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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. Drive-thru 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 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.

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

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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."

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."

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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 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

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."

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

AINSWORTH

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

HILLS

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

IOWA CITY

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

KALONA

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

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://ldcm.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: Floyd Helmut and Mary Bender; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

KINROSS

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

LONE TREE

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

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.

Board Action

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.

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-

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-Douglas 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.

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