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Owners Susan and Rich Young in the Milk House.



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

## 'The goat yoga farm'

### Experience farm life for a night at Lucky Star Farm

BY TJ RHODES  
The News

#### IOWA CITY

If staying outside of the city, viewing the stars at night, doing goat yoga, and seeing various animals right outside the window suit you, then Lucky Star Farm is your perfect vacation, offering the Milk House, an Airbnb mainstay. The farm is situated just outside of Iowa City and is a ten-minute drive from Kalona.

"I feel like it's special that we can give people sort of a small farm Iowa experience, [when they] wouldn't necessarily have any other way to get one," farm owner Susan Young said. "Maybe [our guests] grew up on a farm, but nobody in the family owns it anymore. They want their kids to see what it

was like for them growing up on a farm."

The Young family moved to Lucky Star Farm in 2011. They opened the 4.97-rated Milk House in 2020. It sleeps four people comfortably with two beds and one bath. People staying in the Milk House have full range of the farm, able to walk around, see the various animals, swim and fish in the lake and of course, just lounge around in the Milk House.

The only two farm workers are Susan and Rich Young. Susan has been a teacher all of her life and loves using the farm as an opportunity to teach. She recounts when a family from Chicago visited, and their young son was mesmerized by a carrot growing in the soil.

"His parents said, I don't

think he's ever seen a carrot come out of the ground before and it was like, wow," Susan recalled. "A lot of people are very disconnected from where food comes from and so, I think [we have a] unique opportunity."

The Milk House is all electric and mostly powered by solar energy, an "important part of [Lucky Star Farm's] sustainability mission," according to Susan.

The Milk House opening came right before the COVID-19 pandemic. The Youngs were initially worried about the pandemic's impact on the farm. What they didn't realize is that their farm was the perfect escape.

"This was a place where people could come and just be



themselves with their family," Rich said.

"[People] were kind of itching to get out of their own four walls. This [is] a safe place for people to come," Susan added.

The Youngs started their journey by raising chickens on the

farm. This spiraled into owning goats, ducks, llamas, and turkeys, with intention of raising even more animals.

"I think the animals are a

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## Kalona Library delays decision on challenged book

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

#### KALONA

If the twenty people who showed up Tuesday night expected a decision on whether to oust "Gender Queer" from the Kalona Public Library, they went away disappointed.

Less than two minutes into the Board of Trustees' meeting on April 11, the request for reconsideration was stricken from the agenda.

"I think we've received several reconsideration requests in just the last 24 hours, and I myself, personally, have not been able to review those," Board Secretary Christina Grier said. "So, I would propose that we move our discussion on that request to a formal work

session so that we have time to, as a board, work through all that information, to look at our policy, and to determine if we need any additional information."

"A formal work session is an open meeting," she continued. "No actions or voting takes place at that meeting, and it would give us time to have an adequate discussion."

The motion to table discussion of the challenged book passed unanimously, and a date for the work session was set for Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Kalona Public Library's Conference Room.

The book under consideration is "Gender Queer," an autobio-

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## 'I have hope in America' Sen. Chuck Grassley applauded in Kalona

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

#### KALONA

Women, several carrying babies, filtered into the pole building first. Men in work shirts followed, some clean, others covered in dirt. They found seats at the long tables and waited, quietly speaking amongst each other.

When the slim man in the navy pinstriped suit entered through the front door, perhaps a bit later than expected, the crowd gathered broke into applause.

On Thursday, April 13, Gingerich Well and Pump hosted



RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

Employees and families of Gingerich Well and Pump welcomed the opportunity to interact with Sen. Chuck Grassley.

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## AROUND TOWN

### Hillcrest Touring Choir Performances

The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will perform several concerts on campus and in local churches, as well as participate in the regional MSC Choral Festival hosted by Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg, VA. First local concert is Sunday, April 23; check hillcresttravels.org/touringchoir2023 for complete schedule. Public welcome at all performances.

### Highland CSD Audit

An audit report on the Highland Community School District was released on April 13; a copy of the report is available for review in the District Secretary's Office, the Office of Auditor of State, and on the Auditor of State's website at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

### Kalona Farmers Market Vendors

Those interested in participating as ven-

dors in Kalona's Farmers Market can find applications online at [kalonachamber.com/farmers-market](http://kalonachamber.com/farmers-market) or can contact the Chamber at [info@kalonachamber.com](mailto:info@kalonachamber.com) or 319-656-2660. The year's first market will be May 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown Kalona.

### Kalona Optimist Club Meeting

The Kalona Optimist Club's next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. Laura Mallory will speak on the Mid-Prairie Home School's Roots and Shoots project. Meal catered by Ila Miller, \$10; guests welcome.

### Lone Tree Spring Carnival

Lone Tree Elementary School will hold its annual Spring Carnival on April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school. This important fundraising event includes games, activities, raffled baskets, and a silent auction. Mincer Catering will offer a meal in the cafeteria.

### Ravens Soccer Family Night

Bring the whole family to watch the Hillcrest Academy Ravens take on Danville on Friday, April 21 at 5 p.m. 5th-8th graders along with one guest admitted free with pass; giveaways for kids of all ages. 5th-8th graders can sign up to play soccer during varsity game halftime at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

### Hillcrest Turkey Steak Supper

The Hillcrest Academy Alumni Association with help from the TWP Optimist club will host their annual Turkey Steak Supper fundraiser on Saturday, April 22 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. in the gym. Available for dine-in or take-out, the meal includes marinated turkey steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and pie. Freewill donation goes toward student scholarships.

### English Valleys History Center Program

Attend the next event at the English Valleys History Center, 108 N. Main St, North English on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Rod Stanley, Dexter and Dallas County historian, will present on the 1933 Bonnie and Clyde shootout at Dexfield Park in Dallas County. All are welcome; no charge; donations accepted.

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Monday, April 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library. Call 319-656-5347 with comments or questions.

### Highland Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Highland Elementary will hold a kindergarten parent meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the elementary school gym. Your child must be five years old by Sept. 15, 2023 (born

9/16/2017 - 9/15/2018).

### Kalona Rotary Omelet Breakfast

The Kalona Rotary Club will hold its annual omelet breakfast on Saturday, May 13 from 6 - 10:30 a.m. at the Kalona United Methodist Church. Freewill donations accepted; proceeds will go to the Kalona Library Foundation's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

### Lone Tree Clean-Up Day

The City of Lone Tree will hold its clean-up day on Saturday, May 13 from 8 to 11 a.m. at North Park.

### Tornado Analysis Event

Hillcrest Academy will host "Aftermath: Narration of the Keota, Iowa EF4 Tornado" on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at Celebration Hall. An in-depth analysis of the tornado will be given by Kyle Miller using video and photos. Free admission; some strong language.

# 'There's something more here than just money': Open Gates Groups shares opportunities at business lunch

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

**KALONA**  
"My name is Bill Evans and I started Open Gates, and I have something to confess to you: I'm shy."

Thus began the Kalona Chamber of Commerce business lunch on April 13. The meeting room bustled with area business leaders eager to learn more from Evans and Marketing Director Sam Ingersoll about the group of local businesses that includes Farmers Creamery, Kalona Organics, and Kalona Creamery, among others.

"What got this started is two things: one is [I have] a knack for startups, getting things started, finding opportunities. The other thing is really creat-

ing a space and helping other people be successful," Evans said.

After giving a brief overview of the companies, Evans passed the baton to Ingersoll.

"Open Gates Group creates value and enhances lives by developing businesses that strengthen families in rural communities," he began. "I'll go fast, there's a lot of pictures here."

Ingersoll's PowerPoint presentation provided visuals illustrating where the family farms are that provide the creamery with milk; "They're concentrated in the Midwest, of course, mostly around Kalona," he said. "We're always looking for new farms."

A map also showed how much market coverage Kalona

Organics' 17 different products have.

"Lately our whole milk sales have blown up, our whipping cream is a huge seller. We can't even produce enough butter because all the cream has gone into our other products," Ingersoll said as he showed a map of stores where the products are carried. "We're in 49 states, we're all the way in Hawaii."

"By the way, if anybody wants to make a decent amount of money, we've got trucking jobs," Evans noted.

The pair went on to explain how they want to help other area food entrepreneurs with production and distribution. With plenty of production space, their own trucking company, and expertise gained from years of experience, the

company is eager to partner with others who are passionate.

"We'd love to boost the local food economy, Iowa food, entrepreneurship, startups," Ingersoll said. "We're kind of doing that with Jimmy Jacks and some brands that outgrew their basement kitchen."

"Also, how do we bring more tourists to Iowa?" Ingersoll asked, noting that having 'Kalona' on their labels brings people to visit Kalona, and then they return home to other places looking for Kalona products on their store shelves, creating a virtuous circle.

Open Gates Group's enthusiasm for providing opportunities to others and elevating the well-being of the entire community was infectious.

"This is one of the best top-

ics I've heard in a long time," Nancy Roth, Kalona Historical Village, remarked, adding that she would like to see Evans and Ingersoll reach out to 4-H and FFA kids graduating from high school and talk to them about their opportunities for local farmers.

"Would you be available to speak to the Rotary Club?" Ron Slechta, The News, asked.

"I wish we would have recorded this," Mary Audia, Washington Economic Development Group, said.

And lucky for you, dear reader, we did.

If you would like to attend a Kalona Chamber of Commerce business lunch, follow the Chamber on Facebook to find out when the next one is scheduled.

# Board meeting "sequel" by Tuesday listening session

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

**WASHINGTON**

In what amounted to a "sequel" of the April 11 listening session, at Tuesday's Washington County Supervisors meeting, chaired by Marcus Fedler, the board was formally asked to rescind its decision to move the county administrative offices to the county-owned Orchard Hill.

The request was formally made by Karen Bates Chabal, a downtown business owner, who asked for a letter of support for the county from the local businesspeople and another to purchase the Federation Bank building for the offices. The request included the reading of such support from Kalona-

based The News that concluded the benefits of that building far outweighed the tax loss from it becoming a county facility.

Chabal and Loraine Williams, also a Washington downtown business owner, asked that the offices not move to the edge of town, and suggested the new site could be something other than the bank building, a suggestion that led to further possibilities and a detailed review by Fedler of how the move to Orchard Hill was decided.

In her presentation, Chabal, referencing Fedler's comment about this being "not a democracy but a republic" from the listening session, read from a dictionary that a 'republic' is defined as entrusting "the su-

preme power in the citizens" that is, voting, concluding "that it is up to us, the people."

Supervisor Stan Stoops, agreed, stating, "We need to listen to the people," adding, "They have spoken, and I want to listen to them."

He also noted that he has had calls from residents comparing the board's recent actions to what occurred more than a decade ago when the then three-member board sided with the federal Rural Utility Service Systems (RUSS) regarding a treatment lagoon in Richmond and services in Rubio as well as passing county zoning. The result was a complete change in elected representatives, the end of Richmond, and later rescind-

ed county zoning, the latter the first time ever done in Iowa.

Acknowledging the issues that led to five supervisors representing five districts, Fedler, also a downtown business owner, stressed "I don't want to move from the downtown either," but he still believes it would be irresponsible for the county to purchase another building when it has county-owned space available.

He also detailed the hiring of a consultant and the consideration of using Orchard Hill prior to any approach to the county about the possibility of using the bank building. He also noted he will be meeting with both Carl A. Nelson, the first consultant hired, and with Encite, who was chosen to do the design work for the move, to explore all aspects on what is available, including construction costs. If necessary, it would also be a possible determination to go to a Plan B.

Stoops then reiterated that the board was at the same point the other had been with RUSS and zoning: "You guys are not listening."

Feller replied, it was "then and now. They wouldn't listen. We listened and made the decision."

In terms of not listening, supervisor Jack Seward, Jr, who has already said the same about the state, which wants only central planning, leaving decisions to those who are removed, who don't know any of the local is-

ssues, but who do want to make all the decisions: "They don't listen." He reiterated he will talk to anyone, anywhere, anytime on any issue. That he was "a guy" who listens and will respond to the needs of the people.

However, he added that finding a perfect plan with perfect people to please everyone, "is not going to happen."

Bob Yoder, via telephone, interposed that he took "sides with Stan," adding, "The public does not want Orchard Hill."

Later, it was noted that HACAP, who has leased Building 2 at Orchard Hill for several years, "has no place to go," since building 2 is central to the relocation plan there. HACAP owns the Old Main across from the Orchard Hill complex to meet its clients' housing needs, with the other site for its offices and programs.

There was further discussion regarding how much square footage the county needs for its offices, the fact the project started with finding more space in the courthouse itself for the very crowded county attorney's office, with Fedler noting at the time the only office that would have moved was the supervisors. While no motion was made, discussion did include taking some action Tuesday. Yoder also suggested a further meeting or work session, but none was set.

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Lana does a wonderful job of listening,  
being respectful, and helping out her  
peers when needed.

Samantha  
Pickard

6<sup>th</sup> grade

Daughter of Jeremy  
& Renea Pickard

Samantha is a hard-working student who comes to  
class every day doing her best. She steps up to help  
her peers and teachers. She always has a smile on  
her face and is kind to everyone she is around.  
Her positive attitude is infectious and her work  
ethic is a great example for others to follow!

Grace  
Stacey

7<sup>th</sup> grade

Daughter of Susan  
Stacey & Thomas Stacey

Grace is a hard-  
working student.  
She doesn't hesitate  
to help students when  
needed.

Jack  
Sorrell

8<sup>th</sup> grade

Son of Mitch  
& Wendy Sorrell

Jack helps others and has always been respectful to  
others. He gets his work done with a positive attitude.

Kitchen Staff

The middle school kitchen staff were nominated as the  
staff members of the month because of their friendly faces  
while going through the lunch line. The time and effort they  
put into creating delicious school meals and cleaning up  
afterwards is greatly appreciated!

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## Forecasts for North Washington County

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Thursday April 20	Friday April 21	Saturday April 22	Sunday April 23	Monday April 24	Tuesday April 25	Wednesday April 26
64° 40° RealFeel® 59°	56° 33° RealFeel® 50°	45° 31° RealFeel® 32°	50° 32° RealFeel® 42°	58° 37° RealFeel® 62°	57° 43° RealFeel® 55°	60° 42° RealFeel® 60°
A shower and t-storm; windy, cooler	Breezy with sun, then clouds	Very windy; chilly with low clouds	Windy and chilly with some sun	Some sun with a shower; warmer	Cloudy with a shower	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun



### SUN/MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:20 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	8:49 p.m.
Friday	6:18 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	10:01 p.m.
Saturday	6:17 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	7:34 a.m.	11:11 p.m.
Sunday	6:16 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	none
Monday	6:14 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	8:57 a.m.	12:16 a.m.
Tuesday	6:13 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	9:49 a.m.	1:13 a.m.
Wednesday	6:11 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	10:47 a.m.	2:01 a.m.

	Phase	Date
	New	Apr 19
	First	Apr 27
	Full	May 5
	Last	May 12

### DAILY ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
2	5	2	6	5	2	2

### AccuWeather.com UV Index™

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
2	5	2	6	5	2	2

### Pollen Level Forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
0	1	4	5	5	4	3

Rating: 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very high, 11+: Extreme

### Fishing forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
6	0	3	5	4	5	7

### Soil Moisture forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
10	10	10	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Rating: 0-2: Poor, 3-4: Fair, 5-6: Good, 7-8: Very Good, 9-10: Excellent.

### DAILY HEALTH CONDITIONS

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
6	3	1	0	0	1	5

### Arthritis forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
6	3	1	0	0	1	5

### Asthma forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
5	0	0	0	0	0	2

### Migraine forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
1	1	2	1	0	0	0

### Sinus forecast

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
3	3	3	2	1	2	4

Rating: 0-2: Beneficial; 3-4: Neutral; 5-6: at Risk; 7-8: at High Risk; 9-10: at Extreme Risk.

## ORCHARD HILL/FEDERATION BANK BUILDING LISTENING SESSION



MARY ZIELINSKI/THE NEWS

Four of the five supervisors, Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler and Bob Yoder, attended the session, which was not a board meeting. Richard Young had a prior commitment. Because it was only an information session to hear public concerns and input, the supervisors could take no action. To date, there is no indication it will be on the agenda for a forthcoming board meeting.



By Thursday morning, April 13, demolition of the former county jail was virtually done with only the radio tower remaining. Officials said the tower would be removed Friday. The building, which replaced an earlier 1880s one, dated to the 1960s, and had several structural and health issues. Supervisors unanimously approved the removal in December with total costs estimated at \$45,000.



More than 60 county residents attended the special Listening Session Tuesday, April 11 to express opinion and ask questions about the Washington County Supervisors plan to relocate the county's administrative offices to the county-owned Orchard Hill complex on Lexington Boulevard, at the west edge of the city of Washington. During the approximate hour and 50-minute session in at the county courthouse Tuesday, a majority of the speakers advocated keeping the offices in the city's downtown, that the county should purchase the Federation Bank building for \$800,000 half of the initial price. There also were questions about exactly which departments would relocate and how much square footage was needed. Pictured: the old jail building in downtown Washington has been demolished; a new jail building was built at Orchard Hill in 2006.

## Opposition to Orchard Hill for county offices voiced at listening session

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
The News

### WASHINGTON

Despite clearly voiced opposition to using and renovating the county-owned Orchard Hill complex for relocation of county administrative offices, Washington County Supervisors at the April 11 special listening session gave no indication of reconsidering their positions on the move. About 60 county residents were in attendance and all who spoke favored the former Federation Bank building, asking the board to reconsider its plan.

Of the four at the meeting (Richard Young was unable to attend), Chairman Bob Yoder and supervisor Stan Stoops favor the Federation Bank offer that would leave the offices downtown. In February, Yoder was the single vote for the bank site when the board voted to proceed with Orchard Hill. Stoops was unable attend that meeting and while, initially, not certain about the bank site, Tuesday he joined Yoder, noting "This is about what people

want. All we've got to do is go back to the drawing board and make it work," adding, "We can make it work." He stressed that right now the board is at the "grassroots level," that the board needs "to listen to these people and that we're not. I am not going to be part of that."

Earlier in the nearly two-hour session, supervisor Marcus Fedler, a member of the planning committee for the Orchard Hill renovations, provided a detailed explanation about used and unused space at Orchard Hill, how renovations there would consolidate administrative offices space needs from four sites to two, and improve county governing efficiency. He noted that currently the county offices are housed in the courthouse; at the county-owned Orchard Hill; in the McCreedy building (assessor and engineer) near the courthouse; and for about a decade has rented for Public Health the upper three floors of the Federation Bank Building (the bank recently moved). Well prior to the bank move, the county was offered the

building for \$1.6 million, later cut in half to \$800,000.

Referencing space needs, Fedler said that there is 18,000 square feet at Orchard Hill where "about 8,000 of it sits empty all the time." He added that amount of footage means the county does not have to build any new building. Even more, he stressed that there was "space to grow" at Orchard Hill if and when it proved necessary.

"We already have the space. . . we're trying to use what we have," he said. There was agreement from supervisor Jack Seward Jr. who advocated keeping county operations in existing county property "and not take any more county property out of the tax base".

There was further discussion about input regarding both space needs and relocation from the residents and county department heads, including noting that the latter may fear retaliation for taking issue with superiors and the supervisors.

However, one department head, County Treasurer Jef-

frey Garrett, noted he was part of a group of department heads "who have been pretty vocal about our desire to stay in the downtown," adding that "if it's not feasible or is voted against," it would be accepted. "You win some, you lose some."

He said all department heads want to be part of the solution and that he has no fears about retaliation for the downtown stance. Other than the supervisors, he was the only county elected official among the speakers.

Further comments and questions dealt with a possible economic impact from the move on the city's downtown, a suggestion that voters should have a say (as in a vote) on how the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds be used (the county received approximately \$4.3 million in federal

funds) and that the will of the people needs to be considered. Fedler responded that the supervisors were elected to make right decisions, not necessarily ones the voters want. He stressed that he always wants to do what is right.

There also were concerns voiced about HACAP, which rents facilities in Building 2, a central part of the relocation plan, and some about the feasibility plan done by Carl A. Nelson Associates that had an estimated total project cost of \$6 to \$7.5 million, covering several options, including a new building for the engineer's office. However, supervisors Tuesday clarified that the engineer's office was removed from the plan, adding funds for the courthouse renovations would

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## Benefit Supper & Auction

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# What do we do with collected ephemera?

Although it seems reasonable at times (but not always) I have, over the years, succumbed to the habit of recording historical happenings in communities where I live, with my collective knowledge encompassing many of the events gaining attention, particularly those occurring during the latter part of the 18th century, into the current 21st century time.



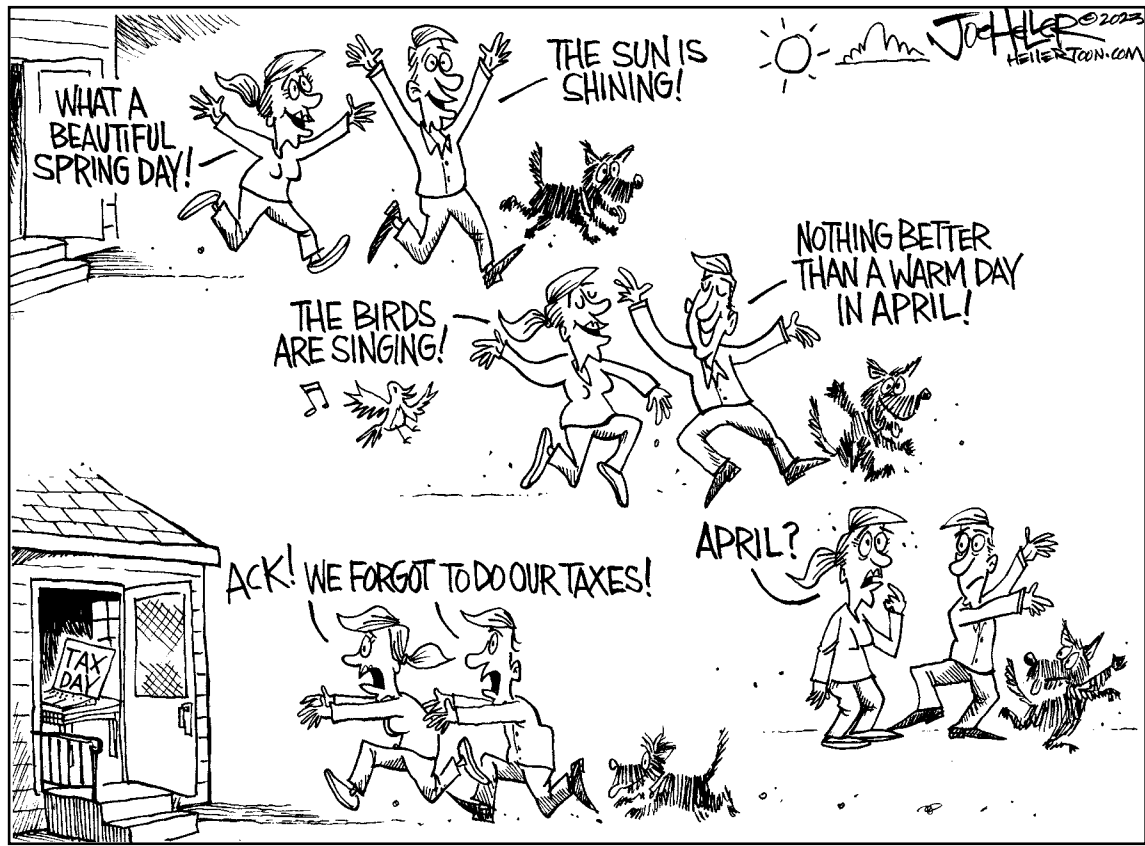
**Lois Eckhardt**  
Shorts Stories  
of Now & Then

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Also at that time, I was already interested in collecting records of my parents' large, far-flung families, and I continued doing the same thing after I moved to Wellman.

My husband's family was also very large—something that I, raised as an only child, was especially interested in. My husband's grandfather Henry Eckhardt settled on a quarter section of land north of Wellman in 1863, built a huge horse barn there in 1885 (the year Wellman was established), and a second house a few years later when the first one burned. The barn was recently destroyed and the house seriously damaged by the tornado that moved through this area March 31st.

Recently, I wrestled my way through a stack of historical clippings and informational pieces covering not only the



Wellman and Kalona area, but places and lives of people I've known and where I've lived. What am I supposed to do with all this stuff? I thought.

What if there isn't anyone, other than me, inclined to continue caring about such a mixture of personal and publicly interesting material? Is there such a similar concern worrying other people, too?

What is one to do with such collections? They could be sent to a library for storage, yes, but what is the point in that? Dust can easily collect there, too.

I remember how at a public auction, years ago, I was the winning bidder for a jumblebox containing (among other personal things) a man's collection of his numerous "over-the-road" diaries. They had

been regularly written over many years by the original owner, obviously because he greatly valued them. I still have them—displayed, neatly stacked, in chronological order, in a miniature Red Flyer wagon. I can't toss them away, even though they hold no great meaning for me except for their historical references.

What does a person do?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Often underappreciated, Lone Tree is worth our effort

A few years ago, I spent the day with my then 7-year-old grandson who was visiting here in Lone Tree. It was a very hot afternoon, and I don't have central air, so we needed to head outside.

From my home, it's just five minutes to Tank Park. So, my grandson and I put a leash on our dog, Cleo, took a ball, and walked down to the park.

We had a great time trying to get Cleo to retrieve the ball. My grandson played on some of the equipment, and then because of the heat, we headed for home. On the way back, we

stopped at the ice cream store, ordering for all three of us. We sat outside. My grandson had a lively conversation with an elderly gentleman while we enjoyed our ice cream. Different generations, different perspectives.

We got back to the house, washed the car, washed the dog, and 'accidentally' squirted each other with the hose.

We didn't have 'take out' pizza for supper. We made a simple homemade meal together. We didn't turn on the TV. (My grandson still can't believe I don't have cable.)

When it got dark that hot summer evening, we got in the truck, let Cleo ride on the con-

sole, and in five minutes, we were out in the country.

That night, the stars were clear in the countryside. You could see nearby farms, some with first- and second-generation families living near each other, working together to help bring all of us the food we take for granted sometimes.

At the end of the evening that summer night, I asked my grandson and Cleo what their favorite part of the day was. He replied, "ALL of it was my favorite part, Grandma." Cleo just barked.

Lone Tree isn't perfect. Things are changing, and there's a lot of work to do. However, our school, our

kids, our support of each other when things are tough, when there's illness or tragedy -- our small-town way of life -- although sometimes underappreciated, makes the effort to improve things worth it.

We have so many events planned for our little community this summer, and a lot of creative people are willing to volunteer their time to make it happen.

So many people care about the future of Lone Tree. It's always been their home or has become so. Many citizens are contributing their time, creativity, and resources.

Please, make a sustainable contribution of time and effort if you live in our community and can help in any way. If you're not from Lone Tree, come visit us during Fall Fest, where we have live music, a muscle tractor show, and tons of fun for kids like face painting and balloon animals. On April 22, we have our garage sales. It's all great fun.

Positive change and support of Lone Tree will be worth it. Lone Tree is more than worth "saving." It's our home. Thank you.

**Barbara Larpernter**  
Lone Tree

### We need a free market approach to utilities

Experts have reviewed Iowa's electric rates and determined ours could be up to 20 percent lower than they are today.

Currently, large energy users are paying substantially over-market rates for electric generation. These include some of the biggest industries

in our state -- agriculture, manufacturing, retail and others -- and energy costs are some of their largest expenses.

If the Iowa Legislature does not come up with a solution, not only will we not be able to attract any new manufacturing jobs, we won't be able to keep the ones we already have. Lawmakers should bring a free-market approach to our utilities -- one that would create lower prices, more competi-

tive energy services, improved reliability, and the opportunity to pursue additional objectives related to sustainability and procurement generally, without any handout from the government.

It's time that Iowa consider competition in our electricity market for large energy users.

**Joe Heuertz**  
Johnston

### 4-H volunteers deserve recognition

During this important National Volunteer Week, I cannot help but stop and be so thankful for the countless people who give to Washington County 4-H.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the village of people who volunteer their time, offer their skills, and make financial contributions to the Washington County 4-H program. My time as the 4-H/County Youth Coordinator has been extremely rewarding, and in part, this is due to the dedicated and caring volunteers in this county.

There are currently 577 youth in kindergarten-12th grade who are involved in Clover Kids/4-H in Washing-

ton County. The 4-H program would not and could not thrive in this way for so many young people without the commitment of our volunteers.

Thank you to all of our 4-H club leaders, 4-H and Youth Committee members, Extension Council members, Fair Board members, superintendents and project committees, project leaders, short-term volunteers, fair helpers, and numerous other volunteers throughout the year.

I have no doubt that our volunteers enrich the lives of these youth in Washington County. The talents, skills and interests our volunteers share have a lasting impact on all of us. They spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as organizing special events, helping members with 4-H projects, leading commu-

nity service projects, educating, and having fun with and encouraging our youth. They work to make the best better for our young people.

The work of 4-H volunteers is constant and isn't always glorious with many details, deadlines, and changing needs of youth. Please be sure to celebrate National Volunteer Week by recognizing those who volunteer their time and energy with our youth -- our future.

Thank you, once again, to all of those who generously give of themselves to help the youth of Washington County 4-H! You are the best!

Sincerely,  
**Amy Green**  
Washington County 4-H/  
Youth Coordinator

### What do you say?

My college roommate from back in Kentucky asked for advice about what to say to his 7-year-old grandson. Last Monday morning, young Henry and his friend were dropped off at school by the friend's dad, Mr. Barrick, who also was their little league basketball coach. A short time later, Josh Barrick, a senior vice president at Old National Bank in Louisville, was killed by bullets from an AR-15 assault rifle. My old roommate is at a loss for words. So am I.

I don't think Henry cares about an expanded interpretation of the Second Amendment. I don't think comments about "thoughts and prayers" or mental illness are much comfort. Like his parents, family, friends, and entire community, he is shocked at what happened and wants to

know why. Henry doesn't understand that someone with mental health problems can easily purchase a weapon of war to settle his grievances. He doesn't understand that our elected representatives might have prevented this and other tragedies had they instituted background checks and banned assault weapons. He doesn't understand the influence of political contributions from the NRA and the gun lobby. He only knows that his basketball coach is gone, and his good friend is "not going to have a dad."

My old roommate has a question for Kentucky Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul. I have the same question for all legislators. When someone like 7-year-old Henry asks why, what do you say?

**Thomas Cook**  
Iowa City

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## Lovina and her family celebrate Easter

I need to write this column this morning before I leave. Sisters Verena and Emma, nieces Elizabeth and Emma, Crystal (nephew Benjamin's wife), daughters Elizabeth, Susan, Verena, Lovina, and I are going to daughter Loretta's house to clean today. Walls, ceilings, windows, furniture, floors, etc. will be cleaned thoroughly. It's always a good feeling once all is cleaned again. This is in preparation for communion services, which Dustin and Loretta will host on April 30, Lord willing. It will be an enjoyable day to spend together.

I cleaned some windows yesterday here in my house. Some of that rain makes the windows dirty and then of course there are the little love prints on the inside left by my precious grandchildren. I need to do some spring cleaning since we won't host church services again here until December.

All the families that need to have a tent to host church take it during the summer months. Since we have a pole barn we can heat, we take our turn in the winter months, early spring, or late fall. The last time we hosted church was in May 2022. So I almost need to do deep cleaning in between that time. We have around 35 families that host church, so it's a while until our turn comes around again.

Loretta is going to make breakfast for us all this morning before we clean. She plans to have pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and rhubarb juice and coffee. Lunch is being brought in by everyone.

Sister Emma has four grandchildren, and I have 10,

## LOVINA EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

but four of those are in school. We will still have 10 children there, ages four and younger. It should be an interesting day!

We are having a lovely week weatherwise. Son Joseph hauled manure on the garden and in the garden beds last night. My husband Joe wants to till the garden again now since the manure is added. We have a small tiller that they use to till in the garden beds. Joe is getting eager to get potatoes planted. I also want to plant peas, some radishes, and sweet onions soon. This week, the temperature is in the 70s. I do hope our cold weather is pretty well over for this season.

On Good Friday, we had a nice day with the family all being home. The menu included mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, pork and beans, grilled chicken, lettuce salad, a veggie tray, cheese, hot peppers, colored eggs, and more. There were a few dessert options of berry cream cheese muffins, swiss roll bars (homemade of course), and dirt pudding. The desserts and salad were brought in by my daughters, so that made it easier for me. Sister Verena also came for lunch and then stayed a few nights.

After lunch, Joe and I gave our 10 grandchildren Easter baskets. I make them myself, filling them with little goodies such as a coloring book, colors,

bubbles, and more. It's much cheaper to do it this way. Then came the time for the children to go look for the plastic eggs we hid filled with candy. They were beyond excited, and it was so fun to see their excited little faces when they found the eggs. The day was nice and sunny but chilly. At least it wasn't raining. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

Sunday evening, Joe and I went to daughter Verena's for a hobo supper by the campfire. It was a nice evening to sit by the fire. Daughter Elizabeth, Tim, and children; daughter Susan, Ervin, and children; sons Benjamin and Kevin, and nephew Henry were also there for the evening.

I need to get started with the morning work before I head over to Loretta's. God bless!

### Deep-Fried Morels

3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Olive oil for pan-frying  
12 to 15 large Morel mushrooms

Stir the flour, milk, egg, and salt together in a large bowl. Heat 1 inch of oil in a large skillet until sizzling. Dip the mushrooms in the batter and put them in the skillet. Fry each side until golden brown. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain.

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

## KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Quilt Block Coloring Contest pages (for all ages 0-100+) are due back to the library by April 21st.

On Saturday April 22nd the library will be hosting a Multilingual literacy program from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

On Saturday April 29th local author Wayne Beachy will be here for an author reading and signing of his newest book at 10:30 a.m.

**New Adult Fiction:** "Under Fire" by Lynn Blackburn; "A Brighter Dawn" by Leslie Gould; "The Lost English Girl" by Julia Kelly; "The Sister Effect" by Susan Mallery

**New Adult Non-Fiction:** "Belonging: A Daughter's Search" by Michelle Miller; "The American Way: A True Story of Nazi Escape, Superman, and Marilyn Monroe" by Bonnie Siegler

**New Adult Media:** "A Man Called Otto"; "Women Talking"

**New Young Adult Fiction:** "Stars and Smoke" by Marie Lu

**New Junior Fiction:** "Balance Beam Boss" by Jake Maddox; "Lost Stone: Kingdom of Wrenly #1" Jordan Quinn; "When the Sky Falls" by Phil Earle

**New Easy Books:** "Being a Dog: A Tail of Mindfulness" by Maria Gianferrari; "My Parents Won't Stop Talking" by Emma Hunsinger; "Agent Lion and the Case of the Missing Party" by Jacky Davis

**Juvenile Media:** "Strange World" Disney; "Rock Dog 3"; "True Story of the three little Pigs" Playaway

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## BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County is pleased to announce the *Defending Potential Breakfast* on May 10, 2023. BBBSJC asks the community to support its mission of uplifting youth, defending potential, and working for equity and access through professionally supported mentorship.

The COVID pandemic has had a lasting impact on our youth, most heavily affecting those who were already vulnerable. BBBSJC is responding to record-high need for mentoring services, young people are coping with unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and disconnection. Positive relationships with caring adults are among the most powerful antidotes to this mental health crisis. Requests for mentors have doubled; over 100 kids, currently wait for Bigs.

BBBSJC needs volunteer mentors for all programs. It is experiencing a severe shortage of male Bigs, with male Littles sometimes waiting a

year or more, or never gaining the mentoring friend they seek. There is a heavy need for BIPOC volunteers so that young people can have role models that look like them and can relate to their lived experiences.

BBBSJC needs the community's financial support and invites new and existing supporters to attend the FREE Defending Potential Breakfast on Wednesday May 10, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at Terry Trueblood Lodge.

Special guest, Payton Sandfort, Hawkeye basketball player and Big Ten Sixth Man of the Year winner, will share the impact mentors have made on him. Attendees will hear and celebrate the impact of mentoring in and around Johnson County.

Although there is no cost BBBSJC hopes that after hearing and seeing the power mentoring friendships have on local youth, families, volunteers and the community, attendees

are inspired to give, whether through monetary gifts or the gift of volunteering. All proceeds go directly towards making and supporting Big/Littles matches in Johnson County. Information and registration can be found at [www.bbbsjc.org/events/defending-potential-event/](http://www.bbbsjc.org/events/defending-potential-event/)

Daleta Thurness, Executive Director of BBBSJC, states: "We couldn't do what we do without community partners and support. BBBSJC is in position to empower every young person we serve on a path to graduate with a plan for their future and a mentor whose impact lasts a lifetime. We help families navigate success so having support from the community is crucial; it does take a village and we hope many of you will join us as Defenders of Potential."

For more information about the power of mentoring and ways to get involved please visit [www.bbbsjc.org](http://www.bbbsjc.org)

## OBITUARIES

### Mary Beth Ball

1960 - 2023



Mary Beth Ball was born Oct. 20, 1960, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, the daughter of Paul and Florence (Kimmel) White. Mary was the sixth of seven children and grew up in Coralville, Iowa. Mary attended West High School in Iowa City, and furthered her education at Kirkwood Community College. Mary was employed at UIHC in the Neurology Department for 35 years.

Mary was united in marriage to Brian Ball Feb. 14, 1989, at Danforth Chapel in Iowa City. Mary and Brian went on to raise their children in the Kalona area.

Mary's greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother. Mary's happiest times were when she was surrounded by immediate and extended family. Mary had a huge heart and showed her love for others through baking, warm hugs and her beautiful smile.

Mary passed away Friday, April 14, 2023, after a long illness at the University of Iowa Hospital Clinics at 62 years old.

She is survived by her husband: Brian Ball of Kalona; four children: Zachary Ball of Kalona, Hannah Ball of

Kalona, Jamie Ball of Nichols and Sarah Ball of Iowa City; and grandchildren: Catherine Ball and Mason Cooper;

her mother: Florence White of Coralville; and six siblings: Jane (Dan) Pook of Frytown, Beverly Slabach of Kalona, Kevin (Michelle) White of Iowa City, Nancy (Dan) Peterson of Williamsburg, Robin (Robin Hartfiel) White of Solon, and Jim White of Iowa City; and a large extended family.

Mary is preceded in death by her father: Paul White; brother-in-law: David Slabach; and her grandparents.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time. A general memorial fund has been established. Messages may be left at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com). Yoder-Powell Funeral Home is caring for Mary and her family.

### Tina May Murphy

1945 - 2023

Tina May Murphy, 77, of Washington, Iowa, died Monday, March 13, 2023, at Banner Baywood Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona.

Memorial services were held Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent for Tina's family through the web at [www.jonesfh.com](http://www.jonesfh.com).

Tina May Murphy was born May 10, 1945, in Orange, California, the daughter of Harvey Earl and Jeanette Gertrude (Kelly) Gesling. She graduated from Ainsworth High School in Ainsworth, Iowa.

Tina was united in marriage to Harold Murphy July 2, 2010, at Butterfly Beach in

Santa Barbara, California.

Tina loved going to the beach and socializing with friends. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, golfing, but especially spending time with her kids and grandkids.

She is survived by her husband: Harold Murphy of Washington; daughters: Joanee (Larry) Clark of Letts, Iowa, Wendy Davis of Columbia, Missouri, and Raquel (Chris) Decker of Brooklyn, Iowa; son: Scott Davis of Washington; stepson: Patrick (Cynthia) Murphy of Santa Barbara, California; stepdaughter: Tracy (Tom) Wendorf of Scottsdale, Arizona; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Tina was preceded in death by her parents and brother: Tom Gesling.

## SENIOR DINING APRIL 20-27

### Goodwin Senior Dining

Thursday - Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, dessert

Friday - Hotdog & sauerkraut, sweet potato puffs, fruit, cupcake

Monday - Chili soup/crackers, corn bread, fruit, cookie

Tuesday - Fish patty, crispy cube potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit with honey, fruit

Wednesday - Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, spinach, apple crisp

Thursday - Creamed chicken and biscuit, sweet potatoes, tossed salad, coffee cake

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

### Lone Tree Senior Dining

Thursday - Cheeseburger, tater tots, peaches

Friday - Brats & sauerkraut, baked beans, tropical fruit, ice cream

Monday - Grilled pork ribeye, cowboy beans, mandarin oranges

Tuesday - Spaghetti bake, fresh salad, bread stick, apple-sauce

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## IDRIS CLUB

Idris Club met April 11 at the Velma Skola meeting room at the Kalona Library with members bringing salads to pass. Hostesses were Joyce Ropp and Mary Jo Smith.

President Anna Hochstetler opened the business meeting. We all brought items for the food pantry. Questionnaires were handed out for next year's program.

Next meeting will be at the home of Pam Kral at 12:30 with Karen Plank as co-hostess.

Those attending were Esther Gingerich, Ruth Hershberger, Anna Hochstetler, Pam Kral, Karen Plank, Joyce Ropp, MaryJo Smith, Marlene Yoder, Joyce Niffenegger.



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U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, 89, the longest serving senator in Iowa history. First elected to the U.S. Senate in 1981, he's been in office longer than half of Kalona's residents have been alive.

"Thanks to Gingerich's for giving me an opportunity to meet with all you folks," he began, once set up with a microphone. "I accomplish two things by going to a business: you learn a lot of what's going on in Iowa that you wouldn't know about it you didn't go there. And secondly, in case of the employees of Gingerich's, if I had a town meeting at the courthouse or down at the city hall or at the local library, you folks that work for a living wouldn't be able to come. So, as part of my travels of Iowa every year to the 99 counties, I try to take in a lot of businesses."

He then invited questions. "I want you to know there's no such thing as an inappropriate question from Iowans, so don't be bashful about asking about anything you want to, about what we're doing in

Washington, or how we do it, or why we do it, or about me personally. All that stuff is perfectly legitimate game as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Sen. Grassley was asked for comment on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) ruling on by a federal judge on April 12 that blocks the Biden administration's new definition of waters that can be regulated under the Clean Water Act, which were extended to include those in non-coastal states including Iowa.

"Back in the Obama administration, the Iowa Farm Bureau put out a map that 97% of the area of Iowa would be regulated by the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers," Sen. Grassley said. "That's 86,000 family farmers in Iowa that, when they go to the field, need to worry about whether their violating some EPA [regulation]. So obviously you can tell that I don't think much of it."

He added that if the WOTUS rule went to the Supreme Court, "I'm not a lawyer, you know, but I can know a little

bit of what the Supreme Court might say. They come under the provision of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution that says, if the government deprives you of the use of your land, or they take it away from you, they've got to pay you for it."

The worker shortage was another issue Sen. Grassley was asked to address. He offered three potential solutions: legal immigration, Pell grants for students who wish to pursue certification in a trade, and trying to find a way to transition people from reliance on government welfare programs to working without them fearing a loss of income or benefits.

Sen. Grassley was also asked about fraud during the 2020 election and whether there is anything to claims about Hunter Biden's laptop.

Regarding the former, Sen. Grassley said, "Once those votes are counted, there's nothing in the Constitution, even if you find out later that there was election fraud or irregularities, to say that Trump was elected. There's just no way to get Biden out except by impeachment. Or resignation."

On the issue of Hunter Biden's laptop, Sen. Grassley discussed how he started in-

vestigating Hunter Biden in August 2019, but at the time was accused by the press of "spreading Russian disinformation." Now the press has admitted that is not true, but the issue of prosecution is difficult because "Congress doesn't prosecute. The Executive Branch prosecutes. Do you think that Biden or the Democrat Department of Justice is going to prosecute? They should, otherwise they won't have equal application of the law. Lady Justice should be blind."

Finally, a member of the crowd asked, "You've been in politics a long time, and you've probably seen a lot of things come and go over the years. How do you not feel completely hopeless?"

"I have great hope," Sen. Grassley responded. "I do feel hopeless sometimes, but I never give up, because I wouldn't be working for you if I did give up. But I look at the 240-year history of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and we've gone through a lot of things that are worse than what we're going through right now."

"As long as we keep the principle of limited government, and the Constitution



RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

The Senator was happy to field a few questions from the media following the event.

protects you from your government, and you can do what you want to do within the law, to do whatever you want to with your own life, make out of yourself what you want to make, and you continue to have that freedom, I have hope in America."

The 34-minute visit ended as it began: with applause.

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come from the county and that the engineer's office relocation would be a separate county project.

Estimates for Orchard Hill and courthouse renovations, discussed earlier by the board, are in the \$4.5 to \$5 million range; however, a previously approved contract for digitalizing of county records reduced the APRA funds to \$3.8 million. As a result, to proceed with spending on Orchard Hill, the county may have to seek a later referendum, which Fedler has said was not in the plan.

The plan calls for, after relocation of administrative offices, having all judicial services housed in the courthouse, including probation services for both adults and juveniles; Out-

reach, DHS and Department of Corrections offices; as well as the county attorney office, clerk of court and the courtroom that are already there.

Tuesday's public meeting had been arranged by the Washington Chamber of Commerce whose executive director, Michelle Redlinger, during the session, asked about financial and other details in the Nelson report. She and other speakers referred to the economic impact of keeping the county offices in the downtown of the county seat and the loss in pedestrian traffic from their removal to the west edge of the city.

The relocation plan is the first business item for the April 18 supervisors meeting.

Wellman considers downtown improvements

BY JOHN BUTTERS  
The News

WELLMAN

The city council discussed the possibilities of a downtown improvement plan for the City of Wellman at its Monday, April 17 meeting.

City Manager Kelly Litwiller reviewed a street-scape proposal from architectural firm Garden & Associates that could include designer streetlights and new, decorative sidewalks. The preliminary plan also includes new water service and a handicap-accessible crosswalk.

Litwiller emphasized that the plan was in its draft stages and would vary according to council and community input. Costs for the project ranged from an estimated \$800,000 to \$1 million, depending on the inclusion of design elements.

Financing for the improvements would be provided by state and local grants and the availability of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) from the county. TIF is a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for infrastructure and other community-improvement projects. Municipalities

can divert future property tax revenue increases toward an economic development project or public improvement project in the community.

In addition, the project could include funding from a Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG). The project is under consideration for the fiscal year 2024-25.

In other business, the city council set a public hearing on proposed drawings, specifications, budget, forms of contract and letting of bids for renovations to the Wellman-Schofield Library for May 15.

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Calling all river enthusiasts to paddle in the 11th Annual Great Iowa River Race! Recreational and competitive paddlers alike are invited to participate and may choose from numerous canoe, kayak, and paddleboard divisions. The event will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Paddlers will start the race at Sturgis Ferry Park in Iowa City and will cross the finish line nine miles downriver at the Hills Campground in Hills, IA.

Race day check-in will open at 8:00 a.m. at Sturgis Ferry Park. Following the race, lunch will be served for race participants at the Hills Campground finish point. Free transportation will be provided to ferry participants back to the start. Safety is the biggest consideration; the

race will be dependent on safe weather conditions and water levels.

The entry fee is \$40; there is no day-of-registration and all registration closes on June 7th. Those who register by May 14th are guaranteed a commemorative race t-shirt. Canoe and kayak rentals are available for \$10 while supplies last. To register go to: <https://paddleguru.com/races/GreatIowaRiverRace2023> Contact JCC Naturalist Frances Owen at 319-645-1011 or at [fowen@johnsoncountyia.gov](mailto:fowen@johnsoncountyia.gov) for more information.

This event is hosted by the Johnson County Conservation Board, in partnership with the City of Iowa City, the City of Coralville, the City of North Liberty, and Iowa Valley Resource Conser-

vation and Development. For those interested in signing on as a race sponsor, contact Brad Freidhof at [bfreidhof@johnsoncountyia.gov](mailto:bfreidhof@johnsoncountyia.gov). All proceeds from the race go towards the expansion of the Johnson County Conservation Environmental Education program.

The Johnson County Conservation Department manages over 2,000 acres of land and outdoor recreation areas throughout the County. In addition, JCC works to provide opportunities for the public to enjoy outdoor recreation and environmental education. To learn more about Johnson County Conservation, visit [www.johnsoncountyia.gov/conservation](http://www.johnsoncountyia.gov/conservation).

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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. 319-656-2688; Pastors: Marv Bender and Floyd Helmuth; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 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](http://www.StsMaryandJoseph.com). Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

**United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree:** 110 W Elm St; 629-4900 [www.lonetreeiowachurch.com](http://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](http://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](http://windhamchurch.com)

**RICHMOND**  
**Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church:** 319-648-2331, [clusterparishes.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://clusterparishes.org); Fr. Bill Roush; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

**Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church:** 6 ½ 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 Debnar; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m., website: [luthwash.org](http://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, [prairieflowerbaptistchurch.org](http://prairieflowerbaptistchurch.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](http://stjameswashington.org)

**United Methodist Church:** 206 W 2nd St. 319-653-5446; Pastor: Anthony M. Devaughn; Traditionalnunc. com.

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

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## 45 YEARS AGO APRIL 20, 1978

### Kalona

Kenny Kempf, Mid-Prairie Board President, met with the Junior High Advisory Council to discuss the hiring of a new superintendent. Input from the parents concerning qualifications and duties was expressed. Mr. Kempf reported that applications are being received and the screening process is underway.

A thorough discussion of the Special Talent Program was also a part of the program. There is a real concern for the future of the program when federal funds are no longer available. While some expressed that it involved too few students, others felt that small numbers are necessary for the program to be most effective.

The Council also toured the junior high building to look at the serious roof and gym floor problems which need immediate attention.

Thanks to one man's family there is an "Amishland" product that has been on many a table in the last five years. Starting this year, the product, Amishland Whole Hog Sausage, will be entirely Kalona produced.

"It was probably more than five years ago when I took one of our hogs and made whole hog sausage for the entire family," explained Wilbur Swartzendruber, president of Meatland, Inc. The results?

"If my wife would have fixed it, the kids would have eaten that sausage every day." With that kind of encouragement, Swartzendruber decided that his recipe was highly marketable and, for the past five years, the whole hog sausage has been sold in areas of eastern Iowa.

On January 1, Swartzendruber and Howard Durian (secretary of the corp.) took over the Meatland operation located on 6th Street in Kalona, and for the first time since its introduction, "Amishland Whole Hog Sausage is being made entirely" by the company that markets the product.

"When we say whole hog, that's exactly what we mean," Swartzendruber said, "everything is used--hams, loins, the whole hog," except, of course, for such necessary discard as head and feet. They also do not add any water and "just a minimum of lard," to aid in cooking. The only additive is seasoning, not preservatives.

Sandra Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Reed, 7th grade Mid-Prairie Junior High student, won second place in the Eastern Iowa Area Spelling Bee held in Cedar Rapids. She will participate in the Iowa Spelling Bee to be held in Des Moines May 6.

We hope this will be a good season for mushrooms due to plentiful moisture. Some of the old-timers say the good mushroom hunting days are over because the old elm trees have all disappeared, but we think the reason mushrooms have been a little scarce the past few years is because of the cool and very dry weather we have had the past couple years. Hope this spring mushrooms will be plentiful again.

In its regular April meeting, the Mid-Prairie Community School District, Board of Education approved purchase of a new piano for the Wellman Elementary and drapes for the new windows recently installed in the West Chester building.

Damage to the roof of the Kalona Elementary School has resulted from students and others walking on the roof in retrieving balls, etc. Mid-Prairie School officials have requested that no one climb onto the roof for any reason.

A light plane piloted by Keith Powers of Omaha, Nebraska made an emergency landing in a bean field on the John Roetlin farm south of Kalona, Tuesday afternoon. Powers notified Washington County Sheriff's office that the engine in his light plane had failed, causing him to land in the field, and that there were no injuries, although the plane was mired in the soft mud. He narrowly missed hitting a newly constructed tile ditch.

### Lone Tree

No Lone Tree paper for this week.

### Wellman

Several months ago, federal funds were made available through the Heritage Agency on Aging to the Washington County Task Force on Aging, to purchase audio visual materials. Many types of equipment were purchased in an attempt

to serve as many needs as possible.

This equipment is housed in the Wellman Public Library for easy accessibility, but is available to any person sixty years of age or older who lives in the West Chester, Riverside, Kalona or Wellman areas as well as the surrounding farm community.

The committee, Mrs. Ernestine Grady of Kalona, Mrs. Delphia Wieland of Riverside, and Dr. Jack Droz of Wellman, will act as contact people in their respective communities. The equipment may be checked out for specific periods of time by contacting Mrs. Elsie Guengerich, Wellman Librarian.

Duane Miller, Centennial chairman, announces the appointment of Bill Kinneer as Centennial Grand Parade chairman. He will be assisted by Stan Barber and Bob Houseal.

The parade is expected to be the largest and best parade ever held in Wellman. To accomplish this goal, it will take the cooperation of the entire community.

Mr. Miller said, "Since this is a one-time event, every organization and business as well as individuals, should have an entry in the parade. It is not too early to start making your plans."

Main Street appeared several feet wider early Tuesday morning. The reason was that it was free of debris. Our town employees do an exceptional job attempting to keep Main Street clean, but unless the street is free of vehicles at the early hour the street is swept--it is not an easy task. Please cooperate and observe the stated signs on Main Street which in turn enables the street commissioner to do his work.

For record, we will report it snowed Thursday, and rained and was just a disagreeable day. Conditions improved on Friday to the point where it was a perfect spring day--then wind, thunderstorms and more rain moved back in on Saturday for another rainy weekend. We are pleased to announce that self service gas is now available to our customers as well as full service. We also carry for your convenience--bread, rolls and milk. Ulin's Sinclair.

The office and staff of Atty. Albion J. Young held a surprise celebration at his law office Thursday, honoring him on his 25th anniversary as a practicing lawyer in Wellman. 25 years ago, Albion J. Young began his law practice in the office formerly occupied by Mr. McIntosh above the present Ulin Antiques.

During his 25 years in Wellman, Atty. Young has been active in community affairs. He

served as president of the Wellman Rotary Club, Wellman Lions Club, Wellman Community Club and Washington County Bar Association. He has been City Attorney since 1955 and represents the Mid-Prairie Community School District.

Nine years ago, Helen Bates was chosen as Iowa's Handicapped Person of the Year because of her courageous and determined efforts to become a successful business woman though confined to a wheelchair.

She became a paraplegic at the age of 23, from spinal injuries received in an auto accident. Over the next 17 years, she underwent 40 operations and the amputation of her leg in a fight to curb osteomyelitis.

Helen's determination to fulfill her duties as a wife and mother to her children, and husband kept her battling back after each surgery. Even when infection would develop and another period of hospitalization was needed, she never gave up hope.

It was during one of these periods in a therapy session at Childrens Hospital at Iowa City that she was introduced to a hobby that was to become a business for her. Ceramics. This craft was especially suited to her creative and artistic talent which led the Rehabilitation Service representative to suggest that Helen establish a business at her home.

In 1968, with the help of the Rehabilitation Agency, she acquired a few pieces of greenware and took classes in Iowa City. The new ceramic business soon became popular and Helen's classes grew in size.

Then several years ago, Helen experienced a respiratory illness that caused her to be absent for a period from ceramic work.

At this time she devoted her time to a new form of art-painting.

A former ceramics student from Keota, interested in art, taught Helen basics in drawing and painting during his time in class. It was his encouragement of the work she did that really prompted her to continue, she recalled.

Still life and landscapes were the first attempts and then following a trip to Arizona, she began drawing and painting scenes of the southwest.

Our Interesting Person, is certainly an example of courage and determination. From a wheelchair, she has reared two children, has become successful in her ceramic business and now another medium with her paintings.

During this week of national observance of the handicapped--Helen explained the term, "Is being handicapped, a

handicap?"

## 40 YEARS AGO APRIL 21, 1963

### Kalona

Trip Around the World. Road to California. Schoolhouse. Log Cabin. Old Maid's Puzzle. Double Wedding Ring. The names of quilt designs, they form a patchwork of American history sewn together by generations of women who turned quilt-making into a genuine American art form.

Although quilting originated in Europe, the American counterpart is considerably different in its patterns and materials, both reflecting the influence of a new country.

Quilts such as these and "a whole lot more" will be on exhibit and for sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, when the Quilt Show is held at the Kalona Recreation Center. Admission is \$1.50 and for that price one can view 300 antique and modern quilts, many of whose designs pre-date the State of Iowa.

Business Spotlight--Meet Dwight Bender, owner of Dwight's APCO. Dwight's employees are Bud Bender, Chuck Smith and Terry Strabala.

Dwight has been in business for seven years and has lived in the Kalona area all his life. Before starting the station he was in farming. Dwight's wife, Jenelle also works with him doing the book work. They have two children, Tiffani, seven, and Kelby is ten. The family enjoys biking and go-cart racing in their spare time.

Dwight's APCO is a full service station including front end alignment. Come in and get acquainted, Dwight enjoys his business and meeting new people.

Medical fraud and work-at-home schemes continue to victimize thousands of Americans each year, taking money from those in need and placing it in the pockets of swindlers and con-artists, Postmaster Earl Fry cautioned.

Typically, unwary postal customers continue to send fees ranging from \$10 to \$25 in response to advertisements that falsely suggest there is a market for envelope-stuffing services. Others purchase youth potions, bust developers, untested remedies for nagging discomforts, quick weight-loss pills and other highly imaginative but unrealistic items.

Customers can help protect themselves from mail fraud by investigating unbelievably good offers before they buy. Do not pay with cash, since a check, money order or credit card purchase can be traced if an investigation is made.

If you have a question about a firm, contact your Better Business Bureau, consumer protection agency or postal inspectors.

It has quit raining for several days and the farmers are hoping and wishing for dryer weather and we noticed the clouds in the sky the last few days have flat lines on the bottom, which makes us think that the farmers will soon be able to get in the fields and get their crops out between showers if they do not have too many acres. The moon also is on the dry side now.

When Ward Liebe started working for Yoder, Inc. thirty-eight years ago, "we began at seven in the morning and kept going until six in the evening, six days a week."

Liebe, who retired from the firm April 1, had delivered feed to area farms since November, 1945, but that wasn't what he started with.

"The first load of anything I hauled for Lester Yoder was a load of lumber." The wood was for the home Lester and his wife, Pauline, built in Frytown.

Liebe not only compiled an excellent record as a driver with the firm, he also holds the record for longest continuous employment.

### Lone Tree

John L. Mumm Post No. 457, has selected five local delegates and two alternates to attend the Iowa Legion's Boys State Camp at Camp Dodge, near Des Moines, June 3-9.

The seven youths selected include delegates Doug Kautz, Rick Musser, Russ Rayner, Kevin Stebral, Mike Waldschmidt and delegates Ron Flake and Kevin Hotz. All seven are juniors at Lone Tree Community School.

Lone Tree community School Art Department held its annual Art Show, deemed a success by Art Instructor Nancy Hoegh, Friday in the elementary level and high school library.

Hoegh was extremely pleased with the art show, its entries and crowd attending.

Lone Tree First Responders offered classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during two sessions, at the American Legion Hall in Lone Tree.

Approximately 10 participants were taught life-saving techniques during lectures and gained practical experience using "Resusci-Annies."

Lone Tree Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a brush fire southeast of Lone Tree, Monday morning. Firemen were called to a field farmed by Loren Yoder after fire spread from a fence row to an adjacent pasture. No damage occurred.

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TEST	<p><b>Get tested!</b> It's the only way to <b>know for sure</b> if you have an STI.</p> <p>Many STIs <b>don't cause any symptoms</b>, so you could have one and <b>not know</b>.</p> <p><i>If you're not comfortable talking to your regular provider about STIs, find a clinic that provides confidential testing that is free or low cost.</i></p>
TREAT	<p>All STIs are <b>treatable</b>. If you test positive for an STI, work with your healthcare provider to get the correct treatment.</p> <p>Ask about <b>partner services</b> to get your partner tested and treated.</p> <p>Avoid having sex until you and your sex partner both <b>complete treatment</b>.</p>

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# Student-Built house construction slated to begin end of May

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News  
KALONA

The Kalona City Council held two work sessions within the last week, one to discuss the 2023 Student Built house, and the other to consider the development of 54 acres of city-owned land on the north end of the city.

The Student Built house project is set to begin at the end of May at the now-vacant lot located at 313/315 C Avenue. Twelve area students – four from Mid-Prairie, four

from Durant, three from Washington, and one from Highland – will be OSHA 10 certified and ready to begin work when the school year ends. Ground-breaking is being planned for June 5.

The building design chosen for the non-conforming lot is a duplex, each side consisting of a 3-bedroom, 2-bath unit with 1-car garage. Because the dwelling will not meet the rear setback requirement, the City will submit a variance to the Board of Adjustments with hope for approval by May 1.

As the design plans stand, the market value for each side of the duplex will be about \$215,000. The City hopes to sell each side for \$180,000 because the housing is intended for low-to-moderate income households.

It is expected that the house will go on the market in early September; two candidates have already submitted applications with the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), which will provide \$25,000 in down payment assistance for each unit.

Specific design details for the house are still being worked out. Council members raised concerns over narrow door widths and laundry being located on the second floor, as well as what might be done about parking should the owners have more than two vehicles.

### Yoder Property Development

In a second work session held on Monday, the City Council looked at getting the ball rolling on development of the 54 acres it owns between Highway 1 and the Kreekside subdivision on the north end of town. With soil sampling and pre-engineering complete, the City is ready to move forward with finalizing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to go out to de-

velopers.

Among the objectives the City hopes to achieve are new housing units, flood water mitigation, connectivity to Highway 1, connectivity to existing neighborhoods, about five acres for parks and recreation, and a positive impact on City revenue.

Council members discussed whether the speed limit would need to be reduced on Highway 1 where traffic would turn into the new development, and what might be done to make that safe without causing traffic backups.

The council agreed to move forward with the RFP, with expectation that it would be made public in June, proposals accepted in July, and a developer selected by the end of August.

### Council Action

Prior to tackling new business, the council heard from Lt. Chad Ellis of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, who reported that deputies in town should be more visible, as the department is now fully staffed. Deputies made 44 traffic stops in Kalona in March.

City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh told the council in his report that the City is now repairing any yard or mailbox damage reported over the winter due to city snow-clear-

ing. Downtown streets will be cleaned before the Quilt Show next weekend, and some temporary signs will go up in the cemetery reminding dog-walkers to clean up after their pets. A public hearing was held on the amendment to the Chapter 160 Floodplain Management Ordinance as recommended by the DNR. No comments were heard, and the council approved the amendment.

The council passed a resolution to waive the right to review the plat for Simon T. and Ruby Ann Miller. The parcel will be divided between an existing house and business.

A chicken application was approved for 412 D Avenue, allowing for chickens to be raised in an area no greater than 20 square feet. Schlabaugh noted that the City had already approved chicken-keeping just a half-block away.

Finally, a work session was set for May 1 to discuss Infrastructure Engineering.

The meeting then adjourned and council member Greg Schmidt handed out Yotty's Ice Cream Bars to celebrate his birthday.

The next regular meeting of the Kalona City Council is May 1 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

## COALITION TO SUPPORT IOWA'S FARMERS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

In response to the damage caused by recent storms across much of Iowa, the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) is providing on-farm resources to help livestock farmers get their questions answered about options and considerations for their farms.

If your farm sustained damage to its livestock and poultry barns, open feedlots or even windbreaks, now may be a good time to have the Coalition come out to your farm and assess your best options for moving forward. Some farmers may just decide to replace damaged buildings while some may want to take the opportunity to relocate and improve facilities.

"If you have questions about what your options are, give the Coalition a call and a staff member will come out to your farm and visit about your particular situation – all at no

charge and completely confidential," says Brian Waddingham, executive director of CSIF. "We're passionate about responding to the needs of Iowa livestock farmers. We can provide a helping hand as an unbiased third party that can help in the planning and rebuilding process."

Farmers who are tired of battling wind on their livestock farm or who have lost trees in a recent storm, may be eligible for CSIF's Green Farmstead Partner Program. From refurbishing an old grove to planting a new windbreak, the program enlists the expertise of 30 nursery professionals across the state trained to work with livestock facilities. To learn more about the program, visit [www.supportfarmers.com/greenfarmsteadpartner](http://www.supportfarmers.com/greenfarmsteadpartner). Since 2009, more than 80,000 trees have been planted on livestock and poultry farms across Iowa.

## USDA OFFERS DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN IOWA IMPACTED BY RECENT TORNADES

Agricultural operations in Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin have been significantly impacted by recent tornadoes and severe storms that caused widespread and extensive destruction across those states. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover in the wake of these disasters. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about programs that may be available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure and livestock losses and damages.

"Production agriculture is vital to the economy in these states and USDA stands ready to assist in the recovery from the recent severe weather event," said Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC). "USDA employees are working diligently

to deliver FPAC's extensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs and services to all impacted agricultural producers."

### Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days.

For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours. Producers who have not applied for NAP coverage may still be covered. FSA has up-

dated NAP to remove barriers and establish procedures through which an underserved producer with a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (CCC-860) on file prior to the applicable NAP application closing date will automatically receive basic coverage for any NAP-eligible crops. Like all NAP-covered producers, underserved producers will still need to file a notice of loss and apply for program benefits.

### USDA Disaster Assistance

Producers who experience livestock deaths may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). To participate in LIP, producers will have to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days

of when the loss of livestock is apparent.

Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

Agricultural producers are reminded to contact their local FSA office to timely report all

crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses. To expedite FSA disaster assistance, producers will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs. Additionally, FSA has a variety of loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the Agency because of reasons beyond their control.

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing so producers can build or upgrade facilities to store commodities. Loan terms vary from three to 12 years. Producers who incurred damage to or loss of their equipment or infrastructure funded by the FSFL program should contact their insurance agent and their local USDA Service Center. Producers in need of on-farm storage should also contact USDA.

### Conservation

FSA's Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests. ECP can also cover costs associated with debris removal from cropland.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is always available to provide technical assistance in the recovery process by assisting producers to plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters.

### Assistance for Communities

Additional NRCS programs include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, which assists local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards such as debris removal and streambank stabilization.

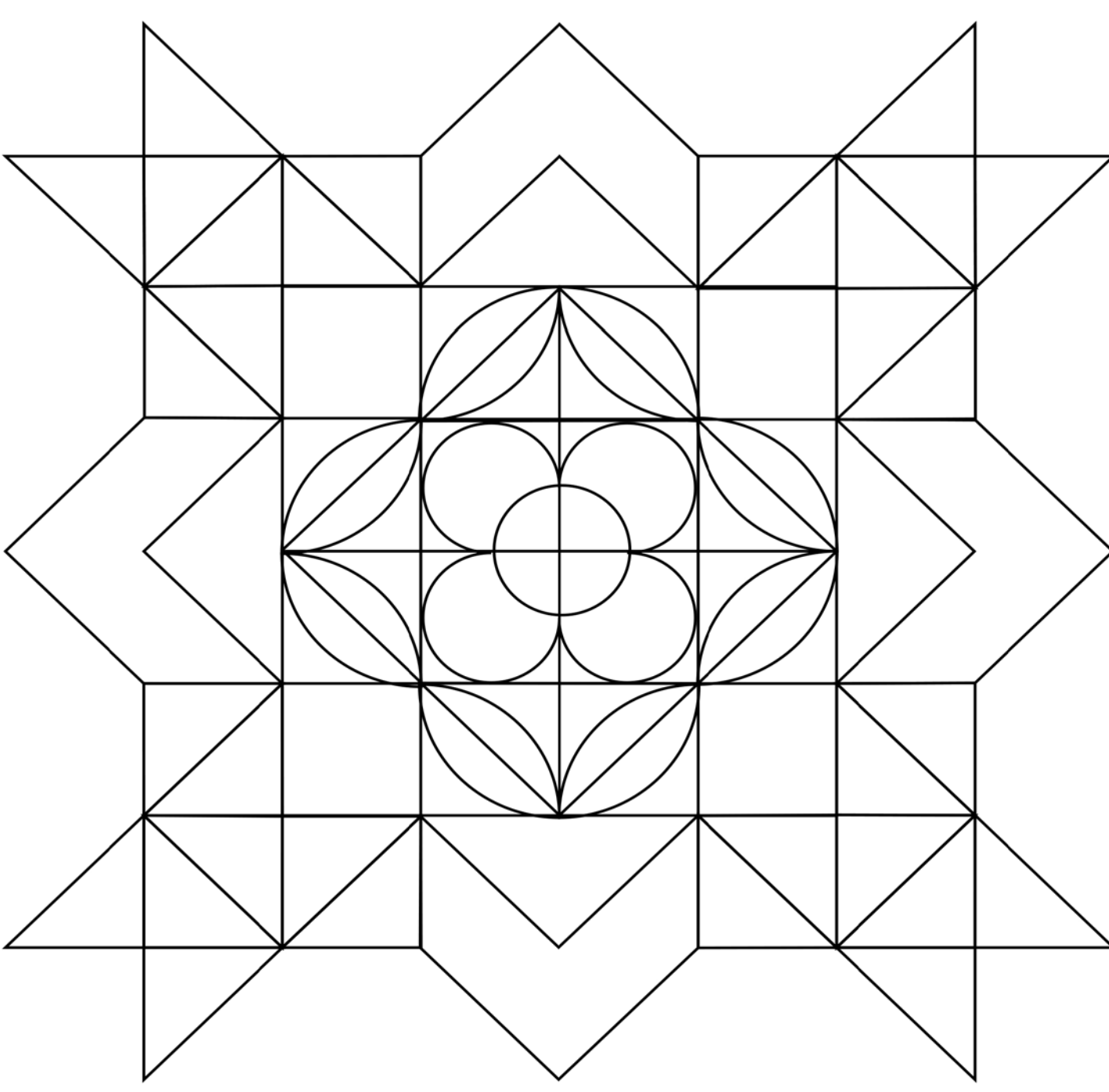
Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, towns or any federally recognized Native American tribe or tribal organization. Sponsors must submit a formal request (by mail or email) to the state conservationist for assistance within 60 days of the natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites become available. For more information, producers should contact their local NRCS office.

### More Information

On [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov), the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

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# Riverside's spring dilemma: Water, pumps and chlorine

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

**RIVERSIDE**

Water, pumps and chlorine are quickly turning into a major spring project, and headache, in Riverside.

A repair project is expected to begin at the city's wastewater plant by May 1.

Designs for an even bigger reconstruction and repair project is underway for the city's water treatment plant.

Additionally, Monday's City Council session was dominated by reports of broken pumps, a non-functioning chlorine and PH panel, leaking pipes and flow preventor repairs.

People Service, which operates the city's water systems on a daily basis, has been working with the city on equipment issues, and workers actually check chlorine and PH levels

regularly by hand because the electronics used to check those levels aren't working. One of the systems is down to two working pumps.

"I've got some frustration. This is all coming at once," said Council Person Edgar McGuire.

Axiom Consultants of Iowa City, which serves as the city engineering firm, has been heavily involved in the design planning for improvements at the water and wastewater plants. The Council began to consider Monday whether an engineering firm specializing in water systems may also be needed. A representative from Purpose Associates, an engineering firm that has worked on water systems in other Iowa cities, spoke to the Council about what it can provide and was directed by Mayor Allen

Schneider to provide examples of programs at a future council meeting.

"We can't continue to go on, and wait, wait, wait," said Council Person Kevin Mills.

The Council did approve \$9,351 to Electric Pump of Des Moines for the repair of a pump at the wastewater plant and \$4,199 to Summit Fire Protection for the repair of a back-flow preventor.

The Council tabled action on the replacement of another pump, pending multiple quotes, and a chlorine and PH panel.

**Third Street Update**

Work on the Third Street water and sewer main project is nearing its end, Brian Boelk of Axiom Consultants told the Council. But some residents have contacted the city be-

cause of their desire to have a rail or fence constructed above a retaining wall. They also are concerned about the steep slope in portions of the project near their property. The project included lowering the elevation of Third Street in an area of the city, located north of downtown, that is extremely hilly.

Prior to work starting on the project last year, Axiom Consultants and the city held a series of public meetings to discuss the scope of the work.

"I think we went above and beyond trying to appease these people," McGuire said.

Council Person Lois Schneider suggested that the City Council hold an on-site work session to view the concerns.

**Council Action**

The Council approved a

payment of \$143,255.31 to Streb Construction for work completed on the Third Street project.

The Council approved a rezoning of a pair of properties from C-3 Avenue of the Saints Commercial to C-1 Central Business Commercial, pending an approved site plan.

The Council approved a request from La Chiva Loka restaurant for the closure of Railroad Street on May 5 and 6 for a Cinco de Mayo celebration and outdoor concert.

The Council approved a resolution waiving the right to review a preliminary plat request of a property that is being considered by Washington County.

Next board meeting: The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. May 1.

# Johnson County faces \$18.1M in building repairs/replacement

BY PAUL D. BOWKER  
The News

**IOWA CITY**

Seven of 26 Johnson County-owned buildings were rated in very poor condition and in need of replacement, according to a county-wide facilities assessment study conducted by Faithful+Gould, a global management consultant firm.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors were given the assessment results at its April 12 work session and quickly initiated plans to convene a capital planning committee that would meet in the next month.

Consultants from Faithful+Gould estimated current replacement and repairs

at \$18.1 million with that number rising to \$25 million in 10 years.

A county-owned maintenance shed in Lone Tree is among the seven buildings receiving the lowest rating.

Also on that list is the building housing the Sheriff's Department and county jail. Sheriff Brad Kunkel said the building on South Capitol Street in Iowa City was constructed 42 years ago for a staff that has doubled in size to nearly 100.

"We have to think big picture," Kunkel told the Board. "That 35,000 in rural Johnson County will continue to grow. How do we accommodate those demands, those needs, those

towns growing, and we can't keep doing it out of this building."

Of the 26 assessed buildings, 11 were rated in good condition. Another six were rated in poor condition and two in fair condition. A county shed in Frytown was rated in poor condition.

Replacement of the Sheriff's complex was estimated at \$4.5 million while replacement of the Lone Tree shed would be \$314,000.

The County Courthouse is in the midst of a renovation that is costing millions of dollars.

The Board agreed on forming a committee consisting of Dave Curtis, Facilities Man-

ager, along with a project systems analyst and representatives from the county's finance, special projects, attorney, and Planning, Development and Sustainability (PDS) departments.

"We need to be thinking about, what's the long-term plan?" said Supervisor V Fixmer-Oraiz.

**FY24 Budget**

A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget will be held Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The budget calls for \$146.8 million in expenditures, or \$163.8 million including operating transfers. The new budget year begins July 1, but the

budget must be finalized and approved by April 30, per state code.

Property taxes are expected to top \$65 million in FY24.

For more information, or to view the proposed budget, go to: johnsoncountyiowa.gov.

**Board Action**

The Board awarded All American Concrete of West Liberty with a contract of \$484,846 for work on the healing trail at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm.

The Board issued a proclamation in honor of Fair Housing Month.

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 9 a.m. April 20.

## LIBRARY/Continued from Page 1A

graphical graphic novel by Maia Kobabe. In late February, the library received a formal request that the book be withdrawn from circulation. The board was made aware of the reconsideration request at their March 14 meeting and was expected to make a decision at their meeting this month.

Although the book has won awards and has been lauded as "a useful and touching guide on gender identity," it also reached #1 on the American Library Association's list of Most Challenged Books of 2021 for having "LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images."

Before the week began, the library had received two requests for reconsideration for "Gender Queer"; then unexpectedly, in the 24 hours before the meeting, they received five more. Two of the requests had "a petition-style list" of signatures attached, Library Director Trevor Shering told The News after the meeting. Of the 50-some names on the list, Shering said a little more

than half of them are library patrons. Four names were illegible, and 18 or so are not library patrons but are Washington County residents.

The library also received an influx of phone calls during that time, which tipped the library off that the night's meeting might not be business as usual.

"I got a lot of phone calls, on both sides. People in support and people who were against it, who called and asked, 'When's the board meeting?' I've never had anyone call to ask when a board meeting is," Shering said. "That's kind of how I knew how many people were coming."

Informed of the situation, one of the board members asked Shering to request a Sheriff's deputy be present at the meeting, which there was. "We didn't anticipate that anything bad was going to happen, that there would be a negative reaction," Shering said. "It's just better to be safe."

In spite of knowing there would be no discussion by the board of the challenged book, several members of the public

voiced their opinion on the issue during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

James Jennings, editor at the Southeast Iowa Union, said that speaking as a Kalona resident, "My first thought was, is it a book? Yup. Then it shouldn't be banned. Period. Full Stop. We need to have all ideas represented in the library. Even ones that offend us."

Brown Rencher of Riverside agreed that the book should stay on the library shelves. "Those LGBTQ adults who reviewed this book say overwhelmingly that they wish that that would have been available during those confusing years when they were trying to understand their feelings," he noted.

Molly Jennings, Kalona, was also in agreement. "There are people for whom this is vital, and for whom this could maybe even be lifesaving. These people deserve to see themselves reflected in the library. The beauty of it all is that you have the choice not to read it, but you don't have the right to make that choice for

others."

David, Wellman, did not disagree with the thoughts previously expressed, but added, "I guess my angle personally is my concern with the pornographic images that are in the book, that I wouldn't necessarily want my child looking at at a young age."

Elaina Short, Hills, said, "I don't have a problem with children reading this book," but didn't want it available "readily on the floor" where her child could easily look at it without

her knowledge. She did not indicate her child's age.

Per the library board's policy, the board listened to the thoughts expressed but did not comment. After the public forum closed, many members of the public left the meeting, which continued on to discuss regular business.

The Kalona Public Library's next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in the Library's conference room.

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According to Jessica Read, volunteer 4-H leader and Hippology coach, "The 4-Hers had a great time, learned a lot and are very motivated to continue their hard work. I love watching these members grow in friendship through these 4-H opportunities."

The team included Bella Dickinson, Charlee Read, Braydon Clough and Bryce Roth.

For more information on Washington County 4-H, Horse Project area or the horse project area, contact the Washington County Extension Office at 319-653-4811 or follow "Washington County 4-H - Iowa" on Facebook for up-to-date information on youth outreach throughout the county.

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## LIL RACER CAR CLUB VISITS LONE TREE ELEMENTARY



SUBMITTED

On April 14, Mitch Swinton, Lil Racer Car Club director, and race car driver Frank Mason of Cedar Rapids presented to the fourth-grade students at Lone Tree Elementary. The presentation included how math impacts racing and the building of a race car. The students were also informed that racing can be a hobby as well as a career but takes a lot of money to be successful. The students really enjoyed learning math through this presentation.

## MID-PRAIRIE FFA PRESENTS TO ROTARY CLUB



On Tuesday, April 11 three members of the Mid-Prairie FFA attended the Kalona Rotary meeting. The members attending were Payton Peck, Kelyn Yoder and Marissa Cline. These members shared information about all of the activities that the Mid-Prairie FFA participated in during the past years as well as promoted their accomplishments. Rotary members were able to ask questions to get more clarifying information from the trio of presenters. The FFA members were accompanied by their FFA Advisor Elsa Schmidt.

## MID-PRAIRIE FFA CHAPTER INDUSTRY TOUR



SUBMITTED

On Friday, April 14 thirty-two members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter participated in the Chapter Industry Tour. The tour was planned by Mid-Prairie FFA members Payton Peck and Kelyn Yoder.

In the morning, members toured Brenneman Pork. Tim and Erin Brenneman, along with several of their employees shared information about the different career areas and job opportunities available on their farm. Members toured the office area, machinery shop, material distribution area, feed plant and gestation and farrowing barns. Members were able to view the gestation and

farrowing areas through viewing windows which gave them a unique opportunity to see into these areas that are usually off limits to swine farm visitors due to biosecurity concerns.

In the afternoon, members toured Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc. in Hills. Members were able to learn more about the history of the business as well as learn about the eight areas that the business focuses on. Amber Stutsman conducted the tour and shared about what career skills and personality traits are needed to work in the businesses associated with Stutsman's.

Mid-Prairie FFA members looked in through the viewing

windows to see farrowing facilities at Brenneman Pork. Members attending the tour included Jesse Stultz, Tate Bombei, Rylee Cady, Hunter Robertson, Cuyler Rourke, Maddie Sieren, Hannah Jamieson, Allie Whetstine, Parker Jennings, Elliott Debler, Brynn Northup, TJ Brenneman, Brynn Younge, Peighton Ford, Olivia Utzinger, Brylee Gearhart, Milo Sieren, Emma Lyle, Gabi Robertson, Ava Gingerich, Kelyn Yoder, Quinton Smith, Marissa Cline, Ellie Callahan, Sydney Knebel, Madison Witthoft, Blake Peck, Stella Janecek, Caitlynn Peters, Brock Fisher, and Cameron Gingerich.



To our wonderful neighbors, friends, church members, our daughters, other relatives, high school students, Mennonite Relief Services, Red Cross and many perfect strangers, we want to say a huge thank you for working so hard and quickly following the tornado strike at our farm. A special thank you to the storm chasers who rescued Ed from the basement rubble.

It is impossible to list all of the tasks that people have completed. Please know that we do appreciate everything. The many gifts of food, money, physical labor and moral support will forever be cherished. Thank you to the Bohr family for their support and hospitality. We will forever be indebted to Shirley Jean. Finer neighbors you'll never find.

We are so thankful to live in a community that truly cares and supports each other.

Thank you, a million times over.  
**Ed & Sally Whetstine**

## SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Make plans now to attend the Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, April 22 at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center (FKA-Mariott Conference Center) in Coralville.

This is the area's largest show, with over 100 talented exhibitors presenting and selling the Midwest's finest handcrafts. The show is a production of Callahan Promotions, Inc. and offers patrons the chance to enjoy original handmade products at an affordable price.

Among the various products presented at the show are oak furniture, paintings and prints, gourd art, bird houses, bird feeders, ceramics, jewelry, metal art sculptures, pet products, yard and garden art, stained, etched, and fused glass, quilts, photography, pottery, candles,

clothing, floral wreaths, dolls & doll clothes, rugs, baskets, aprons, placemats, table runners, purses, wood and metal signs, wall hangings and many more original products. Exhibitors will also be selling homemade salsa, wines, breads, fudge, barbeque sauce, jams, dried soup and food mixes.

The Hyatt Regency Conference Center is connected to the Hyatt Regency Hotel and is located at 300 East 9th Street in Coralville, just off of I-80 at Exit 242.

Admission to the show is \$5, with anyone 10 and under free. Parking is always free. Show hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information, call 563-357-1986.

## ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Disability Rights Iowa will host an in-person panel presentation in Iowa City on Assistance Animals for Mental Health. In person satellite viewings of this panel conversation will take place in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids and Chariton. The panel conversation consists of six individuals who collectively have legal expertise, mental health expertise, and lived experience. The panel will also be moderated by a legal expert. To register to attend any in-person viewing location, or for the online streaming of this event follow the URL linked in the next sentence. <https://disabilityrightsiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/press-statement-nmhae-23-final.pdf>.

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## EASTER BIBLE WALK



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Gospel Light Fellowship church in Kalona hosted an Easter Bible Walk on Friday, April 7. An old Jerusalem marketplace was recreated, and over 900 people interacted with the exhibit.

## PET OF THE WEEK



### HATI

Hati is a three year old husky with a spirit as beautiful as his eyes! He walks well on a leash and loves toys, but is not as high strung as many huskies. He has all of the best husky qualities with a more relaxed demeanor. No cats for this guy, though! If you're looking for a fun and active companion who is good with children and adults alike, come meet Hati at PAWS & More from noon until 4:00 Tuesday through Sunday. Hati's adoption fee is \$155 and includes neuter, up to date vaccinations and preventatives, and a microchip. Questions? Call Paws & More at (319) 653-6713.

## JOHNSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE AND FLEA MARKET

Gardening enthusiasts call your friends to let them know the Johnson County Master Gardeners (JCMG) will host its 14th annual Plant Sale & Flea Market on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Buildings B & C.

Organizers say the activity is growing bigger and better than ever. "The biggest draw for garden shoppers is the plants grown exclusively by Master Gardeners. The sale and market have expanded into two buildings at the Johnson County Fairgrounds," said Emil Rinderspacher, sale coordinator. "A contributing factor is our Plant Sale & Flea Market was paused for two years during the COVID-19 pandemic while the number of people gardening has grown exponentially."

Shoppers will find a wide range of perennial flowers, vegetables and herbs, shrubs

and woody plants as well as the Flea Market items and garden gift selections available for sale. Shoppers may also select unique gifts at the Butterfly House Silent Auction. The Butterfly House is open to the public during the Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair.

The very popular Flea Market has a generous supply of garden items made available through estate donations. Shoppers will find previously owned garden tools, plant containers, equipment, yard art, books, and other items.

Rinderspacher said area residents can donate used garden items to the Master Gardeners program for the Flea Market. "All items must be clean and in working order and we do not accept chemicals." Flea Market donations can be dropped off on Thursday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building B at the Fair-

grounds. Iowa City residents are encouraged to contact city officials about the Swap Shop for partially consumed or unopened products such as paint, cleaning supplies, and auto fluids.

Proceeds from the annual JCMG Plant Sale & Flea Market support JCMG programs and operations, Kirkwood Community College Horticulture Scholarships and 4-H Awards.

Organized in 1982, Johnson County Master Gardeners is an educational volunteer program, sponsored by Iowa State University and Johnson County Extension and Outreach. The JCMG program provides current, research-based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects. Master Gardeners receive horticulture training and volunteer to promote a mission of education and service.

## THE DRISCOLL DISPATCH

This week began after a nice weekend celebrating the Easter holiday with our families. This did not slow us down as we got back to work by moving Governor Reynolds's appointees out of committee on Tuesday. These appointees included the directors of many departments and leaders of various boards and commissions. The appointments will now go to the Senate floor to debate their approval.

On Tuesday, we had an Agriculture Committee meeting where we considered two of Governor Reynolds's appointees. These included Kevin Boyle for the Agriculture Development Board and Thomas Burkgren for the Board of Veterinary Medicine. These members were passed out of the committee with unanimous support and will now be moved to be considered by the entire Senate. I also had committee meetings for State Government and Workforce, also regarding the governor's appointees related to those committees.

The Senate also moved forward Senate File 324, which dedicates funds and invests in important initiatives, like the More Options for Maternal Support (MOMS) program. The bill would allocate \$2 million to the MOMS program to help pregnant women looking for help and resources, and allows Iowa's Health and Human Services department to award fatherhood engagement grants to nonprofits and community-based organiza-

tions that address the needs of fathers, whether it is employment, financial obligations, or parenting skills. The bill also establishes a state-funded fellowship program for family medicine and obstetric practitioners in rural and underserved areas. Additionally, it increases funding for families seeking adoptions and expanded scholarship opportunities for Iowa foster kids. SF 324 contains several proposals from the governor and focuses on improving health care access in Iowa and help support expecting mothers and fathers. The scheduled end of the 2023 legislative session is April 28. The nicer weather has many of us itching to conclude session, as well as the many full-time farmers in the Senate need to get in the field and plant this year's crop. I know my family is excited to have me around to help out on the farm more! We are focused on getting a budget compromise and negotiating on the leftover topics for the year. If you have questions about a bill you have heard about or wondering what happened with a piece of legislation, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Dawn Driscoll  
State Senator

## PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM

The Johnson County Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Area Board will hold a public budget forum from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday April 20, 2023. The forum will be held in a hybrid format. Individuals can attend in person in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque Street, Ste. 202B, Iowa City, Room 214 B/C, or via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83833295570>.

The Johnson County Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Area Board is the Johnson

County area for the statewide Early Childhood Iowa initiative <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>. The budget forum is an opportunity for community members to learn more about how Early Childhood Iowa funds are utilized to assist Johnson County children ages 0-5 and their families.

For more information contact Sam Turnbull, Empowerment/Early Childhood Coordinator at 319-356-6090 or [empower@johnson-countyiowa.gov](mailto:empower@johnson-countyiowa.gov).

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# Race to legislate leaves many discontent

BY CHERYL ALLEN  
The News

WASHINGTON

A sea of 30-plus primarily gray heads filled the room at Washington County Hospital and Clinics at noon Friday for the last Legislative Briefing of the season with State Senator Dawn Driscoll and State Representative Heather Hora. As everyone attending was allowed a turn to speak, it was clear there was a lot on their minds.

"This year's legislature, whether you're a Democrat, Republican or independent, is historic. There's never been so much legislation that has so much impact on so many Iowans pass in such a short period of time. Whether you like it or not, it's fact. You're living through historic times as you see this legislature in action," Bill Monroe, retired executive director of the Iowa Newspaper Association, said in his comments to the legislators.

A lot of that legislation has not been well received.

"I'm angry. I'm very angry," one attendee said. "I would say 50% of the garbage that has been passed in the state legislature this year would not poll," before going on to suggest that teachers should leave the state and that LGBTQ+ kids have been mistreated.

Representatives of U.S. Senators Joni Ernst and Chuck

Grassley, as well as U.S. Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, were in attendance as constituents aired their concerns.

The need for laws that relieve the burden of crushing property taxes; prevent distracted driving; and unmask juvenile records when performing background checks on would-be gun owners were all raised.

Opposition to bills that ban abortion beyond 6 weeks; attack trans kids; allow guns in school parking lots; prioritize parents' rights in schools over all else; and potentially cut support for the arts was also expressed.

Questions were asked about bills being considered that would loosen restrictions on child labor and prohibit local restrictions on dog breeds.

At one point, an attendee pointedly asked Rep. Hora about her education and work experience.

"I went to Highland High School, I went to Ellsworth Community College, I went to school in real estate - I have a broker's license, I sold real estate for a while," she said. Since marrying, she and her husband have run a hog, corn, and soybean farm, for which "I do all the books, I do the chores, I power wash."

"I'm a mom, and I think that



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Rep. Heather Hora (left) and Sen. Dawn Driscoll responded to concerns and answered questions at the Legislative Briefing in Washington on April 14.

probably qualifies me for this job more than anything," she said. "I balance the budget, I go to the grocery store, I live the life of the people that are in my district. For me, that's way more important than anything that I've done prior."

The legislators didn't spend the whole session on the defensive; they began the afternoon by reviewing progress on legislation they were most proud of.

For Sen. Driscoll, her focus recently has been a bill that would modernize Iowa's practice laws for physician assistants (PAs). It is currently being hashed out in the Senate.

"What we're doing is cutting some red tape, and we're removing barriers for PAs to be able to come into rural hospitals. Right now, PAs are limited in practice by remote site rules that were written in the

mid 70s mandating in-person physician visits by weekly communication and chart co-signatures," Sen. Driscoll explained.

"I think that it's going to be amazing for health care in the whole state of Iowa. We've heard from a lot of PAs, even across the country that have reached out and said that if we get this piece of legislation passed, that they're going to be considering a move here," she said.

For Rep. Hora, the raw milk bill has been a highlight. The House passed the bill, and it will now be reviewed by the Senate.

"I was the chair of the raw milk bill, which I never thought when I went there, I would be the champion of raw milk. But we did pass that," she said. "Now you can sell

raw milk off of your farm, you can only have 10 cows, but you can sell it to the consumer. It's just from the farm to the person drinking the milk."

"I don't even drink milk, but I'm like, milk freedom, right? You should be able to drink what you want. . . [I received] probably more emails than I've gotten on any other issue that we have, and more visits," she added.

This was the final legislative briefing of the year, as the state's 2023 legislative session ends on April 28. Plans are in the works for a legislative priority session to be held this fall or winter in Washington County, where constituents would be able to engage with Sen. Driscoll and Rep. Hora before the start of the state's 2024 legislative session.



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big draw," Rich said. "People often bring their kids just for that purpose, to see the animals and get to experience something that they don't normally."

Each animal on the farm has a dual purpose. The llamas are an added layer of protection against predators. The chickens and ducks provide eggs for restaurants and local customers. The goats are cute and are great at yoga, an idea that has become a staple of the farm for four years now.

"People love baby goats [and my daughters said goat yoga] was all over social media," Susan recounted, not particularly sold on goat yoga at the time. "I said, okay, we can do one class. So, I hired an instructor, we set up a tent, 20 people snapped up tickets like that, and they loved it. It was insane. Now, we're kind of known as the goat yoga farm outside of the city."

Baby goats, called kids, are born on the farm around March every year. They aid in goat yoga from April to May, and then most get sold to eager buyers as well-behaved and socialized goats.

"After goat yoga, they're so socialized, they're so used to people and so, they make really great animals to move," Susan said. "For me, it's a win. Handling all of those goats is kind of hard, so when I have 20 people that are paying me to come in, hold a goat, it's like yeah, you're in."

Turkeys on the farm are a seasonal guest, being raised for upcoming Thanksgiving. If you want to see them, book

your stay in the Milk House right before the holiday.

The farm recently added another flock of ducks, specifically to sell their eggs to restaurants. Susan hopes to have even more animals on the farm, like a dairy cow, but this is not happening anytime soon.

There is always a project to work on at the farm. Fixing up the Milk House was a project at one point and last summer, they painted the barn that the goats relax in. It was a good experience for everyone involved.

"The beginning of the project happened to coincide with the arrival of a Ukrainian family who was in need of work to get [on] their feet," Susan said. "They helped tremendously for those days, and we learned a lot about their life in Ukraine. The last day of work, we hung the [sunflower] barn quilt. It was a bit emotional for all of us, as the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine. It seemed like such a fitting way to bond."

This summer, they'd like to work on a small building that is near the Milk House to help aid in egg processing.

The Milk House Airbnb is open year-round and can be booked using the Airbnb website. For farm tours, the Youngs' contact information can be found on their website, theluckystarfarm.com. Goat yoga season is fast approaching; stay tuned on social media to know the precise dates of goat yoga this year, typically held in April and May.

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Mid-Prairie freshman, Meadow Flynn, takes a shot in a game against Cedar Valley Christian on April 13th.

## Mid-Prairie to face Wilton in football opener



Paul Bowker  
Columnist

Mid-Prairie will be at home when it opens the 2023 football season in August.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association has released football schedules for all schools, and the Golden Hawks will have a new look in 2023. They'll have a new head football coach, following the resignation of longtime coach Pete Cavanagh, and they'll be competing in a Class 2A district that won't include powerhouse Williamsburg. The Red Raiders were bumped up to Class 3A.

The Golden Hawks will host Wilton in a non-district game August 25.

Next up will be an interesting battle between Mid-Prairie and Iowa City Regina in another non-district battle.

District play opens for the Golden Hawks on Sept. 15, when they host West Burlington/Notre Dame. Also in District 5 are Davis County, Albia, Mediapolis and Central Lee. Mepo is moving up from Class 1A.

The Golden Hawks won six games last year and two of their four losses were to Williamsburg.

### Mid-Prairie Schedule

Aug. 25, Wilton; Sept. 1, at Regina; Sept. 8, at Sigourney/Keota; Sept. 15, West Burlington/Notre Dame; Sept. 22, at Davis County; Sept. 29, Mediapolis; Oct. 6, at Central Lee; Oct. 13, Albia.

Highland, which did not win a game

## HAWKS WIN FOUR STRAIGHT

The Golden Hawks start their year 4-0, winners of five of their first six games.

BY TJ RHODES  
The News

### ALBURNETT

For only the second time in team history, the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks girls' soccer team started their season 4-0.

The Golden Hawks defeated Cedar Valley Christian in a windy 2-0 match-up.

The wind made its presence known. Mid-Prairie started with the wind at their back.

Goalkeeper, Kina Miller, blasted a punt from her net all the way to the other side of the field, out of bounds, completely flipping field position in favor of

the Hawks. By the second half, the wind had greatly died down, only gifting Mid-Prairie with the advantage.

Senior, Sophia Baker, continued her impressive week with a penalty kick that trickled into the net, giving the Hawks a 1-0 lead.

A scary moment happened early in the second when Baker went down with an ankle injury. After taping it up and relaxing for a bit, she returned to the game and continued to play well.

With just under 20 minutes left in the second, freshman, Niva Helmuth, padded the lead with a breakaway goal. Despite being new to soccer, Helmuth had plenty of chances and head coach, Truman Shetler, believes she'll grow into a

dominant presence.

"[Helmuth's] got very raw talent, but she's an athlete and we're happy to have her," Shetler said. "She's going to keep getting better every game and that's going to help us get better too."

Helmuth had a couple more breakaway attempts in the second half, only hindered by her dribbling. She lost possession, missing out on the potential scoring chances.

The pair of Helmuth and Baker converged toward the end of the game when Baker took a shot from a distance leav-

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## Lady Lions break 4x200 school record at WMU Invite

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

### WINFIELD

Continuing its trend of top three finishes this season the Lady Lions took a trip to Winfield-Mt Union High School to compete in the Winfield Girls Invite and grabbed second place at this track and field meet on April 13.

Perhaps more remarkable than its second place finish was during the WMU Invite the Lady Lions broke the long-standing 4x200 meter relay Lone Tree school record.

The previous 4x200 Lone Tree record was 1:51.52 and it was set in 1995 by Dorothy Burns, Ronda Kerf, Julie Johnson, and Corey Smothers.

This 28 year old record was broken by the team of sophomore Avery Morarie, sophomore Rylee Shield, sophomore Vivian Zaruba, and freshman Ava Christofferson. The new record time is now 1:50.70 and this time also gave Lone Tree first place in the event.

The school who finished in first was Danville with 156 points. Lone Tree earned 126 points to secure second place and Van Buren County's team placed third with 92 points.

Lone Tree placed first in six events and had top three finishes in 13 events at the WMU Invite.

Not only was Christofferson an integral part of the team that placed first in the 4x200 but she also earned first place honors in the 100 meter dash with

a blazing time of 12.90. With such a fast time it's no surprise this time set a new personal record (PR) for Christofferson.

Following the trend of Lady Lions taking the top spot, Shield claimed first place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.90, besting Winfield-Mt Union junior Aurey Meeker who finished in second with a time of 28.20. Shield's time of 27.90 sets a new PR for her in the 200m.

Lone Tree senior Riley Krueger narrowly took the gold in the high jump with her first place jump over the crossbar of 4-10.25. Winfield-Mt Union freshman Quin Smith fell just short and finished in second with a jump of 4-10.00.

Krueger also set a new PR in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.90. This time gave her third place in the event with only the people in the top three finishing with sub 18 times.

Finishing in second in the discus event with her farthest throw traveling 86-07 was Lone Tree sophomore Hayden Yoder, this throw also set a new PR for Yoder. She also managed to claim third place in the shot put event with a throw of 31-04.50, and that throw also set a new PR for Yoder.

Lone Tree freshman Jazmine Nino set a new PR in the 1500 meter run with a time of 6:25.20. The time was fast enough for her to acquire third place in the long distance event, Van Buren County freshman Rylee Philips took the

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Lone Tree's Alyson Ford races down the track during a meet on April 6th.

## ATHLETE of the WEEK



### AVA CHRISTOFFERSON

LONE TREE FRESHMAN

Christofferson won the 100 meter dash and set a new personal record (PR) at the Winfield Girls Invite on April 13 with a time of 12.90. This sub 13 second time ranks her 6th overall in Class 1A and her first place finish contributed to Lone Tree placing second overall at this track and field meet.

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ing a massive rebound for Helmuth to collect. Helmuth would've had her second goal if not for a great save by the Cedar Valley goalie.

Overall, it was a tough game for the Golden Hawks.

"It was a struggle with the win tonight. Missing a couple players, couple people dinged up so, it was good to get a win [not] at full strength and with [poor] conditions out here," Shetler said.

All of these issues faced against Cedar Valley would only further hurt the team in their next matchup, coming the very next night.

### MID-PRAIRIE 2, CEDAR VALLEY 0

	1	2	Total
Mid-Prairie	1	1	2
Cedar Valley	0	0	0

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Sophia Baker 1, Niva Helmuth 1.

MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Kina Miller 7.

### MID-PRAIRIE @ BECKMAN CATHOLIC 4/14

#### Dyersville

The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks, seeking their first ever 5-0 start, were spoiled Friday night against the Beckman Catholic Trailblazers, losing



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Mid-Prairie senior, Sophia Baker, takes a shot in a game against Cedar Valley Christian on April 13th.

for the first time this season, 5-1.

Their 4-0 start is just the second one in team history, with the last coming in the 2011-12 season.

Despite the loss, Sophia Baker is still a bright spot for the Hawks, scoring the lone goal of the night. A free kick at

the tail end of the first half. It was the only recorded shot on goal for the Golden Hawks.

After the first half, things were still competitive with a 2-1 Trailblazer lead. The second half is when the Hawks ran out of energy as Beckman scored three unanswered goals to close out the night.

Coming after the loss is a chance for the Hawks to breathe, briefly, with just two days off before their next matchup, six games in a span of ten days, a tough stretch for any team to weather.

	1	2	Total
MP	1	0	1
BC	2	3	5

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Sophia Baker 1.  
MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Kina Miller SV 11 GA 4, Niva Helmuth SV 1 GA 1.

### MID-PRAIRIE V. WEST BRANCH 4/17

#### Wellman

Baker, who re-aggravated her ankle injury against Beckman, sat against West Branch, preparing to come back in the Hawks next matchup against Solon.

Against the West Branch Bears, Mid-Prairie dominated play, winning 6-0. In the absence of Baker, they saw freshman, Elise Gingerich, step up, scoring two goals and nearly scoring a third.

Gingerich's first goal came five minutes in, kicking the ball wide and watching the Bear goalie make a diving effort, to no avail. One minute later and senior, Amara Jones took a shot that found the net as well. The goals came in rapid succession.

Gingerich scored her second with eight minutes left.

She consistently broke past the Bear defense to find great scoring chances. She had another right before the half ended.

Just 30 seconds after Gingerich's second goal, senior Kina Miller, sparked another breakaway to find the back of the net.

When it rains, it pours.

Despite only facing two shots on net, most of the second half was played with West Branch on the offensive. 28 minutes in and the Hawks finally had their first chance, taking a few swings at the net before senior Paityn Jennings finally buried it.

The momentum shifted in Mid-Prairie's favor. Five minutes later and the final goal was scored by junior, Zoey Curtiss.

Mid-Prairie moves to 5-1. Their next matchup is against the Solon Spartans on the road on Thursday, Apr. 20. They don't get much rest, similar to last week, since they're right back on the road for a Friday matchup against Anamosa.

	1	2	Total
WB	0	0	0
MP	4	2	6

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Elise Gingerich 2, Kina Miller 1, Amara Jones 1, Paityn Jennings 1, Zoey Curtiss 1.

MID-PRAIRIE ASSISTS: Gingerich 1, Miller 1, Lydia Beachy 1.

MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Miller 1, Niva Helmuth 1.



Left, Mid-Prairie senior, Alex Bean, eyes the trajectory of his shot at the Kalona Golf Course on April 11th. Right, Highland freshman, Jacob Hartzler, putts the ball towards the hole on April 11th.



GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

# Hawks and Huskies battle it out at 10-team Invitational

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

### KALONA

It was home meet time for the Mid-Prairie boys golf team and with ten schools, including Highland, and 60 golfers arriving at the Kalona Golf Course for the annual Golden Hawk Invitational, there was no shortage of competition on April 11.

Besides Highland and Mid-Prairie the other eight schools who took part in the GH Invitational were: Durant, West Liberty, Washington, West Branch, Mount Vernon, Louisa-Muscataine, Regina Catholic, and Wilton.

After 18 holes played, the first 18-hole meet for many schools this season, the school who came out on top was Washington. Washington took the top spot with 324, led by meet champion Roman Roth and runner up Rajan Roth with scores of 73 and 79 respectively.

Mount Verson was the runner up school with a score of 354 and not too far behind was West Branch, who finished in third with a score of 355.

### Mid-Prairie Results

Last year's GH Invitational had the Golden Hawks finish in seventh place with a score of 392. At this year's GH Invitational Mid-Prairie improved in the standings by placing in fifth place with a score of 358.

"It was a beautiful day for a golf invitational. We knew we would have to play well to compete with the quality teams playing today," Mid-Prairie coach Kelby Bender said. "I was very pleased with our 358 score. I thought we played really well on the front 9 with a 176. The back 9 played a little tougher as the wind picked up. I thought we handled it well and played ok as we finished 5th out of 10



Highland sophomore, Colton Sypherd, attempts to reach the green at the Kalona Golf Course on April 11th.

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teams only four strokes behind second."

Placing seventh overall among 60 golfers was the top performer for Mid-Prairie, senior Aiden Bush. Bush led all Golden Hawk golfers with a score of 86, shooting a 44 on the first nine holes and shooting a 42 on the last nine holes.

The Golden Hawk senior made six pars in total with a trio of pars coming back-to-back-to-back on holes 12, 13, and 14.

"Goal is to keep getting better every day," Aiden Bush told KCII after the invitational. "All of my teammates played pretty

good. This is a tough course, we're all getting better. I had a lot of good birdie looks today, that makes it a lot easier to get up and down for par."

Shooting 89 to place 12th was Mid-Prairie junior Drew Schlaubaugh. Schlaubaugh shot 40 on the front nine and shot 49 on the back nine.

"Drew Schlaubaugh had a great front 9 with a 40 as he birdied both of the par 3's. His first swing of the day was 9 iron on the 135 yard par 3 2nd hole and put it 2 inches from the cup for a tap-in birdie," Bender said. "He also birdied the 135 yard par 3 8th hole as he chip-

pind in his 2nd shot from in front of the green."

Tying for 18th place was Mid-Prairie senior Warren Scarff. Scarff shot a 91, shooting 43 on the front nine and shooting 48 on the back nine. He made six pars to reach his final score. His pars came on holes one, five, eight, 13, 15, and 16.

For Mid-Prairie freshman Bryce Henry, this was the first time he played an 18-hole event. Rebounding from shooting 49 on the front 9, Henry was able to reach a final score of 92 by shooting 43 on the back 9.

The Golden Hawk freshman

made eight pars during the invitational and he ended the day in 21st place.

In the near future the Golden Hawks will travel to the Wahkonsa Country Club in Durant to battle Wilton in a RVC dual on April 24. Then the next day Mid-Prairie will compete in the West Liberty Invitational Golf Tournament in West Liberty against 11 other schools on April 25.

### Highland Results

Highland arrived at Kalona hoping to improve from last year's 10th place GH Invitational finish. Unfortunately the results for the Huskies were the same, they finished this year's GH Invitational with a team score of 468 and placed 10th.

The top performance for the Huskies came from senior Peyton Yeggy, a captain for the Highland golf team this season, with his final score of 94.

"I started off the round really well with a par," Peyton Yeggy told KCII after the GH Invitational. "I feel like that set the tone for the day and I played bogey golf the rest of the day. My putting went really well today."

Yeggy was also Highland's top performer in a Highland Triangular against Hillcrest and Wapello on April 3, scoring a 51 in the triangular to earn a ninth place finish.

Highland's next top performer was a tie between sophomore Isaac Kleese and freshman Sawyer Shella, they both shot 124. Sophomore William Dunbar finished his day with a score of 126 and sophomore Colton Sypherd rounds out Highland's scoring with a 140.

Coming up for the Huskies, they will be traveling to and battling Wapello in a dual at the Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club on April 29.

# Hawks attend 50 plus school track meet in Iowa City

BY TJ RHODES  
The News

## IOWA CITY

The Mid-Prairie boys track team traveled to Iowa City West for the Eastern Iowa Track & Field Festival where over 50 schools competed at the crowded Trojan Stadium.

Highland High School guest starred with junior Sarah Burton, who ranked first place in her only event of the day, the long jump at 16-foot-11-inches. This was the only event for Highland.

The Lone Tree girls participated in one race, the 4x100 meter relay with a team of Riley Krueger, Vivian Zaruba, Rylee Shield, and Ava Christoffer-son, where they barely missed first place, just .29 seconds behind Center Point-Urbana.

The Mid-Prairie girls also had one race, the 800-medley relay with a team of Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Madeline Schrader, and Tabitha Evans, ranking third place with a 1:52.42 time.



Mid-Prairie senior, Cain Brown, clearing the high jump at the Eastern Iowa Track & Field Festival on April 15th.

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## Mid-Prairie boy's results

The Mid-Prairie boys participated in 17 events and ended the meet with seven top five finishes.

In the 100, 200, and 400-meter dash, sophomore Jayden Stafford, ranked first place in each. He faced little competition in the wheelchair variant of these dashes, just one other contestant. Stafford each time was well over ten seconds faster than his competition from Iowa City West, senior Jordan Caperon.

Senior, Cain Brown, had a busy afternoon, finishing top-four in the high jump, long jump, and 400-meter hurdles. For the high jump, Brown ranked third with a six-foot-two jump. Brown was extremely close to clearing the six-foot-four jump which would've placed him in a three-way tie for first.

Brown's long jump was 20-foot-10.75 inches, good enough for a fourth-place finish. His time in the 400-meter hurdle time was 58:19, also good enough for fourth place.

In the 800-meter run, sophomore Jayse Yoder, ranked third place with a time of 2:01.21. Senior, Blake Creed, came behind

Yoder with a sixth-place finish at 2:04.18.

Sophomore, Emmett Swartzentruber, ranked fifth place in the 3200-meter run, with a time of 10:06.33. He placed 11th place in the 1600-meter run, with a 4:48.75 time. Yoder had a 20th place finish in the 1600-meter run, a 5:03.34 time.

Representing Mid-Prairie in shot put and discus was sophomore Burke Berry. In the shot put, Berry had a throw of 43-03, ranking tenth. In discus, Berry also ranked tenth with a 131-04 throw.

The 4x100 meter relay team finished tenth at :47.52. The 4x200 meter relay finished 1:42.04 in eighth-place. The 4x400 meter relay saw a 11th place finish with a 3:48.40 time. The 4x800 meter relay was a seventh-place finish at 9:22.57. The 800-medley relay was a tenth-place finish for the Hawks, a 1:45.46 time.

Next for the Mid-Prairie boys track and field team will be taking a trip to Winfield Mount Union Community School to compete against eight other teams in the Pankoke Relays on April 20.



Highland junior, Sarah Burton, ranking first place in the long jump with a 16'11" jump on April 15th.

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## RESULTS

100m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 19.57.  
200m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 35.17.  
400m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford, Mid-Prairie, 1:07.68.  
800m: 1, Aaron Lursen, St. Edmond, 1:58.68; 3, Jayse Yoder, Mid-Prairie, 2:01.21; 6, Blake Creed, Mid-Prairie, 2:04.18.  
1600m: 1, Tommy Tynismaa, South Tama 4:22.07; 11, Emmett Swartzentruber, Mid-Prairie, 4:48.75; 20, Jayse Yoder, Mid-Prairie, 5:03.34.  
400m HURDLES: 1, Paul Henry, Muscatine, 56.09; 4, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 58.19.  
3200m: 1, AJ Bonnesen, Danville, 9:21.79; 5, Emmett Swartzentruber, Mid-Prairie, 10:06.33; 9, Preston Yutzy, Mid-Prairie, 10:35.88.  
LONG JUMP: 1, Jay Gatto, Anamosa, 22-08.00; 4, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 20-10.75; 21, Hudson Ehrenfelt, Mid-Prairie, 17-10.00.  
HIGH JUMP: 1, Da'Shon Fisher, Iowa City Liberty, 6-04.00; 3, Cain Brown, Mid-Prairie, 6-02.00.  
SHOT PUT: 1, Ryan Hackbart, Saint Ansgar, 52-08.00; 10, Burke Berry, Mid-Prairie, 43-03.00; 16, Jackson Zahradnek, Mid-Prairie, 38-05.00.  
DISCUS: 1, Ben Kampman, Solon, 160-04.50; 10, Burke Berry, Mid-Prairie, 131-04.

# Bender shines on offense for Ravens in 10-0 route of Wapello



Hillcrest senior, Grant Bender, scoring on the penalty shot against Cedar Valley Christian on April 6th.

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BY DOUGLAS MILES  
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## WAPELLO

Grant Bender has developed an itch that needs to be scratched.

While the Hillcrest Academy senior captain has built a strong reputation on the soccer field as a staunch defender, he has become increasingly fond of a facet of the game that all players enjoy.

Scoring goals.  
"He is one of those guys that came in as a freshman who had never really played soccer before," Hillcrest Coach Marcus Miller said after the Class 1A 15th-ranked Ravens routed Wapello, 10-0, in a Southeast Iowa Super Conference match Thursday at Wapello High School. "So he has been primarily a defensive player for us and he has turned into a real fine center back, but he has been

itching to get up front."

In an effort to generate more offense last season, Miller began bringing Bender up the field into one of the midfielder positions. The strategy paid off as Bender posted four goals, including one from a penalty kick.

"I like the energy of playing up," Bender said. "There are more chances to create. Defense is always good, but I just really enjoy playing up a lot."

While this year's priority position will continue to be on defense, Miller is finding more and more opportunities for Bender on the offensive end. Through two matches, Bender has already matched his number of goals scored from last season (four), including a first-half hat trick at Wapello.

"We're stringing passes together, putting the ball in the back of the net," Bender said. "Pretty simple. It is just going

well."

The crisp, 48-minute mercy-rule victory was the first for Hillcrest (2-0, 1-0 SEISC) since 2018, a season that ended with the first of back-to-back state tournament appearances. And the Ravens' early scoring prowess – 13 goals through two matches – is a good sign that the loss of their top-two goal scorers from last season can be overcome.

Hillcrest graduated Jorge Canchola, who scored seven goals last year, while Diego Ramos – who paced the 2022 squad with 10 goals as a freshman – moved back to Mexico after the first two weeks of school at the request of his family there. During the Wapello match, the Ravens inscribed the phrase, "#FreeDiego7" in marker on their forearms.

"He would have been our best player and main goal-scorer this year," Hillcrest sopho-

more Seth Ours said. "I was really sad to hear that he wasn't coming back, especially for soccer season. I think we are responding well. Except Grant and we have a couple of sophomores, but the rest of the guys are pretty inexperienced and haven't played before. Just trying to practice, really focusing and working on the fundamentals. Getting to learn the game better."

Ours has replaced Ramos as Hillcrest's attacking midfielder and has found his offensive touch. Ours scored twice against Wapello and now has three goals through two matches. He scored just one goal all last season.

"Last year I ... wasn't really a threat to score at all," Ours said. "This year, I think I have more responsibility ... Just trying my best to work as hard as I can and score goals."

Hillcrest had just 11 players

available against Wapello (0-4, 0-1) with sophomore Micah Gerber and freshman Lincoln Miller in Virginia for the Menonite Schools Choral Festival.

The Ravens expect to have their full 14-man roster available for a schedule that ramps up with three matches in four days this week, beginning with Central Lee at home on Tuesday and closing with a 25th-anniversary reunion of the 1997 state championship team after the Ravens host Danville on Friday.

"Mentally and physically, it is going to be tough," Ours said. "I just think as much rest as possible, getting sleep, keeping hydrated. Last game, our first game, everyone was cramping terribly. Especially with our limited bench. ... So it will be really important to stay healthy and try to keep everybody ready to go."

# Big first half propels MP Boys over Cedar Valley

BY TJ RHODES  
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ALBURNETT

The first half in Alburnett saw all of the action. Going into halftime, the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks had a commanding 5-1 lead, not looking back, winning 5-1, their third victory in a row to break .500 with a 3-2 record.

Just two minutes in and junior, Dylan Henry, crashed the net, scoring off his own rebound.

Cedar Valley's goalie, senior, Cody Rammelsberg, played an extremely aggressive first half, to his own detriment. This contributed to some of the goals. Once settled in the second, things became much more consistent for the Huskies.

Junior, Tucker Miller, continued the scoring when he took a high shot that the Cedar Valley goalie couldn't quite reach, hitting the back of the net and giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead.

This is when the Cedar Valley Huskies had their best push of the night, crashing down field and scoring a goal, their only one of the night.

For a time, the game was close at 2-1. Eventually, the Hawks broke this close race with a goal by senior Owen Trimpe, who yet again took advantage of Rammelsberg's aggressive play when he left the net to track down the ball, but hesitated, allowing Trimpe to sneak the ball into the open net.

With five minutes left in the first half, junior defensemen, Jackson Miller, got a golden opportunity to score a goal with a penalty kick. He did not disappoint, kicking it wide and watching it bounce off the post and into the back of the net,



Mid-Prairie senior, Evan Philips, scoring a goal past the Cedar Valley goaltender on April 13th.

with all of his team cheering in support and excitement.

And once more, with almost two minutes left, senior Evan Phillips, took advantage of aggressive Cedar Valley play by rushing the goaltender and sneaking the ball into the net, slamming his fists on the ground in celebration of his goal, the final one of the night for either side.

In the first half, sophomore, Andrew Kaufman, played goalie for Mid-Prairie. In the second, he assumed his second position as midfielder. In this role, he gave Mid-Prairie their best three chances at scoring with a brilliant pass from the sidelines to the front of the net and also two breakaways that led to a rush of adrenaline for the team.

"I remember watching [Kaufman] in middle school, he was a forward for the team, he was a dominant player," head coach Wyatt Cady said. "Goalie is just where he wants to be."

Everyone playing for the Golden Hawks has more than one position they can play on any given night.

"I think kids have a little bit more fun when they get to play like seven different positions in a game versus, [the same thing] every time," Cady said.

	1	2	Total
Mid-Prairie	5	0	5
Cedar Valley	1	0	1

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Dylan Henry 1, Tucker Miller 1, Owen Trimpe 1, Evan Phillips 1, Jackson Miller 1.

MID-PRAIRIE ASSISTS: Beau Flynn 1, Noah Ford 1, Grady Miller 1.

MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Andrew Kaufman 1 SV 1 GA, Jacob Flynn 3 SV.

CEDAR VALLEY SCORING: Sam Severson 1.

CEDAR VALLEY SAVES: Cody Rammelsberg 13 SV 5 GA.

MID-PRAIRIE @ BECKMAN CATHOLIC 4/14

Dyersville

For just the second time this season, the Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks were held goalless, losing to Beckman Catholic 4-0, dropping to 3-3 on the year. This game was part of a brutal back-to-back stretch for the Hawks. First, Alburnett, an hour drive on Thursday and then Dyersville, a nearly two-hour bus drive for the athletes.

To prepare for this back-to-back, the Hawks subbed heavily against Cedar Valley, using depth on their bench to prepare for the game against Beckman. The field in Alburnett would be the smallest the Hawks see all season, further helping them rest up for the Beckman matchup.

The Hawks managed five shots on goal, nine total. Goal-tender, Jacob Flynn, played the full night, tallying seven saves on 11 shots.

In tighter games, Mid-Prairie likes to roll with just one goalie. In looser games, they like to see "friendly-competition" with a goalie rotation. With the nature of this game, they stuck to one.

	1	2	Total
MP	0	0	0
BC	3	1	4

MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Jacob Flynn 7 GA 4.

BECKMAN SCORING: Matthew Florence 3, Jake Schmidt 1.

MID-PRAIRIE V. WEST BRANCH 4/17

Wellman

The Mid-Prairie Golden Hawks did not get much rest during their back-to-back against Cedar Valley and Beckman. They got the weekend off and then were thrown right

back into action against the West Branch Bears, losing 4-1. West Branch is still undefeated.

West Branch drew first blood 14 minutes in and kept consistent pressure. Despite a good effort by sophomore Andrew Kaufman at goalie, he couldn't possibly stop the Bear onslaught that continually chipped away at the tiring Hawk defense.

The only goal scored for Mid-Prairie on the night was a fluke. An accident. West Branch senior, Jaxson Kaalberg, while under pressure, went to kick the ball out of bounds. Instead, the ball found the back of the net when the Bear goalie was least expecting a shot. A shot of shame, he eventually bounced back and played a good game, helping in the next offensive push for the Bears.

Going into halftime, the score was 3-1. The Hawks best chance at offense was a breakaway by senior Owen Trimpe. Trimpe had more breakaways in the second, but never had help to bury a shot.

Still 3-1, Mid-Prairie saw three consecutive shots denied by the Bear goaltender, with cheers from the visiting fanbase. Ten minutes later and West Branch applied the nail to the coffin with their fourth goal of the night.

Mid-Prairie drops to 3-4 on the year. Their next matchup is on the road against Anamosa on Friday, Apr. 21.

	1	2	Total
WB	3	1	4
MP	1	0	1

MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Andrew Kaufman 7 GA 3, Joe Hall 3 GA 1.

# Huskies compete at the Lisbon Invitational

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LISBON

The Highland girls track and field team traveled to Lisbon to take part in the Lisbon Track and Field Invitational on April 13.

This meet had ten schools participating and apart from Highland those schools were: West Branch, Anamosa, Springfield, Calamus-Wheatland, Prince of Peace, North Cedar, North Linn, Alburnett, and Lisbon.

Coming in first in its home meet was Lisbon with 127 points. Anamosa and North Linn came in second and third with 126 and 117 points respectively.

Highland was able to accumulate 46 points and this placed them eighth overall in the final standings. The standout performance at this meet for Highland came from junior Sarah Burton. The multisport athlete took runner-up honors in two events.

Burton finished in second place in the 100 meter dash out of 18 competitors. Her time of 13.22 was only beaten by West Branch senior Iva Senio's time

of 12.77

Her other second place finish came in the long jump event that consisted of 11 participants. Barely topped by Alburnett senior Lacey Neighbor's first place jump of 16-05.75, Burton earned second place with a jump of 16-04.00.

Another notable finish from Highland at this meet came in the 1500 meter run. Freshman Siena Stanerson took fifth place with a time of 6:07.30, everyone in the top four finished with sub six minute times with the first place time of 5:18.10 coming from North Cedar Senior Hunter Jones.

Standerson's time of 6:07.30 was faster than her time of 6:13.68 she posted in the same event at the Lone Tree track and field meet that occurred just three days prior to the Lisbon Invitational.

Highland senior Jessica Kraus finished in sixth place in the discus event with her best throw traveling 92-06. The top five all had throws traveling farther than 100-00, with the first place throw being 125-05 from Anamosa junior Maddie Fischer.

Similar to Standerson this



Highland freshman, Brena Hazelett, leaps over a hurdle during a track and field meet on April 6th.

92-06 throw from Kraus showed improvement as just three days ago during the Lone Tree track and field meet her best throw traveled 90-04.

Up next for Highland will be traveling to Winfield to compete in the Pankoke Relays against eight other schools on April 20.

RESULTS

- 100m: 1, Iva Senio, West Branch, 12.77; 2, Sarah Burton, Highland, 13.22; 12, Lorelei Lueck, Highland, 14.41.
- 200m: 1, Courtney Knoche, Calamus-Wheatland, 27.88; 13, Lilly Barre, Highland 30.01; 17, Lorelei Lueck, Highland, 30.49.
- 800m: 1, Savanna Venenga, Anamosa, 2:38.39; 9, Laney Skelton, Highland, 3:00.81; 10, Avery Pierson, Highland, 3:01.43.
- 1500m: 1, Hunter Jones, North Cedar, 5:18.10; 5, Siena Stanerson, Highland, 6:07.30; 11, Halle Hazelett, Highland, 7:31.09.
- 100m HURDLES: 1, Lacey Neighbor, Alburnett, 16.57; 8, Adelynn Kleopfer, Highland, 18.55; 10, Mackenzie Davis, Highland, 18.81.
- LONG JUMP: 1, Lacey Neighbor, Alburnett, 16-05.75; 2, Sarah Burton, Highland, 16-04.00.
- HIGH JUMP: 1, Mykala Luzum-Selmon, Lisbon, 5-02.00; 10, Hailey Netsler, Highland, 4-02.00.
- SHOT PUT: 1, Maddie Fischer, Anamosa, 35-10.25; 15, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 26-09.25.
- DISCUS: 1, Maddie Fischer, Anamosa, 125-04; 6, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 92-06.

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top spot in the 1500m with a first place time of 5:58.30.

The long jump event saw two Lady Lions finish in second and third place. Morarie's jump of 14-05.50 gave her runner up honors and sophomore

Cate Sexton took third place with a jump of 13-02.50.

In the 4x100 meter relay, Lone Tree took first place with a team that consisted of Zaruba, Christofferson, Krueger, and Shield. They earned the top spot with a time of 52.90, the runner up team from Winfield-Mt Union ended up with a time of 54.10.

The spring medley was also led by the Lady Lions as they

took first place in the event. This team was made up of Morarie, Zaruba, Christofferson, and Shield. They earned top medalist honors with a time of 1:56.50. Danville took second place with a time of 1:58.88.

Coming up for the Lady Lions will be another trip to Winfield Mount Union where they will compete in the Pankoke Relays against eight other schools on April 20.



Lone Tree junior, Avery Lisk, sprints down the track with the baton during a track and field meet on April 10th.

RESULTS

- 100m: 1, Ava Christofferson, Lone Tree, 12.90; 10, Alyson Ford, Lone Tree, 15.90; 13, Emma Slaughter, Lone Tree, 16.10.
- 200m: 1, Rylee Shield, Lone Tree, 27.90; 7, Bella Pourry, Lone Tree, 33.00.
- 400m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 1:00.70; 5, Avery Lisk, Lone Tree, 1:14.80; 7, Lila Bell, Lone Tree, 1:28.00; 9, Lilly Mills, Lone Tree, 1:33.70.
- 800m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 2:42.20; 4, Vivian Zaruba, Lone Tree, 3:01.00; 10, Sophie Bell, Lone Tree, 3:17.70; 11, Delanie Graap, Lone Tree, 3:17.70.
- 1500m: 1, Rylee Phillips, Van Buren County, 5:58.30; 3, Jazmine Nino, Lone Tree, 6:25.20; 9, Lilly Mills, Lone Tree, 7:37.00; 11, Lila Bell, Lone Tree, 8:56.20.
- 100m HURDLES: 1, Keetyn Townsley, Winfield-Mt Union, 17.00; 3, Riley Krueger,

- Lone Tree, 17.90; 7, Cate Sexton, Lone Tree, 19.60; 10, Lindsay Werbach, Lone Tree, 20.80.
- LONG JUMP: 1, Kenna Furnald, Danville, 15-09.00; 2, Avery Morarie, Lone Tree, 14-05.50; 3, Cate Sexton, Lone Tree, 13-02.50; 6, Avery Lisk, Lone Tree, 13-00.75.
- HIGH JUMP: 1, Riley Krueger, Lone Tree, 4-10.25.
- SHOT PUT: 1, Morgan Stecher, Louisa-Muscatine, 32-01.00; 3, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree, 31-04.50; 6, Sami Branson, Lone Tree, 28-08.00; 12, Alex Dautremont, Lone Tree, 25-09.50.
- DISCUS: 1, Morgan Stecher, Louisa-Muscatine, 113-04; 2, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree, 86-07; 5, Alex Dautremont, Lone Tree, 76-10.75; 13, Madison Floyd, Lone Tree, 56-05.50.
- 4x100m RELAY: 1, Lone Tree (Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson, Riley Krueger, Rylee Shield), 52.90.

- 4x200m RELAY: 1, Lone Tree (Avery Morarie, Rylee Shield, Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson), 1:50.70.
- 4x400m RELAY: 1, Danville, 4:29.80; 5, Lone Tree (Sophie Bell, Avery Lisk, Lindsay Werbach, Bella Pourroy), 5:11.90.
- 4x800m RELAY: 1, Danville, 9:58.00; 3, Lone Tree (Sophie Bell, Dalanie Graap, Avery Lisk, Jazmine Nino), 10:52.12.
- 800m MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Lone Tree (Avery Morarie, Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson, Rylee Shield), 1:56.50.
- 1600m MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Van Buren County, 4:59.90; 4, Lone Tree (Cate Sexton, Bella Pourroy, Sophie Bell, Jazmine Nino), 5:23.90.
- 4x100m HURDLE RELAY: 1, Winfield-Mt Union, 1:14.10; 3, Lone Tree (Cate Sexton, Ella Buser, Lindsay Werbach, Riley Krueger), 1:22.10.



# Highland battles Sigourney, Central Lee, Columbus



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Highland sophomore, Laney Skelton, attempts to trap the ball during a game against Sigourney on April 11th.

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

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## SIGOURNEY

Still seeking its first goal and win of the season the Highland Huskies traveled to Sigourney to face off against the Cobras on April 11. Unfortunately for Highland, the goals and wins will have to wait, with the Cobras emerging victorious over the Huskies, 6-0.

Goals came quickly for the Cobras, scoring two of them within the first minute of the game and Highland faced an early 2-0 deficit.

There were some promising moments for the Huskies to score in the first half from fast break opportunities. Multiple times the ball got past the Sigourney defense courtesy of a goal kick from Highland's goal keeper, junior Jackson

Keller, but the ball would stray too close to the Cobra goalie for a relatively easy pick up of the ball, negating any potential shots on goal from sophomore Ayden Havel.

The third goal for Sigourney came off a corner kick with 12:13 left in the first half. Their fourth goal followed quickly. At the kickoff after the previous goal Highland lost possession and the Cobras blitzed down the field to score again at the 11:59 mark in the first half.

The Cobras scored one more goal before halftime at the 5:43 mark after the Highland defense failed to clear the ball close to their own goal, making the halftime score 5-0 in Sigourney's favor.

Defense was the name of the game for both teams in the second half as those fast break opportunities Highland had in the first half dwindled and the Cobra's goal output diminished.

The lone goal of the second half did belong to the Cobras and it came at the 11:12 mark courtesy of a quality cross kick from outside the penalty box.

Highland's best look for a goal came near the end of the game. A free kick was awarded to the Huskies after a penalty and the free kick was close to the Cobra's goal. The kick crossed the goal but no Highland player was able to complete the sequence to score a goal.

## Central Lee 4, Highland 0

In its second game of the same week, the Huskies took the trip to Donnellson to battle the Central Lee Hawks on April 13. Both teams entered the game winless and it was Highland who would remain that way, losing to the Hawks, 4-0.

With this win Central Lee has now beaten the Huskies in two straight years, with the last game, on April 19, 2022, ending with a 8-0 victory for the Hawks.

Highland faced a one goal deficit at halftime, but a trio of goals from Central Lee in the second half would ultimately put away the Huskies.

Highland's goalkeeper, junior Jackson Keller, finished the game with 16 saves.

## Columbus 6, Highland 0

Capping off a busy three game week the Huskies would stay home to host the Columbus Wildcats in a Southeast Iowa Super Conference matchup on April 17. Shutout for the fifth straight game, 10 straight dating back from last year, Highland was defeated by the Wildcats, 6-0.

In Highland's last matchup against Columbus the Huskies lost 6-1 on April 18, 2022.

It was a windy Monday afternoon, the flags at the corner of the field were being blasted by wind with such great force they were nearly touching the ground at times.

After five minutes of play Columbus took an early 2-0 lead. The half ended with the Wildcats putting three more goals in the back of the net, with the last one coming in with 11:35 left on the clock after Columbus took advantage after a goal kick from Highlands goalkeeper, junior Jackson Keller, went array from the wind.

In the second half Highland now had the wind on their backs and it helped them on defense, since they were able to hold Columbus to just a single goal.

Down by six points with very little time left Highland saw its best chance at a goal the whole game. With about one minute left sophomore Ayden Havel was able to receive a pass from a teammate and get past the Columbus defense, setting up a shot of goal from a close range.

Havel unleashed a powerful shot, but the ball would travel over the entire goal. It was an impressive kick as the ball ended up bouncing over two fences and coming to a rest near the pitcher's mound of the nearby baseball field.

With this loss Highland remains on the hunt for its first win and its first goal of the season.

Up next, Highland (0-6) will travel to and play against Danville (0-1) on April 20. Then the Huskies will stay home to host conference opponent Hillcrest (2-0) on April 24.



Left, Lone Tree's Lukas Fuhrmeister takes a powerful swing at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course on April 13th.



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Right, Highland senior, Peyton Yeggy, prepares himself to tee off at Riverside on April 13th.

# A single stroke separate Huskies and Lions in golf dual

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

## RIVERSIDE

The Highland Huskies and the Lone Tree Lions battled it out on the green in a Southeast Iowa Super Conference golf dual at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside on April 13.

In last year's SEISC dual between Highland and Lone Tree on April 11, 2022, the Huskies exited victorious over the Lions with a final score of 197-221.

Turning the tables in this year's SEISC dual, the Lions earned a close one stroke victory over Highland with a final score of 231-232 after nine holes played.

## Highland Results

Despite the Lions victory it was Highland senior Peyton Yeggy who took dual medalist honors with his score of 46. His score towered over all other golfers, he was the only one to finish under fifty strokes.

Yeggy completed one par, on hole seven, and one birdie, on hole two, during the dual. Hole four proved to be a tad bit tricky for Yeggy, finishing the hole with eight strokes, three over par.

The Huskies only senior on the roster continues to be Highland's top golfer this season, Yeggy's score of 46 improved on his earlier season score of 51 he posted in a triangular at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course on April 3.

Highland sophomore Isaac Kleese was the next top golfer for the Huskies. Kleese finished with a score of 60, finishing fifth overall among 11 golfers.

Other placements for the Huskies included sophomore Zach Thompson who tied for sixth place with a score of 62, freshman Jacob Hartzler who came in ninth place with a final score of 64, sophomore William Dunbar finishing in 10th place with a score of 65, and freshman Sawyer Shalla placing 11th with a score of 69.

Unfortunately for Highland this loss to Lone Tree continues a season where they are unable to avoid last place finishes, but coming up for the Huskies will be a chance to earn top placement honors, when they travel to the Heritage Oaks Golf and

Country Club in Wapello to battle against four other teams in the Wapello Boys Golf Invite on April 19.

## Lone Tree Results

The runner-up medalist of the SEISC dual was Lone Tree's top performer of the day, Dominic Graap. His final score came in at 55. Graap completed one par during the dual and it came on hole 3 after four swings of his club.

Holes nine and seven gave Graap the most trouble at the dual, finishing each hole with nine strokes, four strokes over par on hole seven and five strokes over par on hole nine.

Other scores for the Lions included a third place finish from Oliver Altenhofen with a

score of 56, a fourth place finish from Lukas Fuhrmeister with a score of 58, a tie for sixth place from Braden Viers with a score of 62, and Cade Willoz placing ninth with a score of 63.

Coming off a loss against Columbus in a dual meet on April 6 this victory over Highland was Lone Tree's first win of the season.

Next on the docket for Lone Tree will be once again playing at the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside but this time they will battle Mediapolis in a dual meet on April 20. Lone Tree will hope to flip the script because the last time these two schools played each other in a dual was on April 28, 2022 and Mediapolis was able to grab victory over the Lions with a final score of 185-229.

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last year, opens its season with non-district games against North Cedar and Danville. The Huskies open Class A District 5 play on Sept. 8 against Van Buren County.

The Huskies finish the regular season with a home game against Wapello.

## Highland Schedule

Aug. 25, North Cedar; Sept. 1, at Danville; Sept. 8, Van Buren; Sept. 15, at Lisbon; Sept. 22, Columbus; Sept. 29, at Pekin; Oct. 6, at Louisa-Muscatare; Oct. 13, Wapello.

Lone Tree, which competes in the eight-man class, will be-

gin a week earlier and in another state.

The Lions will head to Parkview Christian Academy in Yorkville, Illinois, for their season opener Aug. 18. A week later, they'll host Iowa Valley in the Lions' home opener.

Lone Tree begins district play against Midland on Sept. 8.

## Lone Tree Schedule

Aug. 18, at Parkview Christian; Aug. 25, Iowa Valley; Sept. 8, Midland; Sept. 15, at Springfield; Sept. 22, Edgewood-Colesburg; Sept. 29, at Calamus-Wheatland; Oct. 6, Central City; Oct. 13, at Easton Valley.

## Drake Relays

Mid-Prairie junior Danielle Hostetler and a group of sprinters from Lone Tree are among

those trying to qualify for the high school portion of the Drake Relays.

The entry deadline is Friday for the Relays, which will take place April 26-29 at the famed Blue Oval at Drake University in Des Moines.

Hostetler, a three-time cross country state champion, enters this week with the 11th-best time in the girls 3000-meter race (10 minutes, 27.22 seconds) and the 15th-best time in the 1500 (4:52.66). Those ranked among the top 21 are eligible.

Mid-Prairie senior Cain Brown is tied for fifth in the boys high jump, all Iowa classes, with a leap of 6 feet, 7 inches.

Lone Tree's 4x100 relay team of Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson, Riley Krueger and Rylee Shield placed second at the Eastern Iowa Track & Field

Invitational last Saturday at Iowa City West with a season-best time of 52.50 seconds. They are hoping that time holds up to qualify for the Drake Relays. Their time is No. 7 in Class 1A.

Avery Morarie, Zaruba, Shield and Christofferson set a school record in the 4x200 last Thursday in Winfield, posting a time of 1:50.70. The record of 1:51.52 had stood for nearly 30 years.

## Golden Hawk alum

Mitzi Evans, a 2022 Mid-Prairie alum who won state championships at 400 and 800 meters last year, was back on Drake's Blue Oval last weekend in the Jim Duncan Invitational.

Evans, running unattached, won her heat in the 400 with a time of 57.10 seconds and placed third overall.

## Baseball rankings

Mid-Prairie is ranked No. 5 in a Class 2A baseball pre-season ranking conducted by IA Baseball.

The Golden Hawks won 19 games last year and made it to the semifinals of the state tournament. Among their returnees are Karson Grout, a junior who is a University of Iowa recruit, and Collin Miller, a senior who struck out 72 in 51 innings last year and won five games.

A major field renovation is now taking place at the Golden Hawks home field in Wellman. They open the season May 15 against Davenport West.

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# Hawks take top spot at Tipton Relays

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL  
The News

**TIPTON**

The Tigerette Relays in Tipton were calling and the Mid-Prairie girls track and field team were the ones to pick up the phone. Arriving at Tipton to compete in the 10 school Tiggerte Relays on April 13, the Golden Hawks once again earned first place honors.

This is the third consecutive track and field event Mid-Prairie has placed first in. They took first with 196 points, towering above all the other schools. Second place went to Tipton with 104 points and third place went to Durant with 81 points.

Mid-Prairie won eight events and junior Danielle Hostetler was once again a star performer for the Golden Hawks.

Earning 24.50 points, the most among the team, Hostetler took first in two events. She took the top spot in the 800 meter run of 15 participants with a time of 2:26.45 and she out ran everyone in the 1500 meter run of 18 competitors, finishing with a time of 4:54.10, she was the only competitor to post a sub five minute time.

The top two spots of 1500m belonged to Mid-Prairie. Coming in second behind Hostetler was her teammate junior Abby Fleming with a time of 5:23.70.

Another first place finish for the Golden Hawks came from senior Tabitha Evans. Tabitha



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Left, Mid-Prairie junior, Danielle Hostetler, rounds the corner with the baton during a track & field meet on March 30th. Right, Mid-Prairie senior, Emily Schlabach, races down the track during the 100m hurdle event on March 30th.

earned first place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:01.04, not being overtaken by the runner up finish of 1:03.07 from Northeast senior Paige Holst.

Another notable finish for Tabitha was earning runner up honors in the 200 meter dash. She finished in second place with a time of 26.54, first place belonged to Northeast senior Paige Holst and her time of 26.49.

The high jump competition also belonged to the Golden Hawks. Taking the gold in the high jump by clearing the bar

set at 4-10.00, was Mid-Prairie senior Ella Groenewold. Coming in second with a bar clear of 4-08.00 was Tipton senior Jazmine Woode.

Not satisfied with just one first place finish in a jumping competition, the Golden Hawks took two of the top three spots in the Long Jump event. Mid-Prairie senior Sophia Schwartz earned first place with her jump of 15-02.00 and coming in third was Mid-Prairie junior Emma Lueck with her jump of 14-10.50.

Mid-Prairie dominated the

relay events, taking first place in the 4x100 with a time of 50.81, the 4x200 with a time of 1:51.16, the 800 medley relay with a time of 1:55.97, and the 1600 medley relay with a time of 4:18.65.

The Golden Hawks also took second place in the 4x100 meter shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:12.20, the 4x400 with a time of 4:18.29, and the 4x800 with a time of 11:11.13.

Finishing in third place in both the shot put and discus event was Mid-Prairie freshman Harper Pacha. She earned third place in the discus with a

throw of 102-01, she along with the two people who finished above her were the only ones to throw past the 100-00 mark

Pacha took third place in the shot put with her farthest throw traveling 32-05.50, with first place going to Tipton junior Elian Dzangue with a throw of 33-04.00.

Coming up for the Golden Hawks will be a trip to Center Point to compete against 10 other schools in the Center Point-Urbana CO-ED Invitational on April 24.

**RESULTS**

100m: 1, Paige Holst, Northeast, 13.09; 3, Jovi Evans, Mid-Prairie, 13.42; 6, Nevaeh Decker, Mid-Prairie, 13.90.

200m: 1, Paige Holst, Northeast, 26.49; 2, Tabitha Evans, Mid-Prairie, 26.54; 6, Nevaeh Decker, Mid-Prairie, 28.50.

400m: 1, Tabitha Evans, Mid-Prairie, 1:01.04; 7, Grace Conway, Mid-Prairie, 1:09.21.

800m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 2:26.45; 4, Greta Sieren, Mid-Prairie, 2:37.73.

100m HURDLES: 1, Carlie Jo Fusco, Du-

rant, 16.20; 5, Sophie Miller, Mid-Prairie, 18.21; 7, Emily Schlabach, Mid-Prairie, 18.44.

1500m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, Mid-Prairie, 4:54.10; 2, Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 5:23.70.

3000m: 1, Laura Owen, Tipton, 11:28.63; 2, Abby Fleming, Mid-Prairie, 11:32.80; 3, Phoebe Shetler, Mid-Prairie, 12:01.99.

400m HURDLES: 1, Natalie Ramsey, Iowa City, Liberty, 1:09.98; 5, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 1:17.32; 7, Ashlee Farrier, Mid-Prairie, 1:20.62.

DISCUS: 1, Hannah Braun, Iowa City, City High, 106-03; 3, Harper Pacha, Mid-Prai-

rie, 102-01; 6, Dessa Poll, Mid-Prairie, 91-03.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Ella Groenewold, Mid-Prairie, 4-10.00.

LONG JUMP: 1, Sophia Schwartz, Mid-Prairie, 15-02.00; 3, Emma Lueck, Mid-Prairie, 14-10.50.

SHOT PUT: 1, Elian Dzangue, Tipton, 33-04.00; 3, Harper Pacha, Mid-Prairie, 32-05.50; 13, Lacey Kos, Mid-Prairie, 26-05.00.

4x100m RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans, Nevaeh Decker, Dakota Mitchell), 50.81.

4x200m RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Dakota Mitchell, Nevaeh Decker, Greta Sieren), 1:51.16.

4x400m RELAY: 1, Tipton, 4:13.00; 2, Mid-Prairie (Greta Sieren, Danielle Hostetler, Annika Poll, Tabitha Evans, Grace Conway, Sophia Schwartz), 4:18.29.

4x800m RELAY: 1, Northeast, 10:41.54; 2, Mid-Prairie (Annika Poll, Dessa Poll, Kali Miller, Phoebe Shetler), 11:11.13; 7, Mid-Prairie (Elise Gingerich, Grace Conway, Alaina Safly, Rebekah Wallington), 11:44.93.

400m SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1, Du-

rant, 1:11.74; 2, Mid-Prairie (Amara Jones, Ashlee Farrier, Emily Schlabach, Sophie Miller, Behla Schmidt, Olivia Schlabach), 1:12.20.

800 MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Dakota Mitchell, Jovi Evans, Greta Sieren, Nevaeh Decker, Lane Duwa), 1:55.97.

1600 MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Mid-Prairie (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Greta Sieren, Danielle Hostetler), 4:18.65.

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**FORMAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 6, 2023**

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Chairperson Green-Douglass called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Administration Building Boardroom at 9:01 a.m. **Members present:** V. Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Royce-ann Porter, and Rod Sullivan.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were taken unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION NO. 04-06-23-01**  
**COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**  
**APRIL 2023**

**Summary:** Counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents' lives. The National Association of Counties NACo is demonstrating how "Counties RISE," by displaying exemplary Resiliency, Inclusion, Solvency and Empowerment, and each year since 1991 NACo has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services. **Board Action:** Proclaimed April 2023 as County Government Month in Johnson County, Iowa, and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to learn more about county government functions and activities. **Motion** by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Proclamation 04-06-23-01. County Treasurer Scott Finlayson, and Treasurer Clerks Melissa Mullaney and Lauren Merritt spoke.

**Motion** by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for April 6, 2023, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors.

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Metropolitan Plannin.....	13327.50
Mid American Energy.....	4806.31
Mid-American Energy.....	200.00
Midwest Frame & Axle.....	232.61
Midwest Wheel & Equipm.....	365.45
Midwestone Bank.....	21583.24
Modus Engineering Lt.....	23400.00
Mutual Wheel Company.....	67.40
Naccho.....	960.00
Natalie Tskhakaia.....	450.00
National Emergency Nu.....	1100.00
National Public Health.....	75.00
Neighborhood Centers.....	22820.25
Neil Bombei.....	195.37
Nest Property Managem.....	1400.00
North Liberty First U.....	1102.50
Office Express Office P.....	99.62
Paul R Wittau.....	60.00
Peak Construction Gr.....	44092.44
Press Citizen Media.....	242.10
Propac.....	13744.85
Psc Distribution.....	1352.84
Rangemasters Training.....	364.69
Rape Victim Advocacy.....	5595.50
Rapids Reproductions I.....	500.14
Regency Of Iowa Inc D.....	455.00
Rex's Refills.....	218.46
Ricoh Usa Inc.....	181.73
Robert D Winstead.....	59.95
Rod Sullivan.....	43.89
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.....	2629.94
Schweitzer & Bajric.....	408.00
Scott L Madden.....	60.00
Second Story Promotion.....	228.78
Shannon O Smith.....	60.00
Sharon K Butler.....	120.00
Sharon Telephone Compan.....	86.06
Shelter House.....	18550.00
Solon Fire Department.....	6250.00
Solon Public Library.....	15312.25
Staples Advantage.....	951.47
Stericycle.....	1019.81
Steve Madura.....	250.00
Storey Kenworthy Corp.....	410.39
Streichers.....	1177.00

Table To Table Food.....	10557.50
Taylor Construction I.....	9700.00
Teleflex Llc.....	2315.50
The Holub Apartments.....	700.00
The Lodge Apartments.....	3200.00
The Masters's Touch L.....	2985.56
Thomas P Brase.....	180.00
Tim Dunton.....	60.00
Tim Soukup.....	500.00
Todd Saltzman.....	180.00
Tom Van Buer.....	180.00
Tractor Supply Credit P.....	74.44
Travis J Weipert.....	180.00
U Of Iowa College Of.....	8287.48
United Action For Yo.....	27500.00
United Rentals (North.....	2687.40
United States Postal.....	15000.00
Us Cellular.....	1156.83
Verizon Wireless.....	172.12
Visa.....	5603.86
Visiting Nurse Associ.....	9132.09
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	334000.00
Wendling Quarries Inc.....	2979.79
Westwinds Real Estate.....	800.00
White Cap Construction.....	144.60
Windstream It-Comm.Llc.....	75.03
Zep Manufacturing Comp.....	525.99

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Porter, to approve the minutes of the Formal Meeting of March 29, 2023 and March 30, 2023.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-06-23-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ZONING CHANGE ORDINANCE NO. 10-20-22-01 IN LIGHT OF THE SURVEYOR PROVIDING AN UPDATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE AREA TO BE REZONED**

**Summary:** The Purpose of this ordinance is to correct the legal description contained in Ordinance 10-20-22-01, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2022, to change the zoning classification of certain property from A-Agricultural to R-Residential as outlined in Rezoning Application filed (PZC-22-28262). Ordinance No. 10-20-22-01 is hereby amended by deleting the legal description in Section II in its entirety and replacing it with the following legal description:

A-Agricultural to R-Residential Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 80 North, Range 5 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian; Thence N89°31'01"E, along the North Line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and the North Line of Auditor's Parcel 2023008, Johnson County, Iowa, in accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 66, at Page 195, in the Records of the Johnson County Recorder's Office, 12.13 feet, to the Northeast Corner thereof, and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing N89°31'01"E, along said North Line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, 1304.71 to the Northeast Corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; Thence S02°19'51"E, along the East Line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, 13.11 feet, to its intersection with the Centerline of Rapid Creek Road NE; Thence S88°27'17"W, along said Centerline, 125.89 feet; Thence S87°30'16"W, along said Centerline, 164.31 feet; Thence Southwesterly, 652.73 feet, along said Centerline on a 600.00 foot radius curve, concave Southeast, whose 621.02 foot chord bears S56°20'19"W; Thence S25°10'23"W, along said Centerline, 712.50 feet; Thence Southwesterly, 154.84 feet, along said Centerline on a 400.00 foot radius curve, concave Northwest, whose 153.87 foot chord bears S36°15'44"W; Thence S47°21'05"W, along said Centerline, 50.00 feet; Thence Southwesterly, 53.66 feet, along said Centerline on a 535.00 foot radius curve, concave Northwest, whose 53.63 foot chord bears S50°13'28"W, to the Southwest Corner of Auditor's Parcel 2023009, Johnson County, Iowa, in accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 66, at Page 195, of the Records of the Johnson County Recorder's Office; Thence N01°12'04"W, along the West Line of said Auditor's Parcel 2023009, a distance of 424.71 feet, to the Northern Most Corner thereof, and the Southern Most Corner of Auditor's parcel 2023008, Johnson County, Iowa, in accordance with the Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 66, at Page 195, of the Records of the Johnson County Recorder's Office; Thence continuing N01°12'04"W along the East Line of said Auditor's Parcel 2023008, a distance of 34.92 feet; Thence N00°50'59"W, along said East Line, 180.05 feet; Thence N01°14'19"W, along said East Line, 148.02 feet; Thence N01°30'41"W, along said East Line, 406.56 feet, to the Northeast Corner thereof, and the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said Rapid Creek Estates contains 10.95 Acres, and is

subject to easements and restrictions of record.

**Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage and publication as part of the proceeding of the Board of Supervisors.

**Board Action:** Adopted the ordinance as follows: **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Porter, to approve the Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance 10-20-22-01 by Repealing and Replacing the Paragraph Containing the Legal Description of the Property to be Rezoned in Light of a Corrected Legal Description Provided by the Applicant's Surveyor on third and final consideration and approve Ordinance No. 04-06-23-01 amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

**RESOLUTION 04-06-23-01**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF RAPID CREEK ESTATES, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA**

**Summary:** The owner has filed application PZC-23-28316 for approval of the final plat of Rapid Creek Estates Johnson County, Iowa. **Board Action:** The Board approved the plat, directed the Chairperson to sign said plat and Subdivider's Agreement, and named the documents to be recorded. **Motion** by Green, second by Porter, to approve Resolution No. 04-06-23-01, effective April 6, 2023.

**Motion** by Porter, second by Sullivan, to accept the bid from the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Binn's and Stevens, Oskaloosa, for 2023 Dust Alleviation Safety Program, in the amount of \$324,210.

**Motion** by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to accept the bid from the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, L.L. Pelling Col., Inc, North Liberty, for the 2023 Bituminous Resurfacing Program, in the amount of \$754,345.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-06-23-02**  
**AUTHORIZING JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART AND FUTURE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**Summary:** In 2018, the County Board of Supervisors authorized Johnson County (the "County") to enter into an engagement agreement with Crueger Dickinson LLC, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC and von Briesen & Roper, s.c. (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants"). On behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants in 2018 and have been litigating against the Opioid Defendants since that time in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the impact of the Opioid Epidemic on the County and resources necessary to combat the opioid epidemic.

Negotiations to settle claims against several of the Opioid Defendants, specifically Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart (the "Settling Defendants") have been ongoing for several years and have resulted in proposed nationwide settlements of state and local government claims involved in the Litigation. The Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of a certain sum to settling government entities in Iowa including to the State of Iowa and Participating Subdivisions, as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreements, upon occurrence of certain events as defined in the Settlement Agreements ("Iowa Opioid Funds"). The Iowa Opioid Funds will be allocated in accordance with the Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding ("Allocation MOU"), previously entered into by Johnson County on December 17, 2021, dividing Iowa Opioid Funds as follows: (i) 50% to the State ("the Iowa Abatement Share") and (ii) 50% to Participating Local Governments ("LG Share").

The Allocation MOU provides that a fund be created from approximately 15% of the LG Share attributable to the Litigating Local Governments ("Iowa Backstop Fund") to compensate outside counsel for participating local governments only for amounts not recovered at the National Fee Fund attributable to their lowa clients, as set forth in Section D of the Allocation MOU ("LG Abatement Share"). The LG Abatement Share shall be distributed in direct payments to the Counties that are Participating Local Governments according to the allocation model developed in connection with the proposed negotiating class in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation (MDL No. 2804) in the amounts set forth on Exhibit 2 to the Allocation MOU. 100% of the Iowa Abatement Share and the LG Abatement Share, regardless of allocation, shall be utilized only for Opioid Related Expenditures incurred after the Effective Date of the MOU. The list of approved Opioid Related Expenditures are set forth in Exhibit 1 to the MOU. At least

75% of the Iowa Abatement Share and 75% of the LG Abatement Share shall be utilized for only the "Core Strategies", listed in Schedule A of Exhibit 1 to the MOU.

The County, by prior Resolution, established an account for the receipt of the LG Abatement Share consistent with the terms of this Resolution ("the LG Abatement Fund"). The LG Abatement Fund is separate from the County's general fund, is not commingled with any other County funds, and is dedicated to funding opioid abatement measures as provided in the Settlement Agreements and the Allocation MOU. The County must comply annually with the reporting requirements in the Allocation MOU. If the County elects to become a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreements it will receive the benefits associated with the Settlement Agreement and the Allocation MOU, provided the County (a) approves the Settlement Agreements; and (b) executes the Participation Agreements stating the County's intention to be bound by the Settlement Agreements. The intent of this Resolution is to authorize the County to enter into the Settlement Agreements by executing the Participation Agreements.

The Iowa Opioid Allocation Memorandum of Understanding and accompanying Exhibits may be viewed at: <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/newsroom/opioid-settlement-information>. **Board Action:** The County Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes Lisa Green Douglass, the Chairperson of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, to settle and release the County's claims against the Settling Defendants in exchange for the consideration set forth in the Settlement Agreements, Allocation MOU, and all exhibits thereto, including taking the following measures: The execution and delivery of the Participation Agreements (a/k/a Subdivision Participation Form) to the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Settlement Agreements and any and all documents ancillary thereto, by electronic means or otherwise, along with the execution and delivery of any and all further and other documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing and the terms of this Resolution.

The Board of Supervisors authorizes the duly elected and then-serving Chairperson of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, to consider and approve settlement and release of County claims against other Opioid Defendants upon such terms and consideration as may be set forth in future settlement agreements recommended from time to time by the Law Firms, and are in the best interest of Johnson County, upon the advice and consent of the Johnson County Attorney, and execute and deliver participation agreements or equivalent forms in connection therewith and any and all documents ancillary thereto, by electronic means or otherwise.

The Board declares that the County shall deposit LG Abatement Share proceeds in its account titled "LG Abatement Fund" as it receives such funds pursuant to the Settlement Agreements. The Board declares that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Motion** by Porter, second by Green, to approve Resolution No. 04-06-23-02, effective April 6, 2023.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Porter, to appoint the following individuals as Reserve Deputy Sheriff as recommended by County Sheriff Brad Kunkel: Daniel Griffith, Noah Hughes, Alexander Jiras, Colby Montminy, Mallory Staats and Byron Yoder. **Roll call:** Aye: Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan ; Nay: Fixmer-Oraiz.

**Motion** by Green, second by Porter, to approve the job description for the new position of Ambulance Department EMT Apprentice.

**Motion** by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Amendment 1 to the American Rescue Plan Act Subrecipient Agreement with Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County for GI World positive youth development programming for girls of color in the Iowa City Community School District secondary schools. **Motion** by Green, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to appoint Angel Taylor to the Compensation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2023.

Adjourned at 9:39 a.m. /s/Lisa Green-Douglass, Chair, Board of Supervisors /s/Attest: Travis Weipert, Auditor Recorded by Nancy Tomkovicz, Deputy Auditor These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on April 13, 2023.

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

**April 10**

Caller in the 200 block of A Avenue, Kalona, reports a subject sleeping in a shed. Officers responded. Subject was advised he has today only to remove his items. Then he is trespassed from the property. Items left will be the property of the owner.

Report of a general fire alarm in the 800 block of Third Street, Kalona. Kalona Fire disregarded prior to arrival. False alarm.

Caller in the 2400 block of Paradise Court, Kalona, reports identity theft.

Caller in the 2000 block of 140th Street, Kalona, reports finding front door open on house and handprints all over windows that were not there this morning.

Caller in the 2300 block of 150th Street, Kalona, reports male subject hanging around the park recently trying to entice kids with free Pokémon cards. Unable to locate.

Deputy reports being out with a subject who flagged them down in the 2000 block of highway 22, Kalona. Spoke to the subject. No issues.

Johnson County requests assistance with an out-of-control fire in the 1900 block of Black Diamond Road. The Kalona Fire responded and assisted.

Caller reports a fire with black smoke in the 1200 block of Highway 1, Kalona. Responded. No issues.

Vehicle stop in the 3100 block of Highway 22, Riverside. Arrested Todd Tracy Williams, 59, of Mario for driving while barred X8.

**April 11**

Caller in Riverside reports someone tried to open an account with Bank of America under her name.

Report a car struck the building at Kalona Auto. Unknown injuries. Operator Cheryl Kemp of Kalona. No report. Private property.

Report of a vegetation fire in the

5300 block of Highway 1, Kalona. Request Kalona Fire.

Report of three dead dogs in the ditch on Tulip Avenue, north of Riverside. Request a deputy. Advised they are coyotes. County roads contacted for possible removal of animals.

Caller in the 1100 block of Sixth Avenue, Wellman, reports someone shining a bright light at their residence. Unable to locate anyone in the area.

Caller reports a dispute with their neighbor in Riverside. Advised this is a civil issue and the females were told to leave each other alone for the night.

**April 12**

## HIGHLAND CSD

### HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 5 P.M. - HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-President Monica Jepson.

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

Golden made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 5-0  
5:01 p.m. - The Board met in session for the purpose of a hearing upon the budget proposal. Said proposal was published on the 23rd of March, 2023 in The News, published at Kalona, of said county.

Taxpayers were heard for and against said proposal of which there were none.

Ruth made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as published, in the amount of \$6,150,250 for instructional services; \$3,280,000 for support services; \$420,000 for non-instructional programs; and \$1,667,378 for other expenditures (facilities acquisition and construction, debt service, AEA support), with a total tax asking of \$4,501,057 and a tax rate of \$13.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0  
Consent Agenda Items:  
Minutes: Approval of the March 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes  
Approval of the March 30, 2023 HEA Negotiations meeting minutes  
Financial Reports: Approval of the March financial reports  
Payment of Bills: Approval of the following April bills:  
General Fund - \$37,679.24  
Prepaid General Fund - \$7,965.25  
Schoolhouse Fund - \$15,955.91  
Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$31,375.00  
Activity Fund - \$13,137.09  
Lunch Fund - \$15,517.07  
Fundraisers: Highland FB/LA-Talent Show

Longbine made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Murphy.  
Motion carried 5-0

Jane O'Leary spoke about the TAG-Talented and Gifted program in the absence of Denise Roth. In grades K-3 something called PETS-Primary & Educational Thinking Skills is used. All 3rd graders and new students are given the CogAT test which is a cognitive abilities test. The 6th and 7th graders are working on something called Future Cities and may come back to a board meeting to present on that. The 8th-12th graders are taking Kirkwood classes or accelerated classes in math as well as working on scholarships and college prep. There are approximately 10-15% of the students identified as being TAG students.

Mr Crawford went over the Highland graduation rates with the 2022 class 4-year cohort graduation rate at 90.91 and the 2021 class 5-year cohort graduation rate at 97.56.

Mr Crawford gave the numbers for the spring sports with boys track having 12 participants, girls track 28, boys golf 13, girls golf 15, 20 soccer participants, 17 JH boys track and 15 JH girls track participants.

Golden made a motion to approve the FY22 audit report. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0  
Longbine made a motion to approve the certified teaching contracts, Schedule B and teacher compendium for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by

Golden.  
Motion carried 5-0  
Mr Crawford went over first readings on board policies 216.02 - Board of Directors' Member Development and Training, 607.01 - Student Guidance and Counseling Program, 701.05 - Fiscal Management, 705.01 - Purchasing - Bidding, 705.01-R(2) - Purchasing - Bidding - Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts, 804.07-R(1) - Radon Mitigation. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

Ruth made a motion to approve the below listed board policies. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0  
103 Long-Range Needs Assessment  
103-R(1) Long-Range Needs Assessment - Regulation  
104 Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy  
104-R(1) Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy-Investigation Procedures  
104.E1 Anti-Bullying/Harassment Complaint Form  
104.E2 Anti-Bullying/Harassment Witness Disclosure Form  
104.E3 Anti-Bullying/Harassment Disposition of Complaint Form  
105 Assistance Animals  
106 Title IX - Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited  
Golden made a motion to approve the personnel items. Seconded by Long-

bine.  
Motion carried 5-0  
Appointments:  
Michael Eden - Assistant Track Coach - 12%  
Brandon Devillier - Assistant Golf Coach - 7% pro-rated  
Resignations:  
Casey Halligan - Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach  
Cory Quail - Head Boys Varsity Track Coach  
Joyce Bausch - Route Bus Driver  
Tom Kappes - Special Education Van Driver

A work session will be held on Monday, April 24 2023 at 5:00 pm in the high school board room.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Seconded by Longbine.

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.

VICE-PRESIDENT, MONICA JEPSON  
SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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## MID-PRAIRIE CSD

### MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356 APRIL 10, 2023 - 6:15 P.M. WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

Vice President Gabrielle Frederick called the meeting to order in the absence of President Jeremy Pickard.

**Board members present:** Mary Allred, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Jeremy Pickard (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Marianne Schlabach, Jed Seward, Jake Snider.

**Board members absent:** Marianne Schlabach, Jeremy Pickard (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Brian Stone, Jeff Swartzentruber, Chuck Banks, Robin Foster, Rob Hruby, Greg Jergens, Amy Shalla, and Frank Slabaugh.

Mary Allred moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Denise Chittick. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Forum**  
A parent with students in the District talked about some issues for one of their students related to an incident riding the bus. There are concerns about how the situation is handled.

Another parent addressed the Board about a February bus driving incident with their student. Their student's teacher was pulled to go drive a school bus and left the student. She asked the Board and administrators some questions related to the incident.

#### Hawk Highlight - Georgia Relief Trip

Amy Shalla Special Education Administrator and a student who participated in the trip provided a report of the trip to Georgia during the week of March 20th to volunteer their efforts at rebuilding after the 2023 hurricane—and the tornados that the storm spawned. A student provided an update about the 15 students who went on the trip in two vans along with staff. They discussed the projects, skills learned, and impact on the people helped and on the Mid-Prairie participants. The group spent the entire week at a golf course that had significant clean up needs due insurance issues. The group spent the entire week helping to clean the golf course of debris. The group also took some time to enjoy some down time. The group relationships deepened during the week. The Board asked questions about the work completed and the relationships built.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

**Consent Items**  
Denise Chittick moved to approve the following consent items.  
**Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
The minutes of March 27, 2023;  
**Finance Report**  
The Finance Report for March 2023;  
**Payment of Bills**  
The bills as listed for April 10, 2023; Prepaid Bills;

**Open Enrollment Requests**  
Brooke Wilson requests Brittney Wilson (Grade 6), attend Mid-Prairie from Columbus Junction Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Chelsea Bell requests Jaiden Lara (Grade 8) and Jaxon Ball (Grade 1), attend Mid-Prairie from Washington Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Rachael May requests Jace May (Grade 1) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Iowa City Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Sarah Wilde requests Esther Wilde (Grade 7) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Iowa City Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

**Personnel Items**  
Contract issued to Matt Freil, MS Assistant Soccer Coach, \$1,674 per annum;

Contract issued to Kevin Cortum, MS Assistant 8th Grade Boys Track Coach, \$1,612 per season;

Contract issued to Frank Slabaugh, MS 0.5 FTE Academic Interventionist, \$31,796 per annum;

Contract issued to Taylor Weber, MS 0.5 FTE Academic Interventionist, \$27,105 per annum;

Contract issued to Marisa Bieschke, 2nd Grade Teacher, \$40,310 per annum;

Contract issued to Madigan Young, MS Art Teacher, \$45,523 per annum;

Resignation of Tyler Hotz, HS Assistant Principal and Activities Director, \$96,410 per annum; effective end of 2022-2023 School Year;

Resignation of Jill Nisly, HS Paraprofessional, \$16.50 per hour, effective end of 2022-2023 School Year;

Resignation of Angie Boyse, HS Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, \$3,013 per season, effective March 30, 2023;

Resignation of Gretchen Steffen, HS Head Dance Coach, \$2,808.15 per season, effective April 8, 2023;

Resignation of Ashley Streb, HS Assistant Dance Coach, \$1,487.76 per season, effective April 8, 2023;

Resignation of Paige Peiffer, MS Volleyball Coach, \$2,256 per annum, effective April 8, 2023;

tive April 8, 2023;  
**Volunteer Coach**  
Terra Huber, MS Girls Assistant Track Coach

Fundraising Requests - None were presented

OPN Master Planning and Design Services

Contract for Services with OPN for \$38,800 to follow up OPN selection as Architectural Firm for the Facilities Plan work.

Mary Allred seconded the consent items. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 6:30PM Public Hearing - 2023-2024 Certified Budget

Board Vice-President Frederick opened the Public Hearing on the Certified Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. No one spoke. Vice-President Frederick closed the Public Hearing at 6:33p.m.

Approve the 2023-2024 Certified Budget

Board Vice-President Frederick asked if there were any questions or further discussion.

Mary Allred moved to approve 2023-2024 Certified Budget as presented. Jed Seward seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6:40PM Public Hearing - Amend the 2022-2023 Amended Budget

Board Vice-President Frederick opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Certified Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. No one spoke.

Vice-President Frederick closed the Public Hearing at 6:41p.m.

#### Approve the 2022-2023 Certified Budget Amendment

Board Vice-President Frederick asked if there were any questions or further discussion.

Mary Allred moved to approve the 2022-2023 Certified Budget Amendment as presented. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

28E Agreements for the 2023-2024 School Year

Superintendent Stone directed the Board to the Board Document Site where the 28E Agreements for the 2023-2024 School Year. We are working to again and continue to share 6 positions with two districts. This amounts to 18 Operational Sharing student FTEs for \$137,430 of additional General Fund Revenue with 21 FTEs being the maximum in any given year. Two positions are sought for sharing at Lone Tree Schools: Special Education Director (2) and Transportation Director (4). Four positions are sought for sharing at Clear Creek Amana Schools: Buildings and Grounds (4), Human Resources (4), Curriculum Director (2), and Social Worker (2). If the Board asks the Superintendent to pursue renewal, the President will sign the six agreements and then

the signed agreements will go to the two districts.

Jed Seward moved to approve the 28E Agreements—2 to Lone Tree CSD and 4 to Clear Creek Amana CSD for the 2023-2024 School Year as presented. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Salaries for Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors and Central Office Staff for the 2023-2024 School Year

Superintendent Stone recommends a 3.2% package increase for Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors and Central Office Staff for the 2023-2024 School Year. This is consistent with the 3.2% package approval for Teachers and Support Staff passed at a March 27, 2023, School Board Meeting. He shared the documents showing the individual changes. Two principals receive an experience increase of \$2,000 in addition to the 3.2% as has been written into their contracts. HSAP Administrative Staff and Hourly Teaching Staff raises will be presented for review at the next Board Meeting. The Board asked questions about the packages and the step increases for two of the administrators.

Jed Seward moved to approve the District Administrators, and Directors wage and package increases of 3.2% for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented. Denise Chittick seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Jake Snider moved to approve the Central Office Staff wage and package increases of 3.2% for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### WORK SESSION Administrative Reports

The Board asked questions and discussed the report forms shared by each Administrator about their areas of responsibility.

The Board asked questions about the student clean up efforts last Thursday and Friday including the number of students and the properties on which the students worked. Also, there was discussion for projects that are upcoming.

Superintendent Stone shared about the Softball Lights project that it is moving along nicely. He also shared about the Wrestling Room project. We originally had \$1 million set aside for this project. Upon review by OPN, the project is estimated to be at \$1.8 million. There are not enough funds to complete the Wrestling Room in the current project. This will be brought to the Facilities Committee at Wednesday night's meeting for consideration in the Facilities Plan.

Jeremy Pickard arrived at 7:05 p.m. at the end of this agenda item.

#### ISFIS 5-Year Projection Discussion with Larry Sigel

Larry Sigel, ISFIS Executive Partner, joined the Board via Zoom Link to discuss some of the key elements of the 5-Year Projections that the District works through each year. Superintendent Stone introduced the time by noting the need for SBO Swartzentruber and Stone to continuously review the financial outcomes for the District. The COVID funding ends at the end of FY2023 and the assumptions made on expenses, student growth, and revenue growth are key as the District looks out five years. Sigel demonstrated how minor assumption changes can impact the outcomes of Unspent Authorized Balances and General Fund Balance. Staff costs are 75-80% of total General Fund Costs. This means that the balance between numbers of staff and pay to staff are key markers to watch. The State Legislature funding increases continue at historic lows in a challenging public school climate. These make the awareness of trends much more crucial in the near term. The Board discussed the various elements of the trends.

#### Board Development and Inservice Activities

Superintendent evaluation is currently set for May 15th in closed session if/as requested by the Superintendent. Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm is suggested as a fall back. Also, May 8th as part of the regular meeting is also a possibility. Gabby will send an email to the Board to confirm.

#### Announcements and Suggestions for Next Agenda

The next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: Honor the teacher retirees; and discussion of the Telephone Towers agreement initially researched by Swartzentruber and Stone

#### Board Highlights

Jed Seward appreciated hearing about the number of High School and Middle School students that participated in the tornado clean up;

Mary Allred - Appreciated the sharing done by the Student that went on the Georgia trip;

Jake Snider - Appreciated seeing the students working together from different groups, coming together during the tornado clean up days;

**Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

President, Jeremy Pickard  
Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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## LONE TREE CSD

### LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE/ ROOM 163

**1. Call to Order:** The Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District called the meeting to order by President Sladek @ 10:15 AM.

**2. Closed Session, Superintendent Interviews:**

Section 21.5(1)(i) states the Board can hold a closed session: "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

Sladek motioned to move into a closed session. Yedlik seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All AYE. Motion carried. 5-0

•The board moved into closed session @ 10:16 AM.

•Sladek declared recess @ 1:18 PM.

•The closed session reconvened @ 3:08 PM

•The Board re-entered open session @ 10:48 PM

**3. Adjourn:** Viers motioned to adjourn meeting. Yedlik seconded. All AYE. motion carried.

**Adjourned @ 10:50 PM**

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### LONE TREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE

**1. Call to Order:** The Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District called the meeting to order by President Sladek @ 8:06 AM.

**2. Roll Call:** Hotz, Viers, Yedlik (zoom), Sladek (zoom), Ogren (zoom).

**3. Closed Session, Superintendent Search Consideration:**

Section 21.5(1)(i) states the Board can hold a closed session: "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

Sladek motioned to move into a closed session. Hotz seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All AYE. Motion carried. 5-0

•The Board moved in to closed session @ 8:07 AM

•The Board re-entered open session @ 8:53 AM

**4. Adjourn:** Viers motioned to adjourn meeting. Hotz seconded the motion. All AYE. motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourned @ 8:54 AM**

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE

### March 6 - 10

Roger W Anderson, Katherine V Anderson, grantor; Darren Brown, grantee; warranty deed; W 9 FT Washington Southwest Washington Lot 1 Block 5; E 57 FT Washington Southwest Washington Lot 2 Block 5; \$26,000

Bryce Brinning, Alexandra Brinning, grantor; Kaitlyn Wintermeyer, grantee; warranty deed; N 17 FT of Fractional Washington Northeast Washington Lot 16; \$85,000

Holly Brokaw, Joran Brokaw, grantor; Matthew Lynn Day, Vanessa Clark, grantee; warranty deed; Rural Subdivisions Green Acres SD Lot 4; \$237,000

MSJ LLC, grantor; Stephen D Whisler, Catherine P Whisler, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Country Club View SD Lot OL A

Ardice A Blankenhorn Trust, Washington State Bank Trustee, grantor; Jackie I Messer, Donna D Vick, grantee; warranty deed

Benjamin J Obermann, Lauren E Obermann, grantor; Jeffrey D Vosika, Jennison I Voska, grantee; warranty deed; Part Aud Parc C in Washington Doigs SD Lot 14; \$212,500

Jill M Boileau, grantor; Lindsey E Stephenson, Cameron L Stephenson, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Homes 2nd SD Lot 1 Block 3; \$174,500

Washington County Sheriff, Bank of the West, Dennis Ortiz Ruiz, Michelle Sisco Ortiz, Michelle Ortiz Sisco, grantor; BMO Harris Bank NA, grantee; sheriff deed; Washington Ashbys Add Lot 2 Block 1

William P Monroe, grantor; William P Monroe Trustee, William P Monroe Trust, William P Monroe Property Management Trust, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Pennsylvania House Townhomes Subdivision Lot F5

Judith A Horesowsky, Kenneth Stoner, grantor; Kenneth Stoner, grantee; court officer deed; Aud Parc V, Part Richmond Original town Richmond Lot 1-4 Block 9 & Part Vacated Buchanan Street in Richmond Dawsons 2nd

### March 13 - 17

Donald L Thompson, Sandra Thompson, Don Thompson, grantor; Brenneman Family Farms LLLP, grantee; warranty deed; E 10 FT SE SE 27-77-8; SW SW 26-77-8; NE W 26-77-8; \$840,000

Teresa A Anderson, grantor; Meredith A Egli, grantee; warranty deed; Unit 5 Blue Ridge Estates in Aud Parc P & O in NWFR4 SWFR4 19-77-7 & 1/8 Interest in Common Elements; \$400,000

Douglas R Stirling, grantor; Robert Thomas Stirling, Judith K Stirling, Douglas R Stirling, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Washington Vachas SD Lot 9

Martha E Miller, Harlan Miller, grantor; Leslie W Miller, Marie A Miller, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc E in Kalona 77-7-08 NW SW; \$73,000

Aaron Fisher, Aaron A Fisher, grantor; Aaron Fisher Revocable Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Timber Ridge SD I Lot 34

Charlotte Elizabeth Lord, Sherry R Lord, grantor; DMZ Farms Inc, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 1 in Aud SD SE SW 28-75-6; E2 NW 33-75-6; Lot 2 in Aud SD NE 33-75-6; \$1,500,000

Lisa A TeBockhorst, grantor; Larry R TeBockhorst, grantee; quit claim deed; Aud Parc H Cont 2 Acres in SW NW 31-77-7

Allen Miksch, grantor; Georgia Miksch, Lloyd Miksch, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; commencing 626.6 FT North of SE Corner of SW 02-74-7 Thence SW 250 FT

Georgia Miksch, Allen Miksch Agent, grantor; Allen Miksch, grantee; warranty deed; Commencing 626.6 FT North of SE Corner of SW 02-74-7 thence SW 250 FT

Craig Jones, Holly Jones, grantor; Megan Bell, Olivia D Bell, grantee; warranty deed; Washington Foss SD Lot 12; E 25 FT Washington Foss SD Lot 11 & W2 Aband RR Row

Roberta M Duwa, Philip R Duwa, Martha J Duwa, grantor; Philip R Duwa, Martha J Duwa, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc S-1, Cont 2.97 Acres I SE4 NWFR4 30-77-7

Jessie F Albright Estate, Kristina Daiziel Executor, Katie A Mitchell Attorney, grantor; Terry A Albright Terry Allen Albright Martha J Albright, Martha Jane Albright, grantee; forfeit contract; Washington MM Youngs 2nd Add Lot 3 Block 6

Sarah T Robison, Sarah Robison, grantor; Lawrence W Robison Revocable Living Trust, Sarah T Robison Revocable Living Trust, grantee; quit claim deed; Part Brighton OL NE Brighton Lot OL 11

Sarah T Robison Trustee, Lawrence W Robison Revocable Living Trust, Sarah T Robison Revocable Living Trust, grantor; Allison Phillips, David Phillips, grantee; warranty deed; Part Brighton OL NE Brighton Lot OL 11-12 Brighton OL NE Brighton Lot OL 10; \$152,000

Kelly Obrien, grantor; Kevin R Vest, grantee; quit claim deed; Comma at a Point 160 FT S of NW Corn Washington AW Chilcotes OL Add Lot OL2 Thence S 50 FT, Thence E, N & W

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## CITY OF WELLMAN

### SECTION 001113

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING OF BIDS FOR THE WELLMAN-SCOFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATIONS, City of Wellman, hereafter referred to as the Owner.

Notice is hereby given that the Owner, 316 8th Ave, PO Box 129, Wellman, Iowa invites contractors to submit bids for this project and that a public hearing will be held on the on the project.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of renovations and expansion of approximately 5,240 square feet of the Wellman-Scofield Public Library. Work consists of select interior demolition of existing interior framing, mechanical, plumbing, electrical systems, and finishes. Select exterior demolition including windows, doors, canopies, and concrete sidewalk/stairs. New exterior work consists of new aluminum windows, exterior concrete sidewalks, exterior soffits, fascia, and wood decking. New interior work consists of wood framing, gyp. board, concrete block framing, acoustical ceilings, carpeting and LVT flooring, casework, hollow metal windows, wood doors and hollow metal frames, painting, new mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.

**Bid Type:** One lump sum contract will be awarded at the appointed time and place.

**Pre-Bid Conference:** A pre-bid meeting for all Contractors, Subcontractors and suppliers will be held at the Wellman-Scofield Public Library located at 711 4th Street, Wellman, Iowa at on April 19, 2023 at 3:00 pm local time.

**Project Access:** The building is available anytime the library is open and by making arrangements with staff 24 hours prior to desired inspection time.

**Documents:** Plans and specifications governing construction of the proposed project have been prepared by Martin Gardner Architecture PC., Marion, Iowa as Architect. All materials and procedures shall be in strict accordance with said plans and specifications referred to and defining said proposed improvements and are hereby made a part of this Advertisement and of the proposed contract by reference, and that the contract shall be executed in compliance therewith.

**Document Availability:** Plans and specifications and proposed contract documents may be examined at the offices of the Architect, and other locations as outlined in the Construction Documents. Copies of the plans and specifications, form of contract and bid form may be obtained from Rapids Reproductions, 6015 Huntington Court NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, (319) 364-2473. You may also access and request plans by visiting their online Plan Room on their website at www.RapidsRepro.com. Rapids Reproductions will issue plans to all Contractors. A maximum of two sets of Construction Documents will be provided to each General Contractor upon delivery of a \$250 per set refundable deposit made payable to the Architect but delivered to Rapids Reproductions Cedar Rapids office. All other Subcon-

tractors and Suppliers may obtain one set of Construction Documents upon delivery of a \$250 per set refundable deposit made payable to the Architect but delivered to Rapids Reproductions Cedar Rapids office. A link to the drawings and specifications are also available at the architect's website www.MartinGardnerArch.com. Plans and specifications to be viewed are in Adobe .pdf format and may be downloaded and printed. Be aware that no warranty as to the compatibility of your computer software or hardware with the files provided is made. Variations between the printed files provided above by the Architect and these electronic files may exist. In the event that a conflict does exist, the printed documents issued by the Architect will take precedence over the downloaded files.

**Bid Forms:** All bids shall be on the forms provided in the specifications for project. The provided forms of proposal shall be submitted at the time required for bids.

**Bid Security:** Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or credit union certified share draft, in a separate sealed envelope in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. If bid bond is submitted, it must be on an approved AIA bid bond form. The certified check or cashier's check shall be drawn on a bank in Iowa or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America; certified share draft shall be drawn on a credit union chartered under the laws of the United States. Bid security should be made payable to the Owner as security that if awarded a contract the bidder will enter into a contract at the prices bid and furnish the required Contractor's Bonds, Certificate of Insurance, and other materials as may be required in the contract documents. The certified check, cashier's check, or the Bid Bond forfeited, and the proceeds retained as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute a contract and file acceptable Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after the acceptance of the proposal by the Owner. No bidder may withdraw a proposal within thirty (30) days after the date set for opening bids.

**Project Bonding:** The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Contractor's Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond on an approved AIA form in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. The bonds are to be issued by responsible surety, approved by the Owner, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment for and of all materials and protect and save harmless the Owner from all claims and damages of any kind caused by the operation of the Contractor, and shall guarantee the work contracted for a period of one (1) year from the date of final acceptance of the improvements by the Owner.

**Sales Tax:** The said project is a tax exempt project. The Owner will issue exemption certificates from the Iowa Department of Revenue, as specified in the 701 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 19, Rule 19.12. These certificates shall

be used by the successful bidder when purchasing materials or the completion of the project.

**Bid Filing:** All bids must be filed at City Hall to the City Clerk so that they are properly time stamped and received if delivered prior to the bid date/time, located at 316 8th Ave, Wellman, Iowa 52356, on or before 3:00 pm local time, May 3, 2023. Bids received at the time of bid can be given to staff at time of bid opening. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

**Bid Opening:** Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after specified closing time.

**Notice of Public Hearing:** Notice is hereby given that the Wellman City Council will meet in the Council Chambers located in City Hal at 316 8th Ave, Wellman, Iowa 52356 on May 15 at 5:30 pm local time at which time and place a hearing will be held on the proposed drawing, specifications, budget, and form of contract for the Wellman-Scofield Public Library Renovations. Any interested party may appear to be heard. At the said time and place, the City Council will also receive and consider BIDS for said construction that were previously opened at the time and place noted below.

**Award of Contract:** Notice is hereby given that the Owner will meet at the location and time designated above at which time and place the Owner will consider bids for said construction.

**Progress Payments:** Payment to the Contractor will be made in monthly estimates and one final payment. Monthly estimates will be equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed during the preceding calendar month. Such payments will in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any of the work partially or totally completed.

**Final Payment:** Final payment to Contractor will be made no earlier than forty-five (45) days from and after final acceptance of work by the Owner, subject to the contract conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 26 and 573.

**Project Construction Schedule:** The work under the contract shall commence on or before the date specified in the written 'Notice of Proceed' or if lieu of the notice to proceed, the execution of the contract for construction and shall be Substantially Completed on or before date stated on bid form and fully completed and ready for acceptance no later than 30 day after.

**Iowa Preference:** By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor.

The Owner hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

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Ryan Miller Mayor

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## IOWA VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE

Home Base Iowa, America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa, and the Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship at Iowa State University are proud to announce the upcoming Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference on June 2, 2023. The conference will be held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames Friday, June 2.

A welcome reception on the evening of June 1 will be held at the ISU Research Park Core Facility. The conference is open to Veterans, military personnel, their families and business partners, and community members who support Veteran entrepreneurs and business owners and will focus on the unique challenges and opportunities for veteran entrepreneurs in Iowa. The conference is for attendees who have their own business but also for those considering an entrepreneurial venture and want to learn.

The Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference offers education, resources, and networking opportunities to Iowa's veteran community. The conference will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and a business pitch workshop.

Business partners are invited to exhibit at the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from successful veteran entrepreneurs, learn

from industry experts and connect with other veterans.

New in 2023, attendees of the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference are invited to participate in a pitch competition to be held during the conference. A pitch workshop will be held on June 1, prior to the opening night reception, for those who may want assistance crafting their pitch.

"This event provides a great opportunity to bring together Veterans, military personnel, and their families and business partners to connect with entrepreneurial experts and resource providers for a day of learning, networking, and inspiration," shared Jathan Chicoine of Home Base Iowa, one of the conference co-hosts.

Organizations or companies serving veterans that are interested in sponsoring the conference, want to book an exhibitor table or sponsor registration costs for attendees of limited means may visit the conference website for information.

Registration for the Iowa Veterans Entrepreneurship Conference is available at <https://www.isupjcenter.org/event/iowa-veterans-entrepreneurship-conference/> or by contacting Jean Walsh, Iowa State Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, 515-294-2776 or [info@isupjcenter.org](mailto:info@isupjcenter.org).

## 10TH ANNUAL GREAT IOWA RIVER RACE

Calling all river enthusiasts to paddle in the 11th Annual Great Iowa River Race! Recreational and competitive paddlers alike are invited to participate and may choose from numerous canoe, kayak, and paddleboard divisions. The event will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. Paddlers will start the race at Sturgis Ferry Park in Iowa City and will cross the finish line nine miles downriver at the Hills Campground in Hills.

Race day check-in will open at 8:00 a.m. at Sturgis Ferry Park. Following the race, lunch will be served for race participants at the Hills Campground finish point. Free transportation will be provided to ferry participants back to the start. Safety is the biggest consideration; the race will be dependent on safe weather conditions and water levels.

The entry fee is \$40; there is no day-of registration and all

registration closes on June 7. Those who register by May 14 are guaranteed a commemorative race t-shirt. Canoe and kayak rentals are available for \$10 while supplies last. To register go to: <https://paddleguru.com/races/GreatIowaRiverRace2023>

Contact JCC Naturalist Frances Owen at 319-645-1011 or at [fowen@johnsoncountyiowa.gov](mailto:fowen@johnsoncountyiowa.gov) for more information.

This event is hosted by the Johnson County Conservation Board, in partnership with the City of Iowa City, the City of Coralville, the City of North Liberty, and Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development.

For those interested in signing on as a race sponsor, contact Brad Freidhof at [bfreidhof@johnsoncountyiowa.gov](mailto:bfreidhof@johnsoncountyiowa.gov). All proceeds from the race go towards the expansion of the Johnson County Conservation Environmental Education program.

## CITY OF KALONA

### ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 348

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KALONA, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 99.02, IN REGARDS TO SEWER RATES AND CHAPTER 92.02 IN REGARDS TO WATER RATES

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Kalona, Iowa, as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Kalona, Iowa, is hereby amended by repealing Chapter 99, Section 02, and Chapter 92, Section 02, regarding sewer and water rates and service, and adopting the following in lieu thereof:

"92.02 RATES AND SERVICE. Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates with the City:

The minimum charge per month shall be \$14.50 per customer. In addition thereto, each consumer shall pay a

user charge of \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

99.02 RATES AND SERVICE. Sewer service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

The minimum charge per month shall be \$13.50 per customer. In addition thereto, each consumer shall pay a user charge of 3.09 per 1,000 gallons of water used."

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any sections, provisions, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect upon its fi-

nal passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalona, Iowa, on the 3 day of April 2023.

MARK ROBE, Mayor

ATTEST:  
SARAH CHMELAR, City Clerk

It was moved by G Schmidt and seconded by J Schmidt, that the foregoing ordinance be adopted, and upon roll call vote there were:

1ST CONSIDERATION: March 20, 2023 - YES: 5 NO: 0

2ND CONSIDERATION: April 3, 2023 - Waived and moved to 3rd and final reading.

3RD CONSIDERATION: April 3, 2023 - YES: 5 NO: 0

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE KALONA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustments of the City of Kalona, Iowa will conduct a public hearing on Thursday April 27th, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers in the Kalona Community Center, Kalona, Iowa.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a variance application submitted by The City of Kalona as owner. The

city is seeking a variance on setbacks on two non-conforming lots for the purpose of constructing a student built two-family home structure.

The description of the proposed area of change is:

313 C Avenue - 02 16 OPE 40 FT OF S 57 FT

Assessor's Parcel ID #: 03-07-379-017

315 C Avenue - 01 16 OP S1/2  
Assessor's Parcel ID #: 03-07-379-015

All persons interested in this application may appear at said hearing and present evidence for or against the application for approval of the variance.

Dated at Kalona, Iowa, this 18th day of April 2023.

Ryan Schlaubaugh  
Kalona City Administrator

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## KCTC Annual Notice

### STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company, (Kalona, IA) is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended. In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

The person responsible for coordinating Kalona Cooperative Technology Company's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Casey Peck, General Manager. An individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Stop 1510, 14000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1510; or the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

### COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

If Kalona Co-operative Technology Company does not resolve your complaint, the service may be subject to state regulation. You may contact the Utilities Division, Department of Commerce, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, and (877) 565-4450.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Kalona Co-operative Technology Company will be held at the KCTC Meeting Room, 514 B Avenue, Kalona, Iowa on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. local time for the following purposes: (i) to elect two (2) directors to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors; and (ii) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The record date for the determination of Members entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof has been set as the close of business on March 20, 2023.

All Members are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in accordance with Kalona Co-operative Technology Company's Bylaws, the election of directors will be conducted. All Members as of March 15, 2023 have been given notice of the Annual Meeting and voting. In order for a Member's vote to be counted, the completed ballot must be received by Kalona Co-operative Technology Company by mail, digitally, or personal delivery by no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 20, 2023. The election of directors will be conducted by ballot, and Members will not vote for director nominees in person at the Annual Meeting.

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**Thank You Notes**

The family of Ruby E. Miller wishes to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness that were shown during her passing. May God Richly Bless you all.

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WELLMAN MAY 5-6  
RIVERSIDE MAY 12-13  
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