair of victories in the 220-pound bracket as well.

'You know, not really being a varsity wrestler my entire life, coming out here getting two wins, getting fourth place





JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Left, Mid-Prairie sophomore Quinn Callahan controls CCA's Carson Bromwell in a match at 220 pounds in the Colton Allen Memorial Tournament on Saturday. Right, Golden Hawk senior Mose Yoder stands on top of the podium after his first-place finish at 120.

is not too bad," said the Golden Hawk senior. "It feels awe-some, actually."

He pinned Benton Community freshman Lane Wauters in 73 seconds to open the day. He earned a 9-2 decision over CCA's Carson Bromwell in the third round.

"He hit a shot on me and I snapped him down, hit the reverse, got him on his back and got some back points," Timmerman said.

Yoder won both of his matches by first-period fall to finish first at 120 pounds.

'I felt good wrestling in both my matches, felt confident in what I was doing and what I was putting out there on the mat," Yoder said.

After a quick takedown and pin in his first match, he faced Benton Community freshman Weston Kaestner with an opportunity to take first.

"He's a little stronger, a little bigger guy," Yoder said. "I just had to stay on my offense."

Yoder built a 4-1 lead with a pair of takedowns and pinned his opponent with 18 seconds remaining in the first period to secure first place.

The plan is for Yoder to drop to 113 next week, according to Billups.

"We're getting ready to go down a weight," he said. There are quite a few of them that had it in the plan all along, and we were just kind of waiting. Some of them couldn't because of body fat. so they were staying up to fill in some weights so we didn't have holes. But next week is the time.I think they'll be able to compete better. It looks like we're a little small sometimes when we get out there, but hopefully that will help. Owen Trimpe and Burke

Berry each went 2-1 to finish second at 170 and 285 pounds. Mason Howe was 2-2 to take third at 126. Kaden Meader was also 2-2 to finish fourth at 182. Dom Shively, Landry Ging-

erich, Peyton Fox, and Dalton Miller each picked up a win on Saturday as well.

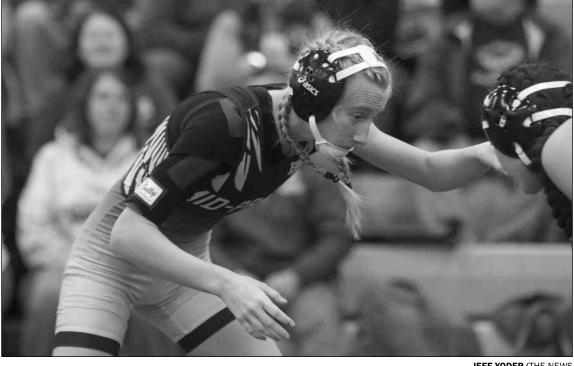
Clear Creek Amana topped Benton Community for the team title by two points, finishing on top with 146.5. Mid-Prairie edged Mediapolis for third place by one point 87-86.

"Benton had some tough kids," Billups said. "Clear Creek Amana had some tough wrestlers. So we've got work to do and we're going to keep going after it. Nobody has given up, they just keep coming back every day.'

#### M-P 51, Regina 30 Monticello 58, M-P 18

The Golden Hawks won five matches by fall in a 51-30 win over triangular host Regina on Thursday.

Jesse Stultz, Mose Yoder, Noah Freeman, Dom Shively and Owen Trimpe each pinned their opponent for Mid-Prairie, while Mason Howe earned a 12-1 major decision and Tucker Miller won 17-2 by tech fall. Shively and Trimpe each picked up another pin in a loss to Monticello, while Kaden Meader took six points by forfeit.



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Gabi Robertson went 2-0 on Saturday to finish first in her bracket at the Vinton-Shellburg Girls Invitational.

# Robertson finishes first at V-S

BY JEFF YODER The News

VINTON

The shorthanded Golden Hawk wrestling team had four top-three finishers at the Vinton-Shellsburg Girls Invitational on Saturday.

Gabi Robertson won both of her matches, clinching a firstplace finish with a second-period pin of Fort Madison's Hailey

'She wrestled solid with two pins," Mid-Prairie coach Dylan Walther said. "Kemper is new, but has a solid record.

Mia Garvey and Ashlee Farrier were both out sick on Saturday, while Grace Conway was taking the ACT that morning. The Golden Hawks still finished fourth out of 17 teams with 93 points.

"Overall, we performed pretty well without three that had a shot at being on the podium if they wrestled well," Walther said. "We also had two that were battling injury as the day moved on."

While many of the girls tournaments have A, B, and C brackets of four wrestlers at each weight class, Saturday's tournament featured just one bracket at each weight.

Vinton-Shellsburg sophomore Rayleigh Stander had three pins of 39 seconds or less in a third-place finish on Saturday, but lost by first-period pin to Golden Hawk junior Ellie Brenneman in the semifinals at 135. Brenneman went on to meet Union's Ava Mehlert in

"(Brenneman) got the first takedown in her finals match, but got out of position locking a cradle, leading to her being pinned," Walther said.

Kenda Shqair went 3-2 in a round robin bracket to finish third at 120 pounds. All three wins were pins with two coming in 64 seconds or less.

'Kenda performed well," Walther said. "There was a place winner from last year in her bracket and the Vinton girl has had a good season. When she is wrestling girls with similar experience, she is never out of a match, she has several pins while behind later in the match. It seems to fuel her."

Sam Stacey defeated fellow junior Macey Johnson of Burlington Notre Dame in the first round of a round robin at 235, but dropped the next two to finish third as well.

Sam wrestled well, controlling her match against (Johnson)," Walther said. "Sam won that match earlier this year, but it could have gone either

Mardie Berry went 2-2 to finish fourth at 145, earning her 10th victory of the season. The Golden Hawk freshman had a first round matchup with Washington junior Jenna Bose, who had pinned Berry at the West Liberty Tournament on November 21. On Saturday, Berry returned the favor.

'She took a good sized lead over Bose before pinning her, controlling the entire match," Walther said. "She is starting to buy into the mental toughness that we have talked about, out wrestling opponents when they get tired in the third period."

Ellie Callahan and Marissa Cline each had two wins as well, finishing fifth and sixth

in their respective classes. Marissa was in a tough bracket with a handful of girls on the same tier as her," Walther said. She wasn't wrestling 100% as the day moved on, which probably cost her a couple of matches. Ellie Callahan was also battling injury, and has been gutting it out the past few weeks.

## **HUSKIES**/Continued from Page 1B

"I would prefer having our four girls over a full lineup," Highland sophomore Lilly Barre said. "Us four girls, we are all like sisters together. We push each other to our limits and we just keep pushing and Our girls, we were the lead for second place for the Tipton tournament (Dec. 5) and we only have four girls and you had teams coming in with 33. Even having low numbers, I would say we are a pretty good group of girls."

Barre – who won the 125-pound title Nov. 22 at West Liberty's tournament - won two of three matches and finished second in her bracket on Saturday. After losing by fall to West Liberty's Silvia Garcia-Vazquez in the opening match, Barre rebounded with a 5-2 decision against Brenna Williams of Clear Creek Amana and a pin of Bettendorf's Lauren Rogalla in 1:46.

After winning just two of nine matches last season, Barre's win-loss record this

season is a sparkling 13-4. "It has been a huge surprise," Barre said. "From last year, I won two matches the entire year. ... Just motivation and coming in during the offseason. I came in every Sunday during the summer. I lift every morning and I always come in. ... Really wanting to see an improvement helped me a lot."

Juniors Abbie Grout and Angelina Roling each won one match and finished third in their respective brackets. Senior Mackenzie McFarland joined Barre on the runner-up podium with a pair of pins over Solon's Kara VeDepo (in 3:06) and Taylor Strief of Bettendorf (1:30).

"I need to start taking more shots because I usually don't do that," McFarland said. "I am a defensive wrestler. And the same with being on bottom, I can get out but I also need to work on that.'

The first season of girls' wrestling as a sanctioned sport by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union has inspired many an athlete to pursue the sport. For McFarland, that inspiration occurred two years ago when she began attending open mat training sessions on campus, coupled with home training with her father, a former wrestler.

"At first I thought it was go-

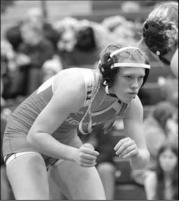
ing to be really tough," said Mc-Farland, who won 110-pound tournament titles at West Liberty and Wapello earlier this season. "But it is not as tough as you think it is. You just have to have the right mind to think, 'Oh, the conditioning and all sucks,' but once you get past that, then it is a really, really fun sport and I enjoy it a lot.'

McFarland also competes in track and field at Highland, while Barre is a softball standout who also participates in volleyball and track and field. Barre believes the addition of wrestling to her athletic repertoire will only enhance her preparation and performance in the other sports.

"It really just builds strength for every sport you do," Barre said. "It is going to help with any sport, strengthwise, mentality-wise, because wrestling is a huge mental

Before winter break begins, the Huskies will visit Pekin Friday for a triangular meet that will include Lone Tree. On Saturday, Highland is one of 20 schools that will compete at Cedar Rapids Prairie's tournament.

"The major thing is our mentals," Stewart said. "Where our heads are at. Learning to stay tough. A lot of these girls really have not experienced these long Saturday tournaments. It is very new to them. So just kind of get them in the mindset of staying alive and just keep wrestling throughout the day, that always is a tough one. And just working hard. Trying to take that next step in the wrestling room."



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS Highland's Lilly Barre has a record of 13-4 so far this season.

# Guseman, Valenzuela finish on top at North Cedar

BY JEFF YODER

The News

#### CLARENCE

Highland took just four wrestlers to the North Cedar Invitational on Saturday, but left the 13-team tournament with two champions in Carlos Valenzuela and Luke Guse-

"I thought that we had a very good day," Highland coach Nick Coles said. "The attitudes to compete were great and they had themselves ready to go each round. We only took four kids due to sickness and we were able to put two in the finals with two champs."

Guseman pinned his first two opponents to earn a matchup with New London sophomore Gage Burden in the final.

Earlier in the season, Guseman had trouble taking and finishing shots against tough opponents. He suffered a 1-0 loss to sixth-ranked Aaron Boone at Washington, and a 4-2 loss to Notre Dame's Kael Cook (12-2) on Thursday in Burlington.

On Saturday, finishing shots was not a problem in the 18-1 tech fall of Burden.

"He was able to get some things going offensively from his feet," Cole said. "We have struggled a little bit this season with getting to legs and putting opponents down. He had some really good offense... the New London kid was a state qualifier last year and we really controlled the match.

Guseman, ranked eighth at 120 by IAWrestle, had two takedowns and a reversal and add-



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Highlan's Luke Guseman drives his opponent to the mat on the way to a pin on Thursday.

ed back points in every period against Burden, ranked ninth

"The great thing is, that win will be big for seeding moving forward, Cole explained. "We'll definitely see him a few more times this season so it's good to make a statement right away.'

Guseman is in his first season with the Huskies. He went 26-11, finishing third at 126 in the sectionals last year with

'Luke and I are still figuring each other out and what is expected of each other," Coles said. He's starting to buy in to what we are preaching and the system that we have in place. He's extremely talented and loves to be on the mat. We just have to make some adjustments that we know will allow him continued success."

Valenzuela improved to 9-1 on the season with a 6-0 decision over Cedar Rapids Jefferson senior Shukuru Budederi in the final. He pinned each of this first two opponents in less than one minute and did not allow an escape in the 138-pound

"(Budederi) was an explosive wrestler and would make us pay if we got out of position," Cole said. "Carlos controlled that match very well and stayed in position to take away his opponent's offense."

On Thursday, Valenzuela earned a hard-fought victory over a very familiar opponent in Wapello's Zach Harbison.

We've been wrestling during the offseason together," Valenzuela said. "The advantages and disadvantages to that are that I know all of his moves, so he knows all my moves.

'It just makes me think about everything and he makes me work harder. It's all just all about the basics when you're going up against high-value wrestlers. You have to stick to your basics and you've got to be confident and strong.'

It was all freshmen in the five-man round robin bracket at 126 pounds on Saturday. Brock Thomann went 3-1 on the day to finish second, with a solid 4-0 victory over Durant's Trey Ramer in round one.

"I was really happy with Brock's effort and his fight," Cole said. "When he decides to generate some offense on his feet, his results will continue to improve. He is having a great year for a freshman."

On Thursday, Isaac Kleese had a 45-second pin of Notre Dame's Jayden Kirby but surrendered late leads in two other matches in the quad. He opened Saturday's tournament with a loss to the 182-pound runner up, and was eliminated by the eventual fifth-place finisher by second-period fall.

"Isaac Kleese had a pretty positive day, considering it was only two matches," Cole said. "He is getting better each time out and just needs to continue to learn where he is at on the wrestling mat. He needs to believe that he belongs with these guys and that the only thing beating him is getting out of position. I believe in Ike a lot and we will continue to get him better."





GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Left, Highland forward Sarah Burton pushes the ball up the court in transition. Right, Highland's Kelsi Cerny stays in front of the Falcon ball handler at the top fo the key.

# Huskies unable to complete comeback in Friday's loss

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

### **RIVERSIDE**

It was a battle in the second half, but Highland was unable to catch up in the fourth quarter of a 41-35 loss to Louisa-Muscatine on December 6.

The Huskies had a sluggish start in the first half, scoring only four points in the second quarter. They went into halftime down 35-24, and then were on the receiving end of a 10-0 run at the start of the third quarter.

"Huge slow start. We just weren't mentally in the game,' Highland head coach Jody Fink said. "I think we still had a little

bit of a hangover from Friday night and that was still bothering us a little bit. We have to be able to move the ball, we were just slow tonight.'

Even though they faced an eighteen-point deficit in the third quarter they were able to mount an impressive comeback and went on a 10-2 run to end the quarter.

The highlight of the third quarter came from sophomore Sarah Burton. Burton drove to the basket after stealing the ball and attempted a layup in transition. The initial shot failed, but she was able to grab her own rebound and shoot again, this time making the basket while being fouled. The home crowd roared with delight as she proceeded to make her free throw with ease, completing the three-point play.

The girls, they picked it up. They were able to cause turnovers and all that and be able to do some different things. But we got to do that all four quarters and not just the fourth. I was very proud of their fight. We got down eighteen and were able to fight back to get it to four. They did a great job on

Burton was the leading scorer for the Huskies, with 22 points. It was a near perfect night from the free-throw line for Burton, as she went 12-for-14 from the line. She was able to secure fourteen rebounds and steal the ball six times.

The second leading scorer for the Huskies was a tie between junior Kylie Allen and senior Jessica Kraus, they both scored five points. Burton is a great scorer but if most of a team's scoring comes from one player then they risk becoming one dimensional. In order for the Huskies to take that next step then they will need other players to elevate their game in the scoring department.

The crowd got even louder in the fourth quarter as the intensity of the Huskies was at its highest at the end of the game. The defense played tough as the Huskies held the Falcons to

just six points in the last quarter, but ultimately time ran out and Highland was never able to overcome its first half deficit.

We were careless with the ball, committing 26 turnovers. We dug ourselves a hole and struggled to get out of it. Our lack of experience is showing up and we are being hesitant and afraid," Fink said.

Highland will continue to battle within the conference as they stay home to take on WACO (3-2) on December 13, and then head on the road to face Wapello (2-3) on December

# Oriano leads Highland with 12 points in loss to Lousia-Muscatine

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

### RIVERSIDE

In an early Southeast Iowa Super Conference matchup Louisa-Muscatine proved too much for Highland to handle as the Falcons defeated the Huskies on December 6, with a final score of 65-37.

Junior Nicolas Oriano starting off the scoring for the Huskies with a free throw in the first quarter. The free throw line would be almost a second home to the six-foot seven center, as Oriano ended up taking 10 free throws over the course of the game. He was the leading scorer for the Huskies, scoring 12 points and also grabbed seven rebounds, which also led the team.

To say the effort wasn't

there for the Huskies over the course of the game would be untrue, but there is some truth to the Falcons simply outworking them for multiple stretches of the game. Louisa-Muscatine finished the game with 21 offensive rebounds and a good amount of those rebounds were the result of the Falcons being more aggressive than the Hus-

The second chance points the Falcons were able to score from those many offensive rebounds made it near impossible for the Huskies to get back into the game after facing a halftime deficit of 36-15.

The second leading scorer for the Huskies was a tie between sophomore Logan Mc-Farland and freshman Bryce Hazelett, as they both scored nine points. McFarland made one 3-pointer in the fourth quarter and led the team with two assists. Hazelett scored two 3-pointers, one in the second guarter and one in the fourth quarter.

The rout was on by the time the fourth quarter started. Leading by as many as 36 points in the final frame Louisa-Muscatine decided to pull its starters. Sometimes a team needs experience in order to improve and that takes time. It will take some time for Highland to find its groove offensively and defensively, but these players and coaches are more than willing to put in the work.

Highland (0-4) will stav home to face conference opponent WACO (4-0) on December 13. Then they will travel on the road to battle conference foe Wapello (0-4) on December 16.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Highland sophomore Logan McFarland drives the ball into the paint during the first half of Friday's game with Louisa-Muscatine.

#### **LONE TREE HOSTS TRIANGULAR**



Lone Tree hosted a triangular for the first time in almost three years on Thursday. Brody Magruder, pictured preparing to wrestle a sectional match last year, pinned New London's Killian Kelly in 60 seconds for the only Lion victory of the evening.

#### **GOLDEN HAWK BOYS/**Continued from Page 1B

Pickard made both of Mid-Prairie's 3-pointers on Friday, hitting a third of his attempts on a night where the Golden Hawks shot just 2-of-11 from long range. He was 3-of-6 from outside on Tuesday, scoring 20 points in Mid-Prairie's 71-41 win over West Liberty.

"He's a good player," said West Branch coach Jason Kern. "He's shifty, he can knock down the 3-point shot, so you've got to be out on him. He got some really good penetration down our lane and we had to help off. He stepped up for them tonight and was big for them."

Alex Bean finished with 14 points, nine rebounds and three assists in the loss. Shawn Dodds was 4-of-5 to finish with eight.

While the Golden Hawks were unable to match the Bears' 51 percent shooting on Friday, the team's offensive potential is evident from Mid-Prairie's 20-of-24 free throw shooting for the week.

We have some great talent on offense." Pickard said. "Ace Peck is kind of struggling right now, but he really has some good offense and Brady Weber, Dylan Henry and Shawn (Dodds), those guys have played pretty well in the offseason. They've worked on their game."

Pickard said that while the offense comes naturally, the Golden Hawks need to focus on improving their defense going forward.

West Branch had three players with at least 18 points on Friday. Leading scorer Holden Arnaman finished with 19. Senior Jack McCullough made four 3-pointers to score 18, and Reese Trepanier led the Bears with 23 points on 9-of-10 shoot-

Their record is very deceiving," Lambert said. "You know. they were 0-3 coming into tonight, but they played three very good basketball teams that competed in all of them.

"Tonight we learned that we've got to be a little tougher on both ends of the floor, physically and mentally. Like I always tell the guys, you learn a lot more through adversity

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than when things are easy. Tonight was one of those nights where you took one on the chin, but it's early and we know we get to see them again. So we've just got to go back to work and prepare because we know it's not going to get any easier in conference."

#### Mid-Prairie 71, West Liberty 41

The Golden Hawks got off to a great start in each half of a 30-point win over the Comets on Tuesday. Mid-Prairie took an 18-8 lead in the first quarter and outscored West Liberty 20-6 in the third.

Camron Pickard led the Golden Hawks with 20 points and five assists in the win. Collin Miller hit a pair of threes to finish with 11 points, while Ace Peck scored 10 points in the

Alex Bean had seven points, seven rebounds and three assists. Shawn Dodds had five points and three blocks, while Dylan Henry had four points and three steals. Brady Weber scored five points in the win and Beau Flynn added four.

#### **GOLDEN HAWK GIRLS**/Continued from Page 3B

turnovers and get that early lead."

Nora Pennington scored five points and Maya Nonnenmann added four. Josie Greiner hit Mid-Prairie's only 3-pointer of the game.

West Branch went on a 10-4 run in the fourth quarter to close the gap to six points. A Mid-Prairie turnover with one minute left gave the Bears a chance to cut the lead to one possession, but a West Branch 3-pointer was off the mark.

Jones dribbled some time off of the clock before finding Kylie Reinier wide open under the rim to seal the victory with 30 seconds left. Reinier finished with four points, seven rebounds and three steals.

"Our composure was excellent tonight — staying poised, being strong with the basketball," Hershberger said. "You know, those little fundamental things, when you're getting bumped and whatnot, were key for us tonight. Just taking care

of the little fundamentals to make sure we were strong with the basketball."

West Liberty 55, Mid-Prairie 50

The Golden Hawks took a 31-28 lead to halftime in Tuesday's game with the No. 13 Comets, but scored just eight points in the third quarter of the fivepoint loss.

Mid-Prairie held Comet senior Kelsey Joens, a 5A firstteam all-state transfer from City High, to 13 points on 4-of-14 shooting. Finley Hall led the Comets with 21 points.

Amara Jones led a balanced offense with 11 points and 10 assists. Kylie Reinier had eight points and eight rebounds, while Landry Pacha had eight points and six rebounds. Josie Greiner and Jovi Evans each scored six points and three other players scored three.

The Golden Hawks scored 30 points from the 3-point line, but shot just 7-of-22 from inside



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie senior point guard Amara Jones drives past a West Branch defender during the Golden Hawks 37-29 win on Friday.

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#### **DECEMBER 5, 2022 WELLMAN, IOWA**

The Wellman City Council met in regular session in the Wellman City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Mayor Ryan Miller presided with City Clerk, and the following Council Members: Anthony Evans, Fern Bontrager, Shannon Mc-Cain, Angela Stutzman & Aaron Fleming. The Consent Agenda was approved upon motion by Fleming, seconded by McCain and all voted ayes. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes from previous meeting and the following: 11/28 Payroll

| 11/28 Payroll     |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Erin R Campbell   | \$1,115.08 |
| Carrie R Geno     | \$344.37   |
| Laurelin E Geno   | \$162.05   |
| Lisa M Lundstrom  | \$436.83   |
| Brenda J Reasor   | \$1,172.57 |
| Ryan J Miller     | \$276.78   |
| Beth A VanWinkle  | \$1,507.22 |
| Betty J Johnston  | \$69.15    |
| Timothy J Garrett | \$2,254.88 |
| Travis D Hartley  | \$1,292.38 |
| Jesse J Meade     |            |
| Josh S VanWinkle  | \$1,332.54 |
| Debra S Hill      | \$614.47   |
| Landon P Humble   | \$80.35    |
| Shirley Y Brown   | \$296.48   |
| Anita J Kanagy    | \$745.44   |
| Kelly L Litwiller |            |
| Cynthia S Thrapp  |            |
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| State Taxes                               | \$1,606.00                    |
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| William D Nickell, November Yard Waste    |                               |
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| Beth VanWinkle , November Cell/Mileage    |                               |
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| Alliant Energy, City Utilities            | \$9,549.01                    |
| Badger Meter, Beacon Fixed Network        | \$196.56                      |
| Baker Paper, Tissues/Towels               | \$377.01                      |
| Brown Supply, WTP Meter Pits/Supplies .   | \$3,175.00                    |
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| Interstate All Battery Center, Batteries                |       | .\$263.9 | 0  |
| Iowa One Call, October One Calls                        |       | \$42.3   | 0  |
| J&M Displays, 2023 Fireworks Display                    | \$1   | 8,288.0  | 0  |
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| LRS Portables, South Park Porta Potty                   |       | \$86.4   | 4  |
| Mahaska Bottling Co., Skate Pop for Resale              |       | .\$128.3 | 0  |
| Menards-Iowa City, Skate Supplies                       |       |          |    |
| Municipal Gas System, Insulation Rebate                 |       | .\$178.1 | 4  |
| Office Express, City Hall Office Chair                  |       | \$199.9  | 9  |
| Schwartz Construction, Sr. Dining Freezer Unit/Concrete | \$    | 3,150.0  | 0  |
| The News, City Publications                             |       | .\$212.4 | 0  |
| The News-Sr Dining Acct., Sr. Dining Special Addition   |       | \$58.0   | 0  |
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| USABluebook, WTP Chemkeys                               |       |          |    |
| USDA, December Parkside Payment                         | \$    | 2,532.0  | 0  |
| Wash. Community YMCA, Banquet Hall Alliant              |       | .\$743.1 | 5  |
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| Wellman Co-op Telephone, City Telephones                | \$    | 1,074.6  | 6  |
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ments regarding amending Chapter 55 of Wellman City Ordinance was opened by Evans, seconded by Fleming and upon roll call the vote was unanimous ayes. There were no written or oral comments. Bontrager moved to close public hearing, Stutzman seconded, and the vote was unanimous ayes. First reading of Ordinance No. 272-Ordinance amending Chapter 55 (Animal Protection and Control) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wellman, lowa is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 272

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 (ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CON-TROL) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

#### OF THE **CITY OF WELLMAN, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary to amend Chapter 55 (Animal Protection and Control) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wellman, Iowa ("City Code"), to prohibit

the feeding of feral and/or wild animals.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLMAN, IOWA that City Code §55.21 be adopted as follows:

55.21 FEEDING OF FERAL AND WILD ANIMALS. It is unlawful for any person to provide food to any feral dog, cat, or other domesticated animal; or to provide food to any wild animal.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

McCain made a motion to approve the first reading and waive the second and third, Bontrager seconded and upon roll call the vote was unanimous ayes.

Resolution No. 22-41 A resolution authorizing the City Clerk to transfer funds was introduced and caused to be read. Evans moved to approve Resolution No. 22-41, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was unanimous ayes.

Resolution No. 22-42 A resolution to waive the right to review the plat of survey - Perry McGaffey was introduced and caused to be read. Stutzman moved to approve Resolution No. 22-42, Fleming seconded and upon roll call the vote was unanimous ayes.

Bontrager made a motion to approve CIT Sewer Solution quote of \$10,621.20 for Digester Cleaning, McCain seconded and all voted ayes.

With no further business to be discussed Bontrager made a motion for adjournment at 5:52pm, Stutzman seconded and all voted ayes. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2022, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

Minutes transcribe by the City Clerk subject for Council Approval.

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Garbage Fund .

#### **CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

#### **RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2022**

The Riverside City Council meeting opened at 6:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present: Tom Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene, and Kevin Mills.

Motion by Sexton, second by Mc-Guire to approve agenda. Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Kiene, second by Sexton to approve consent agenda including November 14th, 21st, and 28th minutes, and expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.

Abby Sojka addressed City Council on EMS monitor purchase with regards

to FEMA grant funds.
Peter Lundgren, SE Iowa Trees Forever Coordinator, presented a Carbon Credit Program from Trees Forever. The City can receive funds for trees planted on City property. Lundgren also discussed creating a Roadside Plan with the lowa Living Roadway Trust Fund.

Council received request from Rod and Jodi Gehman for a Downtown Revitalization Investment Grant.

Amy Schulte, Washington YMCA, reviewed plans for bringing back the Camp Highland summer program to the Riverside School this next summer.

Toby Hancock, Riverside EMS, presented final costs for a Tempus Pro EMS monitor. McGuire moved to purchase monitor from LifeMed Safety at a cost of \$45,613.60 plus shipping. Second by Schneider, passed 5-0.

Kiene motioned, second by Schneider to send Lombard zoning change request to Planning and Zoning for approval. Passed 5-0.

Brian Boelk, Axiom Consultants, gave project updates on 3rd Street, Water and Wastewater Plant repairs, Kleopfer stormwater improvements, and East

Street maintenance. No action from City Council on proposed Site Plan for Lot #2 on Commer-

Motion by McGuire, second by Mills to take 5-minute break at 7:35 pm. Passed 4-1 Sexton opposed.

Brent Hinson, Hinson Consulting. , presented Admin search plans and

recruitment timetable. Motion by Sexton, second by Kiene

RIVERSIDE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 8TH, 2022

The Riverside Special City Council meeting opened at 6:00 pm at City Hall

with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting

roll call. Council members present: Tom

Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Kevin Kiene,

and Kevin Mills. Lois Schneider was ab-

authorize hiring a temporary employee

to help with snow removal at the rate of

enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code

Chapter 21.5 (1) (i) to interview for open

**EXPENDITURES DECEMBER 5, 2022** 

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

ton to approve agenda. Passed 4-0.

\$15 per hour, Passed 4-0.

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.

BECKY Laroche, MILEAGE

BROWN SUPPLY, CUT EDGE

BRYAN LENZ, CELL STIPEND

CHRISTINE YANCEY, MILEAGI

DRAKE HOTZ, CELL STIPEND.

FP MAILING. METER LEASE

HEIMAN, HELMET LIGHTS.

KIIM & GO FLEET, FD-FIIFL

MID AMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT

MEARDON, SUPPEL, DOWNER, LEGAL..

ICE IT. GRANT.

AXIOM CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERING.

Motion by McGuire, second by Sex-

McGuire moved, second by Kiene to

McGuire moved, second by Kiene to

to pass Resolution #2022-117, approving The News as official newspaper for 2023 publications. Passed 5-0.

Central Iowa Distributing, WTP/WWTP Supplies .

Motion by McGuire, second by Sexton to pass Resolution #2022-118, approving contract with Hinson Consulting, LLC to recruit a City Administrator at cost of \$13,600. Passed 5-0.

Motion by McGuire, second by

Schneider to pass Resolution #2022-119, accepting contract with Axiom Consultants, for a sanitary sewer study in northeast growth area in the amount of \$2280. Passed 5-0.

Motion by McGuire, second by Sexton to pass Resolution #2022-120, accepting contract with Axiom Consultants, for a City Hall ADA ramp in the amount of \$2700. Passed 5-0.

Council reviewed Admin report, Public Works applications, and timeline for Community Center Referendum vote in November 2023.

McGuire motioned, second by Sexton to advertise for part-time temporary office help for City Hall. Passed 5-0.

McGuire moved, second by Sexton to reconsider the November 7th motion to not accept Yancey's resignation. Passed 5-0.

Sexton moved, second by McGuire to accept Yancey's resignation of October 24, 2022. Passed 5-0.

McGuire motioned, second by Sexton to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) (i) at 8:28 p.m. for employee applicant interview.

City Council returned to open meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Council will meet for additional interviews when time can be arranged with all parties.

Kiene moved, second by McGuire to

adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Passed 5-0. Full content of Council Meetings can be viewed on the City website; riverside-

City Council Meeting - Monday, December 19th, 2022 at 6:00 pm in City

6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Becky LaRoche; City Clerk Allen Schneider; Mayor

streets position at 6:10 p.m.

Second by Mills, passed 4-0.

Becky LaRoche; City Clerk

Allen Schneider: Mayor

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PEOPLE SERVICES, SERVICE ..

DELTA DENTAL, BILLING-NOV

VERIZON, CELL SERVICE

WELLMARK, BC/BS.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

LINCOLN NAT'L LIFE INS, BILLING-NOV

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UTILITY EQUIPMENT, WATER PLANT.

VOYAGE HOME MUSCEUM, 50% H/M GRANT.

WASHINGTON CO ENGINEER, W61 TREE REMOVAL

RACC. BAND.

TOTAL BILLS

\$3,613,58

\$19.821.25

\$52.00

\$50.00

\$45.37

\$50.00

\$86.85

\$1,058.81

\$ 5,330.00

\$974.08

\$775.00

. \$476.14

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Council returned to open meeting at

McGuire moved to hire Candidate A

McGuire moved, second by Sexton

at a wage of \$23 per hour. No second.

McGuire amended motion to hire

Candidate A at a wage of \$22 per hour.

to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Passed 4-0. Full content of Council Meetings can

be viewed on the City web site; riverside-

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\$24,044.00

\$1.491.80

\$800.00

\$625.62

\$206.30

\$286.04

\$517.38

\$129.90

\$2,572,33

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\$70,811.46

\$67,099.51

## **CITY OF KALONA**

#### KALONA, IOWA CITY HALL **DECEMBER 5, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

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

Beisheim. Motion was made by Spitzer and seconded by J Schmidt approving the minutes of the meeting on November 21, 2022. With all voting yes, the min-

utes were approved and published. On a motion by Beisheim, and seconded by Spitzer, the following bills were

allowed with all voting yes.

| Alliant Energy, monthly14,855.97                                      |
|---|
| Boyse Dozing, sewer service   |
| Brown Supply, Fire Hydrant replacement                                |
| CCSA, uniform - Jacoby  |
| City of Kalona, General transfer - Water/Sewer Building Permit 600.00 |
| City of Kalona, Sewer transfer - Garbage/Storm Sewer/Paws&More        |
|   |
| City of Kalona, final water bills-rent deposits - Daniels/Cartagena   |
| 127.87  |
| City of Wellman, Senior Meals 588.00                                  |
| Deere & Company, 2023 Gator29,791.95                                  |
| First Class Apparel, uniform - Redlinger                              |
| Force America, water parts  |
| Hawkins, water chemicals  |
| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Water (Payroll Taxes)102.78      |
| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes)902.04      |
| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Water (Budget)12,769.91          |

| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Sewer (Budget)  | 28,225.94 |
|--|-----------|
| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Water (Payroll) |           |
| Hills Bank Kalona, payback General - Sewer (Payroll) | 2,575.00  |
| lowa Department of Revenue, State Withholding        | 1,861.00  |
| Iowa One Call, Water/Sewer Locates                   | 99.90     |
| Iowa Public Employee Retirement System, IPERS        | 7.478.01  |
| Jackie Etheredge, office cleaning                    |           |
| Jetco, wastewater service                            |           |
| Jody Bailey, Watershed                               |           |
| Johnson County Refuse, garbage/recycle contract      |           |
| JW's Food, supplies                                  |           |
| Kalona Coop Technology, monthly                      | 271.35    |
| Kalona Machine & Fab, Welding Service                | 478.44    |
| Konica Minolta, monthly                              |           |
| Kuenster Heating & Air, heating service              |           |
| L.L. Pelling, Premix/Hotmix                          |           |
| Meardon, Sueppel & Downer, attorney services         |           |
| Morena Cartagena, refund water rent deposit balance  |           |
| Pro Mix Concrete, sidewalk/concrete                  |           |
| Reserve Account, postage                             |           |
| Sharon Daniels, refund water rent deposit balance    |           |
| Storey Kenworthy, general checks                     |           |
| Stout Company, Ice Melt                              |           |
| TASC, annual membership/monthly                      | 550.24    |
| The Appliance Barn, Student Built House - 721        | 1.698.00  |
| The Water Shop, annual service                       |           |
| Tyler Technology, annual utility/financial software  | 11.671.58 |
| Utility Equipment, 4" easy valve                     | 6,800.00  |
| Van Wert Company, water meter parts                  | 402.63    |
| YMCA of Washington County, YMCA Contract December    | 2022      |
| Thior of Hussington County, Thior Contract December  |           |
| WITHDRAWALS:   |           |
| Transfer funds\$                                     | 44,805.58 |
| EFT Bills  |           |
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| Local Uption Sales lax Fd     | 29,791.95    |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Road Use Fund                 | 9,307.16     |
| Trust & Agency Fund           |              |
| Water Fund                    |              |
| Sewer Fund                    |              |
| 0 0 1 555                     | 7000 00      |
| Sewer Bond - EFT              |              |
| Payroll & Payroll Taxes       | 22,857.26    |
| DEPOSITS:                     |              |
| Transfer Funds                | \$ 19,857.71 |
| General Fund                  | 5,238.47     |
| Library Board Fund            | 2,611.05     |
| Local Option Sales Tax Fd     | 39.147.75    |
| Water Fund                    | 32.532.51    |
| Sewer Fund                    |              |
| Consideration of Charan       | LIII Com     |
| Consideration of Sharon       |              |
| etery deed for Christopher Ar |              |
| motion was made by Bende      | r. and sec   |

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onded by Spitzer, with all voting yes. The motion carried. Mary Audia was present to present

the Annual Washington County Economic Development Group (WEDG) update.

Sara O'Donnald and Amber Talbot were present to share PAWS & More's Building Capital Campaign and their vision going forward for cites.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk MARK ROBE, Mayor

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#### WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

Washington Co. Riverboat Fd...

Library Board Fund .

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#### Dec. 5

Report of loose animals on Sixth Street, Kalona. Officer responded and made contact with the owner of the sheep in the 1000 block of Nutmeg Av-

Caller in the 2100 block of 130th Street, Kalona, reports the neighbor put in driveway stakes and bent them in so he is having a hard time getting into his driveway. Spoke with both subjects. Unfounded. Stakes are off the travel por-

tion in the grass. Officer checking on a wanted sub ject in Wellman. Arrested Audra Lee Cole, 35, of Wellman. Three warrants - theft 1st degree, criminal mischief 2nd degree and burglary 3rd degree - motor

vehicle. Total bond \$48000 cash only. Caller in the 1700 block of Orange Avenue, Riverside, requests a civil stand by while they retrieve a machine from a subject. It is locating behind his property. Civil standby completed with no is-

Caller in the 800 block of 12th Street, Kalona, reports a panic alarm with no response. Officer responded and spoke to the subject who advised

everything is okay. Requests a welfare check in Wellman on his daughters friend. Officer

responded and spoke to all parties involved. This was unfounded. Caller in the 300 block of B Avenue, Kalona, reports their CO2 alarms are

going off. Kalona Fire, Kalona QRS and ambulance all responded. No issues. Caller reports barking dogs in the back yard of a residence up the street at N Glasgow and W 3rd St, Riverside.

Officer responded and did not locate any barking dogs.

### Dec. 6

Report of a general fire alarm/ smoke alarm in the 500 block of 13th Street, Wellman. False alarm. Report of dogs barking in the 800

block of 14th Street, Wellman. Officers responded. Dogs were not barking. It was different dogs in the neighborhood. Spoke with owner and advised if we get another call and it is their dog, they will be given a citation. Dec. 7

Caller reports a semi that is parked

in the east lane just west of Elm Avenue, Wellman. There are no lights on it and with the fog, the caller almost hit it. Officer responded and spoke with the driver. He was given direction and advised not to park in the road.

Report of a barking dog in a fenced in back yard north of Caseys in Kalona. Officer responded. Unable to locate the

Caller in Riverside reports her exfiancé is using her checking account. Report to be filed. Caller in Kalona

has received a bad check for \$225.72 and also theft of coins that are valued over \$3000. Under investigation. Caller reports a panic alarm at Riv-

erside Casey's and a possible robbery in progress. Officers responded and arrested Lorenzo Maurice Seals, 34, of lowa City for harassment 1st degree.

Reports locating a bookbag on the east side of the Kalona Fire department. Caller in the 200 block of A Avenue. Kalona, reports a juvenile is out of con-

trol and is also in possession of drugs. Report to be filed. Juvenile charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and drug inhalation.

Caller in the 300 block of B Avenue, Kalona, reports suspicious activity in the area. Unable to locate anyone.

Caller reports a commercial burglary alarm showing a glass break in the 100 block of First Street, Kalona. There is a keyholder enroute. Officers and Kalona QRS responded. Transported one juvenile to the central lowa juvenile detention center. Charges to be filed for burglary and criminal mischief.

## Dec. 8

Reports a juvenile with a fraudulent ID is trying to get onto the gaming floor. Responded. Subject was gone prior to arrival of deputy. Fraudulent ID confis-

Caller in the 1100 block of Enterprise Drive, Riverside, requests to speak to a deputy reference harassment. Officer spoke with the caller. Documenta-

tion at this time. Deputy requests documentation of an incident with a citizen at the casino. Officer spoke with the subject about the

Caller in the 500 block of 13th

Street, Wellman, requests documentation for missing items.

Caller in the 3100 block of 130th Street, Riverside, reports his shop was broken into and several items and tools were stolen. Under investigation. Report to be filed. Owner may be calling back with further information in the next few Caller reports a semi swerving into

the passing land when they try and pass on Highway 218. The semi was having an issue with their load in the wind. Dec. 9

Caller in the 1600 block of Highway 22, Wellman, request to speak with an officer reference inappropriate photos on an app. Documentation.

### Dec. 10

Report of an injured dog in the southbound lanes of Highway 218. Paws N More will take care of it until the owner is located.

Caller in the 500 block of 11th Street, Kalona, reports there are a male and female in the apartment possibly doing drugs. Someone in the building could smell a strong odor coming from this apartment. Officers responded. Subjects were gathering their belongings and will be leaving. Pending charges per DCI results for Madyson Bell, 24 of Kalona for possession of controlled substance and possession of drug para-

Caller in the 200 block of First Street. Kalona, reports their tractor is on fire. Kalona Fire responded.

Officers report being at the old BP gas station in Kalona. Building check. Everything was fine. Traffic stop in the 3000 block of

Highway 22, Riverside. Cited into court Colby Patrick Miller, 22, of Washington for driving while suspended X6 and failure to provide proof of insurance. Vehicle stop in the 100 block of First

Street, Kalona. One juvenile passenger was cited for minor in possession of alcohol, minor in possession of tobacco. Juveniles also has pending charge per DCI results for possession of controlled substance. Report filed. Caller in the 3100 block of Highway

22. Riverside, requests assistance from a deputy for subjects who are refusing to leave. Responded and assisted.

It seems as if the question never goes away...

## **JOHNSON COUNTY**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND** SECURITY

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT **AGENCY**

#### Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Johnson County, Iowa and **Incorporated Areas**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed hazard determinations within Johnson County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Johnson County, Iowa and

Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that vour community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www. floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE Status/ bfe\_main.asp or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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## **DO PEOPLE REALLY READ PUBLIC NOTICES?**

The newspapers of lowa wanted to know, too. That's why the Iowa Newspaper Association commissioned a study by the respected Newton Marketing and Research firm in December 2009.

The results of the study are almost overwhelming. lowans read public notices in newspapers and that's where they want them to stay. Public notices are better read in Iowa than national sports news

Why are public notices important? An important premise upon which the principle of democracy is based is that information about government activities must be accessible in order for people to make informed decisions.

2% of Iowans believe

to publish public notices in newspapers.

Why should public notices be printed in newspapers?

That's where they've been available to the public for 200 years. Newspapers are a respected third party not like a government agency posting public notices on the agency's own website.

Newspapers have the responsibility to print public notices in a timely, complete and accurate basis. Nobody has ever "hacked" a newspaper - unlike Internet sites where public notices have mysteriously disappeared.

## How long do public notices last?

Unlike the Internet, newspapers provide a timeless repository of important documents and information. Public notices in newspapers don't evaporate into cyberspace days after they are posted.

Notices in newspapers are a permanent record.

state and local government should be required

91% of Iowans

find their local newspaper trustworthy when publishing public notices, compared with only 61% who find a government-sponsored

website trustworthy.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/911** COMMISSION/COMMUNICATIONS **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** AUGUST 10TH, 2022, 6:00 PM WASHINGTON COUNTY EOC - EMER-**GENCY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING** 2183 LEXINGTON BLVD. **WASHINGTON IA 52353** 

In attendance: Marissa Reisen, Cara Sorrells, Jack Seward Jr., Stan Stoops, Ryan Miller, Jared Schneider, Mark Robe, Jaron Rosien (via Zoom), Melvin Rich, Jeremy Peck, and Allen Schneider.

At 6:01 PM, Chairman Ryan Miller called the Emergency Management Commission meeting to order, a roll call was conducted, and a quorum was determined. Present were representatives from Brighton, Kalona, Riverside, Washington, Wellman, the Sheriff's Office, and the Board of Supervisors. Absent were representatives from Ainsworth, Crawfordsville, and West Chester. Approval of the agenda was requested. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Allen Schneider seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. Chairman Miller then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, dated June 15th, 2022. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Allen Schneider seconded the motion and with no one opposed, the motion passed.

Chairman Miller continued with the Emergency Management agenda, and the first item under old business was the red trailer. It still is not fixed. It suffered damage when it was taken to Greiner's for new tires. Where the trailer was parked it was backed into the building and they can see where the gutter struck the trailer because it left an imprint. Marissa and Shawn Ellingson investigated it, and Horak Insurance is involved in negotiating the claim with Greiner's. The quote from Hinshaw's in Richland was \$6,500, including \$3,500, for all new doors. The doors will close but there is a gap, and it is not weatherproof. They may total it and it may be better just to purchase a new trailer. Greiner Tire was not happy with the quote and wanted a second one. ICAP has reached out and it they don't hear anything they will send an appraiser down and be done with it. At this point the insurance companies need to work it out.

Next up under old business was the drone project update. They held the training, and it was well attended. Five deputies, Rescue, GIS, County Conservation, DNR, and Buildings & Grounds all were involved in the hands-on training. The FAA has not approved the certificate of authority yet, and we have not received the actual drones yet (just accessories). Sheriff Schneider advised he would like to see another class held, there is a lot of interest. Marissa mentioned the cost of the class is \$3,000 plus \$1,500 for an instructor. Johnson County does it yearly, and Henry County has one coming up. We still have not re-

Marissa held an Economic Recovery Support Function Tableton Exercise in the EOC and had a good turnout. Most of the attendees have never been to the EOC or involved in the response side before. The attendees from the City of Washington thought it was very helpful and are ready to build from it. One of the attendees assisted before in recovery after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and the staff from Washington State Bank related that they had just done a tabletop there. Everyone was excited to play a role in this and gave good feedback. She is very optimistic after the exercise.

Lastly under old business, Marissa reported on her takeaways from the ISU Swine Day. She shared the information with those in attendance.

Agriculture at the End of the World w Geopolitical strategist Peter https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Wi\_nFz1CJSI

State of the State and Preparedness/Prevention of an FAD in Iowa w State Vet Dr Jeff Kaisand https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=ZzsKuwIDzlc

National Foreign Animal Disease Update w Dr Jack Shere, USDA https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=5KrhmUxcTxU Next Step in FAD Preparedness w

Dr Chris Rademacher https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnDXfe3qJUo The first item under new business for the coordinator report was the approval of ESF 6, 8, 10, and 11, Jack Seward made a motion to approve the ESFs as presented. Seward's motion

was seconded by Mark Robe, and they were approved without opposition. Also, under new business under "other" Marissa mentioned that she had been contacted for help by Keokuk County in response to the SEMCO landfill fire. They had been unable to reach EMA Larry Smith and were searching for tents and water for the responders. Marissa was willing to help and working on sending items, however eventually they

did reach their own EMA. Marissa continued with the purchases and presented a spreadsheet with

· Light Tower (grant paperwork submitted)

Wash Co Fair stuff (funded through

local donations \$250)

 Walker storage, So IT, Tort Liability Jared Schneider made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Schneider's motion was seconded by Mark Robe. The claims were approved unanimously.

There was no public input, and the next meeting date was tentatively set for October 19th, 2022, at 6:00 PM. A motion was made by Mark Robe to adjourn the Emergency Management Commission meeting and that motion was seconded by Allen Schneider. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Vice-Chairman Allen called the 911 Commission meeting to order at 6:21 PM. Present were representatives from Brighton, Kalona, Riverside, Washington, Wellman, the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management. Absent was representation from Ainsworth and Crawfordsville. A quorum was determined. Vice-Chairman Schneider made a request for an approval of the agenda. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Marissa Reisen seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. A request was then made for a motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting dated June 15th, 2022. Marissa Reisen made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the motion was seconded by Mark Robe. No one was opposed and the motion passed.

The approval of claims was next, and Cara Sorrells detailed the claims. They included \$1,198 for GeoComm to devel op and deploy a new Emergency Service Zone layer for the 911 mapping software. This was necessary to include the new Washington EMS boundary. It also includes the annual support payment to CenturyLink for the VIPER, which was \$7,947.52 and included a \$3,618.80 credit. The bi-annual tower rental payments of \$2,400 each were also paid out of this month's claims. The total of the claims was \$26,768.54. The total revenue was \$67.084.02 and included two payments from the State of Iowa. The fourth quarter wireless surcharge payment was \$40,261.69, and the end of year payment was \$12,049.40. Jack Seward Jr. made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Seward's motion was seconded by Jaron Rosien. The motion carried with none opposed.

Under new business, Cara Sorrells explained that 988 - the National Suicide Hotline went live July 16th. They are still working on transfers to 911, as currently that functionality does not exist. Sorrells and Sheriff Schneider also relayed information on a recent tower issue at the Sharon Tower site. They both became aware that an electrical contractor from out of state was trying to gain entrance to the compound, and

then inside our radio shelter. Sheriff Schneider contacted Sharon Telephone and they both responded to the site. The contractors were relocating electrical service for T-Mobile and had permission from the Grinnell Group, but we were not notified. A second time, Chief Deputy Ellingson had to respond to the tower and give them access. The work is complete, but now the electric meters sit outside of the compound. Sheriff Schneider is working to make sure that is rectified and not left as is.

Sorrells also shared some information concerning a newly formed Governors School Safety Bureau and their plans to provide radios to the schools. More details will be forthcoming, and there is also an RFP out for critical incident mapping at the schools. This data will need to be able to integrate with

The next meeting was set for October 19th, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Next at 6:39 PM. Chairman Rvan Miller called the Communications Commission to order. Present were representatives Jack Seward, Stan Stoops, Ryan Miller, Mark Robe, Jaron Rosien, and alternates Melvin Rich and Allen Schneider. A quorum was determined. Chairman Miller made a request for an approval of the agenda. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Jack Seward Jr. seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. A request was then made for a motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting dated June 15th, 2022. Allen Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the motion was seconded by Mark Robe. No one was opposed and the motion passed.

The approval of the claims was next. Cara Sorrells detailed the claims with the total of the claims being \$2,954.12. The total revenue was \$259,840.75 and included the 1st quarter FY' 23 EMA levy for July-September 2022. A motion was made by Mark Robe to approve the claims as presented. Robe's motion was seconded by Jack Seward, and the claims were approved with no one opposed.

There were no committee reports and no new business for the Commis-

Under old business was the discussion of the RACOM radio project closeout. Sorrells advised that RACOM was seeking the \$500,000 left to pay on the project, and that Mike Day had dropped off some final documents and met with Richard Young, Sorrells, and Sheriff Schneider. Sheriff Schneider still had some issues with talk groups as mentioned in the previous meeting. He also advised that BeON has not been put on their phones. There are also still some things to clarify with the maintenance

contract and payment structure, and preventative maintenance timelines and how they are going to execute it. Sheriff Schneider also said in the future another talk group should be established for the panic button system that the county and city has. The emergency messages currently come across our LAW talk group.

Washington County Ambulance director Jeremy Peck was in attendance to express his concern with continuing to have "hot mics" with responders heading to calls and not being able to hear pages on their portable radios when they are at a hospital in Johnson County. He is extremely displeased with the system and thinks there is an underlying radio programming problem or tower Sheriff Schneider asked that the dispatch center start to log the open mics with some details about what unit, what operator, and what circumstances it is happening. Then we can try to isolate the issue. The paging issue may entail asking Johnson County to allow them to force paging onto their system when

they go north. For the Communications documents Sorrells still needs copies of Ainsworth's and Crawfordsville and West Chester have not responded, and she will send another email. Seward advised he will attend a West Chester council meeting

Sorrells gave a brief update on the progress of the new hire and the intern as well as a staffing update. Sheriff Schneider urged her to proceed with hiring another staff member to begin train ing soon.

Sorrells also received a bid for \$18,200 to take down and haul away the old radio tower from Elite Tower Solutions. She had forwarded a copy to Richard Young. None of the other legacy radio equipment has been removed since RACOM has been so busy. The Supervisors are seeking bids to demolish the old building at 221 West 2nd Street and have instructed everyone to remove their belongings from it. Sorrells was finally able to get the water turned off in the old building with the City of Washing-

The date for the next meeting will be October 19th, 2022, at 6:00 PM. A motion was made to adjourn the Communications meeting by Allen Schneider and seconded by Jack Seward. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn the 911 Commission meeting by Mark Robe and seconded by Jared Schneider. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/911** COMMISSION/COMMUNICATIONS **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** OCTOBER 19TH, 2022, 6:00 PM **WASHINGTON COUNTY EOC - EMER-GENCY COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING** 2183 LEXINGTON BLVD. **WASHINGTON IA 52353** 

In attendance: Marissa Reisen, Cara Sorrells, Jack Seward Jr., Stan Stoops, Ryan Miller, Jared Schneider (via Zoom), Mark Robe, Jaron Rosien (via Zoom). Melvin Rich, Richard Young, and Allen Schneider.

At 6:00 PM, Chairman Ryan Miller called the Emergency Management Commission meeting to order, a roll call was conducted, and a quorum was determined. Present were representatives from Brighton, Kalona, Riverside, Washington, Wellman, the Sheriff's Office. and the Board of Supervisors. Absent were representatives from Ainsworth, Crawfordsville, and West Chester. Approval of the agenda was requested. the agenda as presented. Richard Young seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. Chairman Miller then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, dated August 10th, 2022. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Al-Schneider seconded the motion and with no one opposed, the motion passed.

Chairman Miller continued with the Emergency Management agenda, and the first item under old business was the red trailer. Marissa received a correspondence from ICAP in reference to the trailer settlement. If we do not want to keep the damaged trailer, they will pay out \$6,875 and come to get the trailer. If we want to keep the trailer, they will deduct \$1,797 from the \$6,875 and send us a check. In looking to replace the trailer with a new one. Hinshaw's has no 18-foot enclosed trailers on the lot. An 8.5 x 20 was \$12,500 and a 7 x 16 was \$8,600. Another thought was to instead purchase a flatbed trailer to haul the Ranger. There was a brief discussion about if we kept the old, damaged trailer who would repair it (secondary roads) and why would we repair it. If it could be repaired, we would not have to purchase another trailer. A couple of questions were identified as needing answered before proceeding with a decision. Can we insure it, and then can we fix it?

Next up under old business was the drone project update. Marissa reported that they have everything for the project the drones, accessories, and have had the training. They are still waiting for the paperwork from the FAA with the authority to fly. The Sheriff's Office has paid their portion, Emergency management has paid their portion, and it has been covered by the WCRF grant. They are just waiting on that last piece.

The first item under new business was the coordinator report.

• FSFs 10, 11, 12, 14; Fconomic RSF, HazMit Plans (Practicum student) Sirens

Marissa is working on the above Emergency Support Functions with an emphasis on the economic recovery side of things. She is working with Mary Audia with WEDG and will also reach out to the Chambers and Main Street. The HazMit plans will not be accomplished this time off of the existing plan with a practicum student beginning next March. She also heard back from the state in reference to the siren project. They have had a lot of requests and need more details concerning the locations and costs. The information for Shiloh is accounted for but they need more on the other locations. It also appears that out of all the HMEP grant funds available they are only allowing 5% of the total funds for siren proj-

Next under new business Marissa touched on a discussion concerning the disaster declaration/proclamation process and questions that she has. It is stated that local elected officials can trigger the process and issue a disaster proclamation. There is language in the lowa code that covers it. Jaron Rosien mentioned that he has done it before for the library during the pandemic. Her questions mainly related to when it expires and how it correlates to funding.

Marissa continued with the purchases and presented a spreadsheet with

• Pallet of water for the Ainsworth

boil order \$257.28

• 10 x 10 pop up tent with sides for firefighter rehab \$239.95 (ICAP Safety

A request was made to approve the two purchases mentioned above and

Reisen also reported that the monthly utility bills continue to be high (\$4200-\$4500/moth). She was going to contact Tom Jones with JECC to see if our usage is comparable to theirs. Jaron Rosien made a motion to approve the purchases as presented with a request that Marissa follow up on the pallet of water and keep in mind what they actually needed and used for the next time. Rosien's motion was seconded by Allen Schneider and approved without opposition.

There was no public input, and the next meeting date was tentatively set for December 14th, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Reisen presented information about applying for a Community-Specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (CS-IEMC) in the future. A motion was made by Mark Robe to adjourn the Emergency Management Commission meeting and that motion was seconded by Allen Schneider. The meeting was adjourned

Chairman Richard Young called the 911 Commission meeting to order at from Brighton, Kalona, Riverside, Washington, Wellman, the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management, Absent was representation from Ainsworth and Crawfordsville. A quorum was determined. Chairman Young made a request for an approval of the agenda. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Allen Schneider seconded the motion. and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. A request was then made for a motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting dated August 10th, 2022. Ryan Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the motion was seconded by Allen Schneider. No one was opposed and the motion passed.

The approval of claims was next, and Cara Sorrells detailed the claims. The total of the claims was \$11,078,65. The total revenue was \$3,707.28. Mark Robe made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Robe's motion was seconded by Marissa Reisen. The motion carried with none opposed.

Under new business, Cara Sorrells explained that they are seeing an uptick in the thefts of 911 street signs across the county. There has been a total of seven intersection signs taken recently and they have had to be replaced.

There has been nothing new on the

old business item concerning the removal of legacy equipment. There has also been no movement on accepting a pending quote for \$18,200 from Elite Tower to remove the old radio tower. It is possible that Delong's can take it down when they demolish the old building. The electric meters at the Sharon Tower site no longer sit outside the compound. A separate cage has been installed to protect them. Sorrells also shared an update to the newly formed Governors School Safety Bureau and their plans to provide radios to the schools. Approximately 1,070 radio orders have been submitted to both vendors. A total of 1,200 were received but not all of them met the guidelines. The cost to date is about 5 million dollars and the deadline for submission is 10/21/22.

The next meeting was set for December 14th, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Next at 6:39 PM, Chairman Ryan Miller called the Communications Commission to order. Present were representatives Jack Seward, Stan Stoops, and alternates Richard Young, Melvin Rich, and Allen Schneider. A quorum was determined. Chairman Miller made a request for an approval of the agenda. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Allen Schneider seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved with no one opposed. A request was then made for a motion to approve the minutes for the last meeting dated August 10th, 2022. Jack Seward Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the motion was seconded by Mark Robe. No one was opposed and the motion passed.

The approval of the claims was next. Cara Sorrells detailed the claims with the total of the claims being \$4,624.77. There was no revenue reported. A motion was made by Mark Robe to approve the claims as presented. Robe's motion was seconded by Jack Seward, and the claims were approved with no one op-There were no committee reports.

The first item under new business for the Commission were two personnel changes. The first involved the resignation of Susan Holub effective 09/26/22. She had been training for a F/T position. The second was the approval of Lydia 11/02/22. Lydia is a former employee

that left in 2019. She is moving back to the area in the future. Mark Robe made a motion to approve the personnel changes as presented. Robe's motion was seconded by Allen Schneider. The motion passed without opposition; Jack Seward abstains.

Also under new business was the adoption of the resolution amending the bylaws of the Washington County Communications Commission. All the contract cities have signed off on the resolution and now the Communications Commission and the Board of Supervisors need to do so. A roll call vote for approval was conducted. Jack Seward - aye, Stan Stoops - aye, Ryan Miller aye, Mark Robe - aye, and Jaron Rosien aye. The motion carries unanimously.

Under old business was the discussion of the RACOM radio project close-out. Jack Seward advised that after speaking with Mike Day the few small items remaining should not hold up the final payment to RACOM. Jared reported that the BeON issue has been taken care of. Cara has submitted the list that they have been keeping track of concerning open mics in the responder vehicles. The Board of Supervisors will submit the final payment.

Sorrells had already addressed the staffing update under personnel changes and in reference to the former building update they hope to have it torn down the first week of December.

The date for the next meeting will be December 14th, 2022, at 6:00 PM. A motion was made to adjourn the Communications meeting by Mark Robe and seconded by Allen Schneider. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn the 911 Commission meeting by Ryan Miller and seconded by Marissa Reisen. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by. Cara Sorrells

Official Publication, minutes to be approved at the December 14th, 2022, meeting. Any amendment to the minutes will be reflected in the following meeting minutes.

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## CITY OF LONE TREE

### **DECEMBER 05. 2022**

Mayor Spilman called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Swinton, Ford, Zadow, Dix and Ronan present. Ronan, Zadow motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0. Zadow, Ford motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes. reports, bills, etc). CARRIED 5-0. Water samples were read from 122 S DeVoe and 302 N DeVoe, both reported safe and filed.

Ronan, Dix motioned to obtain at least one more bid for electric sign. CARRIED 5-0.

Zadow. Swinton motioned to approve Resolution 2022-AA assigning The News as official newspaper for 2023. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to approve Resolution 2022-BB appointing Crystal Raiber and Robert Michael of Holland, Michael, Raiber & Sittig as city attorney for 2023 & 2024. CARRIED 5-0.

Zadow, Ford motioned to approve Hart-Frederick Consultants as city engineer for 2023 & 2024. CARRIED 5-0.

public hearing for SF634 Max Levy for FY23-24 Budget at the beginning of regular council meeting on January 9, 2023. CARRIED 5-0.

5:49 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Ronan, Swinton motioned to set

Swinton, Dix motioned to adjourn at Work session was held for discussion on budget items for FY23-24. Coun-

cil agreed to keep tax levy the same as previous years. Some items discussed for FY23-24 budget included using ARPA funds for city hall and community building repairs, asphalting a street, contracting with ECICOG for them to do the city's code enforcement, skid loader for street department and water tower cleaning. Ford, Swinton motioned to adjourn

work session at 6:44pm. CARRIED 5-0. FOLLOWING CLAIMS PAID IN NOVEM-

**BER** AGVANTAGE FS \$404.63, fuel BANYON DATA SYSTEMS \$1,680.00, payroll & fund annual support

CHAD MULLINNIX \$100.00, clothing reimbursement CITY OF IOWA CITY \$5,018.00, library CITY SEWER SERVICE INC \$1,655.00,

pumped lift station out COBB OIL CO, INC \$498.12, fuel & food

ELECTRIC PUMP \$1,679.00, lift station service call FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY \$631.80,

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IOWA RUAL WATER ASSOCIATION \$275.00, membership dues 2023 JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$5,295.33, police contract JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE INC \$10,111.50, refuse contract LONE TREE TIRE & SERVICE \$180.24,

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spray com bldg & city hall STEPHANIE DAUTREMONT \$226.68. mileage to budget meeting & IMFOA STEVE COURTNEY \$75.00, deposit return

STANDARD PEST CONTROL \$28.00,

THE NEWS \$429.68, legals US CELLULAR \$134.48, public works cell phones VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC \$228.00, WWTF improvement engineering

VISA \$340.47, food supplies & conference registrations
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE \$42.12, city hall phone

DOLLAR GENERAL \$69.61, food sup-

POSTMASTER \$246.40, utility billing postage ALLIANT ENERGY \$5,784.25, street lights & electric DELTA DENTAL \$25.58, employee

premium EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER \$138.51, street lights & electric WELLMARK \$5,540.25, employee premium

WINDSTREAM \$508.01, city hall/shop internet IPERS \$2.041.17, IPERS payment IRS \$2,557.20, FICA payment

NOVEMBER PAYROLL \$11,637.58, all employees

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JOSH SPILMAN, MAYOR

STEPHANIE DAUTREMONT, CITY CLERK Submitted for publication 12-06-2022

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

#### **JOHNSON COUNTY**

Cost of this publication: 360.88 Fiscal year to date cost (as of 7/1/22): 6577.78 THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FORMAL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2022

Proclamations, ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors are only summarized in the published minutes; the full text may be inspected at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, lowa City, Man the Friedrich Street, lowa City, Man the Friedrich Street, and order the Street Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncounty-

Chairperson Porter called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:01 a.m. **Members present:** Jon Green\*, Lisa Green-Douglass, Pat Heiden, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

\*Denotes electronic participation.
All actions were taken unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandy Steil, member of the Greater Iowa City Area Home Builders Association Legislative Committee, requested the Board widen the application timeline for amendments to the Future Land Use Map. She said that the current application period, annually in June, makes it difficult for those who acquire land soon after June to have to wait until the follow-

PROCLAMATION 12-01-22-01

HEARTSAFE WEEK NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2, 2022 Summary: 356,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur annually in the United States, with 90% of them being fatal, and CPR and public access defibrillation programs benefit all members of a community. The Rotary-Kerber Heart-Safe Community Campaign is designed to raise public awareness, promote and conduct CPR training, and work with local city and county governments to advance a public network of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) via PulsePoint Respond, a mobile app that alerts CPR-trained individuals that someone nearby is experiencing sud-den cardiac arrest and in need of assistance. Board Action: Adopted the proclamation declaring HeartSafe Week in Johnson County, Iowa, recognizing the Rotary-Kerber HeartSafe Community Campaign, and urging residents to visit iowaheartsafe.org. **Motion** by Heiden, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Proclamation 12-01-22-01. The following people spoke: Rotary-Kerber Heart-Cafe Community Communi Safe Community Campaign representa-tive Dr. James Merchant; Rabbi Justin Kerber, and Johnson County Ambulance

## Director Fiona Johnson. PROCLAMATION 12-01-22-02 HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH DECEMBER 2022

**Summary:** All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of community. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. The Declaration includes 30 articles that address specific rights, and has served to help protect civilians in time of war or dictatorship, to help bring POWs home, and to ensure that people everywhere are allowed to live in liberty and safety. **Board Action:** Adopted the Proclamation declaring December 2022 as Human Rights Month and encouraging all residents to study and promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve Proclamation 12-01-22-02. The following members of the lowa City Human Rights Commission spoke: Chairperson Jason Glass, Mark Pries, Roger Lusala, and Bijou Maliabo.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for December 1, 2022, as approved by a ma-

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| Mid American Energy8259.41<br>Midwest Wheel & Equipm339.03 |   |
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| Molly C Rose   |   |
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| Moore Theresa A13.75 Mosher Benjamin J1.25                 |   |
| Mounce Drew J19.38   |   |
| Murphy Jerome M10.63                                       |   |
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| Nancy A Olthoff  |   |
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| Sano Yulonda E<br>Sarolta Petersen                                    | 90.00            |
| Scheer Stephen A  | 22.50            |
| Schillinger John D<br>Schlotfelt Christine K                          | 2.50             |
| Schnor Steven R   | 15.00            |
| Scott County SheriffScott L Madden                                    | 37.93            |
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| Sean BatemanSean Mcroberts  | 16.25            |
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| Shannon O SmithSharon E Thirtyacre                                    | 60.00            |
| Sharon Falduto  | 15.63            |
| Sharon L DolashSharon O Somers  | 6.88             |
| Sharon S Rude   | 15.63            |
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| Sheila R Niemeyer   | 3.13             |
| Shiela P SlocumShonda L Monette                                       | 49.38            |
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| Stephanie A Kassel<br>Stephen Edward Knight                           | 95.63            |
| Stephen P Merkel Hess   | 92.51            |
| Steven L Woodward<br>Stevenson Daniel B                               | 8.75             |
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| Susan M Ellingson<br>Susan M Thayer                                   | 28.75            |
| Suzann D Stockman   | 5.63             |
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| Tegan Hauser<br>Terence J Coleman                                     | 6.25             |
| Teresa Giese<br>Teresa J Kelly  | 2.50             |
| Teresa K Winder   | 66.25            |
| Teresa M Rouse  | 2.50             |
| Terry J Macey<br>Thayer Diane C                                       | 6.25             |
| The Lodge Apartments<br>Theodore J Wilson                             | 11.25            |
| Theresa J Hiland  | 3.75             |
| Think Safe Inc<br>Thomas Eugene Travis                                | 20.00            |
| Thomas J Anglin<br>Thomas James Moore                                 | 12.51            |
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| Todd A Evans<br>Todd H Beckman  |                  |
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| US Cellular   | . 185.20         |
| Val A Langhurst<br>Vanguard Appraisals In                             | 8.13             |
| Vanhoozer Cynthia A   | 10.00            |
| Verizon Wireless<br>Vern J Ancelet                                    | 467.02           |
| Victoria Carroll  | 7.50             |
| Vital Yvonne A<br>Wai Yin Chan  | 5.63             |
| Washington Monique L  | 26.25            |
| Watkins Gordon L<br>Watson Richard G                                  | 1.25             |
| Weldon Sandra K   | 1.25             |
| Widmer Tommy D  | 7.50             |
| Wieskamp Stephanie M<br>William A Waldie Jr                           | 1.88             |
| William M Benson  | 2.50             |
| William Mccoy<br>Wiltgen Glenn A                                      | 5.63<br>10.63    |
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and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors. Motion by Sullivan, second by Green-Douglass, to approve: the Appli-

cation for a Temporary Class C Retail Liquor License for The Rogers Wedding, as submitted by Gianna Lullo. Motion by Green-Douglass, second

by Heiden, to approve the 2023 Urban County Coalition Legislative Priorities, as contained in the agenda packet of this meeting.
Adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

/s/Royceann Porter, Chair, Board of Supervisors /s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor

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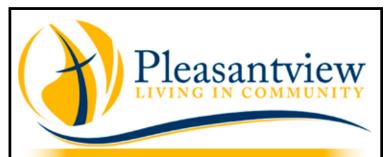
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## Oct. 24-28, 2022

Paul D Beachy, Rose Mary Beachy, grantor; Timothy G Beachy, Kimberly Beachy, grantee; contract; E2 SE SW 06-77-7; Part NE SW 06-77-7

Kristin R Shafer, William K Shafer, grantor; Dennis M Berg, grantee; quit claim deed; N 34 Acres of SW NW 05-77-9: \$44.500

Daniel M Nisly, grantor; Alma Nisly, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Richmond Dawsons 1st Add Lot 7-8 Block 3 Evan Gingerich Executor, Velma F Yo-

der Estate, grantor; Alta Yoder, grantee; court officer deed; Kalona Key Estate Add Lot 16 G&R Enterprises LLC, grantor; Aquilar Rony Godinez, Rony Aquilar Godinez,

Zuli F Roldan Vasquez, Zuli F Vasquez, grantee; warranty deed; Part Washington McConaughys Add Lot 8; \$105,000 Moyna Holdings Inc, Adam Kos Attornev in Fact, grantor: Brian S Stone, Carla

Moyna Holdings Inc, Adam Ros Attorney in Fact, grantor; Brian S Stone, Carla J Stone, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona North Ridge SDPT I Lot 11; \$128,500 Washington County Sheriff, Quicken

Loans Inc, Talaine Collings, Iowa Dept of Revenue, grantor; Rocket Mortgage LLC, grantee; sheriff deed; Washington Pennsylvnaia House Townhomes Subdivision Lot F2 Alvin Kemp, Alvin R Kemp, Rachel

Alvin Kemp, Alvin R Kemp, Rachel Kemp, Rachel M Kemp, Karma L Mack Agent, Karma L Mack Power of Attorney, grantor; Andrew L Bahe, Annette Bahe, grantee; warranty deed; Wellman Boldings Add Dayton Lot 1 & 4 Block 2; S2 Wellman Boldings Add Dayton Lot 5 Block 2; E2 Vacated Alley; \$15,000

Patricia E Roberts Estate, Amy Runge CoExecutor, Mike Roberts CoExecutor, grantor; Jessup Kremer, Amber Kremer, grantee; court officer deed; Aud Parc D NE SW 21-75-6; \$200,000

Jon D Stoltzfus, Kathryn D Stoltzfus, Kay Stoltzfus, grantor; Calvin R Stutzman, Keith L Stutzman, grantee; warranty deed; S2 NE 30-77-9; \$458,500

Sandra K Miller, Michelle Gardner Attorney in Fact, grantor; Beverly J Rutten Russell E Rutten, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Kreekside SD Lot 46A;

\$285,000 Lena Sherman, Jason Sherman, grantor; Maxwell Meyer, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc D, Cont 25.03 Acres in

Lot 3 SE SW 35-74-7; \$230,500 Stanley L McCreedy, Deborah L McCreedy, grantor; Kevin Alex McCreedy Trustee, Stanley McCreedy Family Trust, Deborah McCreedy Family Trust, grant ee; quit claim deed; part E2 NE 21-75-6; Comm at NE Corn NW NE 21-75-6 running Thence S 40 Rods

Manleys Construction Inc, grantor; Loren Helmuth, Lisa Helmuth, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions English Valley Estates Lot 2; \$42,000

Point Comfort Farms Inc, grantor; David P Strobel, Kelly E Strobel, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Terrace Lake SD 2 Lot 31; \$42,000

F & J Clay Family Trust, F Clay Family Trust, J Clay Family Trust, Linda Brady Successor Trustee, Freddie Eugene Clay Jr, grantor; Troy Eugene Clay, grantee; special warranty deed; Comm 773.20 FT W of NE Corn NW NE 13-77-9; Thence SW 328.55 FT Cont 5.81 Acres

Michael J Durian, grantor; Patrick B Durian, Golia M Durian, Gloria M Durian, grantee; quit claim deed; Part SE NE 12-77-9

Michael J Durian, Patrick B Durian, Golia M Durian, grantor; Victoria M Durian, grantee; quit claim deed; Beg at A Stake 62 Rods S of NW Corn NE SE 12-77-9 running thence N 62 Rods Part SE NE 12-77-9 Part E 2 Acres of S2 SW NE

Jerry D McArtor, grantor; Jerry D McArtor, Latonya Twitchell, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Prc M, Cont 1.84 Acres in NW SW 34-74-6

Tomi Patterson, Tomi Sue Patterson, grantor; Joey Jay Patterson, grantee; quit claim deed; Comm at SW Corn SE SW 17-77-9 Thence N 230.00 FT, Thence E, S & W, Cont 1.48 Acres Comm 280.00 FT E of SW Corn SE SW 17-77-9 Thence N 310.00 FT, Thence E, S & W, Cont 1.00 Acre

Eric Brown, Sara Brown, grantor; Myron D Miller, Gena S Miller, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Shannon Heights Lot 46-48; \$135,000

Eric Brown, Sara Brown, grantor; Myron D Miller, Gena s Miller, grantee; quit claim deed; Beg at SW Corn Washington Shannon Heights Lot 48 Thence N 114.1 FT

Tamara Blodgett, grantor; Dennis E Stout, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Part NW SW 35-75-6; Part NW 35-75-6; Part N2 SE SW 35-75-6; S2 NE SW 35-75-6

#### Nov. 7 - 11, 2022 MCWIL Farms Limited Partnership,

grantor; Dawn Wilkerson, grantee; warranty deed Aud Parc D in Part SW NW 25-74-6; \$250,000

Christopher M Linnenkamp, Kimberly D Linnenkamp, grantor; Abbigaile Hanna, Matthew McGaffey, grantee; warranty deed; Washington OP Lot 7 Block 21; \$265,000

21; \$265,000 Dean Duwa, grantor; Christopher A Stransky, Jodee K Stransky, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc F in Part NW NW 21-76-6 & In Part NE NE 20-76-6;

\$350,000 City of Kalona, grantor; Dakota Boyse, Hannah Boyse, grantee; warranty deed; N 110 FT Kalona Gingerich SD Lot

6 Block C
Maria Lagioti, Niko X Labos, grantor;
Home To Be rRal Estate Properties LLC,
grantee; quit claim deed; Beg 99 FT E
of SW Corn Lot 6 in Washington Add to

Washington Lot OL 4
Donald R Vittetoe, Alicia J Vittetoe, grantor; Robert J Vittetoe, Brenda M Vittetoe, grantee; warranty deed; Undivided ½ Interest: Part Aud Parc A in SE

SW 20-75-8; \$4000 Robert J Vittetoe, Brenda M Vittetoe, grantor; Donald R Vittetoe, Alicia J Vittetoe, grantee; warranty deed; undivided ½ Interest: Part Aud Parc A in SE SW 20-

1/2 Interest: Part Aud Parc A in SE SW 20-75-8; \$11,500 Zachary J Sherman, Erin Miller, Victoria E Hansen, grantor; Alicia Russ, warranty deed; Washington Simmerings SD

Lot 3; \$146,000
Paul Rios, Shannon Rios, grantor;
Craig A Loveall, grantee; warranty deed;
Washington Columbian Add Lot 8 Block

Washington Columbian Add Lot 8 Block 7; \$130,000 Washington County Sheriff, Federation Bank, Ren Weiss, Robert W Ryan, Lone Care Health Center Inc. Pioneer

tion Bank, Ren Weiss, Robert W Ryan, Lone Care Health Center Inc, Pioneer Park, grantor; Nathan King, Janene King, sheriff deed; Riverside OP Lot 9 Block 20 Washington County Sheriff, Federa-

washington County Sherin, rederation Bank, Ren Weiss, Robert W Ryan, Lone Care Health Center Inc, Pioneer Park, grantor; Skuared Properties, grantee; sheriff deed; W 20 FT Riverside OP Lot 24 Block 19

Barbara Sue Derocker, grantor; Gina S Hanshaw, grantee; quit claim deed; part Brighton OL NW Brighton Lot OL 16 lohn Gregory Wiley I Gregory Wiley

John Gregory Wiley, J Gregory Wiley, Lori Wiley, Lori A Wiley, Lori Ann Bunnell Wiley, grantor; Wiley Subdivision Third Addition Owners Association, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Wiley SD 3rd Add Lot OL A

Moyna Holdings Inc, Adam Kos Power of Attorney, grantor; Statler Construction Inc, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona North Ridge SD PT I Lot 63; \$66,500 Washington County Sheriff. Federa-

Washington County Sheriff, Federation Bank, Ren Weiss, Robert W Ryan, Lone Care Health Center Inc, Pioneer Park, grantor; Steve Hall, Kerry Hall, grantee; sheriff deed; Riverside OP Lot 8 Block 20

ACE Signature Homes LLC, grantor; Maria Lagioti, Niko X labos, grantee; warranty deed; parcel 1-1 in Washington NLW SD Plat 1 Lot 1; \$260,000

Next Gen Properties Inc, grantor; Jarad J Klein, Rachel A Klein, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C, 30.00 Acres in NWFR4 07-76-9; \$333,000
Tana Parrish Estate, David Sosnous-

grantee; court officer deed; E2 NE 10-75-6 Peter A Bell, grantor; Carol J Bell, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; SW

ki Executor, grantor; David S Sosnouski,

09-75-8; Aud Parc A, 1.074 Acres in part Lot 3 of Aud SD of NW 16-75-8; Part Lot 2 of Aud Parc B & C in 22-75-8; Part Lot 1 of Aud Parc C in 22-75-8; E2 NW 27-

#### 1 of Aud Parc C in 22-75-8; E2 75-9; SW NE 27-75-9 **Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, 2022**

Rickey Dewayne Goodwin Estate, Virginia Lee Goodwin Executor, grantor; Christopher L Reighard, grantee; court officer deed; Rural Subdivisions Fox Hollow SD Lot 5; \$15,000

Christopher L Reighard, Sonia J Reighard, grantor; Zachary J Londberg, Samantha S Londberg, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Fox Hollow SD Lot 5; \$9,000

Rickey Dewayne Goodwin Estate, Virginia Lee Goodwin, grantor; Christopher L Reighard, grantee; court officer deed; Rural Subdivision Fox Hollow SD Lot 2; \$110,000

Christopher L Reighard, Sonia J Reighard, grantor; Kara S Marr, Damon R Marr, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Fox Hollow SD Lot 2; \$183,500

Norm Bruty Rentals LLC, grantor; Tyler Evans, Kara Evans, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 1A of Aud Parc G in Washington 75-7-08 SE SE; \$90,000

Barbara Cutkomp, grantor; Kevin Ornduff, grantee; warranty deed; Part NW NW 15-75-6 Barbara Cutkomp, grantor; Allen

Brown, Rebecca Brown, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc B, part NE 16-75-6 & in Part NW 15-75-6; Part SW NW 15-75-6; \$420,000

75-6; \$420,000 MSJ LLC, grantor; Jacob G Hall, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Country Club View SD Lot 31; \$45,000

Michael Roberts CoExecutor, Amy Runge CoExecutor, Patricia E Roberts Estate, grantor; Whiteway Farm Inc, grantee; court officer deed; Part S 343 FT of NE SW 21-75-6 Jake S Magdefrau, grantor; Traci I

Wenger, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington JH Youngs Add Lot 1-4 Block 2 & E 130 FT Washington JH Youngs Add Lot OL 10

Ace Signature Homes LLC, grantor:

Oscar Castro, grantee; warranty deed; Riverside Northern heights SD Lot 9; \$288,500

George Statler Family Cabin LLC, grantor; Blue Jay Hideaway LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Part N2 SW 18-74-7; \$440,000

\$440,000 Craig J Shelter, Asenath Shetler, grantor; Spencer R Schrock, grantee; N2 of \$155 ET of W2 Wellman Heights Add

of \$ 155 FT of W2 Wellman Heights Add Lot OL 2; \$120,000 Klein Farms LTD, grantor; Jarad J Klein, Rachel J Klein, grantee; quit claim

Klein, Rachel J Klein, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc C, 30.00 Acres in NWFR4 07-76-9 Marla J Meyer, William D Meyer, Mar-

la J Meyer Attorney in Fact, Marla Meyer Attorney in Fact, grantor; Marla J Meyer Trustee, Marla J Meyer Revocable Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Part SE NW 34-77-7; 2 Acre Tract in Part SW NW 34-77-7; NE NW 34-77-7; SW NW 34-77-7; Part WFR2 NE 03-76-7; SE SW 35-77-7; Beg at NE Corn NW NE 03-76-7; Thence S 250 FT, Thence W, N & E Cont

Kelsey Smith Beason, Kelsey Beason, grantor; Craig Shetler, Asenath Shetler, grantee; warranty deed; Ainsworth West Side Add Lot 1-2 Block 2 E 12 ½ FT Ainsworth West Side Add Lot 3 Block 2; \$168,500

Thomas A Buckwalter Executor, Betty J Buckwalter Estate, grantor; Thomas A Buckwalter, Paula R Buckwalter, grantee; court officer deed; Part Wellman OP Lot 4 Block 8; Wellman OP Lot 5 Block 8; Wellman OP Lot 6-8 Block 9; Part Wellman OP Lot 9 Block 9; Wellman OP Lot 6-7 Block 8

Cynthia C Detweiler, Ronald E Northup, grantor; Carolyn Irene King, Zachary Dean Jamison, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc D, Cont 1.35 Acres in SE 32-76-9; \$275,000

Robert A Gaal, Krista R Gaal, grantor; Jennifer L Hartman, grantee; warranty deed; Washington AW Chilcotes Add Lot Q; \$110,000

Jennifer L Miller, grantor; Sandra K Dewolf Estate, H Dean Dewolf, Sandra K Dewolf, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Washington Grays SD Lot 1 Block 1; Part Washington Grays SD Lot 2 Block 1

Willard L Sands Estate, Dorothy A Sands Executor, grantor; Dorothy A Sands, grantee; court officer deed; Undivided ½ Interest: S2 Crawfordsville Crawfords Add Lot 3-4 Block 1; S2 W2 Crawfordsville Crawfords Add Lot 2 Block

Joseph Huffman Executor, Mary E Huffman Estate, grantor; Nicholas R Brenneman, Jocelyn D Brenneman, grantee; court officer deed; Part NW NE 13-77-7; \$512,500

Michael C S Winters, Shawn Winters, Rebekah Winters, grantor; Timothy N Madsen, Angela M Madsen, grantee; warranty deed; Part Wellman Varneys SD Lot 8 Block 1: \$20.000

Rene Norbert Duhamel, Cheryl Ann Duhamel, grantor; Erick Guillermo Arciga Alvarado, Erick Guillermo Alvarado Arciga, Cristian Arciga, Guillermo Arciga, grantee; warranty deed; Washignton Washington Housing Initiative Add Lot 32; \$215,000 Barbara Deats, grantor; Frieda M

Finke, Merlin E Finke, grantee; deed; of surviving spouse; N2 Crawfordsville Crawfords Add Lot 7-8 Block 3 Barbara Deats Executor, Frieda M

Barbara Deats Executor, Frieda M Finke Estate, grantor; Glen A Martin Irmtraud Martin, grantee; court officer deed; N2 Crawfordsville Crawfords Add Lot 7-8 Block 3