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## WELLMAN LIGHTS WINNER



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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 election.

One resident was in tears as she spoke.

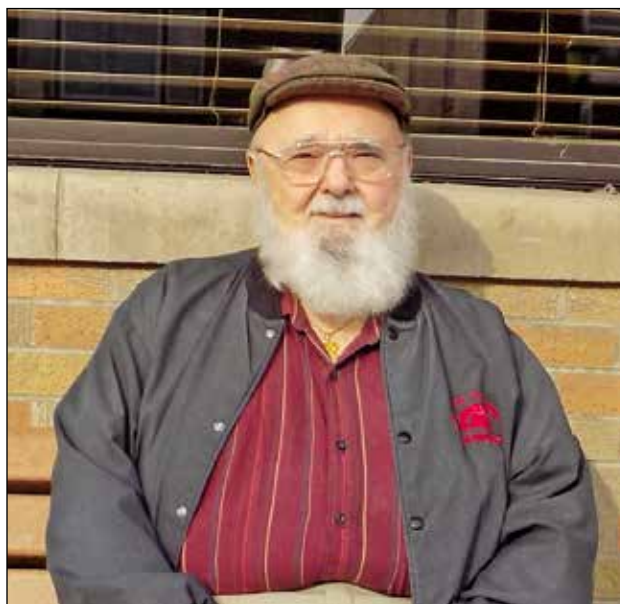
"My family chose to live in the country," said Brenda

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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.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

Kids loved Carl Miller as Santa at Christmas in Kalona on Dec. 3.

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 decidedly 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

Santa.

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

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, do you know the real reason for

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 p.m.

### Kalona Optimist Meeting Cancelled

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.

### Wellman Garden Club

Wellman Garden Club will enjoy their catered Christmas Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 16 at 12 p.m. in UMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring a Food Pantry donation.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

**Wellman Mennonite Church**  
Wellman Mennonite Church will hold a

Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. 1215 8th Avenue, Wellman.

### 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.

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Forecasts for North Washington County

Weather forecast grid for Thursday through Wednesday, including temperature, RealFeel, and weather conditions.



DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Table showing UV Index, Dust & Dander, Outdoor activities, and Healthy Heart forecasts for the week.

DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Table showing Arthritis, Flu, Migraine, and Sinus forecasts for the week.

SUN/MOON

Table showing sunrise, sunset, moonrise, and moonset times for the week, along with moon phase icons.

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.

business customers in the coming months." The Power package (75Mbps/75Mbps) will become KCTC Fiber 100 (100Mbps/100Mbps).

FAMILY MINDFUL MONDAY PROGRAM OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

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

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.

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.

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 initiatives. Through partnerships with various colleges, universities and high schools, WCHC works to train the next generation of health care providers and leaders.

leges 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 patients.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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Fisher Insurance Agency advertisement featuring Christian Swartztruber and Jodee Stransky, offering various insurance services.

## “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 years ago.”

While De Los Santos does not go out and hand deliver mail himself, he still gets to interact 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



SUBMITTED

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, Angie Greiner and Jayme Sieren. Keota seniors enjoyed a day of Bingo and gifts with the 4-H club.

### SENIORS TRAVEL TO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



SUBMITTED

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 seniors.

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## HIGHLAND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**Jessica Kraus**  
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**Josh Ramirez**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica & Josh

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# 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."



**Steve Corbin**  
Professor Emeritus,  
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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

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, non-profit organization that provides medical services to those affected by war, disaster or disease is International Medical Corps (www.international-medicalcorps.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.

# \$600 now buys you a new tax form

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



**Joni Ernst**  
U.S. Senator

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.

**FLYSOUP** BY MICHAEL D. DAVIS

Donny could never keep hair off the soap.

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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 recipe.

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 and on.

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

## LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

Everyone 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@MenoMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

## 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, and height.

"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 scams:

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 financial information.

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 information.

To learn more about protecting yourself from scams or to report a scam, contact the Iowa Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division at 515-281-5926 or consumer.consumer@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. "Remember, 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-your-own 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 fire," warns Steil.

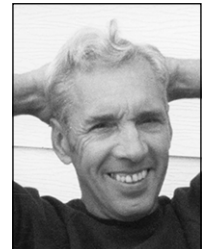
One creative way to recycle a Christmas tree is to place it in the yard or garden for use by birds and other wildlife. Trees also can be chipped for mulch and pruned boughs can be placed over perennials for winter protection. Otherwise, local government offices typically offer Christmas tree disposal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

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

sons: Philip Griffith of Wellman and Joel (Kaitlynn) Griffith of Rochester, Vermont; seven grandchildren: 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.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com)

## 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 Sequoia Nagamatsu; "Daughters of War" by Dinah Jefferies

**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](http://www.kalonalibrary.org) or our Facebook page - Kalona Public Library. You can also download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines by using the Libby app.

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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.

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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.



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.

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## 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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Since 2004, \$37,534.62 has been donated to the Highland Community School District, \$27,105.21 to Hillcrest Academy, \$20,820.97 to the Lone Tree Community School District, and \$123,200.17 to the Mid-Prairie Community School District. Classroom Cash card holders

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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  
The News

## 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 ever.

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 there?"

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 County.

"I've never gone and I've never gotten a call from any-

one there," Green-Douglass said.

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-

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 News

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.

Deputies reported that 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 report-

edly threatened them, pulled a black semi-automatic pistol with holster out of his right waistline, pointed it into the air, and simulated shooting the gun.

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.

# Competitive video gaming takes center stage

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

## LONE TREE

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 2023.

## 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 lives.

## 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 education credits for Certified Crop Advisers (CCA) and pesticide safety recertification for private pesticide applicators. ISU Extension and Outreach will travel to 14 locations across

Iowa for the 2023 Crop Advantage Series from Jan. 3-26.

There is no other program in our crop production education year where we are able to bring this many extension specialists together to sites across the state," said Rebecca Vitte-toe, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "We're excited to provide the quality, in-person education farmers have come to expect."

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, and more.

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](http://www.cropadvantage.org) or from your county extension office.

For questions, contact ANR Program Services at 515-294-6429 or [anr@iastate.edu](mailto:anr@iastate.edu), or Rebecca Vitte-toe at 319-653-4811 or [rka8@iastate.edu](mailto:rka8@iastate.edu).



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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 SW.

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

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 area."

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 government."

"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 here."

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 second-smallest 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-

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 committee.

"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: [johnsoncountyia.gov/windham-village-planning](http://johnsoncountyia.gov/windham-village-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 \$53,880.

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

## LANTERN PUPPET-MAKING OPPORTUNITY IN WEST LIBERTY

Join us at Owl Glass Puppetry Center for a weekend workshop creating lanterns and puppets lit from within! Brant Bollman of Uplifting Puppets in Oskaloosa, Iowa, will lead the

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 in creating and performing with giant parade

puppets. He learned the craft of creating lantern puppets from internationally known puppet artist Andrew Kim.

Owl Glass Puppetry Center is located at 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty.

The workshops are free and open to the public. You may attend any or all three days and make your own creation or help with the group project. We will construct a giant sun and other celestial bodies (moon, stars, planets).

Wednesday, December 21, at 5:00 p.m., when the sun has set, we will light our lantern puppets and stroll them through the streets of beautiful West Liberty, Iowa to celebrate the Solstice. The short parade will end at Ron-De-Voo Park or Owl Glass Puppetry Center (depending on the weather), where we will invite the community to join us for hot cocoa, treats, and music.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the workshops so we can be sure to have enough supplies. For further information or reservations call 319-627-2487 or e-mail [monica@puppetspuppets.com](mailto:monica@puppetspuppets.com) or [ectoutreach@Lcom.net](mailto:ectoutreach@Lcom.net).

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



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

A hug from Santa makes for a memorable first Christmas.

# 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

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.

“Lately our funds come from Betty Kaalberg’s estate.

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



EMILY MARNER/THE NEWS

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.



CARRIE GENO/THE NEWS

Nate Nisly’s singing group filled the air with caroling while attendees enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate provided by DJ’s Casual Café.



EMILY MARNER/THE NEWS

A cookie in hand and attention from Santa – a perfect Saturday afternoon.



CARRIE GENO/THE NEWS

Santa Claus arrived in Wellman on a fire truck on Saturday, Dec. 10, courtesy of the Wellman-Scofield Public Library.



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

# The News SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

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

## Small team, endless effort

BY DOUGLAS MILES  
Correspondent

### MARION

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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## 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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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 game-high 27 points.

"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."

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.

## ATHLETE of the WEEK



### GRANT BENDER HILLCREST SENIOR

Bender scored 41 points in an 81-67 win at Louisa-Muscataine 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-to-back 3-point shots, which gave Lone Tree the lead for good at 13-12. Finley Jacque, Avery Lisk and Riley Krueger each connected from beyond the arc as Lone Tree built a 27-16 half-

time 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 said. "She's done a really nice job defensively and offensively."

Malia Yoder made back-to-back 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," Hillcrest 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 Krueger 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-Muscataine 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  
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," Hillcrest 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 game-winning 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



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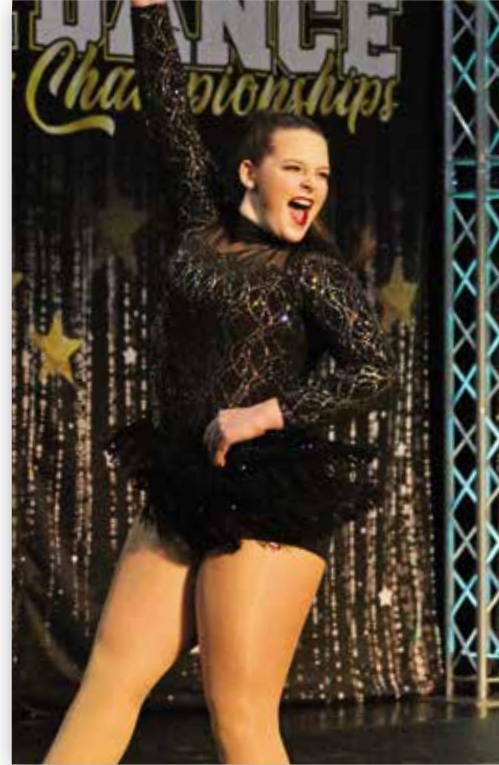
Lone Tree senior Jack Buser looks for a teammate in the post as Hillcrest sophomore Micah Gerber defends during Tuesday's game.

# Area teams compete in State Dance Championships



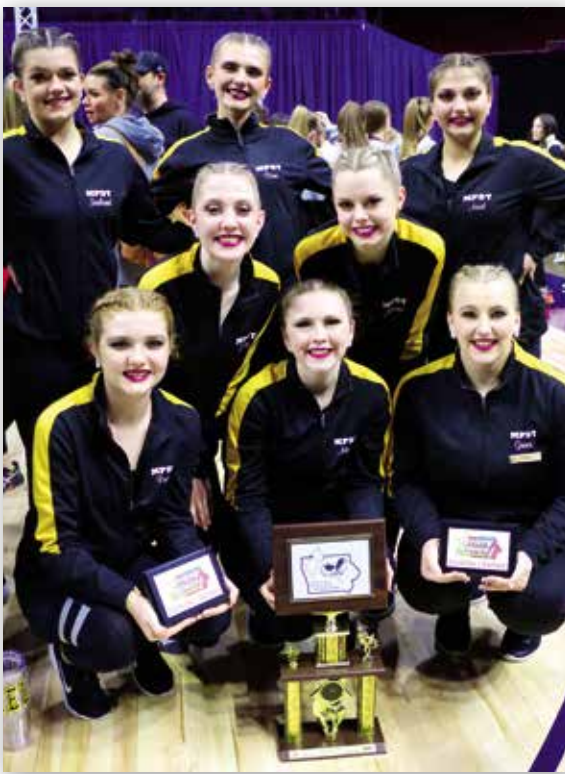
HANNAH ZADOW

The Lone Tree dance team, pictured during 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.



HANNAH ZADOW

Madi Floyd was one of five Lone Tree soloists to compete at the ISDTA 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.



JILL POOCK

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



JILL POOCK

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.



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



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Kate Hartzler and Adeline Krotz earned Division I ratings for their solos at the ISDTA State Dance Team Championships in Des Moines.

# 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 opponents.

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 them."

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 team."

Mid-Prairie snapped a 10-game 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 assists.

"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

# Hawks host Colton Allen Memorial Tour.

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 period.

"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 period.

"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 a 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



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.



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is not too bad," said the Golden Hawk senior. "It feels awesome, 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 Gingerich, 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.

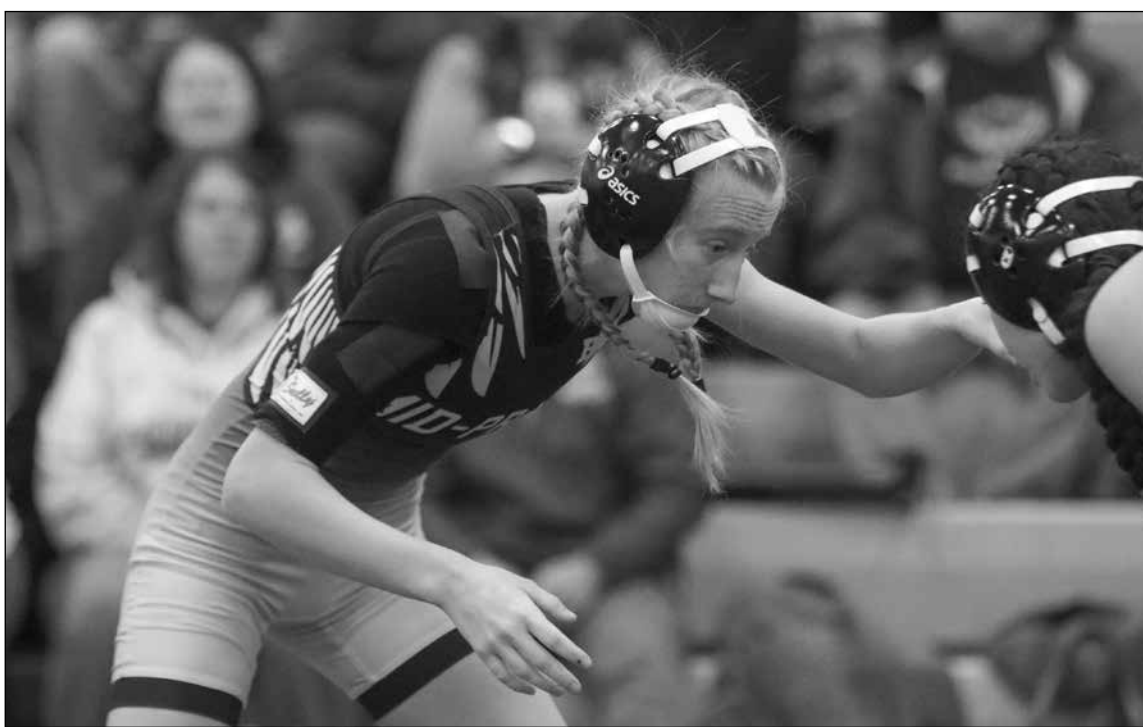
"Benton had some tough kids," Billups said. "Clear Creek Amana had some tough

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.



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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-Shellburg Girls Invitational on Saturday.

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

"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 the final.

"(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 (John-

son)," Walther said. "Sam won that match earlier this year, but it could have gone either way."

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."

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"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 pushing. Our girls, we were in 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 off-season. 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-

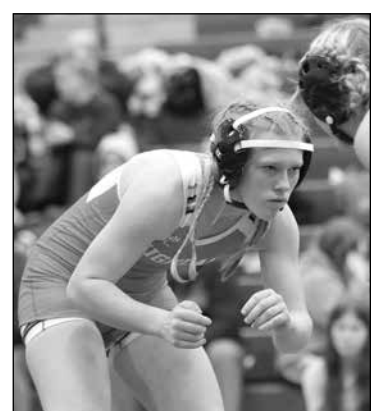
ing to be really tough," said McFarland, who won 110-pound tournament titles at West Liberty and Wapello earlier this season. "But it is not as tough as you think it is. You just have to have the right mind to be able to do it. A lot of people think, 'Oh, the conditioning and all sucks,' but once you 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, strength-wise, mentality-wise, because wrestling is a huge mental sport."

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."



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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 Guseman.

"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 match-up 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 take-downs and a reversal and add-



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Highland'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 at 126.

"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 West Branch.

"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 al-

low an escape in the 138-pound final.

"(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."



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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 of 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 that."

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 16.

# Oriano leads Highland with 12 points in loss to Louisa-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 Huskies.

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 McFarland 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 quarter 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 stay 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



JEFF YODER/THE NEWS

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, 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 shooting.

"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

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 win.

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 five-point loss.

Mid-Prairie held Comet senior Kelsey Joens, a 5A first-team 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 the arc.



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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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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, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncounty-iowa.gov.

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 following year.

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 HeartSafe 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 sudden 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 HeartSafe Community Campaign representative 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 Iowa 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 majority of the Supervisors.

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