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Current Director Erin Campbell is moving to a new Carrie Geno will be Wellman Library's new direcposition at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.



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tor; she currently works as Assistant Director.

# On the cusp of expansion, Wellman's library changes directors

### **BY CHERYL ALLEN** The News

### WELLMAN

On Valentine's Day, Erin Campbell received a special gift: an employment offer from the Cedar Rapids Public Library. And she accepted it.

For the Director of the Wellman-Scofield Public Library, the opportunity to move away from her hometown is bittersweet.

"I'm very conflicted," she

said Wednesday, just two days before her final day at the library on March 10. "It was definitely a huge decision. And yeah, I feel very sad, but also excited to start this new chapter.'

Campbell's departure occurs just as the library will begin a significant construction project that will double its space, an ambition the library has had for years finally brought to fruition under Campbell's direction. The SEE DIRECTOR | PAGE 8A

winning of a \$632,860 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation last fall allowed the library to initiate construction this spring.

"I'm 100% confident that [the expansion] is in great hands," Campbell said. "I wouldn't be leaving if I didn't know it was going to be in good hands and was going to be executed in the way that I thought

# **Despite opposition** from residents, **Supervisors approve** Windham Village plan

### BY PAUL D. BOWKER The News

### **IOWA CITY**

Disagreements on a Johnson County plan for Windham Village boiled down to one final emotional meeting March 8.

"We don't want any-thing," said Judd Lawler, who led a presentation of a group of Windham Village residents at the Board of Supervisors formal voting session. "We just want to be left alone."

Those words began an hour-long discussion featuring comments from multiple Windham Village residents, Republican State Senator Dawn Driscoll, county staff and supervisors.

The meeting, during which county supervisors voted 4-0 to install an official village development plan and vision statement for Windham, concluded a process that began with meetings at Renee's Roadhouse in Windham Village last summer.

Village plans help guide supervisors and members of the county's Planning & Zon-

ing Commission through any development requests that come before the boards, but village residents stood in opposition to a plan over those many months. More than 200 signed a petition opposing the plan and a Dec. 8 board meeting was so dramatic that a decision on the plan was delayed until last week's meeting so that village residents and county staff could meet in an attempt to reach a compromise.

Windham was the last of nine villages targeted for a county plan, following other areas including Frytown, Joetown, Sharon Center and **River Junction.** 

"There are evolving needs," said village resident Pat Mougin. "We just fail to see why we are targeted for that, to have some evolvement there.'

"It's clear in the beginning that we knew you weren't going to change your mind," Brenda Mougin said. "You get to speak after we are done. We have to

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Award-winning book challenged at library



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A machine shed and its contents were completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night.

### Kalona machine shed fire: "The damage was extensive"

### **BY CHERYL ALLEN**

### The News

### KALONA

A machine shed fire in Kalona Saturday night resulted in the loss of much farm equipment.

The Kalona Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call four minutes after midnight and found the machine shed "fully involved" in flame, ac-

### AROUND TOWN

### Wellman Garden Club

The Wellman Garden Club will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Cathy Conway will share her experience at the Chelsea Flower Show in England. Guests welcome.

### **M-P Kindergarten** Registration

Mid-Prairie kindergarten registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. To register, visit the Mid-Prairie webpage at mphawks.org; the kindergarten registration tab is listed under shortcuts.

### **Port City Coin Show**

The Port City Coin club will host its annual coin show on March 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Rendezvous, 3127 Lucas Street, Muscatine. cording to Fire Chief Jerry Zahradnek.

'The roof had already collapsed and everything inside was on fire upon arrival," he said.

When it was clear the firefighters would not be able to save the structure or its con-

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Free admission and parking; coins, currency, bullion, and collector supplies will be available. Call 563-264-8148 for more information.

### **Compassion Club Blood Drive**

The Hillcrest Academy Compassion Club will host a blood drive on Monday, March 20 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. to benefit Impact Life. Appointments required; call 319-656-2073 or email Leanne Bender at Ibender@hillcrestravens.org.

### **Highland Preschool Signup**

Highland Elementary's preschool signup for the 2023-24 school year will be Tuesday, March 21, from 6 – 6:45 p.m. at the Highland Elementary Library, 220 Schnoebelen St, Riverside. Children born between 9/16/19 and 9/15/20 can sign up for the 3-year-olds class; children born between 9/16/18 and 9/15/19 can sign up for the 4-year-olds class. A \$25 non-refundable supply fee for 3-year-olds will be due at signup. Call 319-648-2821 with questions.

### **Optimist Tenderloin Meal**

The Kalona Optimist Club Annual Tenderloin Meal will take place Thursday, March 23 from 4:30 -7 p.m. at the Kalona United Methodist Church. Carryout available.

### **Hillcrest Academy Spring Play**

Hillcrest Academy's spring production of "The Show Must Go On" will be presented Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before show; freewill donations for a local charity accepted in lieu of ticket sales. Visit hillcrestravens.org/ drama for more details.

### **Purple Martin Workshop**

The 15th annual Purple Martin Workshop/Seminar will be held March 25. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8 a.m., and the workshop will begin at 9 a.m. at the CAM lowa Clothing Center, 1005 Nutmeg Ave, Kalona. Lunch also provided; free will offering to CAM encouraged. For more information, contact Evan Gingerich at 319-359-0997 or Jim Walters at 319-466-1134.

### **Outdoorswoman at EV History Center**

The English Valleys History Center will begin its 15th season of interesting programs on Sunday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. at 108 N. Main St. in North English. The season will begin with Amy (Smith) Hanson, a 2004 EV graduate, who will

rector of Youth Services] and I chose, and that happened to be one of them. I think that's why it caught their eye.'

That might be part of the discussion as well. Maybe it's appropriate to have, but maybe they feel that it's not appropriate to put on display," he added.

Is the library board likely to pull the book?

The library's Collection Development policy on the Freedom to Read states:

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack. Private groups and public authorities in various parts of the country are working to remove or limit access to reading materials, to censor content in schools, to label 'controversial' views, to dis-tribute lists of 'objectionable' books or authors, and to purge libraries. These actions apparently rise from a view that our national tradition of free expression is no longer valid; that censorship and suppression are needed to counter threats to safety or national security, as well as avoid the subversion of politics and the

share about her life as an outdoorswoman.

### Parkinson's Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Monday, March 27 from 4:30 -5:30 p.m. in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library. Comments or questions, call 656-5347.

### **Kalona Chamber** 35th Anniversary

Celebrate 35 years of the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, March 28 from 4-6 p.m. at the Kalona Chamber meeting room. Enjoy a slide show of Kalona businesses and refreshments.

### **BY CHERYL ALLEN** The News

### KALONA

The library director noticed it when perusing "Booklist," a book review magazine published by the American Library Association (ALA). The book had won a 2020 ALA Alex Award and was a 2020 Stonewall-Israel Fishman Non-Fiction Award Honor Book. In "Booklist" it had a starred review, and it was a best-seller.

Finally available in a special edition hardcover rather than a more fragile paperback, he decided to purchase it for the collection.

In July 2022, he shelved it in the stacks, in the adult biography section.

A couple weeks ago, someone formally asked for it to be withdrawn from circulation.

The book in question is "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, an autobiographical graphic novel (illustrated like a comic book) that tells their story of finding their own identity as nonbinary and asexual through a variety of life experiences.

Though lauded as a "useful and touching guide on gen-der identity," it also reached #1 on the ALA's list of Most

and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images." Whether or not the book remains on the shelves at the Kalona Public Library will be a matter for the library's Discussion

Challenged Books of 2021 for

having "LGBTQIA+ content

board to take up at their next meeting. of the "Request for Reconsideration" is on the agenda for Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in the library's program room, though library Director Trevor Sherping believes no conclusions will be reached until the following monthly meeting in April, as board members will need time to familiarize themselves with the book.

"Gender Queer" is cur-rently checked out, so they will have to wait until it is returned.

After some eight months of circulation, how did this book suddenly get singled out?

"I think they found the book because it was on display," Sherping said. "There was a World Social Justice Day, something like that, so we had a display with a bunch of different social justice issues. We had a ton of different books that Olivia [Kahler, Di- SEE LIBRARY | PAGE 6A

# NEWS

### **SINCLAIR TRACTOR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

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Sinclair Tractor celebrated 25 years of business with Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce members on March 9. The Chamber presented the business with a commemorative clipboard handmade by JK Creative Wood, and the gathering enjoyed a delicious lunch. Pictured, L to R: Chamber Secretary Grace Schumann (Stitch N Sew Cottage); Chamber President Shawn Powell; Myron Ropp; Sinclair Manager Hannah Hagen; Sinclair Owner Bob Sinclair; Chamber Director Tonia Poole; Ron Slechta (The News); and chamber board member Todd Peterson (Riverside Casino & Golf Resort).

### **Board names new county attorney**

### BY MARY ZIELINSKI

### The News

### WASHINGTON

It was all numbers at the Washington County Supervisors special meeting Saturday that, after one failed motion, one defeated one, and one final motion that passed 3-2, Nathan Repp was selected to be new Washington County Attorney. He will succeed John Gish who left in January to lead a team in the Iowa Attorney General's office. Repp, who is senior assistant county attorney for Scott County, was notified shortly after the special session and reportedly accepted the offer.

The meeting just met the

40-day deadline for naming a replacement and had all five supervisors in attendance, including Stan Stoops, who had had surgery, joining via telephone conference call.

In the public comment segment at the meeting's opening, there were several residents who recommended Shane Mc-Church, Kalona, a current assistant county attorney for Washington County.

During the approximate 50-minute session, board members reviewed the interviews and resumes of the three candidates with Jack Seward Jr., making the first motion to select Zachary Miller of Washington, a staffer with the attorney general's office. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Following further discussion, a motion was made to select McChurch but it was defeated in a 2-3 vote with board Chairman Bob Yoder and supervisor Richard Young in fa-



MARY ZIELINSKI/THE NEWS

Washington County supervisors met in a special session March 11 to name a new county attorney to replace John Gish who left to join the attorney general's office. All three applicants were interviewed in February, and in Saturday's meeting all three were nominated for the post with Repp winning by a 3-2 vote on the third motion.

vor and Seward, Marcus Fedler and Stoops opposed.

Further discussion ensued with a few strained moments, and during which Yoder noted that in the candidate interviews (held February 17) Repp "...interviewed best of all." At that time, Repp had stated that Scott County has one of the highest number of cases in the state and that he has been involved with 50 to 70 jury trials.

The motion to select Repp passed 3-2 with Yoder and

Seward opposed and Fedler, Young and Stoops in favor.

Under Iowa code, voters have 14 days to petition for a special election which must have signatures numbering at least 10 percent of the total votes cast in the last election, November 6, 2022. At that time, votes totaled 8,874.

If there is no request for a special election, Repp likely will be sworn into office within a few weeks, officials said.







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The Nestle Purina PetCare team (on right) presented the PAWS & More team (on left) with \$20,000 toward construction of a new animal shelter building.

## Purina donation supports PAWS & More's efforts to construct new facility

Nestlé Purina PetCare announced a \$20,000 donation to help PAWS & More fund the construction of a new facility to serve pets and residents in Washington and several surrounding communities.

PAWS & More is the animal control agency for Washington County, the city of Washington and many surrounding Iowa communities including Henry, Keokuk and Louisa counties. Since opening in 1978, the organization has provided animals with shelter and compassionate care, including control and placement for stray animals as well as a spay/neuter program with a major impact on feral

cats.

The existing PAWS & More facility has deteriorated to the point that it can no longer be repaired. The new facility will enhance the organization's operations by adding outdoor play space for animals, garage access for van parking and additional storage.

"Our team in Clinton has donated Purina pet food to PAWS & More for some time, and we're more than willing to step up in this instance to help bring a new facility to life," said Justin Wilkinson, factory manager of the Purina manufacturing facility in Clinton. "The new building will enhance PAWS & More's ability to positively impact pets and residents in several counties in southeast Iowa. We're so grateful for they all do."

The donation is being granted through the Purina Trust Fund, established by Purina founder William H. Danforth to provide critical support to important community causes. The company is investing more than \$1 million in its communities this year through several capital and capacity-building grants to support local nonprofit organizations. Over the past five years, Purina has contributed more than \$150 million towards organizations that bring, and keep, people and pets together, as well as those who help our communities and environments thrive.

To learn more about causes Purina supports, visit purina. com/supporting-communities.

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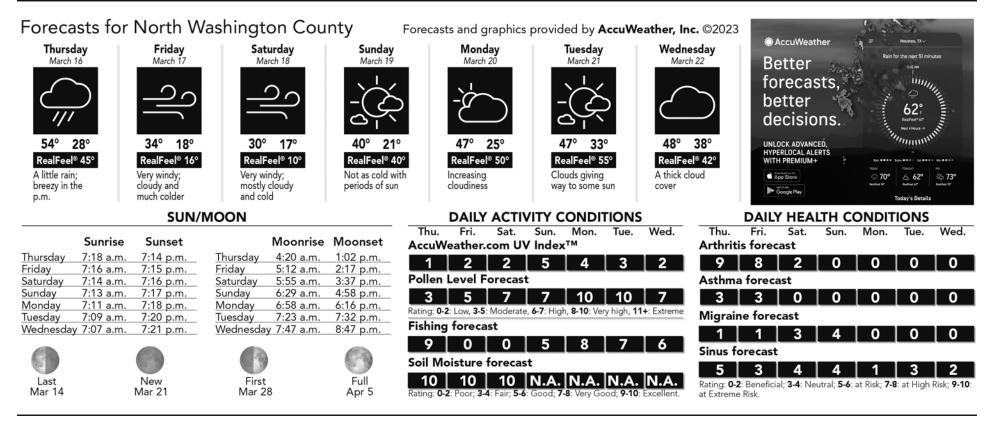
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# **JEWS**

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# Huskies show off at state speech competition

### **BY BRENDAN SCHNOEBELEN**

### The News ELDRIDGE

THE NEWS

Hundreds of students from all around southeast Iowa packed "The Pit" inside of North Scott High School in Eldridge, on Saturday, March 11 for the Southeast Iowa Individual State Speech Competition. Coming off a record-tying day just two weeks prior in Mount Vernon, the Highland Huskies looked to display their best performances of the individual speech season.

The leadoff performer for Highland was junior Gwen Piette in the Storytelling category, reading "Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake." Piette had quite the audience for the performance and received an abundance of laughter for her strong use of character voices and expressions while telling her story.

Next up for the Huskies was another junior, Allyana Pokorny, in the Expository Address category, presenting on the Slovakian Kroj. Pokorny

donned her own personal kroj as she presented to a panel of judges about her outfit, which is an essential item of her Czechoslovakian heritage.

After a lengthy break between performances, the Huskies returned in the afternoon in a big way, starting with talented freshman Greta Piette in the Solo Musical Theater category. Piette sang "Watch What Happens" from the musical Newsies.

After stretching her vocal cords, Piette returned in her second event later that afternoon to perform in the Acting category. The freshman per-formed "Rather Be a Man," which was the second of Highland's two Acting performances on the day.

The first of Highland's two Acting performances came with junior Rayne Foley. Foley performed "Please Don't Marry Me" in the Acting category, and also performed "Organization of Introverts Against Public Speaking" in the After Dinner Speaking category.

The final performer High-

land advanced to state was senior Brendan Schnoebelen in the Radio News Announcing category. The senior was no stranger to the excitement of state individual speech, as it was his 4th (and final) time at state individual competition.

Ratings were tabulated throughout the entire day at North Scott, and Highland received rave reviews. Receiving an overall II in their events were Rayne Foley and Greta Piette in Acting, and Allyana Pokorny in Expository Address. Receiving an overall I in their events were Rayne Foley in After Dinner Speaking, Brendan Schnoebelen in Radio News Announcing, Greta Piette in Solo Musical Theater, and Gwen Piette in Storytelling

Two individuals for the Huskies had their ratings stand out. The first was Brendan Schnoebelen in Radio News Announcing, and the second was Greta Piette in Solo Musical Theater. Both individuals received I ratings from each of their three judges, showing not just excellence in their craft, but all of the hard work that went into creating such a strong performance.

When asked how she manages both a busy academic and speech life, Piette responded, 'It is definitely a struggle to balance academics and speech, but it [the result] is definitely worth it." When asked about her Solo Musical Theater performance, Piette said she was 'very proud" of her efforts.

Head Coach Jayme Kallaus knew it was going to be an exciting day for everyone to show what they were made of, and she saw improvements in many of her performances.

"I saw Ally [Pokorny] revamp her programming, which made it more effective, interesting, and engaging for the audience. I have seen Greta [Piette] blow things out of the water as a freshman coming in and going back-to-back state for both group and individual, and again, making modifications to her program, too, that I felt made it a lot more engaging for the audience. Really, honestly, everybody has taken their performance to the next level," she said.

In a year where the Huskies tied a school record for the most performances advancing to state individual competition, Coach Kallaus noted that not just her team had big goals, but she did too.

"Our goals were to have great performances, which I feel that we did. Obviously, the goal is to get to All-State, but my goal for this team is for them to be happy with their performances," she said.

Kallaus hinted at the All-State festival held on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. In order for a performance to qualify for All-State, the performance must receive at least two nominations from the three-judge panel at state competition. Brendan Schnoebelen advanced to All-State last season for Radio News Announcing.

### Kalona business receives Choose Iowa grant

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has awarded 28 Choose Iowa cost-share grants to Iowa farmers, small businesses and non-profits totaling \$463,000.

communities of all sizes across our state," said Secretary Naig. "As Choose Iowa builds into an easily recognizable brand that can be used by farmers, producers, processors, farmers markets, food retailers and many others in the supply taling nearly \$3.3 million during the first two years of the program, a number far exceeding available funding.

Choose Iowa grant allocations that were awarded on March 7, include the following local busineses:

### LONE TREE SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

A special election held on March 7 had Lone Tree voters cast a yes or no ballot on Public Measure MB, which was an updated Revenue Purpose Statement for the Lone Tree Community School District.

Of the 81 voters who turned out to cast ballots, 67 voted yes and 14 voted no. The measure passed with 82.7% approval; 50% aputilized by school districts to support infrastructure and technology needs. The new Revenue Purpose Statement will expire in 2050.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will canvas all Johnson County votes on Tuesday, March 14. On Tuesday, March 21, the Supervisors will certify the Louisa County votes from the Lone Tree Community School District. At that

Organic Greens, LLC, of Kalona was one of the grant awardees

The announcement was made during an event on March 7 at Jasper Winery in Des Moines, another of the grant awardees.

These Choose Iowa costshare grants were created to assist Iowa farmers, businesses, and non-profits with their efforts to increase or diversify their agricultural product offerings, expand markets and shorten the supply chain.

'Choose Iowa is about connecting consumers to the great products that Iowans are growing, raising and processing in chain, these cost-share grants will help build capacity to meet the growing consumer demand for Iowa products.'

The grants will support a wide variety of projects, including cider production from Iowa grown apples, fruit and vegetable processing, cold storage for meat, expanded processing of dairy products, hydroponic lettuce and microgreens, Iowa grown flowers, beer production from Iowa honey and many more.

These cost-share dollars leverage additional private investment. The highly competitive grant application process has yielded grant requests to-

Organic Greens, LLC of Kalona received \$25,000 to enhance fruit and vegetable processing and expand cold storage capacity.

Walker Homestead Farm & Winery, Inc. of Iowa City received \$25,000 to increase wine production capacity utilizing Iowa grown grapes.

Field to Family of Iowa City received \$25,000 to purchase a refrigerated truck to expand food hub operations and local food distribution.

Urban Greens of Iowa City received \$12,045 to improve processing and packaging equipment and cold storage capacity.

proval was required.

The updated Revenue Purpose Statement outlines how the District utilizes SAVE funds, often referred to as the penny sales tax which is collected throughout the state. These funds are

point, results will be final.

There are 1449 registered voters in the Lone Tree Community School District in Johnson County. Voter turnout was 5.59% at this election.

### ADULT PUPPETRY CLASS

Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre will present a week-long class for adults on puppetry skills for use in and out of the classroom. The class. which is offered through Grant Wood Area Education Agency, will take place Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4 at Owl Glass Puppetry Center in West Liberty.

Class members will learn to write a play with solid dramatic structure and to make and use several types of puppets and props. Teachers taking the class will also learn to incorporate puppetry into the curriculum and will earn three credits toward recertification. Others taking the class may use this time to create more puppets.

People who have taken the class may take it again and further develop their skills, earning

Most importantly, this class is tons of fun! Past groups have written all sorts of different stories and turned them into entertaining shows. Enjoy a week full of camaraderie and whimsy!

Participants will experience one or more performances by Eulenspiegel Puppets, and they will finish the week by participating in a group performance for a friendly local audience.

The cost of the class is \$290.00: \$255.00 to Grant Wood AEA, and up to \$35.00 for materials directly to Eulenspiegel. This includes re-certification credits.

For further information, call 319-627-2487 or email monica@puppetspuppets.com. For more information about Eulenspiegel Puppets,

### **PETS OF THE WEEK**

### **KERMIT**



LESLIE



Kermit the female orange kitty and Leslie (gray) were adopted from PAWS in July. But after a few months, their adopter loaded them into a cardboard carrier and left them outside of an apartment. Thankfully, a kind person found them and took them to their local shelter, who reached out to us. Kermit is 12 years old. She is somewhat timid at first, but then turns into a complete love bug.

Leslie is 13 years old and is a huge love bug right from the start! If you have room in your heart and home to love these two sweet senior kitties who haven't had the best of luck with people, then please complete an application on our website pawsandmorewashington.org or come by our shelter Tuesday through Sunday between Noon and 4PM, or call (319) 653-6713.

For more information, stop by Paws and More Animal Shelter,, 1004 W Madiosn St., Washington, or go to: www.pawsandmorewashington.org, or check out their Facebook.



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# **OPINION**

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **Republicans should wake** up too, Sen. Ernst

Senator Joni Ernst and the Republican caucus have learned a new word, 'woke,' and by golly they're gonna use it.

In her recent piece in The Kalona News she used it five times in reference to President Biden. She complained that Biden created a rule that allowed financial institutions to invest in "woke" corporations instead of going for the absolute top dollar. Presumably the corporation could be slaughtering baby seals with clubs and Senator Ernst would be fine with it.

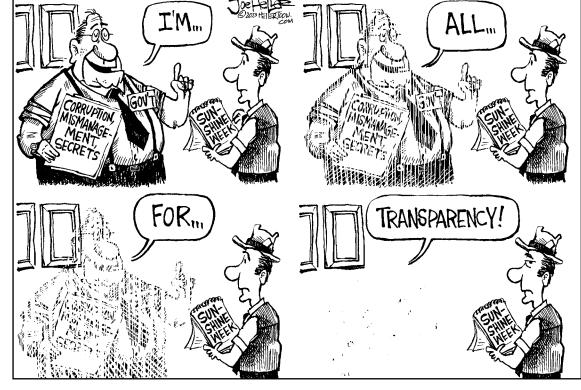
There is absolutely nothing wrong with investing in socially and environmentally conscious companies. I guess it would be woke to criticize Jared Kushner for obtaining a 2 billion dollar loan from Saudi

Arabia shortly after publicly defending the Crown Prince who ordered the dismemberment of Jamal Khashoggi for criticizing the Saudi government in the Washington Post. Show me the money baby!

And I guess it would also be woke to notice that in the defamation trial of Dominion voting machines vs Fox News, texts, phone calls and emails all show that from Tucker and the rest on up to company head Rupert Murdoch, they all knew Trump LOST but knowingly gave inveterate liars and conspiracists a platform on the nation's #1 cable news shows.

Immediately after the election they tried telling the truth, that Trump LOST, but discovered they were losing viewers. So they brought back the lies and misinformation that still goes on today. Show me the money baby!

They value money and pow-



er more than their own integrity. And chances are, if you keep the channel tuned to Fox, you have never even heard about how you were lied to.

And it would no doubt be woke to mention that Fox concluded that the Republican base preferred, even demanded, to hear the lies.

With respect, Senator Ernst, please wake up!

> **Tom Jacobson** Riverside

### To ensure transparency, government notices should continue to be published by independent newspapers, not a government-controlled website

Some members of the Iowa Senate do not think that public notices published in newspapers remain relevant and necessary. A bill filed in the newly formed Technology Committee just over a week ago moved through committee in two days and last week moved through the Ways & Means Committee in one day. Senate File 546 would result in removing a major component of government transparency. This legislation would require legal notices to be posted on a website controlled by the very government legal notices are designed to oversee and notices would not be required to published in a local newspaper.

This is the wrong move today, tomorrow and for the future. Government transparency is more important than ever. In truth it is critical.

While The News and other Iowa newspapers have an economic interest in seeing that the public notice publishing requirement remains, the issue

goes far beyond a few dollars. Maintaining the legal requirement to publish government actions and meetings in local newspapers is crucial for ensuring accountability and keeping the public informed of important information that affects people's lives. And it is the job of our local newspapers to serve as a check on government, not the government to check itself.

The proposed savings under the guise of modernization would come at a very high cost to Iowa's communities.

While many people now browse digital platforms for information - including thenews-ia.com – not everyone has access to the internet or the technological know-how to navigate online platforms. And the staggering amount of information available online. representing every viewpoint. degree of accuracy, hidden agendas and motivations from every philosophy and side of the political spectrum, makes

it more and more likely public notices posted online would be lost among the chaff. Worse, they may be vulnerable to manipulation or not easily accessible through search algorithms.

By publishing public notices in newspapers, government bodies can ensure that critical information is available to everyone in a format that has stood the test of time for accuracy and accessibility. It requires governments provide timely information for citizens to participate in their government. The notices are appearing in the communities in or very near where the decisions are made. Public notices cover a range of activities - bids and leads for public projects, minutes from government meetings, foreclosures, petitions, election information, water quality reports and other information that is important to citizens and vibrant communities.

The basis for public notices published in newspapers remains as important as ever:

• Requiring an independent, third-party to publish the notices in accordance with the law helps prevent government officials from hiding information they prefer the public not to see. The government cannot be in charge of holding itself responsible. A public notice must be published in a forum independent of the government. As an independent and neutral third party, a newspaper has an economic and civic interest in ensuring that the notice delivery requirements are followed. • Publishing the notice in a newspaper ensures that the information is widely accessible to the public. Unlike social media or other online platforms, newspapers are trusted sources of information that are available to everyone, regardless of whether or not they have access to the internet or social media accounts. This helps to ensure that all members of the public have an equal opportunity to be informed and involved in government decision-making.

• A public notice must be archived in a secure and publicly available format. Newspapers have always fulfilled this requirement because a public notice published in a newspaper is already archivable and accessible. This is particularly important for notices that contain information about government decisions and actions that impact individuals and communities for years to come. Requiring governmental bodies to publish legal notices in newspapers ensures that this information is always accessible.

• The public must be able to verify that a legal notice is not altered after being published. In a newspaper notice, an affidavit is provided by the publisher, which can be used in an evidentiary proceeding to demonstrate that a true copy was published as well as the exact wording that was used. Legal notices published in newspapers are subject to public scrutiny and can be easily monitored by journalists or concerned citizens. This guarantees that governmental bodorg, a site run by newspapers at no additional cost to government or taxpayers. It is available for those who prefer accessing an electronic version.

There may be parts of the country where newspaper readership is receding, but not in Iowa. Iowa has 241 community newspapers with one or more newspapers in every county. Market research conducted in 2022 showed 84% of Iowa adults read local print or digital newspapers. And newspaper readers are more engaged in their community. Newspapers reach 93% of Iowans who report, "I feel that I have a responsibility to help share the future of my community.'

It is true that newspapers charge a nominal fee, set by Iowa law, for publishing legal notices. This is a very small price for freedom, as it is typically under 1% of any government body's spending. All Iowans should demand more scrutiny of government affairs, never less.

While the bill does not prohibit local government bodies from publishing public notices in newspapers, it removes the current requirement for doing so. Removing the legal requirement would most certainly result in local governments discontinuing all public notice publications in their local newspapers. But the long-term costs communities and citizens would pay far exceed the price paid by government bodies to publish legal notices in newspapers. We believe that requiring governmental bodies to continue publishing legal notices in local newspapers is crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability, and accessibility in government decision-making. Newspapers – especially Iowa newspapers – remain a trusted source of information that is widely accessible and easily searchable.



ies are held accountable and acting in the best interests of their constituents.

Community newspapers have established relationships with readers and have a deep understanding of the issues and concerns that matter most to them. When public notices appear in newspapers, government bodies can tap into these relationships.

 Newspapers have a long history of serving as watchdogs for their communities, holding local officials accountable and shining light on issues that might otherwise go unnoticed. By requiring government bodies to publish public notices in newspapers, we are ensuring that these important watchdog functions are preserved and that the public has access to information that might otherwise be hidden from view.

 Many newspapers also publish the public notices on their websites and nearly all public notices across the state are also uploaded to a centralized website at iowanotices.

As a newspaper, we strongly urge Iowa's senators to vote "no" on this short-sighted bill. As should all Iowans.

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# LIFE

### **OBITUARIES**

### **Velma Burnham** 1933 - 2023

Velma Burnham, 89, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at St. Francis Manor and under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Grinnell Friends Church. The family will receive friends for visitation prior to the service at the church beginning at 9 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service at the church.

Memorials may be designated to the Grinnell Friends Church or Care Initiatives Hospice and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Velma's family online at www.smithfh. com.

Velma Irene Yoder was born on Dec. 10, 1933, in Kalona, Iowa, to Daniel S. and Fannie (Beachy) Yoder. She confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized at the age of 13 and loved the Lord with all her heart.

She attended Kalona schools and several years later graduated from the Practical School of Nursing in La Junta, Colorado. In 1970 she graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, obtaining her degree while she worked at a local hospital.

On March 24, 1973, she was

Hello readers! This is Lovi-

I am two months in on living

na's daughter Verena writ-

ing. It is currently 4:15 p.m. on

by myself. So far, everything is

going pretty good for me, and I

do not mind being on my own.

I go home a lot, and I also visit

my sisters a lot. I always have

something to do because I do a

lot of babysitting. I sure enjoy

sister Elizabeth and my mom

came to help me get my house

set up. It is a lot emptier than

how Susan had it when she

lived here. I like it a little room-

ier so I have more space for my

mobility scooter. I did not real-

ize how much stuff I had until

I started going through every-

thing. I still have a few totes

full of stuff that I have to go

One day last month, my

Wednesday, March 1.

doing that!

through.

united marriage to Achim Niosalke, of Loon Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. had

Eric sons, Conrad and

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two

an adopted son, Timothy Philip. She enjoyed being a wife, mother, and Oma to her grandchildren. She and Achim traveled to Germany to visit his relatives and enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Alaska, Israel and trips home to Iowa and family.

Velma was married to Robert Burnham Octo.4, 2008, and resided in Grinnell. She was a member of the Grinnell Friends Church. Both in Canada and Grinnell, she enjoyed teaching Sunday School, serving on various committees, Bible studies and prayer groups. She treasured the privilege of praying for others and had an active Prayer Line Phone Ministry out of Canada.

Velma had a servant's heart and was always looking for ways to minister to others. She was known for her generous hospitality. She was always taking food to those in need, having coffee with friends, and looking for opportunities to get to know others and sharing her love for the Lord. She especially enjoyed flowers, gathering them from the garden and roadsides, making arrangements to give to others to brighten their day.

Throughout her life in Iowa, Colorado, and Canada she went camping and fishing with her husbands, but always had a book to read as that was her most favorite pastime.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband: Bob Burnham; her children: Eric and Tim; granddaughters: Keshia Bayley and Leandra Nioslke; her god-children, Rebecca and Nathaniel Vielhauer, all from Canada; siblings: Ezra Yoder (Faye) Highland Ranch, Colorado, Erma Edwards (Delvin Coppinger) of Iowa City, Robert (Joleen) Yoder of Rutland, Vermont, sister-in-law: Linda Yoder of Morgantown, West Virginia and Raymond Yoder of Kalona; step-children, Bruce (Robin) Burnham of Kingsley, Iowa, Kathy (Lowell) Vanderploeg of Grinnell; 10 step-grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; one great-great stepgrandson; and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Achim in 2003; siblings: Delmar Ray Yoder in 2015 and Glori Faye Yoder in 2018; and stepson, Steven Burnham in 1987.

Pearl A. Michaelis, 85, of Washington, formerly of Kalona, passed peacefully on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Aspire of Washington. Her body has been cremated and the family will hold a memorial gathering in late spring. A memorial fund has been established for the Kalona Public Library. The Beatty Peterseim Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Pearl Angela (Nitz) Michaelis was born Nov. 3, 1937, in Elgin, Illinois, the daughter of Pearly August and Esther Marie (Frost) Nitz. She graduated from Elgin High School, and while in high school was a telephone operator. In 1956 she was united in marriage to Loring D. Michaelis.

Pearl was in carpet sales for many years, working at Carpetland USA in Coralville, and then at the Appliance Barn in Kalona. She was a talented artist, working in knitting, crocheting, oil and acrylic paint-



**Pearl A. Michaelis** 

1937 - 2023

ing and line drawing.

Pearl was a good cook and loved to read and was an avid supporter of the Kalona Public Li-

brary. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include three sons: Barry (Robin) Michaelis of Kalona, Peter Michaelis of Schaumburg, Illinois, and Joel Michaelis of Kalona; three grandchildren: Natalie, Adam and Katie; and seven greatgrandchildren: Eden, Gunner, Garret and Emberlin, Lily and Jace and Hunter; two sisters: Donna of Wisconsin, Bonnie of California; and one brother: Gale of Florida.

Preceding Pearl in death were her parents; seven brothers, one an infant; and one sister.

### Karen K. Rios

1949 - 2023

Karen K. Rios, 73, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, formerly of Kalona, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. Visitation will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Brosh Chapel and The Avacentre in Cedar Rapids, located at 2121 Bowling Street SW. Celebration of life will be 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Brosh Chapel. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

Karen was born March 23, 1949, in Cedar Rapids, the daughter of Edward L. and Maxine B. (Netolicky) Tesar. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1967, and later earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa.

Karen worked as registered nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City, for over 27 years until her retirement.

She was united in marriage to Raymond P. Rios on December 30, 1985, in Cedar Rapids.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading, needle point, sewing,



traveling, gardening, tending to animals, and most of all spending time with her family. Karen is

survived by children: Raymond L. (Dedra) Terpkosh, Connie M. (Robert) Cummins, Susan (Timothy) Rios-Hahn, Toni A. Sanchez-Graham, Joshua Rios, and Corey Rios; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her siblings: Carol A. (Jim) Brannaman and Dean E. (Angela) Tesar; as well as her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Raymond.

Memorials may be directed to the either the American Cancer Society or to the ASP-CA in her name.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.broshchapel.com

### **Samuel Kent Shepherd**

1952 - 2023

Samuel Kent Shepherd, 70, OI Riverside, died peacefully at home Sunday, March 12, 2023. A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m, Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Holy Family Education Center Hall in Riverside. Following the services, a time of food and fellowship will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Iowa City Hospice in memory of Samuel. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sandhfuneralservice.com. The Snyder and Hollenbaugh Funeral and Cremation Services of Riverside is caring for Sam's family and arrangements. Samuel Shepherd was born Dec. 14, 1952, in What Cheer, Iowa, to William and Ethlyn (Vandehaar) Shepherd. Sam developed his love of fishing and hunting and all things outdoors in his childhood in the What Cheer area. The family moved to Hawarden in 1963. Sam graduated from West Sioux High School in 1971. He enlisted in the Navy and was proud to be a veteran. After completion of his Naval service, Sam attended Bemidji State University. He received a degree in art studies and enjoyed drawing, painting and



carving his A DE ANT IN COLUMN



Daughter Verena shares stories from living on her own

to go with them. Kaitlyn came to my place after school.

Kevin left on Friday night, so it was just me and the three kids. I made a little tea party for them—I had done this one night for Abigail and Jennifer when they had been overnight. It seems like they always have a lot of fun with it. They seem to eat a lot more that way, as well.

I always find their conversation so funny! One night when I had a few of the children, they were all sitting on top of the vent with water. I told them not to dump any of their water down there because it could start a fire. It couldn't have, but I just wanted to prevent them from dumping water down there. T.J. accidentally dumped a little bit of his down there and it made a sizzling noise because it hit the stove. Jennifer jumped up so fast and ran away from it as fast as she could and was saying, "I can hear the smoke!" Then Abigail told her, Jenny, you can't actually hear the smoke but you can smell it." Ha, it was cute! Kaitlyn and Jennifer were telling Abigail that tea is the same thing as coffee, and Abigail said no. tea and coffee are different. So Abigail wanted to find out who was right, so she came to ask me, and I told her that they are two different

right. Haha! Last night, Tim and Elizabeth brought supper into my

place. Ervin and Susan ended up coming, as well. Elizabeth made chili soup and garlic cheese bread. Susan made a dessert. I had not made anything other than set out a few chips. Then I had ice cream afterwards. It was enjoyable!

things. Abigail was very glad

to let them know that she was

The children all picked up my toys before they left last night. As soon as Allison saw they were picking up the toys, she told me that she didn't feel good. I kind of knew that trick, because I remember playing that a few times when I was younger. Haha!

You all take care, and God

2 cups granulated sugar

1 1/2 cups water

bless **Old-Time Popcorn Balls** 

Last Wednesday, my brother Kevin came to stay overnight. I sure enjoyed his company! We are both a little scared of stink bugs, so we sure had an adventure trying to kill one. I have two little balls in my house that the children always play with when they come over—Kevin had one and I had the other, and we were throwing them at the stink bug until I finally hit it. Our second mission was to find them, because they had a way of disappearing after they dropped. Kevin ended up staying overnight again on Thursday night.

On Friday morning, sister Susan dropped off Jennifer and Isaiah with me. She and Ervin, along with their two boys Ryan and Curtis, went to Ervin's dad and mom overnight, and they only had room for two children 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup light corn syrup 1 teaspoon vinegar 1 teaspoon vanilla 5 quarts popped corn

Butter sides of saucepan. In it, combine sugar, water, salt, syrup, and vinegar. Cook to hard ball stage (250 degrees). Stir in vanilla. Slowly pour over popped corn in a large bowl, stirring just to mix well. Butter hands lightly; shape balls. Lay on a flat surface to cool. Makes 15 to 20 balls.

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 LovinasAmish-Kitchen@MennoMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

### **KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

On Friday, March 17, at 1:00pm, the library will be hosting a mini terrarium building activity for anyone 13+. Supplies will be provided along with a movie screening. Book donations for the spring book sale are still welcome.

New Adult Fiction: "The Maid of Ballymacool" by Jennifer Deibel; "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson; "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes; "Stone Blind" by Natalie Haynes

New Adult Non-Fiction:

"The Things We Make: The Unknown History of Invention from Cathedrals to Soda Cans" by Bill Hammack; "Bittersweet" by Susan Cain

New Media: "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile"; "Tom & Jerry: Food Fight"; "Scooby Doo 2: Monster's Unleashed'

New Junior Fiction: "The Lost Year: A Survival Story of the Ukranian Famine" by Katherine Marsh; "The Midnight Children" by Dan Gemeinhart

New Junior Non-Fiction: "All in a Drop" by Lori Alexan-

der

New Junior Graphic Novel: "Paws: Mindy Makes Some Space" by Nathan Fairbairn

New Easy Books: "Bluev: At Home with the Heelers"; "Moonlight" by Stephen Savage; "Sleepy Sheepy" by Lucy **Ruth Cummins** 

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

### **SENIOR DINING MENUS MARCH 16 - 23**

### **Goodwin Senior Dining**

Thursday - Brat & sauerkraut, hash browns/gravy, carrot & celery, cupcake

Friday – Beef & noodles, hot vegetables, green deviled eggs, St. Patty's cookies, peanut butter sand

Monday - Loose meat burger. macaroni & cheese, baked beans, Jell-O with fruit

Tuesday - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, chop chop salad, fruit crisp

Wednesday – Roast turkey,

sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, cranberry fluff, pumpkin bread

Thursday – Fish patty, French fries, cole slaw, Hawaiian tropical delight salad

Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-*2711. Cost for meal is \$7.* 

### Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday – Ham & noodle casserole, carrots, apricots Friday – Broccoli cheese

soup, dinner roll, peaches, ice cream

Monday - Spaghetti bake, mixed veggies, bread stick, fruit cocktail

Tuesday - Little smokie casserole, beets, pineapple, pudding

Wednesday – Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges

Thursday – Shepherd's pie, stewed tomatoes, fresh fruit, brownies

Make reservations by 10 a.m. Call 319-629-5144



entire lile. After becoming a dad and grandpa, Sam shared his love of art and outdoors with his kids.

Sam was always up for a new hobby or rekindling an old interest.

In his last years, he spent a lot of time both playing guitar and building guitars.

Sam was united in marriage to Mary (Stewart) in Elk Point, South Dakota, on July 2, 1983. Their daughter Kelsi was born the following summer in Iowa Citv.

Sam is survived by Mary; Kelsi; son-in-law: Brandon TeBockhorst; grandchildren: Reid Kent and Nell James, all of Kalona; sister: Amanda (Ted) Penning of Alton, Iowa; brother: Dan (Susan) Shepherd of Hawarden, Iowa; numerous brothers and sisters-inlaw; nieces and nephews; and a great number of wonderful friends.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents.

### **QUILT AMANA APRIL 14-16**

Join other quilt lovers at Price Creek Event Center for QUILT AMANA 2023 on April 14-16. Offerings include quilts for show and sale, vendors, guest artists, and exhibits.

The "Found" exhibit returns, featuring an all-new selection of rescued and reproduced quilts. Enjoy discovering the history and journey of these beautiful pieces, no longer lost to time.

Other vendors and demos include: fiber artist Sue Kluber; handcrafted hardwood quilt displays from Schanz Furniture; PGT Designs with primitive embroidery and wool

applique: fabric rep swatch sale; traditional Amana Quilting demo; metal quilt block signs and unique quilted items for the home; Quilts of Valor information booth and meet and greet with Rita Moore, featuring her 100th Quilt of Valor; Tribute to Kalona quilter Sarah Miller; Safe Haven of Iowa County animal rescue raffle quilt.

Weekend passes are \$8 and can be purchased at the door.

Price Creek Event Center is located at 4709 220th Trail, Amana. Show hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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### THE NEWS

### **BRIEFS**/

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### **Quilt Appraisal Day**

Quilt Appraisal Day will be held on Friday, March 31 at the Kalona Historical Village, 715 D. Avenue, Kalona. Any quilt is eligible to be appraised for \$60 written, \$30 verbal; quilt must be presented by owner or with written consent. Appointments advised; contact Charleen Richtsmeier at 641-847-2879 or quilter47.cr@ gmail.com.

### Kalona Fire Pancake Day

Join the Kalona Volunteer Fire Department for Pancake Day on Saturday, April 1 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fire station. Pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served; all you can eat; dine in or carry out. Free will donations will go toward the purchase of a new pumper/tanker.

### Kalona Library Book Sale

The Kalona Public Library will hold its annual spring book sale on Saturday, April 1 starting at 9 a.m. for Friends of the Library and 9:30 a.m. for the public. Book donations before March 30 are welcome.

### YMCA Spring Gala

Save the date for the YMCA of Washington County's 12th annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 1 at 5 p.m. at the Wellman Parkside YMCA Banquet Hall. Social hour, silent auction, dinner and speaker. \$70 per person or \$500 per table of eight; RSVP by March 1 at 319-646-8439 or 319-653-2141. Benefits the annual scholarship fund.

### **Kalona Easter Egg Hunt**

Join the fun at Kalona Historical Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 715 D Avenue, Kalona. Grounds open 10 a.m.; hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. Vendor show from 9 a.m. to noon. Enjoy games, crafts, pony rides, and bounce house; hot dogs, chips, and cookies served (free will donation). For more information, call 319-656-3232 or email kalonatours@ gmail.com.

### Wellman Fire **Tenderloin Dinner**

Support the Wellman Volunteer Fire Dept. by picking up a Tenderloin Dinner with fries and more on Saturday, April 8 from 4-7 p.m. Drivethru only; free will donation.

### **St. Wenceslaus Bake Sale**

The St. Wenceslaus Altar and Rosary Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall, 630 E. Davenport St, Iowa City. Kolaches, cinnamon rolls, and other bakery and craft items will be available, along with complimentary coffee.

### Lone Tree Preschool Signup

Registration is open for Lone Tree School Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. To register your child, visit the school's website at www. lone-tree.k12.ia.us, choose Parents & Students tab, then New Student Enrollment tab. Children born between 9/16/19 and 9/15/20 can register for the 3-year-old preschool class, and children born between 9/16/18 and 9/15/19 can sign up for the 4-year-old preschool class. Contact the office with questions: 319-629-4213.

### **STUDENT HONORS**

Kalona resident Jaedynn Ann Evans has

### Washington Board moves forward with Encite

BY MARY ZIELINSKI The News

### WASHINGTON

Although they tabled action to next week, the Washington County Supervisors Tuesday expect to have a contract this spring with Washington-based Encite Architecture & Design to remodel the county-owned Orchard Hill Complex to accommodate county administrative offices. The contract would be similar to ones the county has had with Carl A. Nelson who, due to other commitments, did

not have someone immediately available to start on the project.

During the public comment segment, which starts business for all board meetings, Karen Bates Chabal, a local business owner, voiced concerns about moving county administrative services out of the downtown city to the edge of town and its impact on the local economy. She asked that the board take another look at the space in the Federation Bank Building. The building was offered to the county for \$800,000 late last year.

The proposed contract would

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

sit in silence and listen to you twist our words."

"I'm very proud of the community and how they've handled it," said Sally Attwood, a property owner in Windham. 'It has been a waste of time, and in my opinion, it has all been very shameful. Just shameful.3

Supervisor Royceann Porter had an issue with the verbal attacks on the board.

'I don't like it when you say we don't listen to you because we have to make decisions,' Porter said. "We do. We listen. It's not easy."

The issue attracted the attention of Driscoll, a state senator from Williamsburg who represented District 38 from 2021-2023 and now represents District 46.

'We fight for rural representation all the time," she said. "These residents have banded together and I feel have done a phenomenal job of showing their passion for preserving their historic Windham."

Once the verbal jarring

was over, the board opted for a village plan using a smaller version of the village boundary than proposed by county staff. The alternate boundary, covering about 93 acres and presented by the Windham Village group, was put into a motion by Supervisor Rod Sullivan along with a caveat that heavy manufacturing development not be allowed. The staff's plan covered 196 acres.

A third plan, presented by Lawler, proposed the boundary follow Windham's much smaller area of the village's original plat.

Josh Busard, Director of Johnson County Planning. Development and Sustainability, said the village plan isn't meant to produce development, but instead govern it.

'It doesn't mean that growth is going to happen immediately," Busard said. "The plan, I think, is an opportunity for residents to weigh in, to be able to direct any future development.

**Board Action** 

close of 2025.

The Board approved a rezoning from agricultural to residential, and the preliminary and final plat for Barnes Second Subdivision, a two-lot subdivision located on Dane Road SW, northwest of Hills.

be solely for planning and de-

sign of the Orchard Hill facili-

ties. Supervisor Marcus Fedler

noted that remodeling for the

courthouse to serve all judicial

offices already is a line item in

the county budget. The project

will be funded through the feder-

al COVID-19 relief that awarded

the county approximately \$4.4

million, to be expended by the

heard concerns from supervisor

Jack Seward, Jr. about the con-

solidations and mergers of state

offices, as well as changes for

In other business, the board

The Board set a public hearing for the proposed tax levy for FY24, at 5:30 p.m. March 29.

The Board approved nine American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Food and Farm Grant Program agreements, totaling \$100,000.

The Board awarded a Cosgrove Road SW bridge replacement project to Taylor Construction of New Vienna, for a low bid of \$1.2 million.

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of Kidney Health Month.

### **Supervisor Elections**

Johnson County is one of five Iowa counties that would have its supervisors elected via districts beginning in 2024, according to pending state leg-

The book remains in the collection.

What "Gender Queer" and "Heather Has Two Mommies" have in common is LGBTQIA+ content, which, as Sherping notes, "has been a hot-button issue."

"When people say that it's not good for them, and it's therefore not good for the community, it contributes to forms of erasure," Sherping notes. "Not everybody is the same. We don't live in a homogenous community. By removing the material, even if you don't know somebody who needs it, that doesn't mean that person doesn't exist. It's important for them to have representation just as everyone else does. I think that point is important to reiterate, especially when we're considering queer or LGBTQ materials."

local ones that now follow site judicial boundaries, increasing the number of counties in a region. It is a move that "has taken away local control," something that has also removed any local oversight, "that . . .the control is now with Des Moines bureaucrats with no accountability to local government." Officially, costs of providing services will be reimbursed by the state, in effect making them "state employees". He especially stressed how the move has removed accountability, with no local oversight for either operations or costs.

islation.

The proposed law would affect counties of 125,000 population or more. Johnson County's five supervisors have been elected via at-large positions in the past, including in the November 2022 election, but the law would divide Johnson County into five districts of equal population. Voters would select just one supervisor representing the district in which a voter resides.

"It'll be interesting to see how that lays out," Johnson County Chair Lisa Green-Douglass said. "Counties should be able to determine and the people within those counties should be able to determine how their board of supervisors is elected. This is now being dictated to us from above."

The other counties falling under what is known as Plan 3 are Scott, Black Hawk, Linn and Polk.

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 9 a.m. March 16.

books that reflect a diversity of interests and viewpoints. When someone requests a book, he makes every effort to buy it, and if he can't, interlibrary loan which is now free - is another way for a patron to borrow it.

When it comes to political material, he looks to balance the liberal with the conservative, although it may not always look that way.

"This is actually a story from a previous director, but I've encountered similar things," he begins, telling the story of a patron who asked why the library was only buying liberal books. The director looked at the new nonfiction shelf, which did seem to slant left. The director then did a little research to find out how this could have happened.

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corruption of morals. We, as individuals devoted to reading and as librarians and publishers responsible for disseminating ideas, wish to assert the public interest in the preservation of the freedom to read.

Most attempts at suppression rest on a denial of the fundamental premise of democracy: that the ordinary individual, by exercising critical judgement, will select the good and reject the bad. We trust Americans to recognize propaganda and misinformation, and to make their own decisions about what they read and believe. We do not believe they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be 'protected' against what others think may be bad

book was challenged, in 2016. A Request for Reconsideration was received for "Heather Has Two Mommies" by Leslea Newman and Laura Cornell, a children's picture book in which a young girl with two mothers finds that her classmates' families are of all different kinds as well.

The board is required to respond in writing to such a request; regarding "Heather Has Two Mommies," the board stated, "We realize that not all books in our library represent the views and values of all our citizens. But we strive to offer materials based on the above policies. . . so that our readers may find and choose materials that are of interest to and appropriate for themselves and their families. It is ultimately up to the parents to choose materials that they deem appropriate for their children."

been named to University of Central Oklahoma Dean's Honor Roll for her work in the fall 2022 semester, a distinction given to those who achieve the university's highest academic standards.

for them. We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression.

The board of directors stood by this policy the last time a

### LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

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"All the conservative ones were checked out."

### AINSWORTH

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

#### HILLS

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

#### **IOWA CITY**

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

#### KALONA

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

East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 319-656-2590; Joel Beachy, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

English River Chapel: 1370 Hwy 1, Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; news@englishriverchapel.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church: 5 miles north on Highway 1, ¼ mile east, 319-683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bontrager, Leighton Yoder, Lavon Bontrager; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: Rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 319-683-2564; Sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor Anita Johnson: COVID-19 protocol. On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a combined worship at 9 a.m., the remaining Sunday's will have casual worship at 8:30 a.m. and traditional at 10:30 a.m.

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

#### KINROSS

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church: 216 W. Javne St: Pastor: Father Hai Dinh, 319-679-2271; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324. www.StsMaryandJoseph.com. Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

### NORTH ENGLISH

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

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

#### OXFORD

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

### RICHMOND

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

#### RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

2nd St. 319-648-3092; Pastor: Marsha Gerot, Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. (Preschool - 6th).

#### SOUTH ENGLISH

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

### WELLMAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WEST CHESTER

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

#### WASHINGTON

New Hope Mennonite Church, 1506 N. 5th Ave.; Pastors: Gabriel Beachy, Elwyn Stutzman, Matthew Petersheim; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA): 1226 E Washington St. 319-653-3950; Pastor: Susan Debner; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m., website: luthwash.org. Current info on church phone recording, 319-653-3950

Prairie Flower Baptist Church: 1909 Larch Ave, at the corner of 190th St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Cotner. Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Prairie Time: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday: Various activities posted on our web site, prairieflow erbaptistchurch.org

St. James Parish: 602 West 2nd St., 319-653-4504, 319-458-0412 cell; Father Bernie Weir; Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m. stjameswashington.org

United Methodist Church: 206 W 2nd St. 319-653-5446; Pastor: Anthony M. Devaughn; Traditional Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Washingtonumc. com.

Washington Reformed Presbyterian, Washington; Sabbath School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.



LONE TREE

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# Year's second legislative briefing draws smaller crowd

### BY CHERYL ALLEN The News

### WASHINGTON

State Senator Dawn Driscoll and State Representative Heather Hora joined interested constituents at Halcyon House in Washington on March 10 for their second legislative briefing of the year. The briefings are hosted by the Washington Chamber of Commerce, a nonpartisan organization.

A smaller crowd and cooler emotions characterized this event, in contrast to the previous briefing held in Kalona on Feb. 10.

Sen. Driscoll opened the event by highlighting two bills she introduced that made progress this week.

She was especially proud that her Senate File 443, first introduced in 2017, went to the Senate floor. The bill requires that "if you have a population of 125,000 or more, in order to run for a County Supervisor, you must reside in the district, and you will be voted on by the district." This would allow for someone from Hills or Lone Tree to "have a seat at the table" on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, for example.

"It actually went through the Senate with bipartisan support," she said. "I feel like it's especially important for rural Iowa to have that ag voice be heard," she added.

The other bill put forward by Driscoll that passed the Senate unanimously was Senate File 84, which provides minimum penalties for acts relating to the sexual exploitation of a minor.

Rep. Hora briefed the gathering on what has been happening in the House.

"This week in the Iowa House has been a great week for championing children," she said. "We've passed prohibition on gender procedures on children... Transition surgeries and hormone therapy will not be allowed, and that passed the Senate. We actually took the Senate file up in the House, passed it, and that is ready for the governor's signature."

"There will be no gender identity or sexual orientation taught kindergarten through sixth grade," she said. "And then we passed the parental/ guardian consent for gender identity at school. So those are some of the things that we passed out of education [committee] this week to protect our children. We're very proud of that."

Once open for public comment, a variety of concerns surfaced from the attendees; however, the two issues that came up more than once were the public notice bill and the fact that no legislative briefings were held on Saturdays.

Senate File 480 was approved by an Iowa Senate committee on March 8; it would create a new state website for schools, cities, and other entities to publish public notices. Presently publication of such notices is required to occur in newspapers.

Willie Stone, Superintendent of the Washington Community School District, was the first to bring the bill up and noted his support of it.

"That will be a big one for us. This brings us up to our current reality or mode of how we do things, being able to post things online instead of having to post them through the paper," he said.

Rep. Hora responded, "We believe that it's important to keep that in the newspaper because there's still a large part of our society that gets their information from the newspaper. I don't think there's anything that will prevent it from being posted online. But the newspaper is an important part of our communities, so I think that won't go anywhere in the House, I believe."

Sen. Driscoll remarked, "I know that our technology chair-

man – she was the one who was running the bill – she's just passionate about keeping up with the times. That's a big thing for her, to be able to have that access being on the internet, as well as in the newspapers."

Matt Bryant, publisher of the Southeast Iowa Union as well as other newspapers, spoke out against the bill.

"Most people are online, but not everybody is online. And even if they are online, the Iowa Newspaper Association already puts all public no-tices online," he said, noting that adding another government division to track online public notices is the opposite of streamlining government, which the governor aims to do. "These papers also provide a neutral third party, instead of the government monitoring the government," he continued. "You can't alter a newspaper public notice once it's in the papers," he added, indicating that that may be possible online.

"I will always advocate on the side of newspapers," Rep. Hora said.

Ron Slechta, publisher of The News, also spoke out against the bill.

"I just want to thank you for being supportive of newspapers. I'm passionate about keeping legals in newspapers," he said before reiterating some of the points made by Bryant. "Also, we have 2000 subscribers, many of whom don't have access to the internet."

Millie Youngquist, Washington City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem, also mentioned the bill.

"I was going to speak on the publication bill, too. It would save the city money, but I questioned whether the public accessibility and transparency would be there if it weren't in the paper," she said. "So I'm happy to hear some of the other comments that were made today."

The desire for a legislative briefing to be held on a Saturday in addition to the three Friday briefings this spring was also brought up by multiple constituents. Not everyone can get away midday during the workweek, especially hourly workers, it was noted.

The legislators expressed their open availability for phone and email conversations, but both held firm on giving their Saturdays to their families and other commitments.

The next legislative briefing will be held on Friday, April 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Washington County Hospital & Clinics, 400 E. Polk St., Washington.

### Mid-Prairie speech events nominated for All-State

On Saturday, March 11, the Mid-Prairie Individual Events Speech team competed at North Scott High School for the Iowa High School Speech Association's Individual Event State Speech Contest.

Of 16 entries, 14 Mid-Prairie events received Division 1 ratings, and six of those events are nominated to perform at the Iowa High School Speech Association's Individual Events All-State Festival on Monday, March 27 at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Haydon Bailey: Division 1 ratings in Solo Acting and Solo Musical Theatre. Bailey is nominated to perform both of his events at the IHSSA Individual Events All-State Festival.

Jacob Carrillo: Division 1 rating in Solo Improvisation. Division 2 rating in Solo Acting.

Kenadi Fay: Division 1 rating in Storytelling and After Dinner Speaking.

Harlie Gehling: Division 1 rating in Poetry and Radio News. Gehling is nominated to perform her Poetry event at the IHSSA Individual Events All-State Festival.

Isadora Goode: Division 1 rating in Original Oratory. Goode is nominated to perform her event at the IHSSA Individual Events All-State Festival.

Jack Greiner: Division 1 rating in Solo Musical Theatre and Solo Improvisation. Greiner is nominated to perform both of his events at the IHSSA Individual Events All-State Festival.

Logan McClellen: Division 1 rating in Storytelling.

Daniel Rodgers: Division 1 rating in Reviewing. Division 2 rating in Poetry.

Caroline Schrader: Division 1 rating in Solo Acting.

Avery Slaubaugh: Division 1 in Solo Musical Theatre. Haydon Bailey and Jack Grein er are two of 16 students across the state of Iowa participating in IHSSA Individual Events that are nominated as double performers at the All-State Festival.

At least two of three judges in each performer's center at State Contest must nominate a student for them to qualify for All-State. Participants in the IHSSA All-State Individual Events Festival represent the top 5% of all IE participants across the state of Iowa.

Mid-Prairie's Speech Coaches are Christine Meader and Lisa Helmuth.

### **DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

On Thursday, March 9, with representatives from the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Disability Rights Iowa, and disability advocates from across the state looking on, the Iowa House of Representatives passed a resolution designating March as Disabilities Awareness Month—the first resolution of its kind in Iowa.

The resolution (HR9) received bipartisan support and was introduced by Rep. Art Staed (D) of Cedar Rapids and Rep. Thomas Jeneary (R) of Le-Mars. Several representatives took part in reading the resolution aloud in full to the House before passage. Rep. Steven Bradley (R) of Cascade, Rep. Timi Brown-Powers (D) of Waterloo, Rep. Ken Croken (D) of Davenport, Rep. Thomas Gerhold (R) of Atkins, Rep. Martin Graber (R) of Fort Madison, Rep. Heather Matson (D) of Ankeny, Rep. Josh Turek (D) of Council Bluffs, and Rep. Elizabeth Wilson (D) of Marion all read a section of the resolution and met with the advocates in the House chamber.

A similar resolution (SR4) has been introduced in the Iowa Senate by Sen. Izaah Knox (D) of Des Moines. Sen. Nate Boulton (D) of Des Moines introduced advocates to the Senate on Thursday, acknowledging recognition of March as Disabilities Awareness Month.

The purpose of the resolution is to bring awareness to the contributions of persons with disabilities as well as disability-related issues faced by Iowans across the state. Disability rights advocates asked legislators to ensure that the opinions of individuals with disabilities are heard during discussion on policies that could directly impact their lives, emphasizing that it's crucial to make decisions with people with disabilities—not for them.

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### Joni Ernst: For our daughters

Iowa has a celebrated history of exceptional girls' sports programs. We just saw the Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball team take home their fifth Big Ten Tournament title, days after cheering on the high school girls competing in the state tournament. Last year, the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union proudly sanctioned girls wrestling, opening up new opportunities for girls to be part of a team and recognized for their achievements. Title IX not only makes these events possible, but it guarantees an opportunity for our female athletes.

Whether it's growing as a young leader, winning a championship, or securing a scholarship to college, sports open doors for young girls. And folks, these doors shouldn't be slammed shut because of the progressive left's gender ideology

In May, President Biden intends to force institutions to allow biological males to share spaces with females and compete in women's sports. Girls' locker rooms have now become a battleground for the left, and parents continue to be iced out of this issue.

Thankfully, last year, Governor Reynolds protected girls' sports across our state, from elementary school all the way up to the collegiate level. At the federal level, I joined my colleagues in supporting The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. Under this legislation, any athletic program that receives federal funds and permits a biological male to participate in competitions designated for women or girls would violate federal law.

Title IX is the law of the land, whether the far left likes it or not. The law was created to offer the same playing field to female athletes as their male counterparts - not to subject women to second place and the sidelines. Every time a girl steps onto the mat, court, field, or track she should know she has every opportunity to compete and win. In defense of our Iowa daughters and female athletes across the nation, I will not stop fighting to pass this commonsense bill.

### for new superintendent TJ RHODES

The News LONE TREE

Students, faculty, and community members turned out at the Lone Tree school library for an input meeting as part of the district's superintendent search on March 8.

Split into five groups, they provided McPherson & Jacobson LLC. valuable information about their desired superintendent. There were lots of similarities between the groups.

They gave tons of positive feedback, like how the school is a hub of the community with great staff and students. Other positive things mentioned were the Wellness Center, PTO, staff training, and the preschool-12 format, to list a few.

The negatives were limited, like a concern for the roof and boiler systems, the budget, and some pushback against the school board who some perceived as "micromanaging" and needing "some direction" with a new superintendent.

Lone Tree input meeting aids in search

People generally want a financially literate superintendent who is visible and calm. They don't want someone who plans on making big changes right away. Some felt growth would be a challenge anyway.

After the input meetings, the board met with McPherson & Jacobson LLC. to help finalize many details about the superintendent search. The search party has confirmed that everything is perfectly on track.

tendent will close Mar. 21. The board will choose the semi-finalists on Mar. 29, holding semi-final interviews on Apr. 1 and final interviews on Apr. 5.

They used the start of this meeting to go over the input meeting results. Here, some important things were ironed out.

Some at the input meeting felt current superintendent, Kurt DeVore, does not attend enough school events. However, the board had pushback, confirming that DeVore is at every school event and is extremely visible, an aspect that will be hard to replace.

The school board will meet again on Mar. 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting in the school library, not pertaining to their superintendent search.

The application for superin-

### City officials relate details on water project

**BY JOHN BUTTERS** 

### The News WELLMAN

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it would. I think it's going to turn out beautifully."

Replacing Campbell as Director is Carrie Geno, who currently serves as Assistant The library board Director. confirmed her appointment on March 7.

'It's not something that I originally thought that I was going to do," Geno said. "But I'm very excited to step into the role. I'm excited to see this expansion come to life and just see the library grow.'

As Campbell and Geno worked together on plans for the library's expansion, their shared vision makes for a more seamless transition.

"I played a role in writing the grant and have been part of working with the architects and all of that up to this point," Geno said. "So I feel very comfortable stepping in and continuing the project."

Geno's new role will see her move from part-time to fulltime, so patrons will see her more often at the library. She will also take on more execu-

tive responsibilities.

"It's going to be great. She'll do a wonderful job," Campbell says of her successor.

As for Campbell, her role at the Cedar Rapids Public Library will be as a Programming Specialist; she'll work with a team to plan all the programs, for all ages, at the library.

"I really love programming," she said. "That's one of my favorite things to do here.

"This has been my hometown forever, and it still will be," Campbell added, reflecting on her life in Wellman. "I'm just going somewhere else for a little while."

Those wishing to visit Campbell while enjoying the amenities of Cedar Rapids might congratulate her with a honey cinnamon latte. Those wishing to congratulate Geno here in Wellman might surprise her with a chocolate chai.

'It's going to be a new adventure," Geno says, "but I'm excited for it."

Wellman's aging water system needs both repair and replacement, city officials advised residents at a lightly attended public forum at the Parkside Recreation Center Monday.

Mayor Ryan Miller and City Administrator Kelly Litwiller led a slide show presentation detailing a planned \$5.1 million upgrade to 13,500 ft. of the pipes that deliver the city's drinking water. That amounts to 25 percent of the city's lines.

The city's 100-year-old system is leaking water, significantly increasing its operational costs for both pumping water and treatment costs. In 2015, the city learned it was losing as much as 58% of the water it was sending from its plant. That implies the city was only billing residents for 42 per cent of the water it supplied.

Improved efficiencies, initiated in 2017, reduced the loss to 27% in 2022. But city officials say the goal for water loss should be roughly 10 per cent and the city can't achieve that without a major overhaul of its water lines.

The city is also in need of a reliable back-up system. It's main well is 70 years old and its back-up produces water that is incompatible with its current treatment system. When the city shut down its main well for repairs several years ago, water from the back-up well fouled the treatment system resulting in more costly repairs.

Of the 5.1 million, water main replacement and upgrades are budgeted for \$3.5 million and a backup water source for \$1.5 million. Options include drilling a new well and connecting to the Wapello Rural Water Association. City officials said the cost of drilling a new well and hooking into the rural water system are about the same.

Contracting with the Wappello Rural Water Association has several advantages. It essentially guarantees a future supply of sufficient, quality drinking water. And since it is regulated by the Department of Agriculture, it functions as a nonprofit association. Any planned rate increases require a 5-year notice to its customers, providing clients with cost-sta-

**Alton Miller** 

### bility.

Potential funding for the project could come from a combination of city-issued bonds, a local option sales tax, the State Revolving Fund, (SRF), and an increase in water rates.

Officials projected that household water rates would increase from \$56.25 to \$58.46, only \$2.21 on 2,000 gallons monthly. On monthly usage of 5,000 gallons, the cost would increase from \$78.87 to \$83.33, a modest increase of \$4.46.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) jointly administer the SRF. The DNR administers the environmental and permitting aspects to get projects ready for financing. This includes engineering and design approval, and construction permits.

City officials said the planned project would serve Wellman well into the future and that continued improvements could be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The city has scheduled its first public hearing on a potential water rate increase for March 20.

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

tents, they "took a defensive stand, kept it from spreading to the next building, and basically let it burn itself out," Zahradnek said. Riverside and Wellman firefighters were enroute to the blaze, but "we turned them around when we realized that there was nothing to save," he said. The building at 2475 560th Street SW, Kalona, was owned by Lester Yoder. The contents of the building belonged to Eric and Elrose Gingerich. The equipment housed inside the shed that was lost to the fire included three tractors, a uniloader, a bean drill, a planter, a trailer, and a hay mower. Zahradnek believes the fire to be accidental, possibly caused by one of the tractors inside the shed. "An electrical short or something," he surmises.

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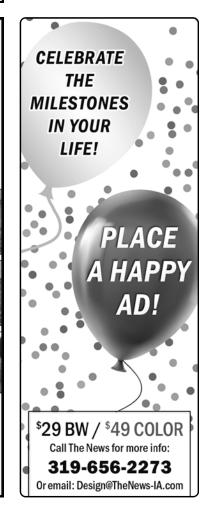
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# NEWS

### Highland Schools tax levy rate for FY24 proposed for 13.00308

BY PAUL D. BOWKER The News

### RIVERSIDE

The Highland Community Schools property tax levy rate for Fiscal Year 2024 is proposed for 13.00308, which is about one cent lower than this year's rate.

Ken Crawford, Schools Superintendent, said during Monday's regularly scheduled meeting of the Highland School Board that the district is attempting to be responsible with its spending and not raise taxes.

A public hearing was set for 5 p.m. April 10, when the levy rate and proposed budget is presented.

School budgets and levy rates must be set by April 30, per state code.

Property taxes are proposed to raise \$4.3 million with another \$3.5 million coming from state funds and \$135,925 in utility replacement money.

A levy rate of 13 means that each \$1,000 of property carries a \$13 schools tax.

Total expenditures for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, are targeted for \$11.293 million.

### 2023-24 Calendar

The Board approved the school calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

The first day of classes will be Wednesday, Aug. 23, following two days of teacher in-service days.

The district will have four quarters of classes, finishing with the last day of school on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Winter break is scheduled for Dec. 22, 2023, through Jan. 2, 2024. Spring break is March 14 and 15, 2024.

### **Board Action**

The Board approved an operational sharing agreement with WACO for the 2023-24 school year.

The Board approved the purchase of a 12-passenger van from Charles Capper Auto Center of Marengo for \$31,375, including trade-ins. The van will be used for athletic teams and other school activity transportation needs. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds and a second amendment to an escrow agent agreement. The Board approved a number of district policies. Next board meeting: The board will hold its next monthly meeting at 5 p.m. April 10. A work session is scheduled for March 27 at 5 p.m.

### MILLER FAMILY HOMESTEAD WELCOMED TO KALONA CHAMBER



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The Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Miller Family Homestead with an official plaque on Tuesday, March 7. Craig and Joy Miller raise 150 head of cattle from calf to market at their farm in Riverside; look for their beef at the Kalona and Washington Farmers' Markets this spring. Back Row: Ron Slechta (The News); Carol, Nelson, Joy, Craig and Kenzie Miller; Tandy Greiner (CBI Bank); Tonia Poole (Kalona Chamber); Grace Schumann (Stitch N Sew Cottage); Kris Burns (Hills Bank); and Karma Brokaw (JK Creative Wood). Front Row: Dexter, Kendrick, and Tyrell Miller.



### **FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP**

One goal of the Washington County 4-H is to give 4-H members a variety of options for hands-on learning, experiencing, creating and fun with other 4-H members under leadership of community businesses, experts, and volunteers. This new workshop can do just that for members.

On April 16 4-H will host a Floral Design Workshop at Wolf Floral in Washington from 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Participants will learn about floral design basics, cut flower care, tips for growing flowers at home, floral careers and more. This workshop will be led by 4-H floral superintendent Kathleen Brinning.

Pre-registration is required by April 1 to https://tinyurl.com/4hFloralDesign23. Limited space is available, and the workshop will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. A \$10 fee will be collected at the workshop. Participants will need to bring their own clean mason jar to use as a vase. All participants will take home a fresh floral arrangement in their mason jar. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses.

Youth are encouraged to participate and learn through these hands-on experiences to boost knowledge and spark new project interests while having a good time, creating, and building upon skills.

Contact Amy at the Washington County Extension Office, 319-653-4811, with questions or if you have other workshop requests or would like to volunteer.







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### SATISFYING SOUP SUPPER IN KALONA



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The Kalona and Mennonite Historical Societies' soup supper satisfied appetites at both lunch and dinner hours on Friday, March 10. The sale of soups and an assortment of delicious desserts is an important annual fundraising event for both groups. Above, Amy Fick, wife of Kalona Historical Society Board Secretary Nate Fick, serves a cup of chili to Nyle Kauffman of the Mennonite Historical Society.



The Soup Supper provided food and an occasion for socialization with friends in Kalona.



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### "Tree-Mendous" hit in Kalona

### TJ RHODES The News

### KALONA

Those who wanted to learn about trees had the opportunity to meet Peter Lundgren and Nick McGrath with Trees Forever, a non-profit organization planting trees in Iowa and Illinois, at the "Tree-Mendous Growth" event held at the Kalona Library on Mar. 11.

Lundgren and McGrath taught the importance of tree diversity and the benefits of growing trees. Streets that are shaded last longer and create cooler sidewalks. Shaded houses save on energy. Downtown areas with more trees are proven to aid in tourism. Trees serve more than just aesthetics.

Trees Forever visited Kalona because the city's tree canopy was recently remapped. The organization likes to work with cities to help increase their canopy cover. To get a city's tree canopy remapped, they can contact the DNR on their website.

Trees Forever urged passionate residents to create tree committees in their communities. If a committee gets an Arbor Day passed, creates a forestry program with an annual budget of \$2 per capita, and passes a tree care ordinance, a town can become a "Tree City USA." This title is a "badge of honor," according to McGrath. Trees Forever can help a committee through the various steps.

For Kalona, the city council plans to look at credits for plating over 250 oak trees and new tree inventory grants, according to City Administrator, Ryan Schlabaugh.

Trees Forever presented two grants a city could apply for. The Alliant Energy Grant provides \$5,000 to plant trees on public land. The second was the Grow Green for Students grant with Green State which offers up to \$5,000 to plant trees at local schools.



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Andy Dahl took participants through Kalona and talked about the attributes of specific trees.



Trees Forever brought literature and refreshments to the Kalona Library on March 11.

planting trees on their own property, Trees Forever advocates you do research and be diverse. Be committed to the tree you want; some might take years before they show true development. Be patient and do not settle for a tree you do not want or do not have the space for. Lastly, be an advocate for tree development.

Andy Dahl, an Arborist at the University of Iowa, joined Trees Forever. Dahl led a tree walk after the presentation, guiding eager residents through Kalona to the City Park, talking about each tree that caught his eye. It was an educational and fun experience.

For those who want to learn even more, Trees Forever is For those interested in hosting a TreeKeepers learn-



A visual presentation guided participants through the process of creating a lush, treefilled community and explained the benefits of doing so.

ing course, starting on Mar. 28 in Cedar Rapids. Here, people can learn more about trees and the process of planting and caring for them. You can register on the Trees Forever website for more information: treesforever.org.

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# The News SPORTS THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

# **GETTING BACK ON TRACK**

Mid-Prairie and Hillcrest track & field teams take part in the IATC Indoor championships

### **BY GIOVANNI CORONEL**

The News

### AMES

Even with this consistent chilly weather making it hard for most folks to even walk down the street without shivering up a storm, the 2023 track and field season has begun to take shape. The best way to combat this frost inducing weather is to stay inside and that is just what Mid-Prairie and Hillcrest did for its first track meet of the season.

The Golden Hawks and the Ravens traveled to Ames for the two day event, March 9-10, that is the Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC) Indoor Championships, located in Iowa State University's Lied Athletic Recreation Center.

Individual participants who place in the top six and relays placing in the top three would be awarded medals at this indoor meet. Running, jumping, throwing this indoor track meet had it all, with the girls competing on March 9 and the boys competing on March 10.

### **Mid-Prairie Results**

Despite snowy weather on the 9th, making travel a bit concerning, the Mid-Prairie girls track and field team

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Mid-Prairie sophomore Jayse Yoder rounds the corner in the 1600 meter race at the IATC Indoor championships on March 10th.

# All-State Huskie cousins: Burton and Stokes





Sarah Burton, a junior at Highland High School, doesn't stop. Not for a minute.

There is basketball. And softball. And track. And volleyball.

And just in case that wasn't enough, you might even see her pop in for a cameo appearance at school board meeting.

"All-around athlete," said Jody Fink,

four-sport athletes. She does long jump. I do long jump. She played volleyball. I play volleyball. We all play the same sports. She was shortstop. When she graduated, I took her spot."

"We're very similar in how we play and how we lead a team," she added. "She's just someone I've looked up to."

Add All-State to the list. Burton was named All-State in girls basketball this year, the first Huskie to achieve that list since her cousin did so four years ago. Burton helped the Huskies to a 10-win season and led the Southeast Iowa Super Conference North in rebounds (284), steals (87) and blocks (58). She was the top junior scorer.

Go back to 2019, and Stokes, coached by Fink, led the SEISC North in defensive rebounds, steals and blocks. The cousins are certainly athletic sisters. Close ones. "She fills so many different roles," Fink said of Burton. "As a ballhandler, as a rebounder, defender. She's a great all-around player."

GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Highland junior Sarah Burton during a regular season game against English Valleys.

her basketball coach and the athletics director at Highland. "She can go anywhere and do anything."

There's a reason. And it's family.

Aly Stokes, a 2019 Highland High graduate and a 2019 All-State selection in basketball, also didn't stop. Basketball, softball, track, volleyball.

Aly is an older cousin of Sarah. And an inspiration.

"We're pretty much alike," Sarah says. "A lot of people say we resemble each other very well because we're both The All-State selection verifies it. Burton was named to the Class 1A Sec-

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# Mid-Prairie's Landry Pacha chooses Central for Volleyball

### **BY GIOVANNI CORONEL**

The News

### WELLMAN

Friends, coaches, teammates, and family all gathered in the Mid-Prairie High School library on March 8 for one purpose, to witness standout Mid-Prairie athlete Landry Pacha sign a letter of intent to continue her volleyball career at Central College in Pella.

"I knew I wanted to keep playing because I love volleyball so much. I couldn't stop after high school," Landry Pacha told KCII sports last December. "When I went there (Central), I just knew that was where I wanted to go. I loved the campus, the college, everything about it was just great. The volleyball coach is amazing, she's so much fun. The atmosphere there is amazing."

Before any documents were signed for Pacha to continue her academic and athletic career at Central, Mid-Prairie volleyball head coach, Sherry Evans, thanked everyone for coming to the event and said some kind words about Pacha.

"Some of the really awesome honors Landry has had all over the years, she's been an all-conference player, she's been an academic all conference player, so classroom wise she's a sharp one," Evans said. "This recent year she got all-district as well. She was captain for three years, and did a really good job in leading our team in assists basically every year. A new stat for her this year was hitting, which was different but she rocked it, and she led the team in kills. We're really proud of her."

After the pleasant formalities came to a close, Landry, with her parents, Nick and Laney Pacha, sitting next to her, signed her name on the dotted line to make her decision official.

In her last year playing volleyball

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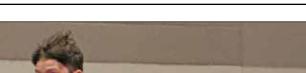
Mid-Prairie's Landry Pacha signs a letter of intent with parents Nick and Laney Pacha

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by her side on March 8th.

# SPORTS





Left, Mid-Prairie senior Shawn Dodds races down the track after taking the baton from Grady Gingerich in the 4x100 meter relay. Right, Mid-Prairie freshman Matthew Troyer leaps over hurdle.

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arrived in Ames last Thursday to officially begin its season.

A top finisher for Mid-Prairie was Danielle Hostetler, who took part in a pair of events. Hostetler was able to take fourth place in the 1500 meter run in 4:58.11. In the 3000 meter run she finished in seventh place with a time of 10:35.72.

Another top ten finisher for the Golden Hawks came from Tabitha Evans. Evans took a seventh place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:00.73. Also taking part in the 400 meter dash for the Golden Hawks was Lanee Duwa, who finished in 51st with a time of 1:12.85.

A pair of Golden Hawks raced in the 800 meter run, Grace Conway and Greta Sieren. Conway finished the 800m in 44th place with a time of 2:57.21 and Sieren finished in 51st place with a time of 2:57.21.

For the Mid-Prairie boys track and field team a top finisher was Emmett Swartzentruber. Earning a medal for his performance, he placed fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:20.21, which was also a PR. Keeping a consistent pace of about 58 seconds each 300 meters, Swartzentruber ran a solid race to earn his top five finish. He also participated in the 4x800 meter relay alongside fellow teammates Preston Yutzy, Thomas Flynn, and Jacob Donaldson. This quartet of Golden Hawks finished in 9th place with a time of 9:07.10.

Jayse Yoder was another top finisher for the Golden Hawks. Yoder earned a medal with a sixth place finish in the 1600 meter run. Running a 4:49.05 in the 1600m he was able to set a PR with that time. He was also a part of the distance medley and he competed with Mid-Prairie teammates Lanson Sullivan, Gentry Bontrager, and Kaden Meader. They were able to finish in second with a time of 3:49.55.

Mid-Prairie had two participants in the high jump, Cain Brown and Shawn Dodds. Brown came in third in this event. He cleared the bar on his first attempt at 1.75 meters, 1.80 meters, and 1.85 meters. On his third attempt he cleared the bar at the 1.91 meter mark. Then, again on his third attempt, he cleared the bar at the 1.96 meter mark. At 2.01 meters he was unable to clear the bar after three attempts.

Dodds finished in 16th place in the high jump. He was able to jump over the bar at 1.65m on his third attempt and then clear the bar at 1.70m, also on his third attempt. When the bar was raised to 1.75m he was unable to clear it after three attempts.

For the shot put event Mid-Prairie had two participants, Burke Berry and Jackson Zahradnek. Berry was able to place 10th with his best throw traveling 12.64 meters. Zahradnek finished in 16th place with the farthest throw being 12.12 meters.

### **Hillcrest Results**

For the Hillcrest track and field team a top finish came from Delaney Shaw in the long jump event. On three attempts, her first being 4.24 meters and her third being 4.23 meters, her longest jump came on her second attempt, 4.33 meters. This jump was able to give her a 35th place finish.

Morgyn Nafziger finished in 58th place in the shot put event for Hillcrest. Her best throw came on her first attempt, with the shot put traveling 7.19 meters.

Owen Scott took part in two events, the high jump and the 10th.

long jump. In the long jump he was able to finish in 19th place. Scott's best jump came on his last attempt, 5.15m.

In the high jump he was able to finish in sixth place af-

ter clearing the bar at 1.55m, 1.60m, 1.65m, 1.70m, and 1.75m. At the 1.80m mark he was unable to jump over the bar, but his sixth place finish did earn him a medal.

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Mid-Prairie sophomore Burke Berry launches a shot put on March



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Left, Josh Anderson dribbling the ball up the court on the way to score. Right, Jayden Stafford makes a pass in the final game on March 11th.

# Wellman hosts wheelchair basketball charity event



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie basketball coach Daren Lambert looks to shoot the basketball and score.

### **BY TJ RHODES**

The News

### WELLMAN

Hands were taped from the strain of pushing a wheelchair in the heat of a basketball game. But there was nothing but smiles from the people playing in the Wellman Parkside Center. That's because they

were there for a good cause, supporting the Adaptive Sports Iowa (ASI) wheelchair basketball program with a fundraiser basketball tournament along with food and silent auctions/ raffles. The event, held on Mar. 11, was a success. It was organized by Dixie Conrad and Shelli Stafford.

Some of the ASI Grizzlies at-

tended this event, a wheelchair basketball team filled with seven players spanning six cities in Iowa. Representing Wellman was Mid-Prairie sophomore, Jayden Stafford.

Grizzlies The refereed games in the tourney before getting a chance to play the winners, winning the exhibition game 35-22. The Grizzlies did not hold back from showing the amateurs how it's done by crashing into their chairs, knocking them to the ground and rolling away with the big lead in the second half after some friendly smack-talk motivated them.

The Grizzlies will be representing Iowa at the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Nationals Invitational in Wichita, Kansas, between Mar. 24-26.

Stafford is a manager for the Mid-Prairie basketball team and has been playing wheelchair basketball for some time. He enjoyed his time at the tourneys.

"For me, it's enjoyable seeing like, all the people, seeing what your sport is about and seeing that it's not what other people think of, just pushing really slow up the court," Stafford said. "It shows the community what I do in my free time and what I want to do with my life."

Stafford is an advocate for

adaptive sports for those with disabilities because nothing should hold them back from accomplishing their dreams.

Just because you have a disability doesn't mean you can't go out and compete at the same level [as an] NFL or NBA type person would," Stafford said. "There's still D1 athletes, there's still D2 athletes, there's still college athletes, there's people playing overseas right now to compete for the number one spot in the entire world [with disabilities]."

Anyone could form a team and experience basketball in a wheelchair with teams formed up to five people. Entry was \$25 per person. If someone did not want to play, they could just donate to the cause. Some community members like Daren Lambert, head coach for the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks boys' team, was seen at the event in support. Lambert, playing in the tourney until the end.

'This is the second time I've done it. It's just as fun as the first time. It's a great experience and like I said, it goes to a good cause, so, it's easy to do," Lambert said.

Lambert felt the brunt of the sport by having sore shoulders and wrapped fingers. It is a tough game to jump into. He felt the games against other

amateurs were much easier than the game against the Grizzlies

"[The Grizzlies are] fast. They fly up and down the court," Lambert said. "If they don't want you to move, they can literally stop you whenever they want.

Josh Anderson attended this event as someone who is relatively new to wheelchair basketball but was encouraged to play by Conrad and others. In his games, he moved quick and seemed to have a good grasp for how the game is played. He thinks he might continue to play in the future.

"It's really tiring and really takes skill. I thought it was going to be easy at first, but it was really hard," Anderson said. "[I'm] just having fun, you know, working with my teammates, I've been building up the chemistry."

Events like this are great to showcase adaptive sports for those with disabilities. It can help students get scholarships for college and continue playing the sports they love.

Some other programs ASI offers are sled hockey, track & field, tennis, beep baseball and cycling, to list a few. They provide a fun way for those with disabilities to still enjoy sports and are always looking for more participants.

# **SPORTS**

# Mid-Prairie's Pete Cavanagh: 'Time to step back'

### BY PAUL BOWKER

The News

Pete Cavanagh, the winningest coach in Mid-Prairie football history, is giving up his head-coaching position after serving for 20 years in that job and several years before that as an assistant.

He announced his resignation publicly through social media last Friday.

"I have really enjoyed coaching football at Mid-Prairie," Cavanagh told The News. "The players have been awesome. A blue-collar work ethic and strong characters makes any coach's job easier. Also, our staff over the years has been top notch."

Cavanagh won 123 games over 20 seasons and coached Mid-Prairie to its first playoff victory 18 years ago.

Cavanagh's teams posted winning seasons the last four years, including 2021 when his son, quarterback Will Cavanagh, played his final senior season for the Golden Hawks, nearly winning a district championship and then winning a River Valley Conference championship in basketball.

"My hero and role model!" Will Cavanagh, who is now a freshman at Central College, said on Twitter. "Congrats for an amazing run and thank you for all the memories."



Mid-Prairie head football coach Pete Cavanagh, shown coaching the Mid-Prairie team during a preseason practice, won a school-record 123 games as head coach.

Pete Cavanagh, a social studies teacher at Mid-Prairie, also was appreciative of the support shown by his wife, Erin, who is also a teacher at Mid-Prairie.

"Thanks to my wife, Erin, for supporting me through it all," he said.

The positive vibes have already started to roll in.

"Pete is a valued member of the Mid-Prairie family," said Tyler Hotz, Activities Director. "He's a great leader of men."

"Coaching with Coach Cavanagh has been an honor and a positive experience in my career," said Daren Lambert, head boys basketball coach and defensive coordinator in football. "Our time working together the last seven years has made me a better coach and person, and that is due to the skills Coach Cav has taught me, as well as the experiences we have had together throughout our coaching career. He is a person who puts kids first and wants to bring out the best in anyone he works with."

"Cav was a great coach and a fun person to be around," said Cain Brown, a senior who was a receiver for the Golden Hawks and hopes to play college football. "He connected with the players and cared for all of them. He always had a competitive mindset and it made all of the teams that he coached tough. He created a legacy and will be a person I will always remember."

For Pete Cavanagh, whose son Will is now on the football team at Central College in Pella, the timing for a departure seemed right. But, in fact, he hopes it won't be a total departure.

"I think it was just time," he said. "Time for me to step back, time for someone else to have a chance. I really hope to still be involved in a much smaller role, give input and help our younger guys develop.

"I really appreciate the community support. It's been second to none."

While Cavanagh's resignation won't be official until it is accepted by the school board later this month, Hotz said a search for a new coach would begin soon.

Cavanagh led the Golden Hawks to a school-record 10 wins in 2008 and defeated Iowa City Regina in the state round of 16.

The 2012 and 2013 Golden Hawk teams won 17 of 22 games, following up the 18-5 record posted by the 2008 and 2009 teams.

The Golden Hawks won six of 10 games this past season, defeating Northeast in the 2A playoffs and then losing to district champion and state finalist Williamsburg.



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Left, Highland junior Sarah Burton takes a tough contested shot during a regular season game. Right, Burton passes the ball during a first round playoff game against English Valleys.

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ond Team.

"It also helps show her that she's respected throughout the state on that, as well," Fink said. "For her to get on (All-State) basketball, it says a lot. Even moving forward, it puts her name out there for other college coaches to sit there and take a look at. She was one of the top players in our conference all the way around." And then there's track. Burton nearly won All-State honors as a sophomore, finishing third in the long jump at the state championships. The top two win All-State selection.

And in softball, Burton is one of the best baserunners in the state. Just like Aly.

Burton has stolen 75 bases in her first three varsity seasons, including 9-for-9 in her eighth-grade season.

Stokes had 81 stolen bases in her five varsity seasons, including 6-for-6 in her freshman season of 2015. In her last two seasons, Stokes was never thrown out.

As Burton enters the last months of her junior year, college choices are entering the conversation. Not only where, but in which sport? There could be multiple options.

"I really do think she can sit there, she'll be able to pick what sport she wants to do," Fink said. "She's a very good softball player. Track, she flies, could do that if she wanted to. Volleyball, she can play the front row, she can play the back row. Basketball, she can handle

the ball."

"I'm leaning toward softball or volleyball," she said, "just because I feel like that's where I feel I'm most dominant. I enjoy all of them."

Just like Aly.

Burton's senior season will be so different. She'll be the team leader, not just in stats but vocally. It'll be an important role for a Huskie team that won't have many seniors.

"Her teammates will react," Fink said. "They follow her pretty well. She doesn't say a whole lot right now. But when she does speak up, when she does talk, her teammates listen."

Coming out of this season, it is a lesson that has already stuck with Burton.

"I learned not to be selfish and just encourage others as much as I can because that encouragement will boost their confidence," she said. Well said.

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Mid-Prairie senior Landry Pacha, surrounded by teammates, coaches, and friends, was all smiles during her signing event at the Mid-Prairie high school library.

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

for the Golden Hawks, Pacha put together a remarkable season. On offense she led the team in assists and kills, with 407 and 264 respectively. On defense she finished the year with 254 digs and 28 blocks total. As a server she scored a team best 47 aces and had a 94.2% serve efficiency rate

Pacha's athletic talents don't just end on the volleyball court. A multisport athlete for Mid-Prairie, Pacha's final season of high school basketball came to a close last month. She was selected second-team all conference in the River Valley Conference South and ended the season with 239 points, 30 assists, and 167 rebounds.

As a freshman Pacha was able to earn a spot on the starting lineup for the volleyball team. Getting better and better every year Pacha was able to accomplish the impressive milestone of 1,000 assists as a junior in 2021.

"Landry has been a huge part of MP's success. As a freshman we threw her in as a 6-2 setter alongside senior Cassidy Hershberger. Landry just blossomed from there as a setter," Evans said. "Her sophomore & junior years she was our only setter running a 5-1. Her senior year we got to utilize her hitting talents and again ran a 6-2 with freshman Jovi Evans. Landry has been an incredible leader for our team.

Part of a rebuild for Mid-Prairie volleyball, put into motion by head coach Sherry Evans, Pacha was an essential component of the Golden Hawks going from a 22 loss team in 2019 to a 27 win team in 2022.

"[Pacha] is an extremely versatile player and Central College has found an incredible talent as an all around volleyball player," Evans said. "We are so proud of Landry and her commitment to the Central College volleyball program! She has an incredible work ethic in season and in off season! She will definitely be missed by MP and we are so excited for her continuing her volleyball career."

Pacha, undecided on her major, has plans to focus academically on kinesiology and health science. Appreciative to her teammates and coaches who helped her along the way Pacha will no doubt always remember her time playing volleyball for Mid-Prairie.

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

### **RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** MONDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2023

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

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

Motion made by Kiene, second by Sexton to approve consent agenda in cluding 2-21-23 minutes, and expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.

Shane Patterson, CIT Sewer Solutions, of McCallsburg, Iowa updated the sewer maintenance contract proposal for annual cleaning and inspections. Patterson reviewed sewer maps with Council and reported on grease cleaning at two lift stations.

Luis Ramirez, PeopleService, Inc. presented Fluidyne ISAM proposal for wastewater treatment plant.

Brian Boelk, Axiom Consulting, addressed Council on partial retainage re-lease on 3rd Street Project. Boelk gave updates on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, ADA ramp at City Hall, Water Plant repairs, and storm drainage on Kleopfer/Buckeye Streets.

Bryan Lenz brought three bids to Council on trade in of John Deere mower towards gator purchase for streets and parks

McGuire moved, second by Schneider to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1. Administrative Search at 7:20 pm. Passed 5-0.

Council returned to open meeting at 8:19 pm.

Council set Closed Session Special Meeting for Wednesday, March 8th at 5:30pm in Riverside Fire Station for lowa Code Chapter 21.5.1.i Administrative Search zoom interviews. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Schneider, second by Mc-Guire to pass Resolution # 2023-08, approving FY 24 Hotel/Motel tax fund

**RIVERSIDE COUNCIL MEETING** 

BILLS

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A-TECH ALARM, FD-MONITORING

BECKY LaROCHE. CELL STIPEND.

CITY OF KALONA, 150 YR BOOKS

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LINO WATER, WTP/WWTP REPAIRS.

LOGAN MICHEL, CELL STIPEND.

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GRONEWOLD, BELL, KYHNN CO, FY 22 AUDIT.

JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE, FEBRUARYBILLING.

BRYAN LENZ, CELL STIPEND

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AXIOM CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERING

grant for the Riverside History Center in the amount of \$22,000. Passed 5-0. Motion by McGuire, second by Sex-

ton to pass Resolution # 2023-18, awarding sewer maintenance contract to CIT Sewer Solutions of Mc Callsburg, lowa for annual sewer cleaning and CCTV Inspections. Passed 5-0.

Motion by McGuire, second by Sexton to pass Resolution # 2023-19. approving Fluidyne ISAM System inspections at the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$1150. Passed 5-0.

Mayor Schneider will continue to gather information on Commercial Property Realtors.

Council held a lengthy discussion in reference to City Code Chapter 55, Animal protection and Control. Mills discussed past documents and requests. McGuire presented printout of State of lowa animal codes.

Mayor will contact Washington County Sheriff's department, Paws & More Animal Shelter, and homeowner to report back at next meeting.

Mayor set last budget FY24 work session for Monday, March 13th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Sexton, second by Mc-Guire to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Passed 5-0.

Full content of Council Meetings can be viewed on the City website; riversideiowa.gov

Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 5:30 pm in Fire Station

City Council Budget Work Session-March 13th. 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall

City Council Meeting - Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Hall.

ATTEST: Becky LaRoche; City Clerk Allen Schneider; Mayor

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#### HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 5:30 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with Josh Thomann, Mike Golden via Zoom, Rachel Longbine via Zoom. Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Melissa Murphy and Dan Ruth were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR

JOHNSON COUNTY

Salina Bontrager, Deceased CASE NO.

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS,** 

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

tate of Salina Bontrager. Deceased, who

March 7, 2023, the Last Will and Tes-

tament of Salina Bontrager, deceased,

bearing date of April 3, 2018, was ad-

mitted to probate in the above named

court and that Merle Bontrager and La-

von Bontrager have been appointed Ex-

ecutors of the estate. Any action to set

aside the will must be brought in the dis-

died on or about February 21, 2023:

To All Persons Interested in the Es-

You are hereby notified that on

FSPR035775

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Jepson made a motion to approve

### **HIGHLAND CSD**

the agenda. Seconded by Thomann. Motion carried 5-0

Jepson made a motion to approve the WCRF grant resolution for the following grant application. Seconded by Thomann.

Motion carried 5-0

Highland CSD-Highland Second-Classroom Door Locks/Handles-\$74,000.

Thomann made a motion to approve the WCRF grant resolution for the following grant application. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 5-0 Highland CSD-Highland Secondary

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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to occur of four months from the date of

the second publication of this notice or

one month from the date of mailing of

this notice to all heirs of the decedent

and devisees under the will whose iden-

tities are reasonably ascertainable, or

sons indebted to the estate are re-

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to the undersigned, and creditors hav-

ing claims against the estate shall file

them with the clerk of the above named

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from the date of mailing of this notice

(unless otherwise allowed or paid) a

claim is thereafter forever barred.

Notice is further given that all per-

thereafter be forever barred.

Jepson made a motion to adjourn at

Hudl Focus Cameras-\$24,000.

5:37 p.m. Seconded by Thomann. Motion carried 5-0

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

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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Dated March 10, 2023.

Merle Bontrager Executor of Estate 604 Brown Deer Court Wellman, IA 52356

Lavon Bontrager Executor of Estate 5524 Derby Avenue SW Kalona, IA 52247

Michael J. Brenneman. ICIS#: AT0001095 Attorney for Executors Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman, LLP 330 E. Court St., Iowa City, IA 52240

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### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Bertha Brenneman, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR035774

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL. OF **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS,** AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bertha Brenneman, Deceased, who died on or about February 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on March 7, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Bertha Brenneman, deceased, bearing date of June 10, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Marcus Brenneman and Aguila Brenneman have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the dis-

trict court of said county within the late to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a Marcus Brenneman Executor of Estate 4920 Highway 1 SW Kalona, IA 52247

Aquila Brenneman Executor of Estate 2330 500th Street SW Kalona, IA 52247

Michael J. Brenneman ICIS#: AT0001095 Attorney for Executors Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman, LLP 330 E. Court St. Iowa City, IA 52240

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#### RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCILSPECIAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, **MARCH 8TH. 2023**

The Riverside Special City Council meeting opened at 5:30 pm at Riverside Fire Station with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present: Tom Sexton, Edgar McGuire, Lois Schneider, Kevin Kiene, and Kevin

Motion by Sexton, second by Mc-

Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1.i Administrative Search at 5:31 pm. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Sexton, second by Mc-

Guire to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Passed 5-0. ATTEST:

Becky LaRoche; City Clerk Allen Schneider; Mayor

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### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY**

ATTORNEY



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**CITY OF RIVERSIDE** 

Mills

Guire to approve agenda. Passed 5-0. Schneider moved, second by Kiene to enter into closed session pursuant to

Council returned to open meeting at

10:01 pm.

claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated March 10, 2023.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

### JOHNSON COUNTY

#### Cost of this publication: 211.64 Fiscal year to date cost (as of 7/1/22): 9351.72 THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FORMAL MEETING MINUTES [In this publication, the proclamation adopted by the Board is summarized. The full text may be viewed at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www. iobsconcountviewa dow!

johnsoncountyiowa.gov.] Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:00 a.m. **Members present:** V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken unanimously. PROCLAMATION NO. 03-02-23-01

#### PROCLAMATION NO. 03-02-23-01 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2023

Summary: International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, eco-nomic, cultural, and political achievements of women. This year's theme of the Johnson County United Nations Association's celebration of International Women's Day is "Sustainable Develop-ment Goal #15, Life on Land". Women are recognized for serving as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive movement: suffrage, abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, equal rights, social justice, women's health rights, fair housing, equal wage and opportunity. Fulfill-ing gender equality rights is the best chance we have in meeting some of the most pressing challenges of our timefrom economic crisis and lack of health care, to climate change, violence against women, and escalating conflicts.

**Board Action:** Proclaimed March 8 and the month of March 2023 to be International Women's Day and Women's History Month in Johnson County, Iowa, and urged residents to recognize and support the contributions of women in the changing world. **Motion** by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve Proclamation 03-02-23-01. Johnson County United Nations Association President Barbara Eckstein spoke.

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Wade's Golf & Mow	341.88
Wanda D Feyerabend	43.10
Wanda L Martin	550.00
Wayne Barnes	
Wellmark Blue Cross	167000.00
White Cap Construction	
William J Blanchard	
Willis Dady Emergency	644.00
Windstream It-Comm.Llc	138.26
Yellow Cab Of Iowa Cit	103.50
Your Best Interest Llc	100.00

Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of February 23, 2023. Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by

**Motion** by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to approve the payroll authorizations submitted by department heads and elected officials, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

**Motion** by Green, second by Sullivan, to receive and place on file the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January, 2023, in the amount of \$130,026.34, as submitted by County Recorder Kim Painter.

Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to appoint Guillermo Morales as Board of Supervisors' Office Executive Director. Roll call: aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan; abstain due to conflict of interest: Fixmer-Oraiz.

**Motion** by Green, second by Porter, to approve the Employee Assistance Program (Synchrony) Employee Service Contract with Synchrony, for employee assistance services effective November 15, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Porter, to approve the new job description for the new position of Community Violence Prevention Coordinator, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the revised job description for the position of Special Projects Manager.

Manager. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green, to approve the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Land Use Agreement with Simon, Adam, and Mary Bwayo, effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026.

**Motion** by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Land Use Agreement with Nasr Mohammed and Omer Sirag, effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026.

**Motion** by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Porter, to approve the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm Land Use Agreement Amendment with Carly McAndrews, amending the licensing fees effective March 1, 2023.

**Motion** by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to appoint John Kalohn to the Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board for a term ending June 30, 2024.

Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

/s/Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors

/s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor Recorded by Alex Stanton, Elections Technician III

These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on March 8, 2023.

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The County Boar Meeting Date: 3	d of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the propo /29/2023 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Locati Contact Person: Dana Ascher	on: JO	HNSON COUNTY	BOARDROOM 913	-	A CITY, IA 52240		for mor	е
At the public hea publish notice an	ring any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or a d hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.	rgumer	nts in favor of the pr	oposed tax levy. After a	adoption of the proposed tax levy	y, the Board will		photos	5.
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		Certified Property Tax FY 2022/2023	Effective Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Proposed Maximum Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Proposed Percentage Change
Taxable Valuations-General Services	1	9,355,856,056	9,447,346,515	9,447,346,515	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Basic	2	32,745,537		33,065,712	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Supplemental	3	5,083,583		5,871,868	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Services Total	4	37,829,120	37,829,120	38,937,580	2.93
Estimated Tax Rate-General Services	5	4.04336	4.00421	4.12154	
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	6	1,906,441,669	1,923,126,782	1,923,126,782	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Basic	7	7,036,630		7,084,656	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Supplemental	8	0		0	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Services Total	9	7,036,630	7,036,630	7,084,656	0.68
Estimated Tax Rate-Rural Services	10	3.69098	3.65895	3.68393	

Explanation of increases in the budget:

General Basic & General Supplemental-Providing for seventeen approved new employees salaries, wages and benefits, salary and benefit increases for existing employees, land and building improvements at the County Farm, for equipment, vehicles and technology purchases, replacement of tasers for Sheriff's office, planned construction improvements to county buildings and facilities and a small land purchase. Rural Basic-Providing for increased monies transferred to Secondary Roads for rural roads maintenance and improvements, increases in funding for rural residents local library usage, animal shelter and waste disposal services, and payroll and benefit increases for the Soil & Water Coordinator and a Sheriff Patrol Deputy.

If applicable, the above notice is also available online at:

https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov

The above tax rates do not include county voted levies, mental health and disabilities services levy, debt service levy and the rates of other local jurisdictions. Regarding proposed maximum dollars, the Board of Supervisors cannot adopt a higher tax asking for these levies following the public hearing. Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming year.

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### CITY OF LONE TREE MARCH 06, 2023

Mayor Spilman called to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council at Lone Tree City Hall with Swinton, Ford, Zadow, Dix and Ronan present. Zadow, Ronan motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0. Ronan, Zadow motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes, reports, bills, etc). CARRIED 5-0. Water samples were read from 122 S DeVoe St and 302 N DeVoe St, both reported safe and filed.

Public hearing was opened at 5:40 PM for FY23-24 budget.

No oral or written comments.

Ford, Swinton motioned to close public hearing at 5:43 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Zadow, Ford motioned to approve estimate 1A from Nesper Signs in the amount of \$77,830.00 for electric sign. CARRIED 4-0 with Zadow a nay.

Zadow, Ford motioned to approve Resolution 2023-D approving FY23-24 budget. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Zadow motioned to approve Resolution 2023-E approving camping for Lone Tree Flyers event in June. CAR-RIED 5-0.

Swinton, Dix motioned to approve application through Johnson County for cell tower located at 5065 620th St. SE which is within 2-mile fringe of city limits. CARRIED 5-0.

Ford, Ronan motioned to approve estimates from LL Pelling for Project 5" HMA Patching Fire Station for \$4,869.20 and Project Riggs Street Paving – Commercial to E Linn for \$97,595.00. CAR-RIED 5-0.

**CITY OF LONE TREE** 

Ronan, Dix motioned to approve clerk to attend IMFOA conference in Des Moines in April with city covering registration, hotel and mileage. CARRIED 5-0.

Zadow, Ford motioned to adjourn at 6:08 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

### FOLLOWING CLAIMS PAID IN FEBRUARY

42210 AGVANTAGE FS \$301.62, fuel/snow removal 42211 BRAD PEARSON \$50.00, deposit return 42212 COBB OIL \$425.40, fuel & food supplies 42213 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY \$572.05, food supplies 42214 FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAV BANK \$35.00, safe deposit box 42215 IMFOA \$50.00, membership dues 42216 ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS \$6,600.00, water & wastewater plant management 42217 IOWA ONE CALL \$16.20, locates 42218 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$51.98, truck maintenance 42219 JOHNSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE \$5,295.33, police contract 42220 JOHNSON COUNTY REFUSE \$9,328.50, refuse contract 42221 LYNCHS EXCAVATING \$3,313.59, repair water main leak 42222 MATHESON TRI-GAS \$34.03, rent 42223 MENARDS \$404.79, shop supplies 42224 KALONA AUTO PARTS \$203.13, truck maintenance 42225 PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE \$610.78, food supplies 42226 RON HOBBS \$12.50, deposit return 42227 STANDARD PEST CONTROL \$35.00, spray com bldg & city hall 42228 THE NEWS \$600.28, legals 42229 US CELLULAR \$121.56. public works cell phones 42230 VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING \$2.250.00. concrete water tank cleaning & inspection 42231 WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED \$712.50, chlorine

42232 WINDSTREAM \$212.52, water plant phone & WWTF internet 42233 WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE \$42.20, city hall phone 42234 ALLIANT ENERGY \$7,933.22, street lights & electrical 42235 DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA \$106.22, employee premium 42236 DOLLAR GENERAL \$47.59, food supplies 42237 EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER \$160.18, street light & lift station electrical 42238 RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY \$121.70, roadstone & sand 42239 VISA \$231.16, food supplies & office supplies 42240 WELLMARK \$5,540.25, employee premium 42241 WINDSTREAM \$508.30, com bldg phone & shop/city hall internet IPERS \$2,119.72, IPERS payment IRS \$2,491.29, FICA payment FEBRUARY PAYROLL \$10,880.00, all employees

RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
\$6,529.66\$19,302.47
ROAD USE TAX
\$15,516.02\$6,053.48
LOST
\$48,340.76\$0
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WATER FUND
\$13,852.72\$15,479.77
SEWER FUND
\$20,270.02\$11,311.87
SEWER REVENUE
\$12,190.53\$0
REFUSE FUND
\$11,223.16\$9,268.50
TRUST & AGENCY
\$225.00\$62.50
TOTALS
\$128,147.87\$61,478.59
Cash On Hand\$3,953,781.89
Sav Cert\$298,564.07

### JOSH SPILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST STEPHANIE DAUTREMONT, CITY CLERK Submitted for publication 03-07-2023

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

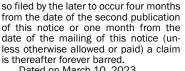
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley R. Patterson, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR007976

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shirley R. Patterson, Deceased, who died on or about January 14, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on March 9, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless



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Dated on March 10, 2023.

Sheri Winter Administrator of the Estate PO Box 149 Wellman, IA 52356

Michael J. Brenneman ICIS#: AT0001095 Attorney for the Administrator Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman, LLP 330 E. Court St. Iowa City, IA 52240

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

### THE NEWS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA **REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

At 9:02 am Chair Bob Yoder called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: presentation from Atwood Energy Services re: potential solar array at Orchard Hill Complex; personnel change requests-Ambulance; personnel change request-Communications; appointment of Franklin Township Trustee; appointment of civil process servers; United States Geological Ground Water Model Study; official canvass of February 14, 2023, Special Election. Supervisors Marcus Fedler and Richard Young were also present. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr. and Stan Stoops were absent.

All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise. The Board voted to approve the agenda as published

gy Services (AES) which is a full-service electrical contractor that specializes in solar and energy storage solutions and is based in Coralville, addressed the Board and presented multiple options related to solar energy production at multiple Orchard Hill locations. The Board took no formal action.

and authorize the Chair to sign, personnel change requests from Ambulance Services for the following: termination of Brianna Roose whose final date of employment occurred February 13, 2023; Scott Adkins whose employment classification changed to full-time non-exempt effective March 1, 2023.

and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Communi-

T.J. Klith, on behalf of Atwood Ener-

The Board voted to acknowledge,

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cations for the hiring of Aspen Bromell as a casual part-time non-exempt Dispatcher, effective February 28, 2023, at the rate of \$22.60/hour for 1st shift. \$22.95/hour for 2nd shift, and \$23.10/ hour for 3rd shift, and effective August 28, 2023, an increase in compensation to \$25.73/hour for 1st shift, \$26.08/ hour for 2nd shift, and \$26.23/hour for 3rd shift, and finally, effective February 28, 2024, an increase in compensation to \$26.78/hour for 1st shift, \$27.13/ hour for 2nd shift, and \$27.28/hour for 3rd shift. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

The Board voted to appoint Matt Moeller to fill an unexpired term as Franklin Township Trustee that ends December 31, 2024.

The Board voted to appoint Jaime Love, Shaianne McGlaughlin, Dustin Stuelke, Barry Schaley, Keaton Zear, and Aaron McPherson to separate terms as civil process servers effective February 13, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024

The Board voted no to a request from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors for funding assistance from the Washington County Board of Supervisors, in the amount of \$7,657.00, for a study of water withdrawals from the Silurian Aquifer. Specifically, the funding would be used to offset a portion of costs of follow-up research related to a 2005 United States Geological Survey Ground Water Model Study of the adequacy of the Silurian Aquifer for ground water supply through 2025 based upon current growth trends. The 2005 study was a joint effort between the University of Iowa, Johnson County, the Iowa De-partment of Natural Resources, and the cities of Coralville, Iowa City, and North Liberty. The new research, at a total estimated cost of \$463,700.00, will not only provide data about the adequacy of the Silurian Aquifer for ground water supply through 2045 but will also provide data on climate change and water quality threats.

The Board canvassed the results of the February 14, 2023 Special Election as follows:

### City of Washington Council Member - Ward 2 - TFV

Richard Conrad	Received seventeen (17) votes
Ivan Rangel	Received thirty-two (32) votes
Jennine Wolf	Received twenty-four (24) votes
Candidate Total	Seventy-three (73) votes
SCATTERING	Zero (0) votes
TOTAL	Seventy-three (73) votes

#### We therefore declare:

Ivan Rangel duly elected for the office of City of Washington Council Member - Ward 2 - TFV for the term of 2 years.

The Board voted to accept as official the results of the canvass of the February 14, 2023, City of Washington Ward 2 Special Election.

At 9:55 am the Board voted to adioin.

Attest: DANIEL L. WIDMER. County Auditor

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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA **REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

At 9:01 am Chair Bob Yoder called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: WEMIGA Waste Systems monthly report/funding assistance request; FY24 Law Contracts; Quarterly Report-County Engineer; approval of Agreement No. 2024-TS-004 for Traffic Safety Improvement Project Funding assistance for County Road G36 (220th Street) safety improvements including paved shoulders and rumble strips; closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(j) to discuss purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the gov ernmental body would have to pay for that property; possible action re: matters discussed in closed session. Su-pervisors Jack Seward, Jr. and Richard Young were also present while Marcus Fedler participated by remote means. Supervisor Stan Stoops was absent.

All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

The Board voted to approve the agenda.

Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems, (WEMIGA) presented a report that detailed WEMIGA activities for January 2023. During the month WEMIGA processed 58.73 landfill tons, 2.47 tons of glass, 1.64 tons of paper, 0.00 tons of plastic, 11.68 tons of cardboard, 3.38 tons of tin and aluminum, 19.17 tons of recyclable material, 20 appliances, 50 televisions and other electronic devices. 27 batteries, 3 tires, and 3 gallons of used oil. The Board voted to acknowl-edge the WEMIGA Waste System Report for January 2023. The complete report is available for review in the Auditor's office.

Whaley shared that until recently WEMIGA received payment for card-board that it transported to Quincy Recycle in Marion, Iowa, where the cardboard is in turn recycled. However, in January 2023 WEMIGA was billed by Ouincy Recycle in the amount of \$20.00 per ton for such cardboard. When Whaley questioned the charge, he was informed it was the result of low market conditions for cardboard, the closing of a large pulp mill in Minnesota which utilized cardboard, and a decrease of over 50% in box orders over the past 12 months. Whalev asked to be reimbursed by the County for the fees paid to Quincy Recycle prior to unloading cardboard. The Board voted to reimburse WEMIGA for the fees paid for unloading cardboard.

The Board voted to approve the following law enforcement contracts for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and to authorize the Chair to sign: with the City of Ainsworth at an annual cost of \$31,676.00; with the City of Brighton at an annual cost of \$41,197.00; with the City of Crawfordsville at an annual cost of \$15,620.00; with the City of Kalona at an annual cost of \$239,417.00; with the City of Riverside at an annual cost of \$220,401.00; with the City of Wellman at an annual cost of \$115,967.00; with the City of West Chester at an annual cost of \$10,334.00.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius provided the Board with the Second-ary Roads Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2022. During the quarter Secondary Roads staff hauled a total of 11,089 tons of road rock, replaced 130 feet of road pipe, and cleaned approximately 2,500 feet of roadway ditches. The report also provided a summary of various road construction projects undertaken and/ or completed during the quarter. Thorius shared that during the quarter a combined total of \$110,838.60 was spent on salt, sand, employee hours, and equipment in response to five snow events. Other highlights of the quarter included the grading and rocking of Elm Avenue from 250th Street to Iowa Highway 92, a review of calendar year 2022 bridge inspections which revealed no glaring issues, and the maintenance and servicing of 36 various non-department vehicles for a total of \$13,860,00. All of the work performed during the quarter was completed with a daily average of

six staff members, out of a possible 33. absent from work due to vacation or illness. The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Secondary Roads Ouarterly Report for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2022. The complete report is available for viewing in the Auditor's office.

The Board voted to approve Agreement No. 2024-TS-004 for Traffic Safety Improvement Project (TSIP) Funding as sistance for County Road G36 (220th Street). The project will take place along an approximate three mile stretch of the road and will involve safety enhancements that will include paved shoulders and rumble strips. Thorius expressed optimism that the \$500,000.00 in TSIP funding assistance will cover approximately 50% of the total cost of the project.

At 9:27 am the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(j) to discuss purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. At 10:30 am the Board voted by roll

call vote to return to open session.

The Board voted to authorize JCG Land Services to negotiate on behalf of the Board with regard to the terms of an agreement with affected landowners as

discussed in closed session. At 10:33 am the Board voted to adjourn

Attest: s/DANIEL L. WIDMER, County Auditor

ACCESS SYSTEMS, Service	57.47
ACUMEN, Feb consulting	2,533.00
ADLM COUNTIES, Reimb	834.93
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HLTHCARE, Service	6,604.67
AGRILAND FS INC, Fuel	1,179.83
ALL AMER TERM &, Pest control	140.00
ALLIANT, Utilities	4,717.77
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	679.19
APPLEGATE, SIERRA S, Election	30.87
AT & T, Service	2,216.25
AT&T MOBILITY, Cell data	91.18
BENTON CO SHERIFF, Service	49.03
BOUND TREE, Supplies	50.99
BROOKHART ELECTRIC INC, Yard light	307.06

CARRIER ACCESS IT, Renewal	10.049.19
CARSON PLUMBING & HEATING, Repair	200.68
CASLAVKA, ANN, Supplies	4.28
CDW GOVERNMENT, Equipment	2,679.28
CITY OF WASH, Utilities	78.36
CITY OF WELLMAN, Utilities	427.10
COBB OIL CO, Fuel	840.17
COLTHURST, JOLENE, Election	20.00
CONRAD, KEITH, Reimb	47.16
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, Fuel	390.40
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, Service	47.71
CULLIGAN WATER COND, Water	5.99
CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, Supplies	45.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, Claims	2,376.72
DOUDS STONE LLC, Roadstone	5,696.79
EARNEST, BETTY, Election	170.90
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER, Utilities	948.47
FASTENAL COMPANY, Supplies	273.35
FEDERATION BANK, Rent	6,400.00
FOUNDATION 2, Shelter	1,446.15
GALLS INC, Uniform	199.60
GATR TRUCK CENTER, Parts	511.69
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY, Copies	679.10
GRP & ASSOIATES, Service	51.00
HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Premium	2,643.60
HENRY ADKINS & SON INC, Election	990.37
HOFER, PHYLLIS, Election	25.24
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT, Lodging	515.20
HOPKINS & HUEBNER PC, Fees	8,510.38
HORAK, PAUL, Election	20.00
HYVEE FOOD, Softener salt	54.90
IA ASSN OF CO COMM VET SERV OF, Registration	60.00
IA ATTY GENERAL OFFICE, Registration	350.00
IA COLLISION & PAINT, Service	625.30
IA DOT, Service	26.424.49
IA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM, Service	4.565.78
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD, Registration	150.00
IA ONE CALL, Service	4.50
IA ST ASSN OF CO, Registration	420.00
IA ST MEDICAL EXAMINER, Fees	2,029.00
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR, Renewal	374.76
JARRARD, DORCAS, Election	179.93
JASPER CO SHERIFF, Service	131.12
JET PHYSICAL THERAPY, PT	600.00
JIMS SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, Supplies	70.98
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF, Service	40.24
JT CLEANING SERVICES, Cleaning	212.50
KALONA CO-OP TELE, Service	1,448.88
KCTC / ITECH, Parts	65.99
KIRKMAN, AMY, Depo	572.40
LANDS END CORP, Uniform	130.90
LANGAN, MICHAEL, Election	20.00
LOUISA CO SHERIFF, Service	30.50
L-TRON CORPORATION, Scanner kit	1.628.00
MAIL SERVICES, Renewal	863.49
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MARTIN EQUIPMENT, Parts MCGLAUGHLIN, SHAIANNE, Reimb	1,127.56 73.90
MCKESSON MEDICAL, Supplies	342.53
MCMASTER CARR SUPPL, Supplies	42.85
MESSER, JULIE, Service	100.00
MOSE LEVY CO, Supplies	180.29
MOSE LEVT CO, Supplies MP CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES, Software	599.00
MP CLUUD TECHNOLOGIES, SUIIWale	
NATL SHERIFFS ASSN, Registration	1,104.80
NEOCERTFIED, Renewal	196.00
OTTUMWA PRINTING INC, Plat book	363.18
PHYSICAL THERAPY, Service	765.00
POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, Training	2,400.00
PRINTERS WORKSHOP, Service	800.93
QUILL CORP, Supplies	600.78
RMB CO, Water heater	26,243.12
ROBE, MARK, Reimb	39.30
SANOFI PASTEUR, Supplies	88.89
SECRETARY OF STATE, Notary	60.00
SIGN DESIGN, Supplies	25.00
SIMMERING, DEB, Election	26.55
SIMON REPAIR LLC, Parts	1,455.61
SINCLAIR TRACTOR-WASH, Supplies	31.10
SMITH, MATTHEW, Election	175.00
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, Pest control	488.00
STAUFFER SOBASKI, RONDA, Cleaning	150.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC, Meals	7,248.75
SUSAN WESTERMARK, Election	167.75
THE NEWS, Publications	383.81
THOMSON REUTER WEST, Westlaw	1,978.24
TIFCO INDUSTRIES, Supplies	478.15
TRANSIT WORKS, Supplies	170.00
US CELLULAR, Cell phone	2,892.58
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, Service	5,300.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, Data	120.03
VISA WASH STATE BANK, Supplies	3,657.92
VIVIAL MEDIA, Ads	129.05
WASH CO AUDITOR, Reimb	400.00
WASH CO EXTENSION, Manual	400.00
WASH CO HOSPITAL, Supplies	1,186.83
WASH CO SECONDARY, Fuel	1,160.65
WASH CO SHERIFF, Service	197.42
WASH LUMBER & HOME CENTER, Supplies	252.01
WASHINGTON DISCOUNT TIRES, Tires	1,354.24
WELLMAN CO-OP TELE, Phone	270.92
WELLMARK/WAGEWORKS, Claims	47,661.09
WEMIGA WASTE INC, Service	14,593.60
WIDMER, DANIEL, Reimb	156.04
WINDSTREAM, Phone	2,280.81
	49.69
WMPF, Publications	
WMPF, Publications WREEVES & ASSOCIATES LLC, Parts YOUNG, RICHARD, Reimb	84.28 365.11

### 16, 2023 L-271

### **CITY OF KALONA**

**KALONA, IOWA** CITY HALL MARCH 6, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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

Council members present: Bende

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7:00 PM Public Hearing for the proposed 2023-2024 Budget, was open with there being no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed.

same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Council reviewed the 2023-2024 Washington County Riverboat Fund dis-tribution for 2023-2024. The projects are as follows: Kalona Community Center Debt, Kalona Historical Village, Park Improvements, Fireworks - Richmond/ Wellman, Library Teen Area, Student House, and Library – Innovation Library. A motion was made by J Schmidt, and seconded Bender approving the proposed projects. With all voting yes, the motion carried.

J Schmidt and seconded by Spitzer, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried. Resolution 2023-J, a resolution ap-

proving the application for the purpose of receiving funds from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the Southtown Recreation area. The amount being requested is \$1,450,000.00. A motion was made by Beisheim, and

Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim.

Motion was made by J Schmidt and seconded by Spitzer approving the minutes of the meeting on February 20, 2023. With all voting yes, the minutes were approved and published.

On a motion by Spitzer, and seconded by Beisheim, the following bills were allowed with all voting yes.

Access Systems. Monthly	
Alliant Energy, monthly	
Amazon Capital Services, supplies	
City of Kalona, Sewer transfer to General - Garb/Storm Sewer/	
Paws&More18,813.75	
City of Kalona, final water bill - rent deposit - Beachy	
Doud Stone, rock973.55	
Flamin' Flips, annual gathering	
Gambles Store, supplies	
HE Trucking, snow removal/rock hauling1,725.00	
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Payroll Taxes) 71.56	
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Payroll Taxes) 880.84	
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Sewer (Budget)50,586.28	
Hills Bank Kalona, Payback General - Water (Budget)	
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Kos Excavating, Highway 1 Culvert	1,950.00
Mark Robe, milage	19.65
Martin Equipment, Backhoe repair	
Maxwell Construction, Harvest Hill - Sewer Manholes	19,305.00
Petroleum Services, oil	
Reserve Account Pitney Bowes, postage	400.00
Slabach Construction, snow removal	
Team Laboratory, sewer chemicals	
Team Services, Yoder Property subsurface testing	
The News, publication	1,635.79
Van Wert Company, meters/parts	
Washington County Mini Bus, annual allocation	
Washington County Recorder, gator registration 2023.	
YMCA of Washington County, YMCA agreement - March	
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WITHDRAWALS:	
Transfer funds	\$ 62,526.41
General Fund	
Library Board Fund	2,083.15
Garbage Fund	
Road Üse Fund	6,520.52
Water Fund	
Sewer Fund	
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	
DÉPOSITS:	

MARCH 6, 2023

WELLMAN, IOWA

regular session in the Wellman City Hall

Council Chambers at 5:30 pm. Mayor

Ryan Miller presided with City Clerk, and

the following Council Members: Anthony

Evans, Aaron Fleming, Shannon McCain

& Angela Stutzman: Fern Bontrager

absent. The Consent Agenda was ap-

proved upon motion by McCain, second-

ed by Stutzman and all present voted

ayes. The consent agenda includes the

agenda, minutes from previous meeting,

and the following:

3/6 Payroll

Erin R Campbell.

Carrie R Geno .

Laurelin E Geno.

Megan E Harris .

Brenda J Reasor

Beth A VanWinkle

Betty J Johnston.

Timothy J Garrett.

Travis D Hartley.

Josh S VanWinkle.

Landon P Humble

Deana K Nolan

Jesse J Meade

Debra S Hill ..

The Wellman City Council met in

Resolution 2023-G, a resolution approving the Budget and Budget Transfers for 2023-2024.

The tax levy proposed was \$10.36 per \$1,000.00, which is down from last year's \$10.37. A motion was made by Bender, and seconded by G Schmidt, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-H, a resolution approving the 2023-2024 budgeted payments for non-profit groups for public benefit. The following non-profit organizations were the following: Paws&More 28E Agreement, Senior Dining – City of Wellman, Washington County Economic Development Group (WEDG), Washington County Minibus, Kalona Historical Village, and Kalona Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by Beisheim, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the

Setting of public hearing for March 20, 2023 for the ordinance amendment for water and sewer rates. The hearing will be held in the Kalona council chambers at 7:00 PM. A motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by G Schmidt, with all voting yes. The motion carried.

Consideration of the following Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division License renewal for the following: Los Amigos Ta-queria - Class C Retail Alcohol License. A motion was made by Beisheim, and seconded by J Schmidt with a vote of 4-1. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-I, a resolution approving the application for the purpose of receiving funds from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the Student Built House Project at 313 and 315 C Avenue. The amount being requested is \$50,000.00. A motion was made by

seconded by G Schmidt, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-K, a resolution waiving the right to review the plat of survey for Micha & Erin Marsh. The property is located in Washington County. within 2 miles of City Limits. A Motion was made by J Schmidt and seconded by Bender, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same. The council was then polled with Bender, J Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim each voting yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk MARK ROBE, Mayor

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### KALONA, IOWA CITY HALL FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 7:00 PM

Work Session of the Kalona City Council with Mayor Robe presiding. Motion was made by Spitzer, and seconded by J Schmidt, to approve the agenda.

Council members present: Bender, Schmidt, G Schmidt, Spitzer, and Beisheim.

The council held discussion of the Recreation Planning for Kalona Park and Kalona Southtown. Present with MSA was Jake Huck and Shawn O'Shea was present via zoom. Jake gave an overview of the planning process for the presented plans. He walked the council through the recreation ideas being proposed. Adam Kos with CJ Moyna was there for general development questions. Zach Rozmus the director of Washington County Conservation was present for recreation questions. Staff walked the council through the cost of each recreation option totaling around \$3.35 million. Funding options were presented through General Bond options, grant options, and some reserve options. The majority of the project would need to be covered by a General Obligation Bond with payments covered with Local Option Sales Tax Funds. Council directed staff to move forward with General Bond for funding up to \$1.7 million. Staff will continue to work with MSA on these projects and grant funding options.

The meeting was adjourned.

SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk MARK ROBE, Mayor

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### CITY OF WELLMAN

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Shirley Y Brown\$247.8	4
Anita J Kanagy\$745.3	
Anita K Randol\$38.7	
Kelly L Litwiller\$2,161.7	
Cynthia S Thrapp\$1,090.4	
Fed Taxes\$5.213.6	3
Brenda J Reasor, February Cell Reimbursement	0
Cynthia S Thrapp, February Cell Reimbursement	0
Cox Sanitation & Recycling, February Lg. Stickers/Recycling\$4,751.5	50
Jesse J Meade, February Cell Reimbursement	
Josh S VanWinkle, February Cell Reimbursement	0
Kelly L Litwiller, February Cell Reimbursement \$70.0	0
William D Nickell, March Yard Waste\$175.0	
Paws & More, February City Contribution/Customer Donations\$610.8	39
Ryan J Miller, February Mileage Reimbursement	0
Treasurer State of Iowa, February Gas Use Tax \$1.6	2
Standard Pest Control, March Pest Control \$65.0	0
Timothy J Garrett, February Cell Reimbursement \$70.0	0
Travis D Hartley, February Cell Reimbursement \$70.0	0
Treasurer State of Iowa, February Sales/Water Excise Taxes \$4,845.0	0
Beth A VanWinkle, February Cell Reimbursement \$70.0	0
Wellman Emporium Assoc., March Sr. Dining Condo Fee\$136.5	4
Alliant Energy, City Utilities\$8,935.6	
Bernatello's Foods, Skate Pizza for Resale\$228.0	0
Calhoun-Burns & Assoc., 9th Ave. Bridge Project\$1,149.9	5
Central IA Distributing, Skate/Shop Supplies\$281.0	0
Clayton Energy, February Gas Purchase\$30,969.3	7
Cobb Oil, City Equipment Fuel/Gasoline\$1,812.2	2
Cox Sanitation & Recycling, WTP Dumpster & Trash Bags\$736.2	5
Dakota Supply Group, Water Supplies\$2,973.1	4
Delta Industries, WWTP Repairs\$591.6	

Eastern IA Light & Power, Lift Station	\$195.02	
Finish Line Technology, Parkside Cameras	\$6,670.00	
Hawkins, Water Supplies	\$2,020.83	
Hershberger Oil, WTP Generator Fuel		
Kohl Wholesal, Skate Merchandise for Resale/Sr. Center Food		

	\$1,439.65
Leaf, City Hall Copier Lease,	
Lynch Dallas, Attorney Fees	
Mahaska Bottling Co., Skate Pop for Resale	\$417.60
Mellen & Associates, Water Skid Repair	
Municipal Gas System, Furnace Rebate	
Pefa, Inc., February Gas Purchase	
Summit Companies, Fire Sprinkler Service	
The News, Publications	\$455.14
Thrapp Electric, Parkside Basket Motor	\$672.34
USABluebook, WTP Portable Analyzer Meter	\$4,660.81
USDA, March Parkside Payment	\$2,532.00
USDI, February Retainer Fees	\$175.00
Visa, Skate Rink Credit Card	\$1,087.63
Washington Community YMCA, Banquet Hall Alliant	22%\$666.19
Wellman Auto Parts, Shop/Streets Supplies	\$263.15
Wellman Co-op Telephone, City Telephones	\$1,131.91
Yotty's, Skate/Parkside Supplies	
TOTAL	\$129 610 97

No one spoke in public forum.

Resolution No. 23-08 Resolution setting public hearing to amend provisions of section 92.02 (Rates for Services) was introduced and caused to be read. Public hearing is set for March 20, 2023, council meeting. Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-08, Stutzman seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes: Bontrager absent.

McCain made a motion to set public hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 on Monday March 20, 2023, at 5:30pm, Evans seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes: Bontrager absent.

McCain made a motion to approve chicken request for 1516 6th Ave. N. (Droll), Fleming seconded and all present voted ayes.

Stutzman made a motion to approve 28E agreement for fire protection with Wellman Volunteer Fire Department, McCain seconded and upon roll call the vote was 4 ayes: Bontrager absent.

Evans made a motion to approve Hupp Electric estimate for VFD's of \$4,576.00, Fleming seconded and all present voted ayes.

Council moved to open forum with public to present and discuss Water Infrastructure Upgrades at 5:40pm.

With no further business to be discussed McCain moved to adjournment at 6:45pm, Stutzman seconded and all present voted ayes. The next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Wellman Municipal Building.

Minutes transcribed by the City Clerk are subject to Council Approval.

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If you have a Birthday announcement, Engagement, Wedding, New Arrival, Retirement announcements or other life events, submit them to The News.

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# LOOKING BACK

### **70 YEARS AGO MARCH 12, 1953**

### Kalona

Two women riding in a buggy escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon, but the horse, drawing the vehicle had to be killed after a collision with an automobile on Highway 1 north of Kalona.

It was the second car-buggy collision in that area in the past three months. Both buggies involved were owned by Chriss B. Miller, Kalona, father of the occupants of the buggy involved in Thursday's mishap.

Mrs. Freeman Miller was driving the buggy Thursday and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Leona Miller. Mrs. Miller suffered a bruised hip in the mishap.

Driver of the automobile was Cecil B. Amlong, of Washington, who told highway patrolmen his auto skidded into the rear of the buggy when he applied his brakes on the icy highway. The right front of the car struck the left rear wheel of the buggy.

The buggy was badly damaged--the box being torn loose from the wheels and tipped over onto its side. The wheels of the buggy remained upright. The horse suffered a broken leg and was shot by a farmer who came to the scene of the mishap

A buggy driven by Chriss Miller was wrecked in a collision with an automobile December 24. This mishap occurred within a quarter mile of the accident Thursday afternoon.

There is a critical demand for farm workers here in Washington County--both for single and married men. Good wages are paid plus housing and the various "extras," such as meat, milk and eggs or feed for chickens.

Mrs. Pamela Lay, Manager of the Iowa State Employment Service, stated that there are openings for waitresses, farm hands, stenographers, maids and an excellent job for a good, experienced typist. Anyone who qualifies should contact the office in the Morrison building on the north side of the square in Washington.

Thirty votes were cast at the school election on Monday, electing Ferd Skola to a three-year term to the board of directors and A.A. Jackson being elected as treasurer for a two-year term.

The case of the stinking turkeys points up the dangers of big government and the task facing the new secretary of agriculture.

Chronologically, the story starts early in January before the Eisenhower administration took over. A shipment of progovernment spare 12 persons for inspection duty on a carload of

turkeys that were for give-away purposes in the first place? Benefits that are paid under the Social Security Act can be

divided into two classes, retirement benefits and survivors' benefits. These payments are called

retirement payments since they cannot be made unless the insured person is 65 or over and has stopped working or is earning less than \$75 per month. If the benefits are stopped because of earnings of more than the amount permitted by the Act, they will be started again when the individual no longer has those earnings.

### Riverside

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schneider are the parents of a girl born at Mercy Hospital, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rice are the parents of a girl born at Mercy Hospital on Sunday.

Funeral services for a former local resident, Lester H. Scott, 41, Iowa City were held in St. Mary's church here Monday morning. Mr. Scott passed away at the Veterans Hospital, Iowa City on Thursday

He was a baker by trade and had lived in Iowa City for 24 years. Mr. Scott was born in Riverside, he was a son of Arthur and Mary Shradel Scott, both of whom have preceded him in death. He was a graduate of St. Mary's school and a member of St. Mary's church here.

Maudie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller is having more than her share of hard luck, last week it was measles, on Sunday she was feeling good and planning to go back to school on Monday, but a bite of sauerkraut at Sunday dinner revealed to Maudie that mumps had set in. What next, Maudie?

Mumps have been spreading among the adults here recently. Among the latest victims, most of whom are now able to be out again, were Mrs. Donald Rath and small daughter Karen, Wilbur, Omar and Harold Rath and Dave Rotenburger.

### Wellman

"Miller's Tiny Cafe" was selected from the 75 names submitted to the contest sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Miller, when they needed a name for their cafe which they leased and opened for business, Sunday, March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Miller suggested the name chosen, so they will be the recipients of the 'Steaks for Two' offered to the one submitting the best name.

The Wellman Cooperative Creamery is back in operation after being closed ten days following a fire which burned out the supply room and caused considerable smoke and water damage to the rest of the building.

day began their milk delivery.

Mahlon E. Yoder was taken to the Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Saturday afternoon, where he submitted to surgery Monday morning.

High school editorial: Do you like to bother people and the majority of us would quickly answer, no. I may play a few practical jokes or embarrass someone unintentionally, but I don't annoy people.

If you look around, you can usually find someone who fits this description. He is sticking someone with a pin, poking one with a newly sharpened pencil, using his history book as a blackjack, or writing initials on someone's notebook paper.

Is this somebody you? Stop and think. Do I enjoy pestering people? If everyone bothered our neighbors as some of us do, study halls and class rooms would be in a bedlam.

Disturbing those around us may bring us some attention, but is this the type of attention we really want? Also, someone's property might be damaged. Or by accident, somebody injured. If this happened we wouldn't receive the type of attention we care for. Let's try to convert our excess energy into something worthwhile instead of being a pest.

Mr. W.L. Wade, Mayor has received numerous complaints about stray dogs as well as licensed dogs running at large. Many people are making preparations for the gardening season ahead, and dressing up their lawns with grass seed and fertilizer. Nothing can be more irritating than after one has spent a lot of time in cleaning up ones premises to find nine or ten dogs in one bunch, tearing around through the lawn and garden.

Just a warning to all dog owners: All licensed dogs are to be tied up immediately and permanently. Any stray dogs caught running loose, will be taken care of by turning them over to the University hospital at Iowa City for experimental purposes.

On Tuesday, March 10, the Driver Training Class met under the supervision of Mr. C.M. Stoner, instructor, to determine whether they wanted to organize a Teenage Driver Club. The students voted for the idea, so next, they voted by secret ballot for a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Bob Topping was voted president, Dorothea Swartzendruber, vice president and Mark Kraft, secretary-treasurer. There are 27 members of this club and a few students of the class were absent.

This new club will do such things as make safety posters, distribute safety savings among the High School students, keep a count of highway accidents, etc. Twenty-seven members and friends of the Mary and Martha

Sunday school class gathered at the home of Mrs. Vida Godber Wednesday for their March meeting.

As usual a quilt in the frames was the main attraction and entertainment. A nice lot of work was accomplished during the day and a faithful bunch of workers finished it on Friday.

This made the ninth quilt completed since January 1, 1953.

The Wellman Boy Scout Troop 236 realized \$172.47 from the Pancake Day held Saturday at the Wellman Skelgas Store. Proceeds will be used for camping equipment and summer camping.

During the day over 1,000 pancakes and 100 pounds of sausage was served to the customers. The most pancakes reported eaten by any one adult was 18, while one child consumed 11. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Popp of Mason City, Nebraska was from the farthest distance among those who attended.

Anonymous for now: I've often heard the remark, "Those were the good old days way back then" and thank goodness that's when they were--way back when.

remember Mama, getting up to a cold house when the first rooster crowed or crawed or crew or whatever the first rooster does, trotting around building the fire and starting breakfast while Papa stayed snugly in bed. On cold mornings now, Daughter kicks the beloved spouse out and makes him turn up the thermostat.

Mama pumped water to make the morning coffee, when and if the old cook stove put forth. Now, Daughter creeps out and plugs in the electric percolator.

Mama made wheat cakes, fried potatoes, meat and oft time biscuits and gravy. Daughter's family will be lucky to get cold cereal, provided Daughter has the strength to tear open the box, clearly marked "Open at this end."

Mama took the ladle and pitcher, went to the cave and dipped off the thick cream from the crock for the family breakfast. Daughter was at odds and ends when the Wellman Creamery burned and there was no good cream for an eternity, well, nearly a month, and the family used milk on their cereal. from the box clearly marked "Open at this end."

Mama of the olden days seemed to be used and abused. Maybe that's when the old adage "It's a man's world" originated. Mama didn't have the time or energy left over to get a toe-hold on the fast moving process called life.





cessed ready-to-cook turkeys, which had been bought under the price support program, arrived in Colorado, where the Production and Marketing Administration (PMA) planned to distribute the turkeys for use in the school lunch program. It is reported the shipment consists of about 24,000 pounds of turkey, and valued at about \$16,000.

The schools found the turkeys unfit for human consumption and sent them back to PMA. The Colorado public health authorities examined the turkeys and found them "subject to intensive putrefaction, deterioration and decomposition."

Now, the PMA officials could let the matter drop there. But not PMA. They got possession of the turkeys and sent them on to Omaha on the pretext that some of the meat might be salvaged. The turkeys were sent to a cold storage firm which leases space to the government. There, two Omaha and two state of Nebraska health inspectors found the turkeys to be "foul and decomposed" and a hold order was placed on the birds.

Again, PMA officials had an opportunity to take the stinking birds out of circulation. But did that happen? Oh, no. Instead, the birds again were examined, this time by 12 federal inspectors at least three of whom had journeyed from Washington for the big event--and they reported the birds okay. But health officials in Omaha were not satisfied with the manner in which the so-called inspection was conducted. They claimed that someone "made a boner and is trying to cover up." Anyone who tries to pawn them off ought to be ashamed.

One health official suggested that the turkeys be served to the federal inspectors.

There are two phases of the case we can't understand.

First, if the turkeys are not fit for human consumption under inspection regulations of two states, why do a dozen PMA officials continue to try to get the birds into the school lunch program?

Secondly, how can the federal

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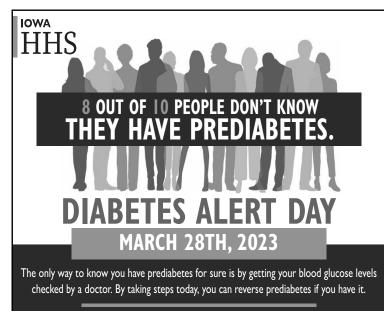
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Street, Kalona. Motion burglar alarms, living room kitchen and basement. Officers checked the residence. All is secure.

Caller in the 700 block of 14th Street, Kalona, reports seeing someone on their

Caller reports three horses out on the road in the 1500 block of 120th Street, Wellman. Dispatch made contact with the owner who will have them put back in. Caller in the 1600 block of Highway

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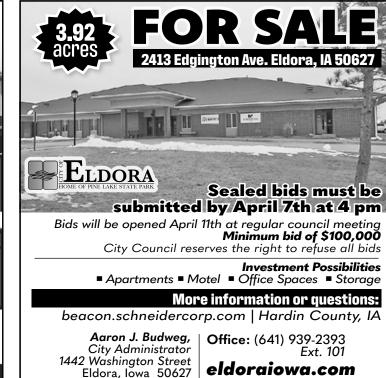


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camera who went up to their barn on foot. Happened twice. Spoke with the caller. Nothing missing. Requesting extra patrol.

Report being flagged down by a UPS driver in reference to a dog that is all tangled up in a chain in the 1200 block of Maple Avenue, Kalona. Dog was untan-

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rassed over the phone. Caller was advised to block the subject and save the conversations.

Caller reports hitting debris on Highway 218. Unsure if there is damage to their vehicle. Officer responded to the area. Appears a deer had been hit at some point. Nothing remained in the road.

Caller in the 800 block of 12th Street, Kalona, requests a deputy for an out-of-control juvenile. Responded.

### March 7

Caller in Wellman reports being harassed on the way home from school. Responded and spoke with the caller. School officials notified.

Caller in the 1400 block of E Avenue. Kalona, reports suspicious activity near a business. Officers responded and spoke with the business owner and caller. Everything is the area appeared fine.

Johnson County requested Riverside Fire and Kalona Fire for extra manpower and tankers for a building fire in the 5000 block of Oak Crest Hill Road SE.

### March 9

Caller requests to speak with a dep-uty regarding an incident at Casey's in Kalona. The incident is a civil matter between himself and the person he bought the gas for.

Caller in the 1900 block of 170th Street, Wellman, reports a male subject went into his garage last night, slept in one of his trucks and left this morning.

Caller in the 300 block of Howard Street, Kalona, reports he is being harassed by his ex that he has a no contact order with. Officer spoke with the caller. Unclear if this constitutes a violation of no contact information forwarded to county attorney. Report filed.

Officer out with a male subject who was walking in Riverside. Male advised he was fine. No issues.

Reported being out with a male that was walking in the 1100 block of Enterprise Drive, Riverside. Advised the male subject was fine. March 10

Caller in the 1700 block of Ginkgo Avenue, Wellman, reports an assault. Caller called back and changed her mind and refused to cooperate.

Caller in the 300 block of Howard Street, Kalona, reports a subject has posted more personal information about him on Facebook. Documentation, additional to yesterdays complaint.

### March 11

Caller in the 100 block of Main Street, Kalona, reports someone walking in the area. He was seen talking with some juveniles playing outside. Officer checked the area and was unable to locate anyone.

Caller in the 600 block of E Avenue. Kalona, reports subject was going to shoplift two bags of Twizzler candy and was caught. Business did not press charges and items were returned.

Johnson County requests asistance with machine shed that is on fire in the 2400 block of 560th Street SW. Kalona Fire, Wellman Fire and Riverside Fire all responded and assisted.

#### March 12

Caller in the 200 block of First Street, Kalona, reports locating a suspicious item inside the business.