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# **PACKAGING SMILES**

Warner Fick recognized for his contribution of school kits to Lutheran World Relief

BY TJ RHODES

The News KALONA

Pens and pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, and an eraser, all snugged into a drawstring knapsack. Thousands of them. All for a good cause.

Packaging these school kits for the less fortunate is Warner Fick, dual resident of Kalona and Mankato, Minnesota. Fick donates roughly 5,000 kits each year to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The kits go to the poorest countries around the globe, bettering a child's learning experience.

Fick will be honored for his efforts on May 21 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato, where he began this journey. What most excites Fick about the ceremony is the opportunity to teach people the enjoyment and power of char-

Fick was born and raised in Iowa. He moved to Mankato when he was a young man. He then became a dual resident about ten years ago, spending two weeks here and two weeks there. Now, he tends to spend more time in Kalona with his son. It does not matter where Fick is, he will be seen putting together the school kits.

'To put a kit together is



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Warner Fick in his workstation at his home in Kalona, where most of the magic happens.

pretty random, routine, monotonous. You have to think about that every time you put a kit together, you're giving someone somewhere that you will never meet an opportunity to excel in the classroom," Fick said. "This is kind of like third grade stuff, but it's what the kit represents. [The] beauty of kids getting excited to go to school [is] the awesome part."

Fick learned of the program at church and started putting together kits about 13 years ago. What started small scale has blossomed into a massive undertaking.

"I was determined, [maybe] I can help out and pick up a few school supplies for a student or two," Fick said. "It became apparent to me that if I bought for

one student, I'd have enough

left over for another half-bag, and so it'd be a lot easier to buy for maybe ten students."

Year by year the hobby grew, and Fick started to stockpile school supplies at the start of each school year, budgeting for the increased cost of supplies to make sure he had ample amounts to keep production going. Almost all of the supplies that Fick uses he supplies himself.

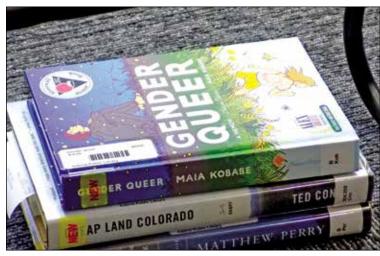
LWR makes all of this possible for Fick. LWR began after World War II to help European countries affected by the war. Now, they're a non-profit working with various other non-profits around the globe to help countries in need. More than school kits can be donated to LWR; between 2021 and 2022, their largest export was actually quilts, a whopping 342,717. School kits were their second largest export at 194,740 to 19 different countries.

LWR's charitable equate to roughly \$10 million a year, but in association with other non-profits, it could be closer to \$130 million, according to Fick.

Charity is the name of the game. Fick sends two separate shipments to the LWR facility in St. Paul, Minnesota, a year.

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# **Controversial book** survives challenge



CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS

The book in question, stacked under a chair at the Board of Trustee's meeting on May 9.

BY CHERYL ALLEN The News

KALONA

The book divided the community, but it will remain shelved in the adult non-fiction section of the Kalona Public Library.

In a 5-2 vote Tuesday, May 9, the Board of Trustees determined "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe does not violate the library's policies and therefore will remain in the collec-

Late February the library received a formal "request for reconsideration" from a patron, requesting that the book be withdrawn from circulation. The board noted the request at their March meeting and took a month to familiarize themselves with the book.

Consideration of the request landed on the agenda for their April meeting, but a lastminute flurry of additional reconsideration requests for the same book caused the board to delay their decision. A 2-hour work session later that month

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Gov. Kim Reynolds signed HF 424 into law at Washington County Hospital & Clinics on May 10.

# Gov. Reynolds signs PA bill into law at Washington County Hospital

BY CHERYL ALLEN The News

WASHINGTON

"Washington County Hospital and Clinics is really a model of the kind of high-quality rural health care that every Iowa county needs and deserves. With that in mind, its really hard to imagine a better place for us to sign House File 424," Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds said Wednesday

before the crowd gathered at WCHC to witness her sign the bill into law.

HF 424, often referred to as the PA bill, is "An act providing for the collaborative practice of physician assistants by allowing for the practice of certain physician assistants without supervision by a physician."

Until now, state law required physician assistants to have a supervisory relationship with a specific physician in order to practice. However, this was thought to be a barrier to employment, especially in rural communities.

"PAs are capable and welltrained medical professionals who should be given every encouragement to serve Iowa communities," Gov. Reynolds said in her address. "By elimi-

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# AROUND TOWN

# **Pleasantview Yard Sale**

Pleasantview will host a yard sale on Friday, May 19 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 from 7 a.m. to noon on the front lawn by the main entrance, 811 3rd Street, Kalona. Appliances and furniture will be for sale, and independent living townhouses will hold sales as well. Stop by the new Friendship Center for a

# Kalona & Mennonite Golf Benefit

The Kalona and Mennonite Historical Societies will hold their Golf Benefit on Friday, May 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Kalona Golf Course, 1376 IA-1, Kalona. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy at 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com.

# Hillcrest FFA Plant & Eggs Sale

The Hillcrest FFA will be holding a spring plant sale through the end of May. The sale will include tomatoes (Celebrity), bell pepper (Ace) and jalapenos (Jalafuego). Plants are \$1 each or 4/\$3. The FFA is also selling eggs produced by our chickens living in the Hillcrest Orchard \$4/dozen. Contact Mike Severino-Patterson at mpatterson@hillcrestravens.org or an FFA member if interested in plants and/or eggs.

#### Kalona Parkinson's **Disease Support Group**

The Kalona Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Monday, May 22 from 4:30 -5:30 p.m. in the Velma Skola Conference Room at the Kalona Public Library. Call 319-656-5347 with questions or comments.

# **Senior Women Rotary Luncheon**

Senior women of the Kalona community are invited to the free Kalona Rotary Club Senior Women's luncheon at the Kalona United Methodist Fellowship Hall at noon Tuesday, May 23. All women aged 65 and older are invited to attend this free luncheon. Special music will be performed by Mid-Prairie High School choir groups.

# **Faith Builders Chorale**

"Waitin' on You," a program of spirtituals, world music, gospel songs, and hymn arrangements, will be presented by the Faith Builders Chorale at Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

# **Lone Tree Alumni Banquet**

The annual Lone Tree High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 5 p.m. at the Lone Tree American Legion. Dinner at 6 p.m. provided by Mincer Country Catering; \$20 per person. RSVP and payment due May 9. Honored graduating classes recognized this year: 1953 and earlier; 1963; 1973; 1983; 1998; and newest class 2023.

# **Hillcrest Academy Graduation Activities**

The 76th Hillcrest Academy Graduation Activities will take place on May 27 and 28 in Celebration Hall. Baccalaureate will be held on Saturday evening, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. with Elmer Miller, pastor of Upper Deer Creek and great-uncle of senior Grant Bender, as the speaker. Commencement will be Sunday evening, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. with Commencement speaker Jeff Gingerich '86, President of St. Bonaventure University (NY).

# **Kalona Optimist Club**

The Kalona Optimist Club will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. in the LOFT/Kalona YMCA. \$10 catered meal; guests and prospective members welcome. Ryan Merck, program

# **Memorial Day: Lone Tree**

On Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), the

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### **OBITUARIES**

## Sarah Miller

1928 - 2023

Sarah Miller was born Thursday, Feb. 16, 1928, in Sherwood, Ohio, the daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Beachy) Yoder. Sarah was united in marriage to Chester (Chet) A. Miller on Feb. 29, 1948, at Fairview Mennonite Church in rural Kalona. Sarah passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Pleasantview Home in Kalona at the age of 95.

Sarah was a faithful member of the Sunnyside Mennonite Church. She was active in Vacation Bible School, taught Sunday School, served several terms as Youth Sponsor with Chester, and served on church committees. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and baking. She loved bird watching, mowing her lawn and sporting events (especially her grandchildrens).

She is survived by two daughters: Muriel Nisly of Kalona and Lois (Richard) Rhodes of Harrisonburg, Virginia; two daughters-in-law: Sherri(Todd)Miller-Thompson of Iowa City and Ginger Miller of White, Georgia; a brother:



Isaac (Ike) Yoder Bradenton, Florida; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She is

preceded in death by her husband: Chester (Chet) A. Miller; her parents; sons: Lowell and Rodney; sonin-law: Wendell Nisly; three brothers: Ben J., Jonas Jr. and Roman; and four sisters: Fannie Bontrager, Martha Mullet, Velma Yoder and Esther Dela-

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Kalona. Burial followed the service at Sharon Hill Cemetery in Kalona. A memorial fund had been established for Sunnyside Mennonite Church and Hillcrest Academy. Messages may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com

Funeral Yoder-Powell Home is caring for Sarah and her family.

# William "Bill" David Meyer

1938 - 2023

William "Bill" David Mever, 85, of Wellman, died Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Parkview Manor in Wellman.

Private family graveside services will be held Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends and celebrate Bill's life from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at the Holy Trinity Parish Life Center. Memorials have been established for Iowa City Hospice or Hospice of Washington County. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for the family at www.jonesfh.

Bill was born Jan. 20, 1938, in Wayland, the son of Orval J. and Valentina "Bernadine" (Koening) Meyer. He attended school at Holy Trinity Catholic School, Kalona High School and the University of Iowa. Bill was united in marriage to Marla Jean Gerot on March 10,

Bill was a life long farmer in Washington County. He also worked at Skelly Gas Station, with Joe Gatto for deliveries of Iowa.



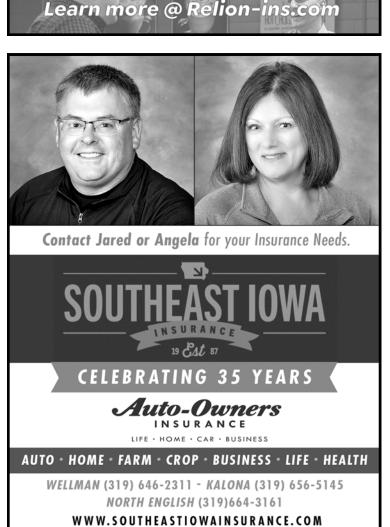
is survived by his wife: Marla Meyer of Wellman; son: Daniel (Audrey) Meyer Walford, Iowa; daugh-

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ter: Dina McFarland (Robert Pierce) of Riverside; five grandchildren: Amber McFarland (Gavino Rocha) of West Liberty, Samantha Meyer of Davenport, Tyler McFarland of Riverside, Stephanie Meyer (TJ Edmunds) of Cedar Rapids, and Breanna McFarland (Kirby Bender) of Rock Island, Illinois; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Kathleen Ordway of Rockford, Illinois, Jane (Curt) Goke of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Lois (Eric) Dalton of Rixeyville, Virginia, and Mary (Bill) Trupiano of Battle Creek, Michigan; brother: (Chervl) Mever of Waterloo: and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law: Kevin McFarland; sister: Elaine Kos; brothers-in-law: Larry

# and worked at the University Jirsa, Joseph Kos and Denny Ordway. Auto • Home • Business • Life Health • Medicare Supplement Plans Christian Swartzentruber Your Local Risk Advisor christian@relion-ins.com (319) 656-2262 • 514 B Ave. Kalona, IA



# Lovina enjoys birthdays and fun with family

Today-May 10-is grandson Isaiah's (Ervin and Susan) 5th birthday. It would also have been my sister Susan's 47th birthday if she was still here. We miss her! Rest in peace, dear sister.

May 11 is son-in-law Ervin's birthday. He will be 29. Happy birthday to Ervin and Isaiah! Our family night will be held at Ervin and Susan's house on Friday night, so the birthdays will be celebrated then. Also, happy 21st birthday to nephew

Last week we washed walls. ceilings, and windows at niece Elizabeth's house. It was a fun work day to spend with sisters, nieces, daughters, and grandchildren. Elizabeth and Manuel moved into our church district last year and are neighbors with niece Emma and Menno.

Church services will be held at Manuel and Elizabeth's on Sunday, Lord willing. Son Joseph, 20, and daughter Lovina (almost 19) will start classes for baptism on Sunday. What great joy it brings to parents when their children want to accept Jesus as their Savior and join the church. It takes many prayers raising children. Without God's help I would be so lost at times. I am thankful for all my children and appreciate their respect. Our family experienced losing close loved ones, and that makes us appreciate each other so much more.

Today sister Emma and I have plans to go spend the day with sister Verena. It is sister Susan's birthday, so it isn't the easiest day for Verena. It is over two years since she passed away. We will eat breakfast to-

L**®VINA** EICHER'S AMISH KITCHEN

gether. I want to write this column before I go.

Last night, son Joseph took our mower to sister Verena's house and mowed her grass for the first time this year. It was in need to be mowed. Now hopefully tonight one of the boys can mow ours.

Sunday, our children came home for lunch. It was such a nice day! On the menu was grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans (with cheese sauce and bacon), grilled asparagus, cottage cheese, Colby cheese, pickles, hot peppers, cookies, cinnamon rolls, and ice cream. The children enjoyed playing outside while us adults sat out on the front porch enjoying the

I thought it was funny when granddaughter Allison (Tim and Elizabeth), 3, wanted to start eating and she said, "Mom, come peel my chicken." We laughed that she thought when Elizabeth pulls her chicken into smaller pieces, she's peeling it.

Daughter Loretta said that Denzel, 10 months, discovered how to go into the bathroom and unroll a whole roll of toilet tissue. The fun has begun! Haha! He crawls all over the place and can go behind the couch and recliners and hide from Loretta. I'm sure before long he will be trying to climb on everything.

Granddaughter Andrea was a year old on February 14, and she loves cleaning out cabinets. When she was here one day, she discovered the cabinet with my Tupperware. When I asked for the container and said thank you, she thought she needed to go back and get more. She would come walking with a Tupperware container saying, "Thank You." So precious!

Sunday will be Mother's Day, so niece Elizabeth and Manuel will serve rhubarb and peanut butter pies with lunch. I will make six rhubarb custard pies to help out.

I wish all you mothers a great day! May you get time to spend the day with your children.

God's blessings to all! I will share my rhubarb custard pie recipe this week.

#### **Rhubarb Custard Pie**

- 1 1/2 cups rhubarb, diced 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 cup cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 (9-inch) pie shell, unbaked

Place rhubarb in the unbaked pie shell. In a bowl, combine sugar, flour, cream, and eggs and beat well. Pour over the rhubarb and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until set.

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

## KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

On May 22nd the library will begin sign-ups for the childrens, teen, and adult Summer Reading Programs! Sign-ups are available both online or in

Join us for Scrabble Club on Wednesdays at 2:30!

Adult Fiction: "Things I Wish I Told My Mother" by Susan Patterson; "The Twyford Code" by Janice Hallett; "Mother of the Bride (Lucy Stone 29)" by Leslie Meier; "The House is on Fire" by Rachel Beanland

New Adult Non-Fiction:

"The Wisdom of the Bullfrog: Leadership Made Simple (But Not Easy)" by William H. McRaven; "LeBron" by Jeff Benedict

New Adult Media: "Dead Man's Walk: Lonesome Dove"; "Frank Capra's Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"; "Mirror Mirror'

New Easy Readers: "Fancy Nancy Pajama Party" by Barbara O'Connor

Junior Fiction: New "Bravelands: Curse of the Sandtongue #3" by Erin Hunter; "Miss Banks Pulls Pranks"

by Dan Gutman; "Night of the Bats!" by Nick Eliopulos

New Easy Books: "If You Laugh I'm Starting This Book Over" by Chris Harris; "Pip and Zip" by Elana Arnold; 'Where Did My Giggle Go?" by Max Lucado

Juvenile Media: "Barbie: It Takes Two"

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

# **SENIOR DINING MENUS MAY 18-25**

# **Goodwin Senior Dining**

Thursday - Turkey casserole, toss salad, applesauce, blond brownie

Friday - BBQ rib patty, crispy cube potatoes, kidney bean salad, 5 cup fruit salad

Monday - Macaroni pizza casserole,

chopped salad, banana, ice cream Tuesday - Chili soup, cheese salad sand-

wich, Jell-O with fruit Wednesday - Ham balls, cheesy potatoes,

toss salad, bishops pie

Thursday - Baked chicken, sweet notatoes. hot vegetable, watermelon

Call before 9 a.m., 319-646-2711. Cost for

# **Lone Tree Senior Dining**

applesauce, cie cram

Thursday - Tuna salad sandwich, pea sal-

Friday - Tater tot casserole, mixed veggies,

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Featuring breakfast

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beans, pineapple

toes, fruit cocktail, cookies

Wednesday - Salisbury steak, creamy garlic

Monday - Smothered chicken, cheesy pota-

Tuesday - Brats & sauerkraut, Hawaiian

potatoes, green beans, peaches, dessert

Thursday - Ham 7 noodle casserole, carrots, pears

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

# **IDRIS CLUB**

Idris Club met May 9 at the home of Pam Kral. After touring her garden, she served us a delicious lunch. President Anna Hochstetler opened the meeting with the Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance. A donation to the streetscape project at the Kalona Historical Village was made. This is our last meeting until September. Those in attendance were Esther Gingerich, Doris Greiner, Anna Hochstetler, Ruth Hershberger, Pam Kral, Brenda Miller, Karen Plank, Denise Ropp, Joyce Ropp, Vicky Ropp, Mary Jo Smith, and Marlene Yoder



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Saturday	5:44 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Sunday	5:43 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Monday	5:42 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Tuesday	5:41 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Wednesday	5:40 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
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New May 19	







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# Fishing forecast

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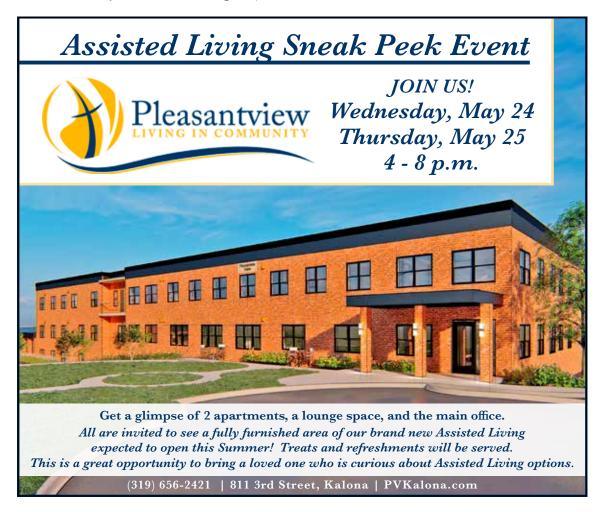
RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

The Kalona Farmers Market was off to a good start despite threatening weather Saturday, May 13. This is the first time downtown streets were closed for the event. The farmers market will be held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month through September.



ANNA KAHN/THE NEWS

Buon Provenchal, which offers Spanish Carribean fare, was a new booth in Kalona this year. They were serving homemade beef empanadas, tostones (fried plantains), rice, and pork.





# MID-PRAIRIE STUDENTS

RON SLECHTA

VICE PRESIDENT

319-400-7072



Noah Coblentz 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Son of Tyler & Rosanna Coblentz

Noah is respectful and kind to all students as well as staff. He goes out of his way to help other students and is willing to work with all of his peers.

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Kenley Jeffries 6th grade

CARL POE

PRESIDENT

641-670-0404

Kenley brings a positive attitude to class each day and goes out of her way to help her peers. She comes to class prepared and participates often. She always makes it a point to include all students! She truly represents what it means to BE KIND.



Connor Carter 7th grade

Son of Todd & Dee Carter

Conner invests in his work and is respectful of classmates and teachers. He is kind and friendly to all. Way to show your MPMS Pride!

**BOB MILLER** 

TREASURER

319-936-0828



Mason Miller 8<sup>th</sup> grade Son of Caleb

& Britt Wilson

Mason is a great participant in class. He always raises his hand, joins in on conversation and is willing to work with everyone in the room. He always has his work done on time and is respectful inside and outside of the classroom.



Mrs. DiGiorgio was nominated as staff member of the month because of the kindness and patience she shows to all students that enter the band room. She's supportive, encouraging, and makes band exciting and fun. As stated by a student, "Ms. D 'has made my middle school experience 100x better!"

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### **Transitioning America**

It made the news, front page, 'Kalona Public Library board of trustees voted 5-2 to keep "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe on the shelves despite public pressure.'

Some complained the book was pro-LGBTQ with illustrations of sex and nudity, pornography. Others said it was enlightening and "I missed all the obscenity, nothing struck

With an 'outbreak' of kids wanting to change their gender (transition), our country/culture is also transitioning.

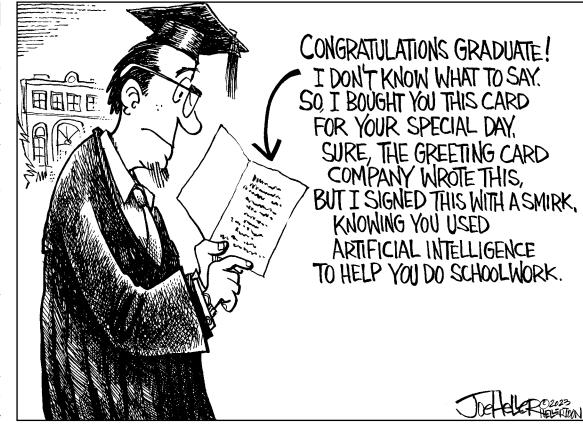
Forget the warning from Founding Father and Second President John Adams, "Our Constitution was made ONLY for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

While one might get in trouble for a sexual comment at work, a drag queen can teach a 3-year-old at a day care. Our elite 'woke' Navy uses drag queen Harpy Daniels as a digital ambassador for recruiting. By now you might find a doctor to help a child identify as a pirate by cutting off a leg, an arm and gouging out an eye, then fitting the child with a peg, a hook and an eye patch.

Appearance as LGBTQ is here to stay, and pedophiles are making their move for protection and inclusion. California has already softened the requirement for the sex offender registry.

When you approve of coloring outside the lines, there are no boundaries.

> **Leland Graber** Wayland



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# Pressroom issues led to production challenges with The News

The News is printed by Trico Printing in Davenport, which has more than one press: unfortunately, the pressman for the press that The News is normally printed on has been off due to an illness. That means that The News has to be printed on another press that has different specifications.

Last week our graduation section was sent to press early before the pressman became ill, and it was printed in the usual manner. However, the rest of the issue printed Tuesday on the press normally used for the printing the Quad City Times. You may have noticed that the sections printed differently than you are used to.

This week's issue was restricted to two 14-page sections. In order to get in all the news, feature, and sports stories submitted by our editors and reporters, the special section recognizing area Emergency Medical Service (EMS) volunteers had to be postponed until next week. We apologize for that delay, but we had to do that or many important stories both in news and sports sections would have been left out.



Ron Slechta Observations

#### Free Extra **Graduations Sections**

The News has a couple hundred extra copies of the graduation section with color photos of all seniors from Mid-Prairie, Mid-Prairie Home School, Hillcrest Academy, Highland, Pathway and Lone Tree. This is the first time The News has printed photos of all graduates

Anyone wishing to have a copy of that section is welcome to a free copy while they last. Some of the schools have asked for a few copies of the special sections.

#### **Omelet breakfast** a success

The Kalona Rotary Club's Omelet Breakfast May 13 had some 230 attend and donate to help fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which the Kalona Public Library Foundation has part-through September.

nered with to send a book a month to children under age 5 living within Kalona zip code 52247. The KPL Foundation is the first in Washington County to participate in this project.

#### **Farmers market kicks off**

The Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce launched its newly-formatted farmers market May 13. Despite threatening weather, the farmers market was off to a good start with strong participation and attendance. Chamber director Tonia Poole says the number of registered vendors will increase as the season progress-

This year the market is staged on 5th Street between C Avenue and the alley behind Tuscan Moon and Yotty's Hardware. This allows vendors to be in a more condensed location, allowing shoppers easier navigation between vendors.

The Chamber's Farmers Market Committee should be complimented for trying something different. The markets will be held the 2nd and the 4th Saturday of each month

# Biden's Border Blind Eye

While the end of the COV-ID-19 national emergency was long overdue, the Biden administration refuses to acknowledge the domino effect caused by lifting the order issued under Title 42 which authorized immigration officials to block illegal immigrants from entering our country due to the potential health threat.

And instead of taking responsibility for their actions or lack thereof - Secretary Mayorkas is pointing the finger to anyone but himself and blaming Congress.

Since Title 42 was invoked in March 2020, the authority has been used 2.7 million times, including 1.5 million times in iust the last 18 months. Of the 2.3 million border encounters in fiscal year 2022, more than 40 percent were processed under Title 42. This was the last line of defense for our Border Patrol agents, and now they have even fewer to mitigate an open border.

Republicans have solutions, but Democrats and President Biden have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear.

My BUILD IT Act would allow states to finish the border wall using already purchased materials. The estimated value of the existing materials range, but roughly one-quarter of a billion dollars is collecting dust on our Southern border – I say we put the materials to good use, and finish the wall!

In addition, Republicans have long advocated for a return of the Remain in Mexico policy. Implemented under the



Joni Ernst U.S. Senator

Trump administration, the Remain in Mexico policy would require migrants claiming asylum to remain in Mexico until their court date in the United States. Completely commonsense.

The Biden administration should also immediately end their dangerous "catch-andrelease" policies. I've been working with Senator Grassley to close a loophole that allows immigration authorities to release illegal immigrants back into the U.S. if they have not been accepted for deportation to other countries after being detained for six months. The "catch-and-release" loophole has allowed dangerous criminals to blatantly skirt our justice system, making our country less safe and putting our communities at risk. Our effort would put a stop to this senseless policy and take a small step towards restoring order at the Southern border.

Despite the Biden administration's gaslighting, the U.S.-Mexico border is not closed, in fact it's wide open. Right now, today, Washington Democrats need to wake up and implement these straightforward solutions that would put taxpayer money to good use and curb the flow of illegal immigrants and illicit drugs from coming into this country.

# A kindness long remembered

In the nearly 10 years since I retired, I have worked to peel away the shell that built up around my heart during nearly 50 years of dealing with the public. Many jobs require an element of treating nasty people with a smile and that can lead to a calloused heart.

Thanks to a wife who is a proponent of exercising grace I have made some excellent progress. Memories of kindnesses shown have helped balance the

Meanwhile, in retirement I enjoy reading newspapers during breakfast and I read several different publications each

So it was I recently saw an obituary for an individual whose photo was vaguely familiar but whose name I recognized instantly. The obituary was for an 82-year-old man who was raised in a community in which I had lived as a youngster and who I remembered for a particular incident.

The circumstances of that



Arvid Huisman Country Roads

memory quickly gathered into a vivid memory.

I'm guessing the year was 1955. We lived in the small farming community of Ellsworth, Iowa, where my father worked for the local grain elevator. We lived in the block immediately south of the elementary school.

A year earlier my parents purchased my first bicycle, a used 26" balloon-tired bike that was too large for my then sixyear-old frame. I had to mount the bicycle from a tree-stump in our yard and dismount by tipping the bike into the grass and hoping for the best.

On this day I had mounted the bicycle in our yard and rode away, apparently looking for something to do. I remember being on the north side of

the school grounds where I had found something to do. I don't remember what exactly that was but there were always some baby-boomer kids around, so I imagine it was to play with someone.

When that activity ended, I tried to remount my bike and ride away. Alas, without my trusty tree stump I was unable to do that.

Just then a teenager with whom I was somewhat familiar apparently saw my struggle, came out of his house, and offered to help. That teenager was Roger Hudgins, and I knew him because he was the son of my father's boss.

I must have been about seven years old, which would have made Roger around 14. When you are seven years old, you look up to teenagers, and I thought Roger was cool. He kindly offered to hold up my bike so I could climb aboard and ride away. I remember feeling good that this big kid was willing to help me. I hope I said "thanks" as I rode away.

I don't recall interacting with Roger Hudgins again. Early the next year Dad took a job with the grain elevator in the next town over and we moved

For reasons I cannot identify, I never forgot that little incident or the teenager who showed me a simple act of kind-

That's why when I saw what was probably Roger's high school graduation photo and his name in the newspaper obituary I recognized him all these years later.

Roger passed away in late March. The obituary stated that he had suffered injuries in an auto accident in 1970 that ended his career, and he died in an assisted care facility in Cedar Falls. The obit described him as "A kind gentleman." I believe it!

Roger was buried in a cemetery just seven miles from his hometown.

He leaves behind his wife of nearly 65 years, two sons and three grandchildren. And he leaves behind a grateful guy who I'm sure he didn't remember.

I share this anecdote as a reminder of the power of kindness. Memories of Roger Hudgins' very simple act of kindness to a chubby neighbor kid have remained alive in that chubby neighbor kid all these

Over my 75 years many others have shown me kindness but strangely none so memorable as the bicycle boost I got from Roger Hudgins.

As I grow older, I am trying to be more aware of the power of a kind word or a kind deed; even the simplest of kind deeds. (I confess I experience setbacks in traffic.)

The late Maya Angelou understood the importance of acts of kindness when she wrote, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

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Highland FFA Farm Safety Day 2023.



Gina Trower, Highland FFA advisor, with 8th grade member Chloe Sexton at the Highland FFA 2023 Banquet.



SUBMITTED

Highland FFA seniors (L-R) Jenna Waters, Peyton Yeggy, and Katelyn

# **NEW CONSTRUCTION IN KALONA**



SJ Miller Properties (Steve and Norma Miller) of Kalona is constructing a new building at the corner of A Place and 4th Street, south of CBI Bank. Merlin Miller from MK Roofing and Construction is doing the construction work. The building will feature 2-bedroom apartments above the six 10 ft. x 20 ft. storage units facing A Place. There will also be a workshop area for SJ Miller Properties off of 4th Street.

# Wellman selects contractor for renovations

BY JOHN BUTTERS

The News

# WELLMAN

City Council members approved a bid Monday from Todd Hackett Construction to complete a renovation of the Wellman-Schofield Public Li-

The Muscatine firm, the lone bidder, submitted a bid of \$494,000 for the project with a substantial completion date of 120 days. Martin Gardner, the plan's architect, had estimated the cost at \$768,529, which was less than the \$832,000 originally projected.

The refurbished library will incorporate space on the east end of the building, formerly used by the Senior Dining Center. The work will upgrade the existing building for

study rooms, storage space, staff work areas and improved public restrooms. The addition will nearly double its current size to encompass 6,000 sq. ft. The work is expected to be completed in October of this

In other business, council members approved an agreement with engineering firm Shive-Hattery for the design of the sewer, water and drainage systems that would serve the splashpad. The 1,000 sq. ft. pad would be constructed near a site once used for sand volleyball. It is projected to cost \$255,000. The splashpad would be paid for with money from a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant.

The Goodwin Dining Center will raise its meal costs beginning July 1. Councilmembers approved an increase from \$7 per meal to \$8. City Manager Kelly Litwiller said costs to the city have increased to as much as \$13 per meal served.

The city will enter into a contract for \$3,500 with Midwest Duct Works for a thorough cleaning of the ductwork at city hall to correct a longstanding problem. City employees have long noticed a sewer-type smell from the heating system. A representative of the firm said it was likely the odor was trapped in bacteria within the system and could only be removed by fumigation and a complete cleaning. The work will be performed over the Memorial Day holiday while the office is vacant.

Council members approved a resolution to accept the city's budget for 2023-24.

# **Highland FFA concludes** year with banquet, safety day

BY EMMA COLE

Highland FFA 2023-2024 Reporter

On April 30, 2023, the 2022-2023 Highland FFA members, families, and guests met for the conclusion of the 22-23 Highland FFA Banquet to finish off the FFA year.

To start the evening off, President Jenna Waters, senior, dropped the gavel for the last time at 5:35 p.m. Throughout the night of activities people enjoyed Jerry And Margie's Catering; FFA members got recognized for their achievements over the past year; our Honorary Members were added to our Honorary Membership Plaque: the new 2023-2024 officers were inducted into office; and lastly, the chapter got to say goodbye to familiar faces one last time.

Highland FFA had three seniors this year: Peyton Yeggy,

Jenna Waters, and Katelynn Waters. Everyone also said goodbye to Gina Trower, the Highland FFA Advisor, as she will be ending her teaching career to be a full-time mom after four years with Highland.

On Wednesday, May 4, 21 Highland FFA members traveled down to Highland Elementary to teach kids about several safety aspects in the agricultural world.

Some of the safety that was covered at the annual Farm Safety Day event included the safety of cats, goats, sheep, cattle, horses and pigs. Other safety topics covered were tractors and dirt bikes.

For the elementary students, the day consisted of rotating in stations and getting the opportunity to get handson learning experiences while also getting to see animals and equipment up close.

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The first happens in April and is the bigger of the two. The second happens in the midst of the back-to-school season, allowing Fick to accumulate all the necessary equipment but not enough time to package more than 1,300 units. In total, the two shipments equal roughly 5,000 units, all packaged at home, stored in the garage and work room, and eventually placed in a U-Haul for transportation.

Each time Fick needs help loading up the U-Haul, he recruits volunteers from local churches who are more than willing to lend a hand. Fick received the help of Immanuel Lutheran Church from Washington, Iowa, on Apr. 14 before his most recent trek.

This isn't the only way Fick receives help. Sometimes, he gets help packaging the kits. Once, he brought the components to an adult vacation bible school at Zion Lutheran Church, Iowa City, and in a



The contents of a school kit, laid out in preparation to be put together.

weeks' time, they had packaged roughly 500 kits. He also gets help from his family and the community on occasion.

Though many churches partake in donating school kits, Fick's individual footprint on the effort is immense, felt, and appreciated.



A photo taken in Guatemala of a group of happy children with their fresh batch of school kits.



Warner Fick stands next to the boxes in his garage, each containing ten kits ready to be shipped away.

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The library board and two sheriff's deputies at the meeting last week.

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

allowed the trustees time to sort through the issues concerning the book, and the topic was again on the agenda for the May meeting.

Although library board meetings are open to the public, folks rarely show up. The book controversy changed all that; about 20 people attended the April meeting, and around 50 showed up for the work session and May meeting. The library increased security in proportion; one sheriff's deputy was present at the April

## **PIG FARMERS** 'FRUSTRATED' BY SUPREME COURT OPINION

On May 11, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a challenge to a California law that mandates more space for breeding pigs, also called Proposition 12. The justices upheld a decision to dismiss a lawsuit by the National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation that sought to invalidate the law, which could force industrywide changes and raise the cost of pork products nationwide. The following statement may be attributed to Trish Cook, a pig farmer from Winthrop, Iowa, and president of the Iowa Pork Producers Associa-

"The health and safety of their pigs are a top priority for lowa pig farmers, and we are frustrated to see the Supreme Court uphold Prop 12. This ruling sets a bad precedent, enabling other states to regulate commerce outside their boundaries. Consumers, especially low-income ones who rely on affordable nutritious pork to feed their families, will ultimately suffer due to higher food prices. Some small and medium-sized producers who are already dealing with high feed costs and inflation, will also sadly go out of business as they struggle to comply.

meeting, and two sat in on the meeting last week.

Just under half of those present took the final opportunity to voice their views on the autobiographical graphic novel with LGBTQ+ content during the public forum Tuesday. Both positions were well represented.

Public comments made in favor of withdrawing the book from circulation included claims that the book is "objectively harmful," "degenerate," "evil," and "dangerous." It depicts "preteens engaging in acts of sex," and encourages young people to "hate themselves and their bodies." "All of vou have a moral responsibility to do what's right. . . by God," one told the board.

Others argued against this view; they found the book "interesting" and "entertaining" and thought it worth keeping on the shelves even if one disagreed with it. "If you don't want to read the book, don't read the book," one person said; "You can ban it at the library, but that's not going to stop kids from looking at it,"

## **GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY**

Johnson County has issued its first-ever communitywide, or countywide, greenhouse gas inventory for the years 2010 and 2020. The findings reveal a nearly 28% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions over the decade in the county overall.

Inventory sectors examined include commercial and industrial energy, residential energy, transportation, agriculture, stationary fuel combustion and solid waste. Emissions in all sectors decreased from 2010 to 2020 by more than 25%, with the exception of transportation, which decreased barely 2%, and solid waste, which is a relatively small contributor and had a 16.6% increase that matches the population increase over the decade. Transportation supplanted commercial and industrial energy as the predominant sector of measured emissions.

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions arise primarily from human use of fossil fuels. The emissions warm the atmosphere, and the resulting weather and climate effects are costly to human and natural life as well as economies, structures and infrastructure. Becky Soglin, sustainability coordinator in the County's Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, said GHG emissions inventories help show trends and spur action.

"The inventory results indicate that decreased coal use, energy efficiencies, and increased renewable energy such as wind are making a positive difference," Soglin said. "The findings point to where we can focus greenhouse gas reduction efforts and collaborate

A science-based calculation included in the report indicates the need for a nearly 56% further reduction by 2030 from 2020 emission levels even as the population further increases. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors has already discussed with sustainability and grants staff leveraging climate action funds and programs available through the Inflation Reduction

The inventories were completed by the County's Planning, Development and Sustainability Department and the University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy and Environmental Education in partnership with ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.

The report can be accessed at www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/sustainability. In addition, the website provides links to a recording of the April 19, 2023, inventory presentation to the Board of Supervisors and the presentation

Previously Johnson County had completed GHG emissions inventories only for its operations, which includes County government buildings and fleet.

said another. "The library is supposed to be a sanctuary . . . Art is conflicting, it's supposed to make you think," argued a

Both sides urged the trustees to listen to the community. There "clearly [should be] some aspect of community involvement here," said one person who wanted the book removed. "You as a board are chosen to represent Kalona," another reminded. "I'm a part of this community . . . this book reflects my values. . . I'm against banning any books, period," said a third.

The board listened to pub-

lic comments for more than 30 minutes before moving on to the business portion of the agenda.

When a motion was finally made to keep "Gender Queer" in the library's collection of adult nonfiction, Kyle Askling, Christina Grier, Donna Jones, Karen Stalter, and Shirlene Seale voted in favor, and Frank Slabaugh and Jim Miller opposed. The motion passed, and the book will remain in the library's collection.

Whether it will ever again be prominently displayed remains an open question.

#### KIRKWOOD SUMMER CAMPS

"Summer Slide" is the phenomenon that occurs during summer break when children are away from their school learning environment. Statistics show that elementary students, on average, lose between 20-25% of the progress that they made during the school year in reading and math, which then compounds as skills and concepts are lost each year. The U.S. Department of Education encourages parents to purposefully find ways to keep children social, creative, active and healthy during the summer

Kirkwood Washington County Regional is excited to offer two camps that will keep students engaged and their minds active while having fun in the process.

Kirkwood for Kids Camp (AK-5th grade) brings students from 7+ school districts together to delve into science, cooking, math, art, recycling, coding, outdoor play, and team building. Camp is held June 19-22, 2023. 9 a.m. to noon. Tuition is \$95, full scholarship opportunities for those who qualify. Transportation provided, if needed,

Kirkwood Camp Exploration is offered to help middle school aged students (6th-8th grade) explore one of these exciting potential career interest areas: graphic design, automotive, construction, welding, and fashion. Taught by local industry professionals, the camp is June 26-28, 2023, 9 a.m. to noon. Tuition is \$95, full scholarship opportunities for those who qualify.

Kirkwood Washington County Regional is committed to lifelong learning. Our summer camps make learning exciting and are an excellent opportunity to keep area students engaged and active. Camp registration is open, and it is easy to register by visiting Kirkwood.edu or calling 319-653-4655.

# **DEAN'S LIST**

Eastern Mennonite University congratulates the Spring 2023 Dean's List honorees. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of [3.5] or higher and complete a minimum of [30] credit hours. Eli Ours of Kalona, majoring in Marketing, and Aidan Yoder of Kalona, majoring in History. Political Science, both made the list.

# LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

# AINSWORTH

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

# HILLS

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

#### IOWA CITY Crosspoint Baptist Church: Pastor Mike Barr. Meet-

ing at the Clarion Hotel 2525 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City; Sunday Worship 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Supper and Bible Study (offsite).

# KALONA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### KINROSS Kinross Christian Church; Pastor: Luke Caster Sun-

#### day worship: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. LONE TREE

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

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

**NICHOLS** 

# Nichols Christian Church: 607 Grant Ave; 319-723-

4346; Sunday Services: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.

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

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

# **NORTH ENGLISH**

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

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

# OXFORD

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

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

# RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

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

# SOUTH ENGLISH

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

# WELLMAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wellman Mennonite Church: 1215 8th Ave. 319-646-2532: Pastor: David Heusinkveld: Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages following 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 -3n m

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

# WEST CHESTER

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

# WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Mid-Prairie's Future Problem Solvers

BY CHERYL ALLEN
The News

#### KALONA

At daybreak, January 1, 2000, some of us were worried about a thing called Y2K. We had been happily living our lives, getting used to email and the internet and ordering things with a click on Amazon, and then suddenly we were worried that when we entered the new millennium, our computers wouldn't know 1974 from 2074 because we hadn't really thought that far ahead when programming two-digit dates into our software. Oops. Fortunately, the 'computer-induced apocalypse' never happened because some computer programmers saw this future problem on the horizon as early as 1984 and took action. Good thing we have forward thinkers.

The next generation of future problem solvers is already at work at Mid-Prairie Middle and High Schools. K-12 Talented and Gifted teacher Denise Busch is coaching her students through competition in Global Issues Problem Solving, Scenario Performance, and Scenario Writing, all programs of Future Problem Solving Program International. They're having great success.

Future Problem Solving (FPS) is a program that teaches students an effective 6-step problem solving process that will help them solve problems for their communities now and in the future. The steps include identifying challenges;



Abby Kraus, grade 9, 1st place winner in Scenario Performance.

selecting an underlying problem; producing solution ideas; generating and selecting criteria; applying criteria; and developing an action plan.

When students compete in the program, they use this process to solve a problem that could occur 20-30 years in the future.

In addition to encouraging their development in STEM disciplines and boosting their creativity, Busch says it also helps develop her students' "divergent and convergent thinking. At first, they have to be divergent and think of all sorts of different [challenges], and then they converge by bringing it together to come up with a solution," she says.

Busch's students compete in three different categories; the first is Global Issues Problem Solving. She has 14 teams (of up to four members) and one individual who compete in this category, and six of those qualified to compete at the state competition in April.

In this category, "Before each of the competitions, stu-

dents research the topic and practice using the problemsolving process. During competitions, participants employ the six-step process to address an imaginary situation in the future scene," Busch says.

Any kind of future scene may be handed to students; one, for example, explores issues around gamification and presents a world in which students are implanted with e-learning chips, issued 35-hour energy patches, and use avatars to communicate with each other. Participants brainstorm what problems could arise out of such a world, and what might be done about them.

The second category in which Busch's students compete is Scenario Writing. Here, "Each student works independently to develop a short story that relates to one of that year's FPS topics. The story must be based at least 20 years in the future. Their narrative is scored based on creativity, character, plot, topic research, and futuristic possibilities," Busch explains.



DENISE BUSCH

Maelys Beachy (left), grade 8, 1st place winner, and Ava Miller, grade 8, 3rd place winner, both in Scenario Writing.

Eighth-grader Maelys Beachy wrote a scenario titled, "It Can't Get Any Worse Than This," that earned her a first-place trophy at State competition. She imagined a world of waste and overconsumption that affected every area of her character's life.

Ava Miller, also an eighth grader, won third place at State with her scenario, "The Government's Secret," a story about a world in which everything is destroyed by the world's biggest war yet and only a few people know a secret truth.

The third category of competition is Scenario Performance. "This is an oral story-telling competition where each student works independently to develop a short story that relates to one of that year's FPS Topics. Students have up to five minutes to tell their creative, futuristic story in a moving and entertaining manner," Busch says.

Abby Kraus, 9th grade,

earned first place at State with her story about virtual reality in which a person becomes addicted to life in a virtual world. Each of these award-winning students, Beachy, Miller, and Kraus, will now advance to international competition. In June they will be traveling to the University of Massachusetts to compete.

It's an experience Busch thinks her students will grow from. They will learn how to prepare and show up, work under pressure and stress, and "It's going to give them leadership skills and the ability to meet new people, certainly," she says.

Developing foresight and problem-solving skills are things we all could benefit from; being able to imagine a yet-unrealized future is "a total mind shift," as Busch points out. Fortunately, Mid-Prairie has students getting a taste of what it's like to lead the way forward.



DENISE BUSCH

State Sen. Dawn Driscoll, State Rep. Brooke Boden (Warren County), State Rep. Heather Hora, and Gov. Kim Reynolds before the bill's signing. Sen. Driscoll floor managed the bill in the Senate, and Rep. Boden managed it in the House. The signing took place in Rep. Hora's district.

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

nating the requirement for supervisory agreements between physicians and PAs, it allows providers and practitioners the flexibility to really structure the relationship as they see fit, rather than dictating an unnecessarily restrictive approach from the top down."

Todd Patterson, CEO of WCHC, agreed that this legis-

lation is needed when he spoke before the bill's signing.

"Because of the way the existing law is set up, we don't have any PAs that currently work for us directly. All of the PAs that we have here are contracted. We haven't had the ability to tap into that pool," he said. "This PA modernization bill gives us the opportunity to

really elevate our ability to recruit high-quality providers."

State Senator Dawn Driscoll floor managed the bill in the Senate and was asked by Gov. Reynolds to give her remarks before the signing.

"Representative [Heather] Hora and I had our last legislative forum here a couple of weeks ago, and we focused on this bill. We talked about it with Todd and so many of the staff here," she said. "It means so much that we're here today to sign this bill. It gives me goosebumps, that you can see great legislation come forward where it's going to benefit all of Iowa, and especially rural Iowa."

Gov. Reynolds proceeded

to sign HF 424 into law, taking pains to use each of the more than 30 pens laid out before her so that some of those in attendance could have a pen that was used to sign the bill.

"We made a law," she said upon completion, to much applause.

# Mid-Prairie loses second administrator

BY CHERYL ALLEN

# The News WELLMAN

The Mid-Prairie community is set to lose another valued administrator as the need to be forward-thinking weighs on the district.

With the decision to eliminate assistant principal positions at both the high and middle schools earlier this spring, Nathan Carlson, Assistant Principal and Assistant Activities Director at the middle school, found himself offered a new employment contract:

one for Activities Director for Grades 7-12. For reasons he has not disclosed to The News, he chose not to sign it.

His existing contract would have been extended to the 2023-2024 school year if it were not terminated by May 15; however, the Board of Education held a special meeting that morning and unanimously agreed to terminate the contract.

The decision to eliminate the two half-time assistant principal positions was precipitated by the resignation of Tyler Hotz, high school Assistant Principal and Activities Director, who will begin as Superintendent of the Lone Tree Community School District this fall.

"With the current school funding environment and the change in student counts, the district has begun to evaluate whether vacated positions are automatically rehired. With Mr. Hotz's resignation, this was evaluated not only for expense reduction but for how other districts our size are staffing administrator positions," Jeff Swartzentruber,

School Business Official, told The News.

The News.

Swartzentruber explained that other districts the size of Mid-Prairie do not typically have assistant principals. In addition, the district foresees declining enrollment and lower state funding in upcoming years. Combined with the difficulty in filling Hotz's position this late in the year, it made sense to restructure the administrative positions at this time.

istrative positions at this time. See thenews-ia.com and future issues for this complete story.



# Thorius installed as Secretary-Treasurer of NACE, recognized with National Award

Washington County Engineer Jacob Thorius was installed as the 2023-2024 Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) at their recent annual meeting and technical conference. Thorius' term will run through April of 2024. Additionally, Thorius was recognized as NACE's 2022 Rural County Engineer of the

One of only four awards bestowed by NACE, Thorius was recognized for his work to reshape and stabilize gravel roads in Washington County, for overseeing the improvement of over 175 miles of gravel roads, while improving nearly 54 miles of paved roads. Thorius has secured over \$2.7 million in State safety funds and grant funds for various road projects.

NACE is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association in its 67th year, representing over 3,000 county road officials and related professionals in the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., local roads account for about 75% of highways and roads, or 2.93 million miles. Counties manage 1.74 million miles of those roads and 231,000

"I am honored to serve the nation's county road professionals," said Thorius. "I look forward to working with my colleagues across the country as we engage Congress and the administration to ensure county transportation infrastructure continues to be addressed within federal policy. Our national economy depends on a sound and safe infrastructure network, with counties owning and operating more of those miles than any other government entity."

Furthermore, Thorius stated, "I am also honored to have received the award of Rural County Engineer of the Year. This award is a result of hard work from my staff, the support of the Board of Supervisors, and my family; without them I would not be able to experience the success in my career that I have had."

Thorius has served as Washington County Engineer since January of 2012. He is also involved with the Iowa County Engineers Association, serving on their Executive Board, safety committees and as a member of the Iowa Highway Research Board. Since 2019, he has served as NACE's South-Central Region Vice-President. Thorius has also serves on the Advisory Board for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Iowa.

# 4-H SENIORS



#### Alexa Huber

Limecreek Limelights "4-H has taught me a lot about leadership and public speaking skills. It has taught me to be comfortable in front of an audience. Others should join to learn important skills like these."

#### **Future Plans:**

Iowa State University, Animal Science major.

#### **Avery Shalla**

Riverside Ramblers, **Riverside Enterprisers** 

"I have learned so many life lessons while being in 4-H and have made so many lifelong friendships. I think 4-H is absolutely the best thing to be a member of!"

**Future plans:** Iowa State University



## **DESIGNER RECEIVES AWARD CERTIFICATES**



**CHERYL ALLEN/THE NEWS** 

The News' graphic designer, Anna Kahn, won two awards from the Iowa Newspaper Association in 2022: 2nd place for Best Ad Featuring Automotive (created for Riverside Auto), and 3rd place for Best Ad Featuring Agriculture (created for The Water Shop). On Wednesday, her certificates arrived. The News staff is proud to have her on their team!

#### Halli Hershberger Limecreek Livewires

"I have learned so much through 4-H since 4th grade. The projects you choose to participate in will teach you hard work, dedication, and responsibility, all while being fun. Overall, I would say the most beneficial skill I have learned is effective communication because it is something I will use every day for the rest of my life."

Future plans: Central College (Pella),



# **Jenna Waters**

Crooked Creek

"4-H has taught me so much about working hard and being a leader. Others should join 4-H to learn something and try something new. It is one of the best experiences."

#### **Future plans:** Iowa State University,

Animal Science major.



# Mariyah Kron

Riverside Ramblers

"Everyone should join 4-H whether they live in the city or country. 4-H teaches you communication skills, leadership skills, work ethic, helps with confidence, and more. There is something for everyone in 4-H."

# Future plans:

Kirkwood Community College, Nursing program

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# **Peyton Yeggy** Riverside Ramblers

"Joining 4-H led me to form valuable relationships I would not have created otherwise. 4-H has also taught me responsibility and to lead by example."

# **Future plans:**

Iowa State University, Ag Systems Technology major

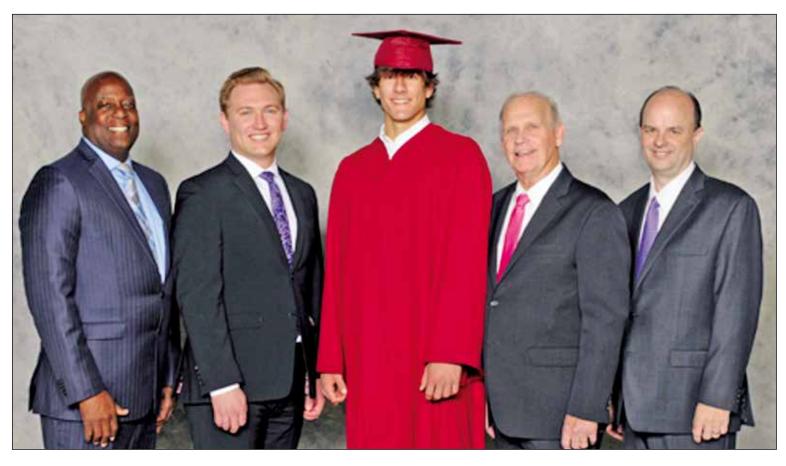


"There are so many opportunities in 4-H that I have been able to experience, and I have learned that 4-H is an organization for everyone. 4-H has helped me immensely in growing my network skills, having new experiences, and learning the essential factors that go into being a leader."

# **Future plans:**

Iowa State University, Finance major

## ALT, BENDER HONORED AS 'BEST OF THE CLASS'





SUBMITTED

Tyce Alt from Lone-Tree Community School and Grant Bender from Hillcrest Academy were honored as members of the 2023 Best of the Class. KWWL and the University of Northern Iowa recognized valedictorians or top graduating seniors from across eastern Iowa at a celebration on Saturday, April 29th at the McLeod with KWWL news anchors Ron

Center on the UNI campus.

KWWL Vice President and General Manager John Huff noted "KWWL is proud to be associated with an event that shines a light on these outstanding students, their families, and schools." Best of the Class students had the opportunity to be photographed

Steele and Collin Dorsey, Chief Meteorologist Mark Schnackenberg, and Sports Director Rick Coleman. Additionally, the students were recorded for a series of promotional announcements that will air on KWWL and will also be available for viewing at KWWL.

In its 39 years of recognizing

academic excellence, KWWL's Best of the Class has honored over 4800 hundred top graduating seniors. Best of the Class is a joint public service/ community relations effort that encourages academic excellence among high school students by recognizing students who serve as role models in their communities.

## **IOWA 4-H "ON THEIR OWN AND OK" PROGRAM TEACHES CHILDREN HOME-ALONE SKILLS**

Registration is now open for youth 4th-6th grade to register for the On Their Own and OK program, offered on June 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office. This one-day workshop helps build skills, maturity, and confidence to safely stay home alone.

Families can register their children by Monday, June 14 online at tinyurl.com/On-TheirOwn2023. Printed registration forms are available upon request. The \$25 fee per youth includes handouts, snacks, and materials. Scholarships are available upon request.

According to Cherry Sandeen, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Program Specialist, "Youth left home by themselves without self-care skills may find ways to occupy their time that parents or guardians may not support. Some young people may truly be fearful of staying home alone without adequate education from parents, teachers, and community partners. On Their Own and OK builds skills in youth, as well as incorporates ways for parents or guardians in the home to support this step toward independence."

Families who have had children participating in the program in the past have noted that the program reinforced how to act in an emergency, helped their children handle boredom without technology, helped them assign age-appropriate responsibilities, and care for young siblings who may also be home.

One parent said, "This is an awesome workshop! It has given my husband and me the talking points to discuss with our son, who is learning to stay home by himself."

U.S. Census data shows that 7 million

school-age children across the nation are left home alone after school and during the summer months. Fifteen states have laws defining a set age or age range for when a child can be left home alone. Iowa has no set age.

To register for this hands-on learning experience to help build youth confidence to safely stay home alone, please sign up online at tinyurl.com/OnTheirOwn2023 For more registration details contact Amy Green, 4-H and Youth Coordinator, at 319-653-4811 or amygreen@ lastate.edu.

# Kalona takes next steps on trailhead design, wastewater plan

BY CHERYL ALLEN The News

KALONA

In a brisk meeting May 15, the Kalona City Council moved forward on a few items that have recently been in the works, the most of interesting of which is its plan to establish a trailhead at the public recreational area in SouthTown.

The "rather large, publiclylead project" will have a general contractor oversee the numerous amenities that will be constructed, which include a dog park, splashpad, nature scape, and restroom structure. The council approved a recreation design agreement with MSA not to exceed \$147,600.

"This allows us to take it out to bid, to get contractors who are eligible and qualified to do the work that you guys will award at a later date," City
Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh explained. "This really
kicks off the fun side."
The city's controlled dis-

charge lagoons will not meet threshold limits that will be in place by 2027, so the city must determine whether it will expand the lagoons or explore new treatment options. To help determine a course of action, the council approved an engineering agreement for the city's wastewater facility with Garden & Associates for a scope of work not to exceed \$29,800.

"In three to six months, we'll have a little more knowledge on what we think would be a good plan with some pricing. But this is the way to get it kick-started," Schlabaugh said.

A public hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment was held, but no comments were heard. The council proceeded to pass a resolution to approve the amendment.

The council set a public hearing for June 5 at 7 p.m. to amend ordinance 106.08 regarding solid waste fees. The city would like to extend its contract with Johnson County Refuse for five years; the rate will also need to be raised \$1 per user per month, "which is going to be across the board for all users of Johnson County Refuse." Schlabaugh said, due to an increase in equipment, fuel, and salary costs.

"That's still cheap," council member Craig Spitzer commented.

"It's a great service." Schlabaugh agreed. "They do a wonderful job."

Finally, the council approved moving its regular meeting scheduled for July 3 to Friday, June 30 at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the Independence Day holiday.

The Kalona City Council's next regular meeting is Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at City

# **JCMG 2023 PLANT SALE & 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 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 are 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 expo-

Shoppers will find a wide range of perennial flowers, vegetables and herbs, shrubs and woody plants as well as the Flea Market items and 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

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 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the south entrance to Building C at the Fairgrounds. 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 lowa through programs and projects. Master Gardeners receive horticulture training and volunteer to promote a mission of education and service.

# PORK PRODUCERS PROVIDE 50,000 MEALS

The Iowa Pork Producers Association's new Pork in the Pantry program provided more than 50,000 meals for underprivileged lowans over the past few months. Forty county pork producer organizations worked with the state association to donate pork to local food pantries. The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) matched up to \$1,000 for each county, totaling nearly \$40,000 statewide.

Food pantries are frequently short of meat products, so this was a great way to get nutritious protein into the diets of food-insecure

"I am so proud of the way county pork producer organizations stepped up and delivered for lowans in a time of need," said IPPA President Trish Cook, a pig farmer from Winthrop. "Our first year for the Pork in the Pantry program exceeded our expectations, and we helped a lot of food-insecure lowans with delicious and nutritious meals. Pork producers care about this state and its people, and this is just one way for us to show we care."

The pork donations included bacon, brats, chops, ground pork, hams, loins, roasts, sausage, and tenderloins, as well as convenience meals like precooked deli ham. Many groups purchased the pork from area meat lockers and grocery stores, helping to keep the dollars in their local communities.

"lowa's pork producers are amazing," said Joyce Hoppes, IPPA's consumer information director, "Their support of the Pork in the Pantry program shows their commitment to making their communities better and enriching the lives of the food-insecure with some delicious and nutritious, high-quality protein meals."

Counties participating in Pork in the Pantry this year include Johnson and Washington.



Hillcrest Academy would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donation to the After Banquet Party. Your donation blessed us and helped make our party a success!

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# **KALONA ROTARY OMELET BREAKFAST**



RON SLECHTA/THE NEWS

Kalona Rotarian Matt Brown serves up an omelet to one of the 230 people who attended the Kalona Rotary Omelet breakfast at the Kalona United Methodist Fellowship Center Saturday morning, May 13. Funds raised at the breakfast were donated to the Kalona Public Library Foundation to help fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which will provide free books to children under five living in the 52247 zip code.

## IOWA DONOR NETWORK EXCELLENCE AWARD



SUBMITTE

Jody Fink, Activities Director and driver's education instructor at Highland CSD, was presented with an Iowa Donor Network Excellence in Partnership Award on May 8. The award is given to five individuals who demonstrate a commitment to education about organ, eye and tissue donation and advocate for donors and their families. Fink, left, is shown here with Natalie Oakes of the Iowa Donor Network.

# Riverside Council approves bids in water plant repairs, assessments

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

### RIVERSIDE

The Riverside City Council approved nearly \$30,000 for repairs and assessments at the city's water plants during its meeting Monday.

The city is already at the start of construction projects at the wastewater and water

treatments plants.

The Council approved a \$10,236 bid from Electric Pump of Des Moines for the repair of a Flygt pump and \$8,139 to Hach of Loveland, Colorado, for chlorine and PH panel repairs. The panels are used to measure levels of chlorine and PH in the city's water systems. The Council also approved a proposal from Harn R/O Systems of Venice, Florida, for an on-site inspection and assessment of the water treatment plant. The cost of the assess-

ment is \$9,150.

#### **Third Street Project**

Prior to its regularly-scheduled meeting, the Council participated in an on-site work session on Third Street, where council members talked with property owners about their concerns with the final phase of the Third Street water and sewer main project.

The \$3.2 million project resulted in a number of road and sidewalk improvements along Third Street and some home-

owners have been asking for additional retaining walls and grading.

The Council did approve a change order of \$7,250 to Streb Construction, the primary contractor of the project, to pay for a fill gap between a retaining wall and sidewalk railing along the road.

Axiom Consultants of Iowa City, which designed and coordinated the project, said final grading, restoration and seeding of grass is still to be done.

#### **Council Action**

The Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023 budget spring amendment.

The Council approved \$1,685 to fully cover an Eagle Scout tree-planting project by Highland High School's Helen Orszula. The project also includes a grant of \$3,305 from Trees Forever and Alliant Energy.

Next board meeting: The City Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m. June 5.

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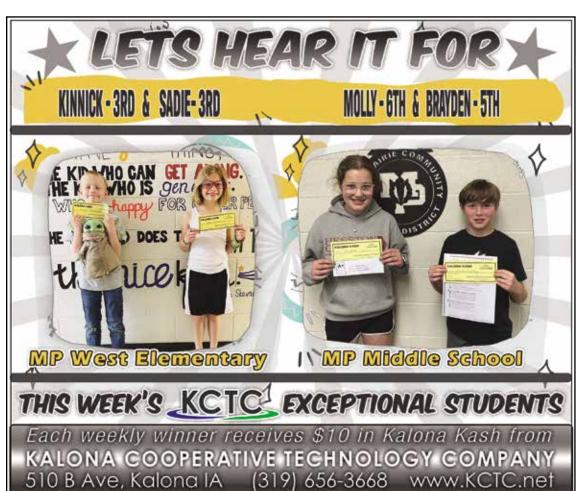
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# Washington Board sets Emergency Medical Services Week

BY MARY ZIELINSKI

The News

#### WASHINGTON

Stressing that emergency medical services are a vital public service whose members are ready to provide life-saving care 24/7, the Washington County Supervisors Tuesday unanimously approved May 21 to May 27 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the county

Supervisor Jack Seward, Jr. expressed appreciation to all who serve at numerous levels,

and Supervisor Marcus Fedler said the county services "are second to none," calling the efforts provided "awesome."

The week recognizes all involved from first responders, fire, police, educators, nurses, physicians, trained members of the public and other out-of-hospital medical providers, including volunteers, who "engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills."

In other business in the

brief meeting, the board:

Following a public hearing, acknowledged the proposed addition to the animal feeding operation at the Kiwi Avenue site for Prairie Pork, Inc. of 1888 170th Street, Wellman, in Cedar Township. The proposed facility is for 1,920 animal units

Approved renewal of a Class E liquor license for Ainsworth Four Corners, effective June 29, 2023, through June 28, 2024, after noting all requirements and notices had been met.

Approved both the secondary road use request and fireworks permit specifically for Amvets Road (Jefferson Street) in Richmond for a fireworks display July 3 (with July 8 as a rain date) by the Richmond Shooters from noon to 11 p.m. Sponsors are both the Shooters and the City of Kalona.

Noted that there will be a closed session at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, "to evaluate the competence of an individual whose appointment, hiring or discharge is being considered

when necessary to prevent endless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session" in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (j). It is a continuance of the May 9 session.

Learned there will be a joint public meeting with Monroe County regarding South Central Behavioral Health Region and Southeast Iowa Link (SCB-HR-SEIL) at 2:30 p.m. in Ottumwa, available for in-person attendance and also via Zoom.

# Requests for Johnson County's economic grants soar to \$1.5 million

BY PAUL D. BOWKER

The News

#### IOWA CITY

Nearly \$1.5 million in Economic Development and Quality of Life grant requests were received by Johnson County for a Fiscal Year 2024 allocation of \$300,000.

Among the eight organizations who were recommended for funding was the Kalona Regenerative Network, a non-profit that helps farmers use organic and regenerative methods on their farms. The organization requested \$10,000

to be used for a rural road trip project.

Allison Wells, Johnson County Grants Manager, said during the Board of Supervisors work session May 10 that requests were made by 39 organizations. They were ranked by scores based on several factors

Among those denied were the Lone Tree Historical Society (\$11,500), Lone Tree Community Schools District Library (\$3,000), United Action for Youth (\$50,000), NAMI of Johnson County (\$50,000) and Iowa City Area Development Group (\$97,750).

Supervisor Royceann Porter voiced her disapproval as more than 30 organizations faced denials.

"We say things up here and nothing gets done," she said. "Bottom line is, who's doing the work? I don't care what your score is. Bottom line is the need. Who's out there doing the work?"

The funding recommendations are expected to come in front of the board again this week following a discussion in which supervisors agreed that approximately \$200,000 would be budgeted separately in annual contracts to ICAD, the Senior Center, the Johnson County Agricultural Association (County Fair) and the Historical Society. Doing so would free up money for other grant requests.

"I think we need to make it right," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

#### **Minimum Wage**

The Board approved an increase in the county's suggest-

ed minimum hourly wage from \$11.56 to \$12.25.

The increase is effective July 1, but the Board cannot legally enforce the rate.

#### **Board Action**

The Board approved fiscal agent and administrative services agreements with Johnson County Empowerment.

The Board issued proclamations in honor of Bicycle Month and Second Chance Month.

Next board meeting: The board will hold its next formal meeting at 9 a.m. May 18.

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Lone Tree American Legion Color Guard schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. Swank Cemetery; 8 a.m. River Junction Cemetery; 8:30 a.m. lowa River Bridge at Hills; 9:15 a.m. Nichols Cemetery; 9:45 a.m. St. Mary's Cemetery, Nichols. Indoor services will be held at the Lone Tree American Legion at 10:30 a.m. Flags will be put up on Saturday, May 27 at 6:30 a.m. and taken down Monday, May 29 at 4 p.m.

#### Kalona Tractorcade

The 4th annual Kalona Tractorcade will be held on Saturday, June 10. Tractors meet at 4:30 p.m. at Sinclair Tractor; parade begins at 5 p.m. Loading/unloading available at Kalona

Sales Barn; spectators enjoy the tractors at the KCTC lot post-parade. Food available from Country Cookin' and music by The Great Bluegrass Herons.

#### **Washington County Relay for Life**

The Washington County Relay for Life will take place on June 24 at Washington Central Park. Sign up for the blood drive and/or to reserve a spot as a craft/product vendor by June 1 at washcorelayforlife@yahoo.com. To donate items for the online auction by June 1, or to submit a message and photo to the Memorial PowerPoint by June 16, contact cakamartins@ hotmail.com

# **PET OF THE WEEK**

# HELEN



Helen was adopted but returned because she didn't like the other cats in the home. She's pretty much just a lil old lady who likes to keep to herself but really enjoys being petted and loved on! Seven year old Helen would love to be adopted

and she will be sure to give lots of love to her family. Please call PAWS & More at 319 653 6713 with questions or visit the shelter from 12-4 Tuesday through Sunday. Helen is spayed, current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

# **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Jacob Boller of Kalona recently graduated from University of the Cumberlands.

#### **MOREL MUSHROOM UPDATE**



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This 7" tall yellow morel mushroom was found by Melvin Borntrager on his family's farm on the north side of the English River near Bunker Mill Bridge. He reports finding a good feed of black morels on Monday, May 9 and a good feed of yellow morels near the same area on Tuesday afternoon, including the mushroom shown. Between the two days, he and his family found over 12 lbs. of morels and planned to hunt again later in the week.

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# Elementary students visit **Voyage Home Museum**

BY CHRISTINE KIRKWOOD

The News

#### RIVERSIDE

Highland 5th Graders, led by teachers Ryan Cortum and Jill Strubee, trekked from the Elementary School down to the museum on Thursday, May 11. Although it was a warm day, energy, enthusiasm, and interest were not in short supply.

The new Delta Shield was the first thing they saw as they rounded the bend, and it was the perfect place for a photo! The students split into four groups to rotate through the museum displays, historical and 'future'.

Interactive Star Trek displays are always a big hit and the students had time to view historical displays highlightthe railroads, century

farms, Boy Scouts, and the churches. Museum volunteers explained the exhibits and answered questions.

Each group reconnoitered in Railroad Park and walked to the Veterans Memorial Park. Many of the fifth graders raised their hands when asked if they had a veteran in their family and read the messages on the monument. One student felt moved to read aloud the "Freedom Isn't Free" poem inscribed on one side to the rest of the group. Several already knew that the bronze helmet, gun, and boots signified a fallen soldier and others decided to ask their veteran relatives about their experiences.

The highlight of the walk back was stopping by the water feature and cooling off a little.



**CHRISTINE KIRKWOOD/THE NEWS** 



Everyone gives the Star Trek salute.



Railroad Park features newly renovated equipment and a soft surface, but also includes an 'original' merry-go-round installed earlier as an Eagle Scout project.





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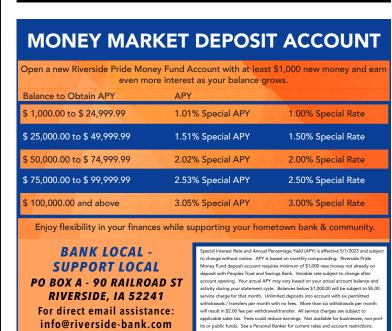
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Highland junior, Sarah Burton, in her second attempt at the long jump event at the State Qualifying meet in Wayland on May 11th.

# **SOARING INTO STATE**

Highland and Lone Tree secure tickets to State during a qualifying meet on May 11

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

#### WAYLAND

The day track and field athletes looked forward to all season finally arrived, a chance to qualify for State. All the preparation, fine tuning, and training during the course of the regular season would finally come to fruition at the Girls 1A State Qualifying meet in Wayland on May 11.

With 14 schools arriving at WACO high school with goals of competing at the Blue Oval in Des Moines on their mind, it would be no simple feat to earn one of the coveted bids to State. Highland, Hillcrest, and Lone Tree were among the 14 schools to compete in this event. The Lions and Huskies found great success at this qualifying meet with both schools being able to send multiple athletes to State.

Finishing in first place in an event at this meet would auto-qualify someone to State immediately.

Top finishers can still qualify for

state but it would have to be a top 14 finish compared to the other times/ distances recorded at the other 10 state qualifier meets going on around the same time. So, while one can leave this meet with a pretty good idea on if they will head to state, it wouldn't be confirmed until all the results were tabulated the next day.

# **Highland Results**

At the end of the day the Huskies found themselves with a 5th place finish after they scored 63 points. Regardless of its finish, Highland can be rest assured they will be represented in the State Meet, qualifying in four events.

It has been a spectacular season for Highland junior Sarah Burton in the long jump and there was little question about whether or not she would continue her season in Des Moines.

Burton would auto-qualify for state in the long jump after she claimed first place at the qualifying meet. Her jump of 17-07.50 gave her the gold and Burton would not stop at just qualifying in just

As an individual Burton finds herself as a double event qualifier for State, with the other event being the 100 meter dash. At the WACO qualifiers she was able to claim second place with a time of 13.11 and this was fast enough to earn her the right to race again in Des

In addition to Burton's two individual event qualifiers, Highland also had two relay teams qualify for State as well.

Highland's 4x100 meter relay team of senior Mackenzie McFarland, senior Katelyn Waters, sophomore Lilly Barre, and Burton earned the right to represent Highland at the State Meet. This quartet of Huskies qualified after they finished in fourth place at the WACO meet with a time of 52.42.

The same team of four will also head to State in the 4x200 meter relay event.

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Drake's big stage awaits local runners chasing state medals



**Paul Bowker** Columnist

Mid-Prairie's Mitzi Evans set the bar last year on the Blue Oval at Drake Sta-

Four events, four medals.

Finishing up her senior year at the Iowa High School State Track & Field Championships, Evans set personal records in winning the girls 400- and 800-meter runs. She finished second in the 200. She captured another gold medal in running the third leg on the Golden Hawks distance-medley squad.

"I finally did it," Evans said following her win in the 800 last May. "I'm so thankful to God because I was praying so hard and I wanted it for a full year, more than that. Since like middle school.'

Her dramatic performances helped the Golden Hawks win a fourth consecutive state championship, tying a state record.

The chase for four medals will be on again this weekend in Des Moines, this time among at least six girls from three

local high schools. Danielle Hostetler, a junior from Mid-Prairie who has already won three state cross country titles and is a former teammate of Evans, is a strong medal contender in the 800, 1500 and 3000 in Class 2A. She'll also run the anchor leg in the Golden Hawks distance medley.

But she's not alone in the four-star category. Joining her are Mid-Prairie teammates Tabitha Evans and Madeline Schrader, Highland's Sarah Burton, and Lone Tree's Ava Christofferson, Rylee Shield and Vivian Zaruba.

Oh and Mid-Prairie's Amara Jones and Jovi Evans may run in four relay

It'll make for a dramatic three days

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# Hawks claim state qualifier title for 3rd straight year



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie senior, Ella Groenwold, clears the five-foot-one high jump at the Tipton qualifiers on May 11th.

BY TJ RHODES

The News

Mid-Prairie, after a week off from track & field affairs, made their way back to Tipton for the Class 2A state qualifying meet on Thursday, May 11. The Mid-Prairie girls team easily claimed the championship banner for the third consecutive year, earning 181 points, 64 points ahead of the Tipton team in second. 16 athletes qualified for state in 14 different events.

The boys squad tied Cardinal for a fourth-place finish at 65 points. Seven athletes qualified for state in eight

All athletes who qualify for state will make their way to Des Moines from May 18-20 at Drake Stadium, where many already coalesced on Apr. 27-29 for the Drake Relays. Here, they will have a chance to place their name in the record

# Mid-Prairie Girls

Following in suit with their domi-

nant first place finish, Mid-Prairie qualified for state in 14 events. Junior, Danielle Hostetler, qualified for the 800m, 1500m, 3000m, and the distance medley along with seniors, Amara Jones, Madeline Schrader and freshman, Jovi Evans. With Hostetler anchoring the distance medley, the Hawks won by a considerable margin with a 4:18.69 time, 11 seconds ahead of the rest.

Hostetler's four qualifying events matched Jones (4x100 shuttle hurdle, 4x100m,4x200m, distance medley), Schrader (4x100m, 4x200m, 800m sprint medley, distance medley), Jovi Evans (4x100m, 4x200m, 800m sprint medley, distance medley) and senior, Tabitha Evans (200m, 4x100m, 4x200m, 800m sprint medley), for most.

Qualifying with three events under their belt was junior Greta Sieren (400m, 800m, 4x800m).

With two were juniors, Neveah Decker (100m, 800m sprint medley) and Abby Fleming (1500m, 3000m).

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# Trimpe scores 18th goal for Hawks on senior night

BY DOUGLAS MILES

Correspondent

#### WELLMAN

The countdown began at the end of April.

T'm the one that brought it up," Mid-Prairie boys' soccer coach Wyatt Cady said.

Back in the day, Cady poured in 42 goals during his four years (2011-14) as a player for the Golden Hawks' boys' soccer team. That number ranks second in program history (well behind his former teammate Austin Errthum), so when he noticed his current pupil Owen Trimpe bearing down on that mark, the firstyear head coach felt obliged to speak up.

"I had to say something," Cady said after Mid-Prairie closed the regular season with a 6-1 rout of Bellevue in a River Valley Conference match Friday at the Wellman Rotary Soccer Fields. "If he goes on a scoring tear, that is awesome."

With Mid-Prairie already up on Bellevue, 2-0, Trimpe found the back of the net in the 32nd minute for a team-best 18th time this season and 42nd in his prep career, bringing the senior even with his coach.

"I think he is kind of mad," Trimpe said with a laugh. "He is not happy about it, especially when I did it in three (seasons) and he did it in four.'

Trimpe could move into sole possession of second place in school history if he scores in Mid-Prairie's Class 2A substate quarterfinal match against Grinnell (3-10) Monday at 7:30 at William Penn University in Oskaloosa.

"That is kind of what is pushing me right now," Trimpe said. "Since the end of the season was coming and I have been getting more goals here and there, I started catching up with him.

Trimpe was one of three seniors that scored against Bellevue on Mid-Prairie's "Senior Midfielder/forward Noah Ford posted a hat trick with three scores, including a pair of penalty-kick conver-



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie senior, Owen Trimpe, takes on a shot on goal against the Maquoketa Cardinals on April 28th.

sions in the second half.

Senior Evan Phillips scored for the second time this season in the 30th minute.

"It means a real lot," Phil-

lips said. "I have only been in soccer for three years. It is a big thing if you score your last goal on 'Senior Night' and then use that for the postseason."

Junior Tucker Miller added a goal and an assist for Mid-Prairie (9-6, 6-4 RVC), which finished sixth in the River Valley Conference and has won six of its last eight matches.

"All the kids, they were just locked in," Cady said. "Didn't matter where you threw them on the field, they were just ready to get out there, be physical, play some soccer. When the weather starts getting nice like this, it just completely changes the game. It's not raining, we're not wearing three layers of clothes, we're warm when we show up. This is what soccer is supposed to be. This is soccer weather."

A win Monday against Grinnell would send Mid-Prairie to a 2A substate semifinal match at No. 13 Knoxville (8-5) on May

'Going into a game on a win, it's always good," Trimpe said. "You've just got that confidence because you just came off of a 6-1 win. It ought to do something for us.'





GIOVANNI CORONEL/THE NEWS

Left, Lone Tree freshman, Jazmine Nino, with baton in hand, races down the track at the qualifying meet on May 11th. Right, Hillcrest sophomore, Delaney Shaw, races towards her teammate during a relay race at a track meet in Wayland.

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Highland would finish in fourth again in this event with a time of 1:50.21. In total Highland will race in three events and jump in one event in Des Moines and Burton will be a part of them

# **Lone Tree Results**

The State Qualifiers proved to be a productive track meet for Lone Tree. School records were broken, new personal records were set, and tickets to state were punched.

After taking third place overall at the WACO qualifiers with an even 100 points overall, there will be no shortage of Lady Lions competing in the State Meet next week.

With the regular season coming to a close Lone Tree can take pride in finishing third place or higher in every track meet they attended this season.

When the WACO meet was over Lone Tree knew they qualified for State in four events and after all the results were compiled the number increased

Outracing everyone in the 100 meter event to claim first place at the WACO qualifiers was freshman Ava Christofferson. Christofferson accomplished this feat with a time of 13.02 and by taking first she auto-qualified to race again at State. Her time ranks her 6th in Class 1A.

While Christofferson was not the only Lady Lion to qualify in an individual event, she was the only one to earn a bid to state by placing first as an individual. The three other events in Lone Tree auto-qualified in were relay events.

After placing first at the WACO meet the Lone Tree 4x100 meter relay team of sophomore Vivian Zaruba, sophomore Rylee Shield, senior Riley Krueger, and Christofferson will be heading to Des Moines. It was a close race with Lone Tree placing first with a time of 51.58, just edging out Regina's runner-up time of 51.85. Lone Tree's qualifying time ranks them 6th in Class 1A.

Breaking a Lone Tree school

record to place first in the 4x200 meter relay was the Lady Lion quartet of sophomore Avery Morarie, Shield, Christofferson, and Zaruba. This Lone Tree team took the gold with a time of 1:48.27, ranking them 4th in Class 1A, and this allowed them to auto-qualify and advance to State.

The third relay event Lone Tree took first place in to auto-qualify was the 800 meter sprint medley. Another Lone Tree school record was broken in this event and it was courtesv of the team of freshman Sophie Bell, Christofferson, Shield, and Zaruba. First place was taken with a time of 1:53.06 and this time ranks them 3rd in Class 1A.

Shield, in addition to being part of multiple relay teams heading to State, will also compete in the 200 meter dash at State courtesy of her second place finish in Wayland. She earned runner-up honors and set a new PR at the qualifying meet with a time of 27.03, ranking her 11th in Class 1A.

Lone Tree will also have someone represent them in the 800 meter run in Des Moines. Zaruba, after taking second place at the qualifiers in the 800m with a time of 2:33.32, will be heading to State. Her time of 2:33.32 ranks her 24th in Class 1A and it also sets a new PR for

The last event Lone Tree qualified for state was the high jump, courtesy of Krueger. Krueger, who is ranked 18th in Class 1A, finished the event with a cross-bar clearing jump of 5-00.00. This jump set a new PR for Krueger and it also gave her a runner-up finish.

# **Hillcrest Results**

The girls Hillcrest track and field season came to a close at this qualifying meet. No one on the Ravens roster would qualify for state and by not placing in the top eight in the events they competed in, Hillcrest would end the meet with zero points.

While this wasn't the finish Hillcrest was hoping for there were still some solid performances posted from this Raven team. Multiple Ravens would set new PRs at this meet.

Hillcrest sophomore Erin Bontrager would set a new PR in the 200 meter dash. She would claim 13th place with a time of 31.61.

One of the top finishes for Hillcrest at the WACO qualifiers came from sophomore Morgyn Nafziger. Nafziger placed ninth in the 200m with a time of 30.15. This would be the first of two events she would PR in, with the other event being her 11th place finish in the 100 meter dash.

Also earning a ninth place finish for Hillcrest was sophomore Delaney Shaw. Shaw claimed ninth place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:08.59.

The third and final ninth place finish for the Ravens came in the sprint medley relay event. The Hillcrest team of junior Anna Torok, Bontrager, Nafziger, and Shaw placed ninth in the sprint medley with a time of 2:07.09.

Coming up for the Lone Tree and Highland will be heading to the state's capital to compete in the State meet. The State Track and Field Meet is a three day event taking place in Des Moines at Drake Stadium from May 18-20.

# Results: \*= State Qualifier

100m: 1, \*Ava Christofferson, Lone Tree, 13.02; 2, \*Sarah Burton, Highland, 13.11; 6, Mackenzie McFarland, Highland, 13.39; 11, Morgyn Nafziger, Hillcrest, 14.07; 15, Anna Torok, Hillcrest, 14.33; 22, Emma Slaughter, Lone Tree, 16.14.

200m: 1, Kate Lanz, Wapello, 26,77; 2, \*Rylee Shield, Lone Tree, 27.03; 6, Kealy Roberts, Highland, 29.79; 9, Morgyn Nafziger, Hillcrest, 30.15; 13, Erin Bontrager, Hillcrest, 31.61; 22, Ella Buser, Lone Tree, 34.32; 23, Lillee Boshart, Highland, 36.93.

400m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 1:00.56; 4, Sophie Bell, Lone Tree, 1:07.35; 9, Delaney Shaw, Hillcrest, 1:08.59; 14, Erin Bontrager, Hillcrest, 1:19.65; 15, Hailie Hoppman, Highland, 1:21.03; 16 , Shauna Sublette,

Highland, 1:22.38; 18, Lila Bell, Lone Tree, 1:26.65.

800m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 2:28.57; 2, \*Vivian Zaruba, Lone Tree, 2:33.32; 12, Avery Pierson, Highland, 3:03.51; 13, Delanie Graap, Lone Tree,

1500m: 1, Chloe Glosser, Pekin, 5:12.51; 5, Jazmine Nino, Lone Tree, 5:57.81; 9, Siena Stanerson, Highland, 6:27.69; 15

, Lilly Mills, Lone Tree, 6:56.61. 3000m: 1, Lauren Steigleder, Pekin, 11:38.11; 5, Siena Stanerson, Highland,

13:01.59. 100m HURDLES: 1, Reese Naeve, Regina Catholic, 16.55; 6, Riley Krueger, Lone Tree, 17.88; 7, Brena Hazelett, Highland, 18.13; 8, Adelynn Kleopfer, Highland, 18.33; 20, Lindsay Werbach, Lone Tree,

400m HURDLES: 1, Reagan Clarahan, Sigourney, 1:10.30; 8, Mackenzie Davis, Highland, 1:20.63.

4x100m RELAY: 1, \*Lone Tree (Rylee Shield, Ava Christofferson, Riley Krueger, Vivian Zaruba), 51.58; 4, \*Highland (Sarah Burton, Mackenzie McFarland, Katelyn Waters, Lilly Barre), 52.42; 11, Hillcrest (Delaney Shaw, Anna Torok, Erin Bontrager, Morgyn Nafziger), 57.00.

4x200m RELAY: 1, \*Lone Tree (Ava Christofferson, Rylee Shield, Vivian Zaruba, Avery Morarie), 1:48.27; 4, \*Highland (Lilly Barre, Sarah Burton, Mackenzie McFarland, Katelyn Waters), 1:50.21.

4x400m RELAY: 1, Pekin, 4:15.48; 7, Lone Tree (Cate Sexton, Avery Lisk, Lindsay Werbach, Sophie Bell), 4:58.37; 8, Highland (Hailie Hoppman, Halle Hazelett, Hailey Nestor, Shauna Sublette).

4x800m RELAY: 1, Pekin, 10:04.89; 3, Lone Tree (Delanie Graap, Jazmine Nino, Bella Pourry, Sophie Bell), 12:17.90; 4, Highland (Laney Skelton, Avery Pierson, Kylie Allen, Hailey Nestor), 12:39.21. 800m SPRINT MEDLEY: 1, \*Lone Tree (Vivian Zaruba, Rylee Shield, Ava Christofferson, Sophie Bell), 1:53.06; 8, Highland (Grace Prybil, Kealy Roberts, MyLei Smith, Lorelei Lueck), 2:06.11; 9, Hillcrest (Anna Torok, Delaney Shaw, Morgyn Nafziger, Erin Bontrager), 2:07.09.

DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1, Pekin, 4:28.25; 7. Highland (Emma Cole, Grace Prybil, Laney Skelton, Lorelei Lueck), 5:24.46; 8, Lone Tree (Bella Pourry, Avery Lisk, Alyson Ford, Cate Sexton), 5:28.37.

4x100m SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1, WMU, 1:09.90; 3, Highland (Brena Hazelett, Adelynn Kleopfer, Mackenzie Davis, Avery Morarie), 1:16.35; 4, Lone Tree (Lindsay Werbach, Avery Morarie, Riley Krueger, Cate Sexton), 1:16.83.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Kayse Miller, Pekin, 5-02.00; 2, \*Riley Krueger, Lone Tree, 5-00.00; 7, Alyson Ford, Lone Tree,

4-06.00; 10, Hailey Netser, Highland, 4-06.00; 11. Kealy Roberts, Highland. 4-04.00.

LONG JUMP: 1 \*Sarah Burton, Highland, 17-07.50; 5, Avery Morarie, Lone Tree, 14-11.50; 8, Cate Sexton, Lone Tree, 13-07.00; 10, Anna Torok, Hillcrest, 13-00.50; 12, Delaney Shaw, Hillcrest, 12-04.25; 15, Hailie Hoppman, Highland, 10-07.75.

SHOT PUT: 1, Anna Hadley, Pekin, 40-00.00; 9, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree, 30-04.75; 14, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 28-06.25; 16, Sami Branson, Lone Tree, 26-11.25.

DISCUS: 1, Anna Hadley, Pekin, 126-08.00; 3, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 98-08.00: 5. Alex Dautremont. Lone Tree. 87-04.00; 11, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree,



TJ RHODES/THE NEWS

Mid-Prairie junior, Danielle Hostetler, finishing first place in the 3000m race with junior, Abby Fleming, finishing a close second at the Tipton qualifiers on May 11th.

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The final qualifiers were Olivia Schlabach freshmen, Sophie Miller (4x100m),(4x100m), Rebekah Wallington (4x800m). Juniors, Behla Schmidt (4x100 shuttle hurdle), Kali Miller (4x800m), Annika Poll (4x800m), Emma Lueck (long jump). And senior, Ella Groenewold (high jump).

A highlight for the girls was during the 3000m race. Hostetler, who has been a force during this event all season, would eventually break from the pack for a first-place finish. It was Fleming who stayed close to Hostetler the whole time, at one point running sideby-side with Hostetler before falling behind Tipton's Laura Owen on the final lap.

After Hostetler crossed the finish line unmatched, Fleming pushed extremely hard,

**Girls Results** 

100m: 1, Iva Senio, West Branch, 12.84;

4, Nevaeh Decker, Mid-Prairie, 13.23; 10,

200m: 1, Tabitha Evans, MP, 26.03; 4,

400m: 1. Greta Sieren. MP. 1:01.84: 8.

800m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, MP, 2:22.11;

**Boys Results** 

100m: 1, Ethan Schultz, Camanche,

11.29; 20, Shay Myers, Mid-Prairie,

100m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford,

200m: 1, Evan Striegel, West Branch,

Lanee Duwa, MP, 14.41.

Laurin Fay, MP, 1:09.42.

Neveah Decker, MP, 27.55.

3, Greta Sieren, MP, 2:29.81.

surpassing Owen once more to finish in second and qualify for state. Hostetler's time was 11:06.80 and Fleming's was 11:09.13, Owen finished 11:09.57, showing how tight the race really was. Fleming secured two personal records in her two races, the 1500m and 3000m.

Groenewold continued her streak of first-place finishes in the high jump, a feat she has become accustomed to over the season. She cleared a five-footone jump, two inches shorter than last week in Tipton but still good enough for the firstplace finish as the only girl to clear five feet yet again.

Tabitha Evans also continues a streak. Scoring a personal record in the 200m with a time of 26.03, she has done an extremely good job this season helping the relay teams continue to be dominant and placing first in individual races as well, a good season for the senior.

Despite the dominant showing by the Hawks yet again,

1500m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, MP,

3000m: 1, Danielle Hostetler, MP,

11:06.8; 2, Abby Fleming, MP, 11.09.13.

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

rant, 14.95; 7, Emily Schlabach, MP,

400m HURDLES: 1, Carlie Jo Fusco, Du-

rant, 1:06.23, 5, Dessa Poll, MP, 1:15.08;

4x100 RELAY: 1, MP, 50.36 (Mad-

200m WHEELCHAIR: Jayden Stafford, MP,

400m: 1, Anthony Duncan, Van Buren,

50.32; 14, Kaden Meader, MP, 57.92; 16,

400m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford,

17.97; 8, Ashlee Farrier, MP, 18.03.

22.68; 19, Shay Myers, MP, 26.08.

9, Ashlee Farrier, MP, 1:18.82.

Jacob Donaldson, MP, 58.19.

34.31.

4:55.32; 2, Abby Fleming, MP, 5:12.26.

they need to do a better job of handoffs during their relays. Despite this issue, five such teams qualified for state. **Mid-Prairie Boys** 

head coach, Mark Hostetler,

believed there was still more

the team could do to be better.

He especially pointed out that

The Mid-Prairie boys track & field team had a good year overall. Their efforts garnered six individual state qualifiers. The most by sophomore, Jayden Stafford, qualifying for the 100, 200, 400, and 800m wheelchair.

Sophomore, Jayse Yoder, qualified for two events, the 800m and 1600m. He ranked fourth and third in these two events in Tipton.

Junior, Landon Sullivan. qualified alongside senior, Cain Brown, for the long jump. If Brown wasn't dealing with a hamstring issue, he would have likely qualified for the

eline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans).

eline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans). 4x400 RELAY: 4, MP, 4:30.83 (Greta Sieren, Hannah Rodgers, Grace Conway, La-

nee Duwa). 4x800 RELAY: 2, MP, 10:30.83 (Annika Poll, Rebekah Wallington, Kali Miller, Greta Sieren).

800m: 1, Clay Bohlmann, Tipton, 1:58.9; 4, Jayse Yoder, MP, 2:02.09; 7, Blake Creed, MP, 2:04.1.

MP, 2:23.14. 1600m: 1, Solomon Zaugg, Mediapolis, 4:30.25; 3, Jayse Yoder, MP, 4:43.25; 4, Blake Creed, MP. 4:44.38.

800m WHEELCHAIR: 1, Jayden Stafford,

4x200 RELAY: 1, MP, 1:46.00 (Mad-Tabitha Evans). elle Hostetler).

Sophie Miller).

05.5; 7, Ashley Harmsen, MP, 31-11.

10:27.71; 9, Thomas Flynn, MP, 11:46.3. SHOT PUT: 1, Spencer Kessel, Louisa-Muscatine, 63-05; 6, Jack Zahradnek, MP, 43-02; 7, Burke Berry, MP, 41-04.5. DISCUS: 1, Spencer Kessel, Louisa-Muscatine, 174-09; 5, Jack Zahradnek, MP,

#### **Highland Girls**

**STATE TRACK & FIELD QUALIFIERS** 

100m: Sarah Burton 4x100m RELAY: Lilly Barre, Sarah Burton, Katelyn Waters, Mackenzie McFarland 4x200m RELAY: Lilly Barre, Katelyn Waters, Sarah Burton, Mackenzie McFarland 1500m: Danielle Hostetler, Abby Fleming 3000m: Danielle Hostetler, Abby Fleming LONG JUMP: Sarah Burton

#### **Lone Tree Girls**

100m: Ava Christofferson 200m: Rylee Shield 4x200m RELAY: Madeline Schrader, Ama-800m: Vivian Zaruba 4x100m RELAY: Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christ-4x800m RELAY: Annika Poll, Rebekah offerson, Riley Krueger, Rylee Shield 4x200m RELAY: Avery Morarie, Rylee 800m SPRINT RELAY: Madeline Schrader, Shield, Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson Nevaeh Decker, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans 800m SPRINT MEDLEY: Sophie Bell, Viv-DISTANCE MEDLEY: Madeline Schradian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson, Rylee er, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Danielle Shield

HIGH JUMP: Riley Krueger

#### **Lone Tree Boys**

4x200m RELAY: Emmett Burke, Tyce Alt, Ethan Bockelman, Drew Gauley

#### **Hillcrest Boys**

100/200/400/800: LONG JUMP: Owen Scott

high jump as well, an event he has excelled at this season.

**Mid-Prairie Boys** 

3200m: Danielle Hostetler, Abby Fleming

LONG JUMP: Landon Sullivan, Cain Brown

1600m: Jayse Yoder, Blake Creed

**Mid-Prairie Girls** 

800m: Danielle Hostetler, Greta Sieren

4x100m SHUTTLE HURDLES: Amara Jones, Olivia Schlabach, Behla Schmidt,

4x100m RELAY: Madeline Schrader, Ama-

ra Jones, Jovi Evans, Tabitha Evans

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Wallington, Kali Miller, Greta Sieren

HIGH JUMP: Ella Groenewold

LONG JUMP: Emma Lueck

800m: Jayse Yoder

WHEELCHAIR

Jayden Stafford

100m: Nevaeh Decker

200m: Tabitha Evans

400m: Greta Sieren

Sophie Miller

Hostetler

The high jump of the day was a six-foot-one jump. Brown's best this season was at six-foot-nine, ranking third at the Drake Relays.

Brown tried hard to rank in the high jump, hobbling on one leg, avoiding placing pressure on his taped up right leg, attempting the jump. It was an unfortunate way to end his senior year, still qualifying for the long jump. It is unclear if he'll be able to compete at state with his current injury, how-

Senior, Blake Creed, qualified for the 1600m and senior, Emmett Swartzentruber, quali-

800m SMR: 1, MP, 1:51.64 (Madeline Schrader, Neveah Decker, Jovi Evans,

1600m SMR: 1, MP, 4:18.69 (Madeline Schrader, Amara Jones, Jovi Evans, Dani-

4x100 HURDLES: 2, MP, 1:09.37 (Amara Jones, Olivia Schlabach, Behla Schmidt,

SHOT PUT: 1, Elian Dzangue, Tipton, 38-

3200m: 1, Emmett Swartzentruber, MP, 131-10; 8, Burke Berry, MP, 122-11.

fied for the 3200m. Creed took a fourth place finish behind Yoder in the 1600m.

The highlight of the night was Swartzentruber's dominating first-place finish in the 3200m with a time of 10:27.7. Second place belonged to Van Buren's Lincoln Bainbridge at 10:53.18. Swartzentruber lapped the last-placed runners and created a massive distance between him and the pack, securing first.

These 22 athletes will get one more chance this season to prove their efforts on the track and field. The seniors will especially be looking to make some noise as the high school chapter of life sets.

DISCUS: 1, Morgan Stecher, Louisa-Muscatine, 115-09; 4, Dessa Poll, MP, 101-

HIGH JUMP: 1, Ella Groenewold, MP, 5-01. LONG JUMP: 1, Catie Hook, Wilton, 16-04.5; 2, Emma Lueck, MP, 16-00.5; 7, Sophia Schwartz, MP, 15-03.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Tyson Seeser, Camanche, 6-01; 8, Josh Turner, MP, 5-06; 8, Cain Brown, MP, 5-06.

LONG JUMP: 1, Wyatt Mertens, Van Buren, 22-03.5; 3, Landon Sullivan, MP, 20-10.25; 4, Cain Brown, MP, 20-08.5.

# Hawks fall in round one of playoffs

BY TJ RHODES

#### The News **OSKALOOSA**

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In this penultimate regular seaAfter a roller coaster regular season ended on Friday, May 12, the Golden Hawks were given just the weekend to refocus. Their Substate round one playoff game was held on Monday, May 15, in Oskaloosa against the Grinnell Tigers. Unfortunately, this is where the Golden Hawks season would

end, losing 3-1. The lone goal of the night for Mid-Prairie belonged to Owen Trimpe, taking a shot that rocketed into the net unbothered. His goal tied the game at one with 13:17 remaining in the first half. After Mid-Prairie took a moment to celebrate, it was right back to work. This is when the game slipped from their grasp as Grinnell scored three minutes later.

With two minutes left in the half, the Hawks defense had a momentary breakdown, watching Grinnell's Jack Hoopes bob and weave through the Hawk defense to score facing the goalie, all by himself. This would be the final goal of the game, solidifying the 3-1 Grinnell victory.

Grinnell's first goal came mere minutes in as they started fast and prepared. Just two minutes and six seconds in and Grinnell had the early lead. A minute later, one of Mid-Prairie's key players, senior Noah Ford, went down with an injury that first arose on Friday night. He was unable to return to the game, needing help to exit the field. His leadership and presence at mid-field was a huge blow for the team.

[Ford] has been good for us all year. I'm not going to make

excuses and say that was a big tide shift, but he definitely has a presence on the field and just his ability to play the long balls and the through balls, we definitely missed that in the midhead coach Wyatt Cady, said. "We were kind of scrambling about 20 minutes after it to figure out how to adjust. [It] hurt to have it and he cared a

Mid-Prairie came out swinging in the second half, exiting the ten-minute halftime with more energy at their disposal. Junior, Tucker Miller, especially had a good outing, consistently in play, one of the only Hawks matching the Tiger physicality. At one point, Miller displayed a nifty spin-orama to get past the swarming Grinnell defense. He then took a shot that went out of bounds. Miller had space, if he collected himself after the great move, he might've had a cleaner look at the net.

This trend would continue for Miller as he got another shot attempt that just went wide of the net. Overall, the Hawks only got nine shots on goal. Another six not on goal.

After 20 minutes had passed in the second half, Mid-Prairie finally started to dictate play with their speed, fully awake. The idea of their season ending was on the horizon. Grinnell matched Mid-Prairie's speed with an even more aggressive game, playing tough, not allowing the Hawks much space when they did break free. This did lead to some penalty shots, both kicked by Miller from a considerable distance, gleaming their way right into the goalie's arms with no Golden Hawk pressure in front of the



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Mid-Prairie junior, Tucker Miller, takes a shot towards the Grinnell net on May 15th.

Grinnell started to play the clock, taking their time. This led to some frustration on Mid-Prairie's part. Junior, Dylan Henry, steamrolled a Tiger with less than a minute left, was awarded with a yellow card and was subbed out for the last minute. In Mid-Prairie's eyes, the Tigers were allowed to play physical all night. In reality, that's the game and Mid-Prairie is a victim of 2A placement playing mainly 1A competition with many on the roster still learning soccer. Their roller coaster year still warrants a bright future. They gained playoff experience and will have a better idea of what to expect next season.

Being there for Mid-Prai-

rie's future is coach Cady, who just completed his first season as head coach. He'll miss having Trimpe, the reliable forward, but is excited about fostering a better team next year with much more experience.

"Hopefully, senior year they come back strong [and] we're starting ten seniors. Hopefully, we can have that physicality and just a little bit more soccer knowledge," Cady said. "I know they'll come back better."

Mid-Prairie finished its year 9-7. They started the year against tough competition, losing their first two before running a three-game winning streak. They played streaky all year, never losing or winning just one in a row. They have five

seniors leaving, most notably Owen Trimpe and Noah Ford. But in their place is Tucker Miller who will slide into that number one slot next season, already a presence, leading the team in assists. They hope for a golden future.

# **GAME STATS**

	1	2	Total
Grinell	3	0	3
MP	1	0	1

ney 2, Jack Hoopes 1. GRINNELL ASSISTS: Hoopes 1. GRINNELL SAVES: Beaux Blanchard SV 6 GA 1.

GRINNELL SCORING: Christopher MacArt-

MID-PRAIRIE SCORING: Owen Trimpe 1. MID-PRAIRIE SAVES: Joe Hall SV 11 GA 3.

# CL Hawks ground Ravens in playoff battle

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

#### DONNELLSON

With the curtain closed on the regular season, the curtain rose for the postseason stage. It was playoff time for Hillcrest and the number five seeded Ravens went on the road to face off against fellow Southeast Super Conference member, the number four seeded Central Lee Hawks, for a 1A first round matchup on May 15.

This game was a rematch from a regular season game, on April 13, where the Ravens emerged victorious over Central Lee by virtue of penalty

However in this playoff matchup, even though Hillcrest was able to generate more offense than its opponent in the second half, they weren't able to capitalize on the scoring chances they created, and the Ravens season came to an end against Central Lee with a final

"We just didn't finish. We were dominating in the second half and we had some really good shots," Hillcrest coach Marcus Miller said after the game. "It's the problems we struggled with all year in terms of finishing that showed up again tonight."

After about 20 minutes of play both team's defense would hold steady, not surrendering any goals. The Hawks would be the ones to break the tie, scoring with 21:16 left in the first half. Central Lee seemingly



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Hillcrest sophomore, Jesse Blossom, collides with a Central Lee player while trying to take possession of the ball during a post-season game on May 15th.

found its scoring rhythm after its first goal, scoring a second goal about one minute later to go up 2-0.

Not daunted by the quick 2-0 deficit Hillcrest suddenly found itself in, the Ravens were able to respond almost immediately.

Sophomore Jesse Blossom used his speed and dribbling skills to bring the ball up the field on the left side and he was able to send a nice cross inside the box. The cross ended up at the feet of his teammate, sophomore Phoenix Anderson, and Anderson did not let this opportunity go to waste, kicking the ball past the goalie into the goal from close range.

"Drew, one assistant, had been talking to Jesse about how we felt like we were forcing the ball down the middle too much," Miller said about how Anderson's goal came about. "And Drew said, 'Hey, just try taking the ball down the side once and crossing it in'. Jesse likes to sometimes cross way-out in the middle of the field, and that can be effective. But he listened and took it down there and put a nice cross in and Phoenix did a nice job of finishing."

Anderson's goal came with

20:41 left in the first half to bring the score to 2-1 in Central Lee's favor. After no goals scored for most of the first half these three goals were scored within two minutes of each

After the flurry of offense by both teams, defense became the name of the game again and the score of 2-1 would stand firm.

'The back line of Grant Bender, Mason Bender, Mason Helmuth, Bryce Bailey, they just had a whale of a game,' Miller said. "Mason Bender was at defensive mid and he was great. And we tried to get him more active, moved Grant

up and slid Bryce over and he did well. That's been kind of a strength all year, is that de-

The Ravens went on attack mode in the second half and while the equalizer came tantalizingly close for Hillcrest numerous times they just were unable to finish on offense.

One of the best looks they got in the second half came from Blossom with about five minutes left in the game.

Blossom would bring the ball up the field and fired a bullet of a shot straight at the Central Lee goalie and the goalie would block the shot by deflecting it with his hands. The deflection would bounce to Hillcrest sophomore Micah Gerber and he had a great look close to the goal, but his shot would also be blocked from close range.

'The nice thing is they're all young, they're all sophomores or freshmen, except for Grant,' Miller said about the potential of his team next season. "There is a nucleus to build on and we just need to work on the finishing skills."

As the game came to an end with a final score of 2-1 Hillcrest found itself on the losing end. With this loss the Ravens season would officially be over with a final record of 4-7.

"They've been a fun group to work with. They don't have a lot of soccer experience. Like a lot of these guvs haven't played youth soccer at all. So they listen and they try to do what you tell them to do. It feels good when they listen," Miller said.





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Left, Highland freshman, Elvin Hernandez, grabs the baton from teammate, senior, Brendan Schnoebelen, during a relay race on May 11th. Right, Hillcrest freshman, Owen Scott, flies through the air during the long jump event at the State qualifying meet in Wayland.

# LT, HC, HL compete in the State Qualifiers at WACO

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# WAYLAND

The Hillcrest, Highland, and Lone Tree boys track and field team traveled to WACO high school's Roth Field in Wayland for the third time in three weeks for a meet, but this time there was a chance for State on

Taking place on May 11 the boys 1A State Qualifying Track and Field Meet commenced and a field of 14 schools all battled it out to earn the right to compete in Des Moines. It did rain a bit this day but it was off and on and when it was on it never picked up to a point where it caused any real concern.

After all the points were tallied it was the Columbus Wildcats who walked away, or perhaps jogged away, as the big winner. Columbus took first place overall with 154 points to earn the state qualifier meet team title. This was their first title since 1975. Danville and Winfield-Mount Union came in second and third place with 100 and 99 points respectively.

In order to qualify for state at this meet, besides winning the qualifier meet title, is to take first place in an event. Winning the gold in an event would auto-qualify a person or team for State competition.

One could still earn a bid to state with a fast enough time, far enough distance, or high enough jump but they would have to place among the top 14 finishes across all ten qualifier meets. All the results from those meets would be compiled together and compared against each other to find out who qualifies for State, but those results would only be completed the following day of the qualifiers.

# **Lone Tree Results**

The Lions tallied 35 points by the time the meet ended to finish ninth overall in the team standings. While Lone Tree did not place first in any event at the qualifiers they still managed to send a relay team to

In the 4x200 meter relay a Lone Tree team of four placed second out of a field of ten. The Lions team of senior Tyce Alt, freshman Emmett Burke, junior Ethan Bockelman, and senior Drew Gauley were the ones who gave Lone Tree a runner-up finish in the 4x200m with a time of 1:34.21.

2:02.25; 15, Brendan Schnoebelen, Highland, 2:40.81; 18, Joey Birtcher,

4:32.14; 16, Joey Birtcher, Lone Tree, 6:23.67.

110m HURDLES: 1, Triston Miller, Columbus, 14.10; 8, Jackson Schneider, Highland, 19.58.

Highland, 1:10.75.

4x100m RELAY: 1, Columbus, 43.24; 8, Lone Tree (Brody Magruder, Harry Brenneman, Maddox Jondle, Domonic

This quartet of Lions' time of 1:34.21 was fast enough to advance them to State. This was the lone State event Lone Tree

qualified for. In addition to being on the Lone Tree relay team heading to State, Gauley also placed fifth in the 100 meter dash with

a time of 11.66. Another top performance for Lone Tree came from its shuttle hurdle relay team. The Lions shuttle hurdle relay team consisted of junior Harry Brenneman, senior Ethan Willoz, Gauley, and Alt. This team placed third with a time of 1:08.11.

In the 800 meter sprint medley Lone Tree was able to earn a fourth place placement. The team of Burke, Alt, Bockelman, and Brenneman finished the race with a time of 1:42.40.

# **Hillcrest Results**

The Ravens finished this qualifying meet with eight team points, giving them an 11th place finish overall. Hillcrest freshman Owen Scott was the one responsible for all of the points the Ravens acquired and Scott was able to place well enough in the long jump event to qualify for the State meet.

"Owen had his longest jump in his first jump. He was ready to go out of the gate. The cutoff for state is usually a high 19 or a low 20," Hillcrest coach Martin Gingerich told KCII. "Sometimes you can wrap a lot of emotional energy up into waiting to find out (if you qualify), but Owen is a pretty cool cat. If he has a lot of anxiety or emotion he doesn't show it. I've learned too that it works best just to wait and not worry about it one way or another. When the results come out, deal with whether you have or not then."

Scott placed 4th in the long jump at the qualifiers with his farthest jump traveling 20-03.50. Out of the 24 who qualified for the long jump at State, Scott is ranked 16 out of 24.

Along with scoring five points in the long jump Scott scored Hillcrest's three other points in the high jump and the 100 meter dash. He placed eighth in the 100m with a time of 12.17 and he placed seventh in the high jump by clearing a 5-08 crossbar. This was the first

time Scott ran a 100m. With Scott qualifying this increased Hillcrest's streak of sending someone to compete in State to three years in a row.

# **Highland Results**

Highland's track and field season came to an end at the state qualifiers, with no one on Highland's team earning a top 24 finish overall in order to advance to State after all 10 of the qualifying meets were tabulated. The Huskies finished the WACO meet with 1 point overall to give them a 14th place fin-

The Huskies competed in 10 events with its lone point coming in the 110 meter hurdle event, courtesy of junior Jackson Schneider. Schneider was able to place eighth in the 110m hurdles with a time of 19.58.

Highland's 2023 roster consisted of only 12, with nine of them being freshman, so Highland will have room to grow with next year slated to be a good stepping stone for this team. With its season officially over Highland will say goodbye to its lone senior on the team, Brendan Schnoebelen.

Up next for Hillcrest and Lone Tree will be traveling to Des Moines to compete in the three-day event that is the 2023 State Track and Field Meet. This meet will take place from May 18-20.

03.50; 10, Elvin Hernandez, Highland, 16-08.75

SHOT PUT: 1, Ryan McDonough, Wapello, 49-09.00; 12, Jack Patterson, Lone Tree, 33-10.00; 20, William Boileau-Futrell, Highland, 27-03.25; 21, Spencer Thompkin, Highland, 25-03.50.

DISCUS: 1, Oleh Shtefanchuk, WACO, 164-10; 9, Andrew Hotz, Lone Tree, 109-08; 21, Jack Patterson, Lone Tree, 76-00; 22, Brayden Zywiec, Highland, 69-11; 24, Keaton Van Schoyk, Highland, 61-00.

# Results: \*= State Qualifier

100m: 1, Kaden Amigon, Columbus, 11.00; 5, Drew Gauley, Lone Tree, 11.66; 6, Domonic Garcia, Lone Tree, 11.98; 8, Owen Scott, Hillcrest, 12.17; 18, Elvin Hernandez, Highland, 13.95.

200m: 1, Kaden Amigon, Columbus, 22.55; 7, Domonic Garcia, Lone Tree, 24.49; 9, Ethan Willoz, Lone Tree, 25.49; 17, Owen Knox, Highland, 27.08.

400m: 1, Alex Jensen, Regina, 52.25; 14, Owen Scott, Hillcrest, 1:02.63; 15, Reece Holbrook, Lone Tree, 1:03.66.

800m: 1, Rylan Martin, New London,

Lone Tree, 2:28.70.

1600m: 1, AJ Bonnesen, Danville,

400m HURDLES: 1, Gabriel Hemsworth, WMU, 55.50; 12, Jackson Schneider,

4x200m relay: 1, WACO, 1:33.45; 2, \*Lone Tree (Drew Gauley, Tyce Alt, Ethan Bockelman, Emmett Burke), 1:34.21; 10, Highland (Brayden Zywiec, Spencer Thompkin, Brody Sobolik, William Boileau-Futrell), 2:13.15.

4x400m RELAY: 1, WMU, 3:33.41; 5, Lone Tree (Tyce Alt, Drew Gauley, Emmett Burke, Ethan Bockelman), 3:57.74.

800m SPRINT MEDLEY: 1, WMU, 1:37.19; 4, Lone Tree (Harry Brenneman, Emmett Burke, Ethan Bockelman, Tyce Alt), 1:42.40; 11, Highland (Owen Knox, Brendan Schnoebelen, Elvin Hernandez,

Brayden Zywiec), 2:07.87. DISTANCE MEDLEY: 1, New London, 3:40.97; 7, Lone Tree (Gabe Forbes, Brody Magruder, Maddox Jondle, Grey Spilman),

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1, Columbus, 1:01.52; 3, Lone Tree (Tyce Alt, Drew Gauley, Ethan Willoz, Harry Brenneman), 1:08.11.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Kade Benjamin, New London, 6-06.00; 7, Owen Scott, Hillcrest, 5-08.00; 9, Grey Spilman, Lone Tree, 5-04.00.

LONG JUMP: 1, Cam Buffington, WMU, 21-07.50; 4, \*Owen Scott, Hillcrest, 20-





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Left, Hillcrest sophomore, Seth Ours, tees off during the sectional golf meet at the Knoll Ridge Country Club on May 10th. Right, Hillcrest freshman, Rowan Miller, settles his club as he prepares to strike the ball at the sectional meet in North English on May 10th.

# Ravens advance to Districts

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#### **NORTH ENGLISH**

After ending its regular season with an unblemished record of 28-0 the Ravens entered this year's Class 1A boys golf sectional at the Knoll Ridge Country Club on May 10 with all the momentum in the world.

Keeping the ball rolling Hillcrest will be advancing to the District Tournament for a third year in a row, courtesy of their first place finish at the sectional meet.

Seven teams and 39 golfers entered this 18-hole sectional foray and they all had the same goal of qualifying for Districts on their minds. The top two teams would be able to advance and the top two golfers outside of the qualifying teams would also be able advance as individuals.

It ended up being closer than they would have hoped, but the Ravens handled the pressure and secured the sectional championship with a first place score of 330.

The Ravens played solid today. Not exciting golf, but solid team golf. Despite shooting 330, this was not their best day, Hillcrest coach Phil Schintler said. "Not having their best day they still came out on top. They all know their best days are just around the corner."

Coming in second place to also qualify for Districts was the host school, the English Valleys Bears, with a runnerup score of 336.

If the host team places in the top two, as the Bears did, this allows the third place school to also qualify. That being said the Regina Regals will also advance to the District Tournament with its third place score

Hillcrest senior Jace Rempel led the way for the Ravens at this sectional meet.

Rempel was the top performer for Hillcrest with a score of 79, shooting 40 on the front nine and a 39 on the back nine. His score was good enough to place him fourth overall. He ended the meet with 10 made pars and sank in one birdie on hole 3.

The next highest ranking Raven was senior Luke Schrock. Luke garnered a sixth place finish with his score of 81, shooting 39 on the front nine and a 42 on the back nine. He started off the day with two made birdies on the first two holes. Playing a fairly consistent game, Luke would end his day with eight made pars.

'Our game plan was to win but we made it closer than we should have," Luke Schrock told KCII after the meet was concluded. "We still got the win though, so that's alright.'

Sophomore Liam Schrock and freshman Rowan Miller would post identical scores for the Ravens.

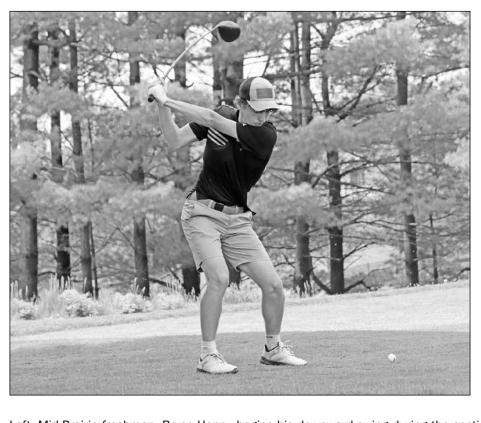
Liam would shoot a 44 on the front nine and a 41 on the back nine to arrive at his final score of 85. Despite still recovering from an illness that caused him to end the last Raven's golf meet early, Liam was able to tough it out and finish the course. He even managed to sink in an eagle, two under par, on hole 12.

Miller would match his teammate's score of 85 by shooting a 41 on the front nine and a 44 on the back nine. He would end the day with eight pars and one birdie. Liam and Miller would finish in ninth place and 10th place respectively.

Rounding out the scoring for Hillcrest would be sophomore Seth Ours and senior Josiah Beachy.

Ours would take 14th place after shooting a 42 on the front nine and a 45 on the back nine to reach a final score of 97. Beachy shot a 47 on the front nine and a 45 in the back ninth to finish in 19th place with an overall score of 92.

With the goal of earning a bid to the 1A State Tournament the Ravens battled it out in the 1A District meet at the Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville on May 16.





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Left, Mid-Prairie freshman, Bryce Henry, begins his downward swing during the sectional golf meet in Kalona on May 9th. Right, Mid-Prairie senior, Alex Bean, putts the ball towards the hole at the sectional golf meet taking place at the Kalona Golf Course on May 9th.

# Hawks' season comes to a close at Sectionals

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# KALONA

With a chance to advance to Districts on the line eight schools gathered at the Kalona Golf Course on May 9 to battle it out in the IHSAA 2A Boys Sectional Golf Tournament.

Mid-Prairie was the host of this event where the top two finishing schools would move on to the District Tournament at Heritage Oaks for a chance to qualify for the State Tournament. In addition to teams advancing, two individuals outside of the top two teams with the lowest scores would also be eligible to advance to Districts.

The Golden Hawks would

finish fifth in the team rankings and with no individual Mid-Prairie golfer cracking into the top two best scores outside of the qualifying teams, this would spell the end of the 2023 golf season for the Golden Hawks.

"We hosted a loaded Sectional with a lot of quality teams and golfers. We knew it would be tough but our golfers were ready," Mid-Prairie coach Kelby Bender said. "We went in shorthand with our low average scorer Drew Schlabaugh out with an illness. Our golfers stepped up to the challenge and shot a 352 which is two strokes below our average and finished 5th. It was a battle at the top with the first four teams separated by just six strokes."

As Coach Bender mentioned the scores were close all around, the difference between first place and second place at this District Meet was only one stroke. Tipton grabbed first place with an overall score of 333 and West Liberty took the runner-up spot with a score of

The top performance for Mid-Prairie came from senior Warren Scarff, Scarff, in what would become the last golf meet of his high school career, shot a 40 on the front nine and a 45 on the back nine to arrive at a personal best score of 85. This score gave him a 10th place fin-

"[Scarff] played well enough

to give himself a chance to advance but came up 2 strokes short," Bender said. "He had back to back birdies on the par 4 3rd and 4th holes enroute to a front 9 score of 40. Warren had a great career and was a great leader for us. He qualified for the District meet last season and played well for us all year. I am proud of his effort and how hard he worked the last three vears.

Senior Aiden Bush and freshman Bryce Henry were

the other top performers for Mid-Praire at Sectionals. Bush would finish the meet with a score of 86, shooting

matching 43's on the front and

back nine, to place him in 12th

overall. Henry shot a front nine

score of 44 and a back nine score of 43 to reach his final score of 87 and end the meet with a 16th place finish.

With this 2023 Golden Hawk campaign coming to an official close Mid-Prarie will say farewell to six seniors.

"We say goodbye and will miss six seniors," Bender said. "Warren Scarff, Aiden Bush, Alex Bean, Ben Mattes, Shawn Dodds and Mose Yoder. It was great having them on the team. They all worked hard, wanted to get better, were competitive, and best of all were great teammates and leaders to the younger golfers. Thank you seniors for all that you have done for the Mid-Prairie Boys Golf program. We are all proud of you."

# Prince of Peace brings Highland's season to an end

BY GIOVANNI CORONEL

The News

#### MONTICELLO

Entering the first round of 1A postseason play the Huskies traveled to Monticello to face off against the Prince of Peace Irish on May 15.

After 80 minutes of play Highland would find themselves defeated by Prince of Peace with a final score of 5-2. This loss would eliminate Highland from the playoffs and bring an end to its season as a whole.

From the get go the Huskies found themselves in a hole, with the Irish scoring three goals in the first half. The score of 3-0 in Prince of Peace's favor would carry over to the second half, but Highland would find a way to retaliate.

Highland as a team entered this game with six goals made on the season, with four of them coming in its first win of the season in the regular season finale, and they were able to increase their goal total yet again, scoring two goals against the Irish in the second

One of Highland's goals came from senior Carlos Valenzuela, in what would be the final soccer match of his high school career. Valenzuela has not been able to play for most of this season due to injuries, this play-off game was just his second game played this year, but he was able to make an impact where it mattered most, in the scoring department.

Sophomore Jared scored the other goal for Highland in the second half. This goal by Diaz makes it back-toback weeks in which he has put the ball in the back of the net and this brings up his goal total to three this year.

While Highland was able to score twice in the second half, Prince of Peace would not take this lightly, scoring two goals of their own to bring the score of the game to 5-2 and with no more goals scored after this score was reached this would end up being the final score of

With this loss Highland's season comes to an end with a 1-12 record. The Huskies will say farewell to its lone senior



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Highland sophomore, Ayden Havel, makes a diving save against Burlington Notre Dame on May 2nd.

on the team, Valenzuela, and will look to build upon the offense they were able to find in the last five games of the season, scoring eight goals in those games after not scoring any in

its first eight games, next year with its young budding team in



Highland Junior, Remington Fields (8), and Freshman, Alan Nass (12), race towards the ball on the defensive against Burlington Notre Dame on May 2nd.

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# Jones leads the way in Hawks OT win on senior night

BY DOUGLAS MILES

Correspondent

# WELLMAN

The idea took hold during

girls' basketball season. Mid-Prairie girls' basketball assistant coach Truman Shetler had agreed to lead the Golden Hawks' girls' soccer program once spring arrived. With an eye cast towards his potential roster, Shetler decided to gauge the interest - with a sizable assist from senior Sophie Baker - of senior hoops standout Amara Jones.

"We got along pretty well, my mom says we are like the same person," Jones said. "I knew that he was going to be coaching, so Sophie has been egging me on this whole year to go out, so I decided to do it."

The decision has been a boon for both Jones and the Golden Hawks. Despite not playing competitively since the fifth grade, the forward has piled up a team-high 11 goals in just eight matches, including all three scores in Mid-Prairie's 3-2, double-overtime victory over Bellevue in a River Valley Conference match Friday at the Wellman Rotary Soccer Fields.

"She's an athlete," Shetler said. "She is great to have out here. She is a great goal-scorer, great kid, great athlete. She works hard and it shows."

In the regular-season fi-



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Mid-Prairie senior, Amara Jones, takes a shot on goal against Northeast Community Schools on May 5th.

nale for both schools and Mid-Prairie celebrating its "Senior Night," Jones provided the dramatics. With the Golden Hawks less than a minute away from heading to halftime on the wrong end of a 2-1 score, the ball managed to find enough of Jones' foot for her to punch home the equalizer with just 37 seconds left.

"It just kept bouncing, so everyone just kept trying to get shots," Jones said. "So I was just glad that mine finally rolled right under the goalie's hands."

Neither team scored in the second half and the first 10-minute overtime period. Just when it appeared that the match would need penalty kicks to decide the outcome, senior midfielder Kina Miller sustained a strike to the face, composed herself and corralled the ball just long enough to deliver the second of her two assists to a streaking Jones, who drilled the game-winning goal past the Bellevue goalkeeper with 2:17 left in the second overtime.

"It was really exciting,"

Jones said. "Kina gave me a perfect ball there after getting nailed in the face, so I was just happy to be able to put that one in for her and just to get that last goal in on 'Senior Night.' I was tired, so I was glad that it went in and we were done.'

The win also would not have been possible without the freshman heroics of goalkeeper Niva Helmuth, a Hillcrest Academy student. After surrendering two Bellevue goals in the first 34 minutes of the match, Helmuth withstood a barrage of offensive opportunities and shut out the Comets over the final 63-plus minutes.

"They had a lot of good 'through balls' and they are a pretty fast team and they can get to it," Helmuth said. "Our defense did a good job keeping up with them.

Helmuth's 23 saves against Bellevue (4-8) are the most for an individual Mid-Prairie goalkeeper this season and equaled the 23 combined saves from Helmuth (nine) and Miller (14) the day before at Washington. It was just the seventh time all season that the Mid-Prairie goalkeepers have recorded more than 10 saves in one match.

"Niva was great in goal," Shetler said. "She had probably a handful of just 'reflex saves' that were big for us and I told her that it is good to have good

reflexes, because that is half of playing goalie. She played really well tonight and I am really glad that she was back there for us."

With the victory, Mid-Prairie (10-6, 7-3 RVC) clinched fourth place in the conference and reached a double-digit win total for the third time (2019, 2021) in four seasons. The Golden Hawks managed no more than six wins in the five seasons prior to 2019.

'It is good to be able to continue to have successful seasons," Shetler said. "Even with a first-year coach, the players come in, know what they are supposed to do and they pick up right where the last year's team

Mid-Prairie begins postseason play at home on Wednesday with a Class 1A regional quarterfinal against Central Lee (7-5), a team that was originally on the Golden Hawks' schedule until an April 4 rain cancellation.

If Mid-Prairie is to advance, it will have to do so without Jones, who will be representing the Golden Hawks at the state track and field meet in Des Moines that day.

"It's going to be hard, but I think the girls can pull off the win," Jones said. "And then I will just be pure soccer by the next game, so I am hoping that will happen."

# **BOWKER**/

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at the Blue Oval, beginning Thursday in Des Moines.

Danielle Hostetler is continuing a Hostetler tradition that began at the Blue Oval back in 2016 when older sister Anna began her three-year run as the state's 1500 champion. Danielle won the 3000 last year and finished third in the 1500, and is ranked second in the state at both distances this

Burton, who finished third in the Class 1A long jump last year with a personal-record leap of 16 feet, 10.5 inches, is the second seed in this year's competition with a jump nearly a foot longer (17-7.5). She is also in the 100, and will run in a pair of Highland relays.

Christofferson, a freshman, is among a group of Lone Tree girls who have been impressive all spring and broke one of the school's relay records. She is the sixth seed in the 100 and is one of just four freshmen in the 24-person field. She is also on the team's 4x100, 4x200 and sprint medley squads.

Rylee Shield, a Lone Tree sophomore, qualified in the 200 for the second consecutive year. She is the 11th seed with a time of 27.03 seconds. She's also on the 4x100, 4x200 and sprint medley squads.

Vivian Zaruba, a sophomore, qualified in the 800 and is on Lone Tree's three relay squads.

Zaruba, Shield, Christofferson and Riley Krueger (a state qualifier in both the high jump and 4x100 relay) are on the Blue Oval for the second time

this season. They competed in a relay race last month at the Drake Relays.

are outstanding 'Thev young ladies who amaze me each and every time out on the track," said Lone Tree coach Chad Shield. "They've set two school records and just continue to push themselves even more. I'm excited to see them on the big stage in Des Moines. I don't anticipate it will phase them one bit.'

And somewhere up in that crowd at Drake Stadium will

likely be Mitzi Evans. Her younger sister, Tabitha, has also qualified to run in four events. She is the fourth seed in the 2A girls 200 with a time of 26.03 seconds. She also runs the anchor leg on the 4x100, 4x200 and sprint medley squads as the Golden Hawks chase after a fifth straight state champion-

Indeed, this will be a very big stage.

Just as it was last year.

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# LOOKING BACK

## **20 YEARS AGO** MAY 15, 2003

#### Kalona

As part of its celebration of National Nursing Home Week, Pleasantview Home offered ice cream cones and balloons Monday to second grade students in Kerri Bell's class at Kalona Elementary School. The students regularly visit Pleasantview residents once a month.

The Mid-Prairie School District Foundation is looking for a few thousand Mid-Prairie High School graduates.

The first ever all-school reunion is set for June 27-29, Charles Yoder, Foundation president told the Mid-Prairie Board Monday.

'And we need addresses or ways to contact a lot of the graduates," he said.

The Foundation has sent out notices "to a number of parents," he said, in hopes that "they will be passed on to the graduates."

He added that the hope is to make it an annual event. This year is "to celebrate 42 years of excellence," he noted.

Washington County will not join with Henry County to build a regional jail, the Washington County Board of Supervisors learned May 6.

Supervisor Larry DeLong reported about a recent meeting with Henry County officials, indicating that Henry County is not interested in pursuing a regional facility.

He recommended that the Washington board go back to the original plan of a standalone jail erected near Orchard Hill.

The board agreed that it should again consult with architects and would interview two or three firms about the project.

The National Institute of Health reports that people with pets make fewer trips to the doctor than people who don't

Studies have shown that the simple act of petting a dog lowers blood pressure and heart

Relating to a dog can also relieve pain, reduce stress, lower triglycerides, enhance your immune system, guard against loneliness and postpone the aging process.

Add to that the pure enjoyment and fun you get from your canine friend, and you'll understand how important dogs can be to older people. And for that matter to anyone.

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Companionship, exercise, better health and social interaction are a few of the many benefits older people derive from furry friends.

Herb Wilson of Iowa City was elected recently to the board of directors for Freedom Security Bank of Kalona and Coralville.

Wilson has been involved in a variety of industrial pursuits including CIVCO Medical Instruments in Kalona and Micro-Surface Finishing Products in Wilton. In his career he has held several positions in corporate planning and the chief principal in the construction of the North Star steel plant in Wilton.

'We're fortunate to have someone with Herb's solid business experience as a member of our board," said Thomas A. Jepson, FSB's CEO. "He has a longstanding record of involvement in civic affairs, something that's very important to us as a locally-based community bank."

For an organization that has not gained a single member in 40 years, the Kalona High School Alumni Association regularly draws more than 100 people to its annual banquet.

This year may see even more than usual, thanks to a brand new exhibit in the Wahl Museum of the Kalona Historical Village.

The display features photos of all Kalona High School graduates from the Class of 1919 to the Class of 1960 (the final one). The room also contains display cases with KHS memorabilia. An Open House for the exhibit is planned for Saturday, May 17, the day of the annual ban-

Police received a report

May 6 of a break-in at Gamble's Hardware, Kalona. Approximately \$100 was taken from the register as well as an undetermined number of garbage stickers.

A jogger reported that while he was running on Highway 22 near the twin bridges, a person in a green Dodge neon drove by and threw a golf ball at him.

A Kalona resident reported May 6 that an older woman driving an older model Pontiac or Buick drove through her yard on 7th St., through the neighbor's yard and bushes and then parked in the Kalona Mennonite Church lot.

Ron and Helen Slechta are celebrating their 11th year as owners of the Kalona News. They are giving away 2 months of the News with each new subscription or renewal, plus a chance to win one of the three Kalona Kash prizes. This is their way of saying thanks for your great support and welcome to new subscribers.

Mid-Prairie and Iowa Mennonite competed at the Golden Hawk Invitational last Friday night and represented the area very well. The IMS boys finished a very strong 4th with 41 points while the Mid-Prairie boys finished 6th with 28 points. The Mid-Prairie girls turned in some great performances to finish 7th with 22 points while IMS also ran well and finished 9th with 8 points.

**Lone Tree** For the last three years you've heard how fast Jessica Smith is.

You're about to hear it again.

The Lone Tree Lady Lions traveled to Fairfield on Monday to compete in the district tournament against some tough 2-A schools, particularly the host school.

For the Lady Lions, the better part of their day was spent in the sprinting events. Particularly the hurdles.

For the third consecutive year, Jessica Smith will be competing at the state tournament in three different events. All of which are hurdle events.

It was a scene straight from Cooperstown on May 1 in the Lone Tree School Old Gym. The National Honor Society held their annual awards ceremony, with the event being highlighted by another person being selected to "NHS Hall of Fame." This years entry was the school's head custodian and Lone Tree resident Mike Wolfe.

The National Honor Society has been selecting a person to their "Hall of Fame" since 1996. To be selected to the "Hall of Fame," a person must exhibit the qualities that the National Honor Society is founded upon. These qualities include character, leadership, and service. The members of the Lone Tree chapter then select the person that they feel best fits these descriptions.

This years selection, Mike Wolfe, has been the custodian at Lone Tree since 1994. He has played an instrumental role in the past year in helping the school with the construction of the new addition. Wolfe has also been in charge of bus maintenance and drives a bus for the school.

In the past, Wolfe has been a junior high athletic coach and owned a bar and grill in town. He and his wife, Jerri, currently own an antique shop in

town, Alley Cat Antiques. Teachers and administrators at the school cite Wolfe's commitment to his job as the reason he stands out from the

"Mike is somebody you can always count on to get the job done." NHS adviser Laurie Forbes said.

"He goes above and beyond what is asked of him," added high school teacher Tim Na-

It was a quiet night on Monday at the Lone Tree library for the May school board meeting.

High school principal Mark Hopkins said that the mock crash held on Friday, April 25th at the school parking lot and the Prom the following night both "went well."

Denise Townsend noted that the Senior Awards night is fast approaching, and she was disappointed in the number of seniors who had applied for scholarships, saying she felt they were missing a really nice opportunity to get some money towards college.

It was then brought up that the search was still in process for several coaching positions for next year. Superintendent Michael Reeves said that the school had been in contact with several people interested in the jobs, but no position had been filled yet.

Jenna Foster of Lone Tree was recognized by Gov. Tom Vilsack for outstanding achievement in the classroom at the first-annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony April 27 at the Polk Countv Convention Complex in Des Moines. Foster is a student at Lone Tree High School.

In addition to attending the ceremony and being presented a framed certificate, students selected for the award were able to recognize their favorite teacher and will receive a picture plaque of the meeting with the governor.

Visitors to Mercy's Internet Web site, can send greetings to Mercy patients. The patient greeting feature can be accessed from the home page, where an icon on the left-hand side of the page reads, "email a patient." When visitors click on this link they will be directed to a form where they can write a message and select one of three paper designs on which the message can be printed.. the message is then emailed to Community Relations, printed, and delivered by Mercy volunteers.

Grandparents Day was a new experience for some, or an old tribute for a lot of parents. Some have been doing this for the last fifteen years. The old timer can remember the first one, they got to eat with the students. It was for all day, starting at 9:00 with a program, now it is in the afternoon because it got to be too much for the cooks. The last time it was all day, the lunch count was well over 400. the school had to get tables and chairs from the American Legion, which meant someone had to go out and get them and after the meal

return them. This year the students enjoyed the company of their guests in their classroom. They were given a tour of the school halls which included the new library and lunchroom. The halls had many of the student projects and they were very proud to show them off.

# Wellman

After much discussion over the last few months the Mid-Prairie School Board unanimously voted to request voluntary annexation of the high school and central office properties from the City of Well-

Doug Slaubaugh, secretary/

treasurer, noted that the annexation would provide the school district with approximately a \$2,000-\$3,000 savings on the water and sewage bill. Currently the high school is charged a higher fee due to being a rural carrier. Repairs to the lines will also be picked up if the annexation is approved by the Wellman City Council.

Each year Wellman Rotary selects the educator of the year from three attendance centers. Individuals were selected by their peers and possess a variety of qualities including being an effective motivator, maintaining discipline and challenging students. The teachers receiving the awards presented by their building principal were: Marcus Miller, from IMS; Jessica Jones, from Mid-Prairie High School; and Kristan Hunter, from Wellman Elementary.

Beginning immediately, the City of Wellman will open the Municipal Building during tornado warnings for people who have nowhere safe to go. The front door will be unlocked and people are encouraged to make their way to the basement of the Municipal Building for the duration of the warning.

An unwelcome slow start to the mushroom season because of an overlapping winter, which brought lows in the 30s and a late snow storm has now recovered with much more promising weather. Now spring has got a firm grip on the climate and brought some well needed moisture to the

Knowing when the mushrooms start popping is so important to catching them at the right stage of growing. Since the season is only two to three weeks long, it can easily slip by. Some commonly shared signs are when the dandelions start popping up in bunches, when the budding leaves on cottonwood trees get about the size of a squirrel's ear, when lilacs start to bloom, and when soil temperatures start to reach 60 degrees.

But when the ground is dry during this period, very few mushrooms are found and dissatisfied stomachs are found in excess. But the way it's rained the past few weeks should make for some promising hunts. When rummaging around

for these scrumptious appetizers, you might want to look around dead elms on a slope. Your chances are good of finding a good sized bunch if you look on the shady sides.

On April 29, Mrs. Miller's Washington Township fifth

grade class traveled back in time to 1876. They experienced the life of a student at the Coralville One-Room Schoolhouse Museum.

Washington Township students portrayed actual students of the time period.

Students enjoyed reading from McGuffey Readers, memorizing a poem, ciphering math problems on slates, learning Iowa geography, practicing principles of handwriting. Each student also enjoyed playing Grace, marbles, Jacob's ladder and pic-up-sticks. Each child had the opportunity to model fashion of the past and view character "gourmet meals" of the 1870's in lunch pails.

The Wellman City Council met Monday evening.

During the general administrative discussion and reports, Council member Keith Semler asked how close to completion the water improvements projects are. City Administrator Chris Ward reported that the raw water main is nearly finished and that the water plant is still on schedule to be completed by November 1, 2003.

Council member Bob Goodrich noted that he has recently received an unsigned note in the mail. He noted that if someone can't even sign their note, he would "just as soon they'd keep it to themselves."

member Council Jim Seward noted that Chuck Capper, longtime Wellman resident and former Wellman Volunteer Fire Department Chief, will be moving to Williamsburg this fall. He told the council that the Fire Department will be holding an appreciation dinner for Mr. Capper on June

Council member Bob Swartzendruber noted that the city's web site has some outdated information on it. He will contact Pat Curl Jr. to have him update the information.

A report that a child had been run over by a truck was received on May 12. The caller was unable to provide the status of the child. Officers responded. No child was injured. A child had gotten into the vehicle and put it into gear, causing the truck to roll into some bushes. Minimal damage to the truck was noted.

A report of an assault in downtown Wellman was received. A man reported being pushed through an intersection in his truck by his brother, who then was reported to have broken the rear window of the truck out, and hit the complainant in the back of the





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#### JOHNSON COUNTY

#### THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF **SUPERVISORS FORMAL MEETING MINUTES** MAY 4, 2023

Proclamations and resolutions adopted by the Board are summarized in this publication. The full text may be viewed at the Office of the County Auditor, 913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Mon. thru Fri., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and at www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov. Resolutions become effective May 4,

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, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan. All actions were taken unanimously.

#### **PROCLAMATION NO. 05-04-23-01** NAMI MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY MAY 6, 2023

Summary: The face of mental illness isn't some stranger-it's our co-workers, our neighbors, our friends, our families, and sometimes ourselves; mental illness affects adults, children, and people of every ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, and political background. This proclamation encourages all residents to increase their awareness and understanding of mental health and be informed of the treatment options available in Johnson County for individuals with mental illness. The annual NAMI Johnson County Walk is scheduled May 6, 2023. **Board Action:** Proclaimed May 6, 2023, as NAMI Mental Health Awareness Day and urged all residents to increase their awareness and understanding of mental health and treatment options. Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Proclamation No. 05-04-23-01. NAMI Johnson County

Executive Director Mary Issah spoke.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to approve the claims on the Auditor's Claim Register for May 04, 2023, as approved by a majority of the Supervisors. Adam Finken.....60.00 Adam M Gebhart.....60.00 Adcraft Printing Compan.....72.00 Amn Language Services ...... 3498.52 Ap Technology......427.06 Apts In Ic LIc ...... 800.00 Bh Orchard And Woodlan ...... 700.00 Big Brothers Big Sist ......6811.09 Big Grove Township......89.53 Bogdana M Velterean.....39.30 Brigid Marie Smith ...... 700.00 Bruce D Reynolds......53.03 Cedar Township.....48.88 Central Iowa Detention ...... 149.01 Century Laundry Distri......378.24 Chadwick T Gerdes.....70.96 Charles Heath......750.00 Charm-Tex Inc ...... 883.04 City Laundering Co...... 161.08 City Of Coralville ...... 683042.43 

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

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Sullivan, to receive and place on file the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March, 2023, in the amount of \$228,002.27, as submitted by County Recorder Kim Painter.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to receive and place on file the Treasurer's Semi-annual Settlement of the Board of Supervisors for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, as submitted by County Treasurer Scott Finlayson.

Convened Public Hearing at 9:19 a.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28339 of Mike Mullinnix, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 4945 Rapid Creek Road NE, approximately 1,400 feet west of Dingleberry Road NE, in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 80 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Graham Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. No one from the public spoke. Public Hearing closed at 9:22 a.m.

**Motion** by Green, second by Sullivan, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28339. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Green, second by Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28339 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.
Convened **Public Hearing at 9:23** 

a.m. on Zoning Application PZC-23-28340 of Phyllis Marak, requesting rezoning of 1.99 acres from A-Agricultural to R-Residential. The property is located at 810 Oak Ave SE, approximately 1,330 feet north of Cou Falls Rd NW, in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 81 North, Range 7 West of the 5th P.M. in Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Maya Simon reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. Sullivan said that he has no problem whatsoever with this application, but that moving forward he wants the County to protect commercial and industrial areas along Highway 965 from potential conflicts that could arise if too much adjacent residential development is permitted. No one from the public spoke. **Public** Hearing closed at 9:29 a.m.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Green, to waive the requirement of three considerations before approving an ordinance amending the Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning Application PZC-23-28340. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter, Sullivan.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Green, to approve the proposed ordinance associated with Zoning Application PZC-23-28340 on first and second consideration. Roll call: Aye: Fixmer-Oraiz, Green, Green-Douglass, Porter,

Convened Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Subdivision Application PZC-23-28341 of Mike Mullinnix, requesting preliminary & final plat approval of Mullinnix Meadow. The property is located at 4945 Rapid Creek Road NE, approximately 1,400 feet west of Dingleberry Road NE, in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29. Township 80 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. in Graham Township, Johnson County, Iowa.

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Planning, Development, and Sustainability Assistant Planner Joseph Wilensky reviewed the application. Gina Landau of MMS Consultants, Inc., was present to answer questions. No one from the public spoke. **Public Hearing** closed at 9:32 a.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-04-23-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE** PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER'S AGREEMENT OF MUL-LINNIX MEADOW, JOHNSON COUNTY,

IOWA

Summary: Application PZC-23-28341, the preliminary and final plat and Subdivider's Agreement of Mullinnix Meadow, is submitted for approval. Board Action: Approved the plat, directed the plat and Subdivider's Agreement be signed, and named the documents to be recorded. Motion by Sullivan, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 05-04-

Motion by Sullivan, second by Porter, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding-Funding Agreement with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, for a grant of \$33,444.15 awarded to Johnson County Ambulance for an All-Terrain

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Green, to renew the Actuarial Services Agreement with HUB International Great Plains, Omaha, Nebraska, for actuarial services through December 31, 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-04-23-02 RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEAR-**ING ON PROPOSED PLANS. SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CON

TRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST FOR THE FLEET FACILITY CONCRETE **WORK PROJECT AT 4810 MELROSE** AVE, IOWA CITY, JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA

Summary: At the request of the Board

of Supervisors of Johnson County, the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the Fleet Facility Concrete Work Project has been prepared by Axiom Consultants. Said proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for, and estimated total cost of said public improvement are available for inspection in the office of the Johnson County Auditor, Johnson County Administration Building, 913 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa. Board Action: Set a public hearing for May 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, in the Johnson County Board of Supervisors Boardroom, Johnson County Administration Building, 913 South Dubuque Street, Iowa City, Iowa and authorized the Auditor to publish the official notice of public hearing in accordance with the law. Motion by Porter, second by Fixmer-Oraiz, to approve Resolution No. 05-04-23-02.

Motion by Green, second by Porter, to appoint Brandon Davis to the Compensation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2023. Adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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

Attest: /s/ Travis Weipert, Auditor On the 11th day of May, 2023 Recorded by Auditor's Office: Marly Melsh, Executive Clerk to the Board These minutes were sent for formal approval and publication on May 11, 2023.

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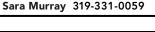
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#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, **APRIL 25, 2023** 

At 9:00 am Chair Bob Yoder called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: public hearing re: proposed amendment to FY23 County Budget; Resolution 23-32 re: adoption of FY23 County Budget Amendment; public hearing re: proposed FY24 County Budget; Resolution 23-33 re: adoption of County FY24 budget; Resolution 23-34 re: adoption of FY24 compensation for elected officials; approval of Amendment Number Three Grant Agreement PDMC-PJ-07-IA-2019-008, Washington County-Dogwood Ave Flood Mitigation Project; Contract Renewal/Proposal for FY 2023-2025 Cost Allocation Plans-Cost Advisory Services, Inc.; Application for Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor services-The Exchange on Vine, LLC, Riverside, IA.; personnel change requests-Conservation; personnel change request-Sheriff; personnel change requests- Secondary Roads. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were

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

The Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

The Board voted to open a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the FY23 County Budget. Deputy Auditor Michelle Hyman explained state statute requires that County Departments must not exceed budgeted amounts for appropriations unless the original budgeted amount is adjusted. Hyman responded to a question from Seward by stating County officials prepare their annual budgets in January for a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 which makes it somewhat difficult to anticipate all expenses, as well as all revenue, for such a period of time. Auditor Dan Widmer verified notice of the meeting had been published as required and his office had received no public comment. There was no public comment from those gathered. The Board voted to close the public hearing.

The Board voted by roll call vote to

approve Resolution 23-32 for adjustments of appropriations and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted to open a public hearing regarding the proposed Washington County FY24 Budget. Budget Director Cyndie Sinn noted the public hearing was the second public hearing related to the proposed FY24 Washington County budget with the first such public hearing, which addressed valuations and maximum levies, taking place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. For FY24 the overall 100% assessed valuation is \$2,303,703,850 which is a 1.65% increase over the \$2,266,369,052 total valuation figure for FY23. After rollback factors were applied the valuation total for FY24 is \$1,406,063,044 which is a 0.99% increase over the valuation total of \$1,392,272,448 for FY23. The FY24 general basic levy rate of 4.500000 per \$1,000 of taxable value is a 9.76% increase from the FY23 general basic levy rate of 4.10000. The total rural services levy rate for FY24 is 10.84395 which is a 7.23% increase from the FY23 total rural levy rate of 10.11325. The proposed total property tax asking for FY24 is \$13,862,246 which is a 7.43% increase from the FY23 total property tax asking of \$12,904,026. Widmer verified notice of the meeting had been published as required and his office had received no public comment. There was no public comment from those gathered. The Board voted to close the public hearing. The complete FY24 Washington County budget is available for review in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

The Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-33 for adoption of the Washington County Budget for FY beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-34 to adopt and approve elected official's salary increases and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted to approve Amendment Number Three to Grant Agreement PDMC-PJ-07-IA-2019-008, Washington County-Dogwood Ave. Flood Mitigation Project and to authorize the Chair to sign. Prior to the vote County Engineer Jacob Thorius explained the main purpose of the proposed amendment is to extend the performance period end date

to August 15, 2024.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a Certification of Cost Allocation Plan prepared by Cost Advisory Services, Inc., (CASI) of Adel, lowa, for FYs 2023, 2024, and 2025 Widmer explained that CASI assists a majority of counties in Iowa, including Washington County, in developing cost allocation plans which allow counties to collect reimbursement of indirect costs from the Iowa Department of Human Services. For FY22 Washington County paid a fee of \$4,450.00 to CASI for its services and received \$41,985.75 for indirect cost recoveries. The annual fee of \$4.450.00 will remain static for the length of the new contract.

The Board voted to approve an application from The Exchange on Vine, LLC, 1734 Vine Avenue, Riverside, Iowa, for a Class C Retail Alcohol License, including Outdoor Services, for May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, County Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues with the application.

The Board voted to acknowledge. and authorize the Chair to sign, personnel change requests from Conservation for Jolleen Cerka and for Sarah Zirkle, who will both assume the duties of non-exempt casual part-time Center Coordinator, effective April 25, 2023, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from

the Department Head.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Bernardina Mijangos who will assume the duties of non-exempt full-time Jailer, effective April 26, 2023, at the rate of \$21.50 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Mike Roush who will assume the duties of non-exempt full-time Parts and Service Technician, effective May 1, 2023, at the rate of \$24.92 per hour: and for Austin Norman whose final day of employment will occur on April 28, 2023. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

At 9:59 am the Board voted to ad-

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AIR CHECK, INC, Radon kits	262.50
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ALTORFER MACHINERY, Equipment	244.669.18
AMER HOME FINDING, Shelter	1,446.15
AMERICAN CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST, Service	92.25
AT&T MOBILITY, Data	91.18
ATCO INTERNATIONAL, Supplies	250.00
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CARRIER ACCESS IT, Service	680.75
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CITY OF WELLMAN, Service	294.01
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CLIA LAB PROG, User fee	6,686.37
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CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, Fuel	4,351.56
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CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, Uniform	217.60
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES, Supplies	327.60
DEERY BROTHERS, Parts	802.50
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, Claims	2,896.98
DENNIS, MARILYN, Refund	391.00
DONS TRUCK SALES, Parts	1,005.04
DOUDS STONE LLC, Roadstone	
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER, Utilities	836.86
ELLINGSON, SHAWN, Reimb	59.99
EMS DETERGENT SERV, Supplies	298.15
FAREWAY STORE, Va	168.94
FASTENAL COMPANY, Supplies	270.80
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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY. MAY 2, 2023

At 9:00 am Chair Bob Yoder called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week Proclamation; discussion/possible action re: presentation from citizen Dale Torpey with regard to Washington County office space needs; discussion/possible action re: change order to agreement with ENCITE Architecture to facilitate a design for two options with regard to Washington County office space needs; Secondary Roads FY23 Iowa DOT Budget Amendment; personnel change request-Sheriff; Quarterly Report-Sheriff; personnel change requests-Ambulance; personnel change request-Board of Supervisors. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were also present.

All motions were passed unanimously by those supervisors in atten-

dance unless noted otherwise The Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

The Board voted to adopt a proclamation designating the month of May, 2023, as Community Action Month.

Citizen Dale Torpey addressed the Board regarding office space needs for county employees and in particular the possible purchase of the five-story Federation Bank building located at 112 2nd Street in Washington. Public Health currently occupies the top three floors of the structure per a rental agreement while the bottom two floors are vacant for the most part. According to Torpey the building has been well-maintained and is in very good condition. He also

reminded maintenance costs are part of property ownership no matter the age or condition of the property. Torpey expressed concern as to why expansion of county facilities was being considered when the population of Washington County has grown by 3,524 over the last 51 years which is approximately 70 individuals in each of the past 51 years or stated another way 1/3 of one percent in each of the past 51 years. Torpey, who is a former employee of Federation Bank, shared that in 2001 Federation Bank was an \$80 million bank with 43 employees operating on three floors of the building. At the present time Federation Bank has become a \$155 million bank with 32 employees which operates effectively with 2,000 square feet less than in 2001 which can be attributed, according to Torpey, to high capacity and a very sophisticated computer system. In turn Torpey opined it is not necessary or reasonable for the County to increase operational square footage. Torpey recommended the County negotiate a contract purchase of the Federation Bank building for \$800,000.00 calling for the County to make monthly payments in an amount similar in amount as the monthly rent payments of \$5,800.00 that the County currently makes. In doing so the total purchase price, including interest, would be fully paid in approximately 12 to 15 years. Under such a scenario the \$4.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the County has received would not be used for the purchase of the Federation Bank Building and could be used for other purposes. Torpey asked the Board to strongly consider relocating the offices of court services, which include among other things the offices of the County Attorney and various staff members as well as Court rooms, to Orchard Hill which

according to Torpey would alleviate the space issues at the building that currently serves as the Washington County Courthouse. Torpey questioned why the County was involved in agriculture and in turn urged the Board to sell the approximate 107 acres of farm ground owned by the County and currently rented out on a cash rent basis of \$207.00 per acre. Torpey offered that the space on the first floor of the Courthouse, known as the Old Motor Vehicle room, could be better utilized than it is at the present time. In concluding his remarks Torpey again urged the Board to sell the County farm ground which when combined with the ARPA money would result in approximately \$5.5 million. In turn such funds could be used to finance the renovation of both the Courthouse and the Federation Bank building for an estimated cost of \$1 million as well as the \$2 million estimated cost to renovate Orchard Hill facilities in order to accommodate Court services. Torpey suggested the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$2.5 million could be used for road improvement projects, day care, and/or for the expansion of facilities at the Washington County Hospital and Clinics. The Board took no formal action.

Fedler shared that a request was made to ENCITE Architecture, Washington, lowa, to facilitate designs for each two additional options regarding Washington County office space needs. Plans call for Encite Architecture & Design to provide a test fit/study to explore relocating a smaller contingent of Washington County staff to Orchard Hill and to revise the previous Federation Bank plan for accommodating additional County staff. The study will be limited to test fit/space options and will not explore life/safety items or mechanical, electrical and plumbing items. Fedler

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emphasized that such designs are in no way deemed to be final designs. The fee for such services to be provided by Encite Architecture & Design would be in the amount of \$1,850.00. The Board voted to approve the change in the present contract agreement with Encite Architecture & Design in order to allow for continued work on the options that are available and also to authorize the Chair to sign necessary and applicable docu-

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The Board voted to approve an amendment to the Secondary Roads Department FY23 Iowa Department of Transportation Budget and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted to acknowledge. and authorize the Chair to sign, personnel change requests from the Sheriff for Timothy Padallia and Jill Duwa who will both assume the duties of non-exempt full-time Jailer, effective May 8, 2023, at the rate of \$21.50 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Quarterly Cash Report for the 3rd quarter of FY23. The report, presented by Civil Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of \$15,699.81, total receipts including unallocated funds in the amount of \$82,770.79, total disbursements of \$73,148.47, and an ending balance of \$25,322.13. The complete report is available in the office of the County Au-

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for non-exempt full-time EMT Michael Johnston whose rate of compensation changed to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

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The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for EMT Michael Johnston whose employee status changed to non-exempt part-time effective April 12, 2023.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Jack Flesner whose final date of employment occurred April 25, 2023.

The Board voted to acknowledge. and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Connor Tarvin who assumed the duties of non-exempt regular part-time Paramedic, effective April 21, 2023, at the rate of \$34.89 per hour. This action corrects an earlier personnel change request that included an incorrect rate of pay.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from the Board of Supervisors for the hiring of Aaron Wulf as temporary Washington County Weed Commissioner for May 15, 2023, to September 15, 2023, at the rate of \$568.75 per month. Wulf will serve as Washington County Weed Commissioner in addition to his full-time duties as Building and Grounds Department.

At 9:42 am the Board voted to ad-

Attest: s/DANIEL L. WIDMER, County

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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

At 9:00 am Chair Bob Yoder called the meeting to order in regular session, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: National Association of County Engineers (NACE) award presentation; Secondary Road Use Request Form-American Legion Post 29; personnel change request-County Attorney. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were

also present. All motions were passed unanimously by those supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

The Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

Clinton County Engineer Todd Kinney, National Association of County Engineers (NACE), presented County Engineer Jacob Thorius with the 2022 NACE Rural County Engineer of the Year award which is one of only four such awards presented nationally each year. Thorius was recognized for his efforts in reshaping and stabilizing gravel roads in Washington County along with other achievements. Thorius presently serves as the 2023-2024 Secretary-Treasurer of NACE. Thorius has served as Washington County Engineer since January of 2012 and has been very involved with the Iowa County Engineers Association in roles which include membership on the Association's Executive Board as well as Safety Committee. Thorius has been a member of the Iowa Highway Research Board and since 2019 has served as NACE's South-Central Region Vice-President. Thorius is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Department of Civil and Environmental

Engineering Advisory Board at the University of Iowa. The Board took no formal

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a Secondary Road Use Request Form from American Legion Post 29, Washington, for May 29, 2023. On that date American Legion Post 29 will hold a Navy/Marines Memorial Day tribute. The event will take place at the Crooked Creek Bridge on Old Highway 92 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from the County Attorney's Office for Interim County Attorney Anthony Janney whose final date of employment occurred May 5, 2023.

During department head comment Thorius shared the recent rain was a benefit to gravel roads in the County and he expressed optimism that annual treatments for dust control on gravel roads could commence sometime dur-

ing the coming week. At 9:19 am the Board voted to ad-

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4M PLUMBING & HEATING, Service	2,977.8
ACCESS SYSTEMS, Service	48.7
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, Lease	339.4
ACE-N-MORE, Supplies	1,049.4
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HLTHCARE, Service	6,604.6
AHLERS & COONEY PC, Row	3,703.0
AIRGAS, Refill	388.4
ALL AMER TERM &, Pest control	105.0
ALLIANT, Utilities	4,916.4
ALTORFER MACHINERY, Parts	3,809.0
AMERICAN CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST, Service	67.5
AMERIGROUP, Refund	1,638.3
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	1,168.5
BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS, Supplies	723.6
BAKER PAPER, Supplies	551.5
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BOB BARKER CO, Supplies	1,653.00
BOUND TREE. Supplies	192.63
BRIGHTREE HOME HLTH & HOSPICE, Software	2,981.00
BROWN, JACKIE, Reimb	605.88
BULLTOWN REPAIR, Service	49.23
BUSINESS FORMS &, Forms	97.86
CALHOUN BURNS & ASSOC, Inspection	4,168.30
CARL A NELSON & CO, Service	20,060.62
CARRIER ACCESS IT, Service	500.00
CASH N CARRY CHEMICALS, Chemicals	200.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, Equipment	4.009.91
CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION, Detention	19.063.28
CINTAS, Service	215.32
CITY OF KALONA, Utilities	61.91
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, Utilities	87.50
CITY OF WASH, Utilities	1.019.32
CITY OF WEST CHESTER, Utilities	48.00
CJ COOPER, Service	135.00
CJ OIL CO, Fuel	876.78
CLAIM MD, Subscription	100.00
COBB OIL CO, Fuel	56.694.77
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DM. Externship.	1.000.00
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, Salt	47,421.92
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, Fuel	692.22
CONTINUOUS TOUCH, Fees	47.08
COPY SYSTEMS INC, Contract	67.69
CPG LEGACY, Service	25.00
CULLIGAN WATER COND, Water	393.62
CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS INC, Service	198.08
CYPRESS SOLUTIONS INC, Service	1,039.25
DANS OVERHEAD DOORS, Repair	1.192.41
DAVIS, CARMAN, Reimb	440.16
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, Claims	2.307.95
DONALD, DOUGLAS, Refund	2.51
DOUDS STONE LLC, Roadstone	37,667.82
DW ZINSER COMPANY INC, Demo jail	37.400.00
EASTERN IA CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE, Service	135.00
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER, Utilities	966.07
EMBROIDERY BARN, Service	68.00
EQUATEK INTERACTIVE, Subscription	60.00
EXLINE, JOHN OR LISA, Hosts	150.00
GATR TRUCK CENTER, Parts	504.04
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY, Copies	290.22
GUTHRIE CO SHERIFF, Service	49.65

HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Premium	2,638.32
HEALTHCARE FIRST, SurveyHERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, MARTHA, Reimb	99.23
HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ, MARTHA, Reimb	21.62
HOBSCHEIDT, LORI, Reimb	96.29
HOPKINS & HUEBNER PC. Service	50.00
HOTSY CLEANING SUPPL, Oil	17.50
HYMAN, MICHELLE, Reimb	174.89
IA CO CONSERV SYSTEM, Renewal	2,000.00
IA CO SHERIFF OFFICE, Service	58.82
IA COMM ASSURANCE POOL, Premium	379.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ORI number	300.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE, Fees	1.729.11
IA PRISON IND, Supplies	43.50
IA ST SHERIFF &, Dues	75.00
JENNINGS. MOLLY. Reimb	777.16
JET PHYSICAL THERAPY, Service	700.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Parts	199.66
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF, Service	127.75
JT CLEANING SERVICES, Cleaning	212.50
KALONA CO-OP TELE, Internet	515.92
KCII, Ads	229.84
KEOKUK CO SHERIFF, Service	45.60
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES PC, Architect	999.10
KUENSTER HEATING & AIR, Repair	144.45
LEE CO SHERIFF, Service	80.00
LEETS REFRIGERATION, Service	373.00
LERNER, JENNIFER, Reimb	1,071.43
LIFTOFF LLC, License	873.00
LINS, BONNIE, Reimb	515.49
MACATAWA UNMANNED SYSTEMS LLC, Drone	3,000.00
MAIL SERVICES, Renewal	817.91
MARSHALL CO SHERIFF, Service	61.00
MCDOWELL, IRENE, Reimb	419.86
MCMASTER CARR SUPPL, Supplies	184.95
MILLER, VIRGINIA, Reimb	252.18
MOORES BP AMOCO TOWING, Tow	1,100.00
NACVSO, Registration	350.00
OFFICE DEPOT, Supplies	181.17
ONE SOURCE, Service	57.00
OREILLY AUTO PARTS, Parts	1,950.34
PHYSICAL THERAPY, Service	595.00
QUILL CORP, Supplies	151.26
QUINN, BRIAN, Med examiner fee	50.00
RACOM CORP, Radio	2,041.20
RAY MAN INC, Supplies	472.67
RMB CO, Maint	1,937.00

RUBERIS, JENIFER, Reimb	506.32
ROTH, NANCY, Reimb	322.24
RWLPSW, LLC, Rent	2,400.00
SCOTT CO SHERIFF, Service	41.79
SEMCO, Haul	2,933.10
SMITH, SARAH, Reimb	47.16
SOUTHEAST IOWA UNION, Subscription	149.00
STAR EOMT, Supplies	217.53
STAUFFER SOBASKI, RONDA, Cleaning	150.00
STIGERS, DANIEL, Med exam fee	200.00
STUTSMAN INC, ELDON C, Supplies	285.44
SUBSTRATA, Road stab	32,955.00
SUBSTRATA, Road stabSUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC, Meals	6,988.93
THE MASTERS TOUCH LLC, Notices	2,103.90
THE NEWS, Publications	874.55
TIFCO INDUSTRIES, Supplies	315.68
TOWNER, PAUL, Med exam fee	35.00
TRI STATE TOWING, Tow	275.00
TRUCK COUNTRY, Parts	118.90
TTDS PROPERTIES, Rent	200.00
US CELLULAR, Cell phone	1.546.17
US POSTAL SERV, Postage	2,474.44
USIC LOCATING SERVICE LLC, Service	400.00
VISA. Reimb	723.87
VISA WASH STATE BANK, Supplies	324.57
WALDSCHMIDT, DIANE, Reimb	350.43
WALMART CARD, Supplies	275.05
WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOC, Service	72.49
WASH CO AUDITOR, Reimb	87,533.00
WASH CO SECONDARY, Service	7,793.63
WASH CO SHERIFF, Service	7,613.00
WASH LUMBER & HOME CENTER, Maint	84.76
WASH POLICE DEPT, Transport	189.79
WASHINGTON DISCOUNT TIRES, Tire repair	29.52
WATERHOUSE, MEGAN, Reimb	45.85
WELLMARK/WAGEWORKS. Claims	27.335.45
WEMIGA WASTE INC, Recycling	15.00
WEX BANK. Fuel	176.18
WEX BANK, FuelWILSONS TOWN & COUNTRY, Maint	50.00
WINDSTREAM, Phone	2,157.20
WMPF, Publications	1,443.31
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#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA CLOSED SESSION OF TUESDAY,** MAY 9, 2023

At 10:30 am Chair Bob Yoder called to order a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, Courthouse Chambers. Items on the agenda included: closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) 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; possible action regarding matters discussed in closed session. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were also present.

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

The Board voted to approve the

agenda as published. At 10:32 am the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (i) 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.

At 10:42 am the Board returned to open session and took no formal action. At 10:43 pm the Board voted to ad-

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

#### MID-PRAIRIE CSD

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER **MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COM-MUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356** MAY 8, 2023 - 6:15 P.M.

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President Jeremy Pickard called the

meeting to order. **Board members present:** Mary Allred, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Jeremy Pickard, Marianne Schla-

bach, Jed Seward, Jake Snider (arrived at 6:22 p.m.). Board members absent: Jake Snid-

er (arrived at 6:22 p.m.).

Also Present: Brian Stone, Jeff Swartzentruber, Chuck Banks, Rob Hruby, Greg Jergens, Rachel Kerns, and Frank Slabaugh.

Mary Allred moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Denise Chittick. Motion carried 6-0.

Hawk Highlight - This agenda item was tabled until 6:40 p.m. in the Student Learning section of the agenda.

#### **Public Forum**

A large group of High School and Middle School staff members were present to read a prepared statement on the staff reduction of the Assistant Principal/Activities Director. There is concern for the way the decision was made, a perceived lack of transparency with the decision that was made for the next school year. A list of the increased duties and a list of questions on how certain tasks and responsibilities will be in the next school year was also included. They are concerned about the impact this will have on students and learning.

#### **WORK SESSION**

The Board asked questions and discussed the report forms shared by each Administrator about their areas of responsibility.

Rachel Kerns, HSAP Director, cel-

ebrated the last day of the HSAP enrichment program and shared the activities of the day. There will be strings program on the baseball diamond on May 25th.

Rob Hruby, MPMS Principal, shared about the Kindness Thursday on May 4th as the students entered the community during their WIN Time.

Mr. Stone, handed out plaques of appreciation to the Board members. Chuck Banks, MPHS Principal, shared the change of the seating ar-

rangement during graduation. (Jake Snider arrived at 6:22 p.m.)

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Consent Items** Marianne Schlabach moved to ap-

prove the following consent items. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** 

The minutes of April 24, 2023; **Finance Report** 

The Finance Report for April 20203; Payment of Bills The bills as listed for May 8, 2023;

and Prepaid Bills;

#### **Open Enrollment Requests** Marah Sharairi requests Layla Ab-

delaziz (Grade 3) and Rashid Abdelaziz (Grade 2) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Clear Creek Amana Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year:

Ellie Hill requests Stephanie Hill attend (Kindergarten) Home School Assistance Program from Highland Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Katie Robinson requests Vienna Robinson (Kindergarten) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from Iowa City Community School District for the 2023-24 School Year;

Kelli Schweitzer requests Halie Schweitzer (Grade8) attend Mid-Prairie's Home School Assistance Program from

Lone Tree Community School District for the 2022-23 School Year;

**Personnel Items** Contract issued to Mercedes Specht, Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach, \$2,276.00 per annum;

Contract issued to Liza Fontaine, Fifth Grade Teacher, \$48,303 per an-Resignation of Kaylyn LeGrand, Fifth

Grade Teacher, New Hire for 2023-24 School Year, effective April 26, 2023;

Resignation of Cory Evans, District Nutrition Director, \$55,480.00 per annum, effective June 5, 2023; TLC Assistant Coaches for 2023-

Crystal Gingerich, HSAP, \$2,000, Rachel Foubert, Middle School, \$2,000, Tracy Rusch, Middle School, \$2,000, Ashley Bartels, Middle School, \$2,000, Steinhart, Middle School. Melanie \$2,000, Jenny Riggan-Sexton, Middle School, \$2,000, Mariah Schlabach, Elementary, \$2,000, Kelsey Stumpf, West Elementary, \$2,000, Hannah Mougin, West Elementary, \$2,000, Elizabeth Dehogues, West Elementary, \$2,000, Emily Pennington, West Elementary, \$2,000, Jill Poock, East Elementary, \$2,000, Melissa Gerot, East Elementary, \$2,000, Hallie Whitten, East Elementary, \$2,000, Jennifer Roth, East Elementary, \$2,000, Paula Buckwalter, East Elementary, \$2,000, Kara Troyer, East Elementary, \$2,000, Melissa O'Rourke, East Elementary, \$2,000, Elsa Schmidt, High School, \$2,000, Traci Zahradnek, High School, \$2,000, Sara Puttmann, High School, \$2,000, Jessica Jones, High School, \$2,000, Sarah O'Rourke, High School, \$2,000,

#### nology, \$1,000, Natalie Silbaugh, High School, Data, \$1,000, TLC Professional Partners for 2023-2024

Collette McClellen, High School, Tech-

Terri Adam, Middle School, \$750, Kim McAtee, Middle School, \$750, Jessica Swartzentruber, Middle School, \$1,000, Marnett Meier, West Elementary, \$500, Hannah Mougin, West Elementary, \$500. Melissa O'Rourke, East Elementary, \$500, Jill Lundberg, East Elementary, \$500, Mackenzie Kos, East Elementary, \$500, Paula Buckwalter, East Elementary, \$500, Chris Tyler, High School, \$500

Volunteer Coaches - Summer of 2023

Byron Yoder, Baseball Assistant Coach, Zeb Evans, Softball Assistant

#### **Fundraising Requests**

High School Baseball requests approval to raise funds through the sale of 30 reserved seats at the Baseball Field for travel, expenses, coaches' apparel and miscellaneous small equipment:

High School Baseball requests approval to raise funds through the sale of apparel for travel expenses, coaches' apparel and miscellaneous supplies;

High School Baseball requests approval to raise funds through hosting a barbeque on May 26th at the Williamsburg game to raise funds for a batting cage protector:

#### MPHS Graduating Seniors Class 2022-2023

Kirsten Alice Albright, Grace Cecelia Allred, Grady Alan Gingerich, Landry Grace Pacha, Taylor Raquel Gingerich, Zoev Lin Parker, Jaxon Rock Armstrong Brianna Jo Gingerich, Payton Benjamin Peck, Donovan Joseph Bailey, Pfeifer, Mae Greiner, Brittney Lynn Emma Elizabeth Baker, Ella Kathryn Groenewold, Evan Todd Phillips, Sophia Jane Baker, Taylor Lawrence Hansen-Rich, Camron Jon Pickard, Nathan Mi-Bauwens, Maya Jai Harris, Alivia Grace Poock, Alexander Jeffrey Bean, Cera Fae Harsch, Dillon Michael Poole, Ryan James Beatty, Braden Rodney Hartley, Kylie Mae Reinier, Allison Rae Bolanos, Hallie Marie Hershberger,

Zaiden G. Reschly, Levi Jon Bontrager, Alexa Jo Huber, Warren Harold Scharff, Terry James Bordenave, Elizabeth Anne James, Beau Allen Schlabach, Kaelyn Marie Brady, Paityn Olivia Jennings, Emil Lauren Schlabach, Danielle Lynn Brown, Stephanie Valentine Jimenez, Madeline Rebecca Schrader, Cain Nickolas Brown. Amara Elaine Jones, Jacey Ruth Sisson, Ella Courtney Brunk, Elizabeth Marie Kalm, Bella Marie Sobaski, Aiden James Bush, Koby Lee Karnes, Dylan James Sojka, Demetrius Jaeden Christensen, Ruby Jonice King, Caleb Jay Stephenson, Owen Scott Clark, Lacee Rae Kos, Jordan Alan Stock, Marissa Elaine Cline, Schalyn Elizabeth Lee, John Andrew Stultz, Grace Eileen Conway, Drake Kenneth Mann, Paytin Renee Swartzentruber, Blake Michael Creed, Ben Edward Mattes, Jaxsen Ray Timmerman, Shawn Michael Dodds, Kaden William Meader, Owen Michael Trimpe, Mariyah Maelee Dusenbery, Collin William Miller, Nathan Edward Wallington, Kenadi Nicole Fay, Jerred Frank Miller, Aidan James West, Noah Andrew Ford, Leslie Freda Miller, Kyle Lynn Yoder, Peyton Elena Freeman, Kina Marie Miller, Mose Christian Yoder, Irman Ganibegovic, Ann Pearl Morrison, Molly Claire Yoder, Mia Renee Garvey. Shian Kathryn Muller, Kelyn Dale Yoder, Dade Thaddeus Gehling, Kyan James Nash, Braydon Cole Younge, Micaela Margaret Ghumm, Kenneth Edward Noble, Jackson Lyle Zahradnek, Maya Olivia Nonnemann.

**MPCSD Virtual Academy Seniors** Class of 2022-2023

Colin Conway McClellen, Hannah Jo

# MP-HSAP Seniors Class of 2022-

2023

Ava Leone Hatch, Jacqueline R. Hentrich, Emma Ruth Johnson, Josephine Scherer Martin, Nolan Dean Miller, Isaac Jacob Myers, Avery Michael Schartz, Johanna Schwartz, Emily Ann Righter, Madison Rose Stai, Illa Ann Stevenson

Gabrielle Frederick seconded the consent items. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Student Learning District Student Wellness Curricu**lum Presentation Kristan Hunter, District Curriculum

Leader, along with teachers/counselor Aaron Coghlan, High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, and Kelly Tyler, West Elementary Counselor, presented the process to find new curriculum resources for the Physical Education, Health, and Guidance to the School Board. The process of researching the curriculum was discussed to integrate the curriculum K-12 to the standards. Coghlan discussed their PLC process and the use of heart rate monitors that is proposed. There was also a new set of Health Texts for High School and Middle School The desired outcomes for the chosen curriculum was discussed. The estimated cost of the new Physical Education Resources is more on the equipment needs for monitoring equipment that can be purchased from PPEL/SAVE in the amount of \$10,680.20—as this is under the Superintendent spending limit, there is no action required by the Board. The Health Curriculum involves the approval of Board approved Curriculum materials over a 7-year period of \$6, 299. Hunter and Tyler discussed the Guidance materials with a focus on social and emotional needs using CA-SEL competencies. The essential learnings in the CASEL competencies was a of great interest as the curriculum was researched and chosen. Guidance materials require a 7-year digital access to support K-4 Guidance Classes and 6-12 Guidance, Advisory and Seminar supports for \$13,286.60. The Board asked

questions for clarification. Marianne Schlabach moved to approve the new Health Curriculum over a 7-year period in the amount of \$6.299. as presented. Mary Allred seconded the Motion carried 7-0.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to approve the new Guidance Curriculum for all grades over a 7-year period in the amount of \$13,286.60, as presented. Denise Chittick seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0. **Hawk Highlight** – This agenda item was tabled to 6:40 p.m. Michelle Bessman and her Fifth-Grade students presented a fund-raising opportunity with Paws 'n More by selling Candy grams as part of their Junior Achievement project. In their slide presentation they showed their order form and process for fundraising with a timeline. The group provided a Fundraising Form for the Board to consider.

Jed Seward moved to approve the Paws 'n More fundraising project as a part of the Junior Achievements class project. Jake Snider seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Second Reading of Board Policy 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction

Board President Pickard noted that Board Policy 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction passed on first reading at the April 24, 2023, Board Meeting. He asked if there were any questions related to the proposed changes in the Policy. The first paragraph notes that safety drills need to be conducted at least once per year. The new regulations are at least two times in a year.

Jed Seward moved to approve the amendment of Board Policy 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction on Second Reading to change from at least once per year to two times per year. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion

#### **Finance**

#### Sale of Buses Superintendent Stone and Busi-

ness Official Swartzentruber discussed the recommendation to sell one to two school buses to English Valleys Community School District. These were the buses that would have been traded at a value of \$3.500 each for the purchase of the two new buses anticipated to be delivered in the Fall of 2023. The District contacted Hoglund Bus Company to check on their openness for the District to sell the buses to English Valleys and received their approval. English Valleys offered to buy the buses at the value of trade in. The District Countered with \$4,500 for one bus and \$8,000 for a both buses. The intent is to both be a good neighbor and to recognize the condition of the buses as not pristine. The Board asked questions for clarification and understanding.

Denise Chittick moved to approve the sale of 1 or 2 buses to English Valleys Community School District for \$4,500 for one bus or \$8,000 for both buses as recommended and the additional purchase payment to Hoglund Bus Company for each bus. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried

#### Summer Projects 2023

Superintendent Stone directed the Boards attention to the Summer Proiects list. He has worked with the Lead Custodians in each building to reach a total value of projects at \$192,500. The original goal for summer projects was set at \$150,000. However, there are two projects at HSAP that require immediate attention, totaling about \$47,000, and as a result, were added to the list. All of these items are planned to be spent out of PPEL Funds. The following items exceed the Superintendent spending authority and as such need to be approved by the Board in order to proceed. These are: West Elementary Floor Replacement

with Tile Floors for the 3 rooms in the 4th Grade Wing, Nurse's Office, Principal's Office, Reception Area and Supply Room at a cost of \$22,864.00. Home School Education Center

replacement of the Air Conditioning Unit on the Library roof at a cost of \$23,367,50 Home School Education Center re-

placement of Steel Doors in the gymnasium at a cost of \$23.894.53.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to approve the Summer 2023 Projects list as presented including the 3 items in excess of \$20,000. Mary Allred seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

## Student Fees for 2023-2024

Superintendent Stone shared the Student Fee Schedule for 2023-2024. The proposed fee schedule recommends continuing the Book Rental Fees for 2023-2024 at \$50 per student from Four-Year-Old Preschool to Grade 12 as was reinstated in 2022-2023. These fees bring in about \$70,000. As the Nutrition Fund continues in a strong position with a positive fund balance, the District is not required to raise student meal prices for 2023-2024, and as such is not recommending a change. However, an increase of \$0.05 per carton of milk is recommended. There has not been an increase in extra milk since 2013-2014, when the prices as \$0.42 per carton. The State of Iowa has mandated a \$0.70 increase for Adult Lunches for next year from \$4.15 per lunch to \$4.85 per lunch. As a result, there is also a proposed increase of \$0.50 for Adult Breakfasts. There has been no increase since 2019-2020 School Year due to the Federal Program for all student free lunch through the 2021-2022 School Year. The Federal Program is ended in 2021-2022. Other increases recommended are for Band and Choir Uniform Cleaning Fees, which are based upon cleaning costs. The new fee for Band Uniform Cleaning is \$21.00, increased from \$17.00. The new fee for Choir Uniform Cleaning is \$17.00, increased from \$11.00.

Mary Allred moved to approve the 2023-2024 Student Fees schedule as presented. Marianne Schlabach seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Annual Superintendent Evaluation –**

Closed Session Jed Seward moved to continue to closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session as provided by 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa. Seconded by Marianne Schlabach.

Roll Call Vote: Gabrielle Frederick yes; Mary Allred - yes; Jed Seward - yes; Jeremy Pickard - yes; Marianne Schlabach - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board entered closed session at 7:12 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:11 p.m.

**Board Development and Inservice Activities** 

Nothing was added at this time. **Announcements and Suggestions** 

for Next Agenda There is only one Board Meeting in

May as the Graduation Activities on May 28th are a Board attendance commit The next regular Board meeting will

be on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Central Office Community Room. Agenda items to include: K-5 Math Curriculum Review, Superintendent Stone's compensation package, Review the Joint Statement Policy in Board Policy 302.5,

## **Board Highlights**

Agreed it was a great meeting in closed session Appreciated the 5th Grade Fundrais-

er presentation **Adjournment** 

The meeting adjourned at 10:15p.m.

President, Jeremy Pickard Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KALONA, WELLMAN, WEST CHESTER MID-PRAIRIE CENTRAL OFFICE COM-MUNITY ROOM, WELLMAN, IA 52356 MAY 15. 223. 2023 - 7:15 A.M. WWW.MID-PRAIRIE.K12.IA.US

President Jeremy Pickard called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Mary Allred, Denise Chittick, Gabrielle Frederick, Jeremy Pickard, Marianne Schlabach, Jed Seward, Jake Snider.

Board members absent: None. Superintendent Staff Present: Brian Stone, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jeff Swartzentruber

Mary Allred moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marianne Schlabach. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of whether to issue notice of consideration of termination of administrator contract to Nathan Carlson, administrator

President Pickard provided an update to the Board on the situation with the administrator contract of Nathan Carlson for the 2023-2024 School Year. A contract has been issued to Carlson for signature for the Activities Director for Grades 7-12. He has chosen not to sign the contract. The existing 2022-2023 Administrator Contract as Middle School Dean of Students and Assistant Activities Director for Grades 7-12 will not be in existence for the 2023-2024 School Year. Without a termination no-

tices presented to Carlson today, the 2022-2023 contract would extend to the 2023-2024 school year. As it is clear Carlson will not sign the new Activities Director for Grades 7-12 administrative position, the notice of termination is required. Carlson is expected to complete his 2022-2023 Administrative Contract in full. The notice needs to be served Mr. Carlson today. The Board asked questions on process and for understanding.

Gabrielle Frederick moved to that

the Board issue a notice of consideration of termination of administrator contract to Nathan Carlson, Administrator for the following reasons:

 Declining Enrollment • Budgetary Restrictions and Prob-

• Realignment of School Organiza-

 Maintenance of Program Mary Allred seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Gabrielle Frederick - yes; Mary Allred yes; Jed Seward - yes; Jeremy Pickard yes; Marianne Schlabach - yes; Jake Snider - yes; Denise Chittick - yes;

Motion carried 7-0. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 a.m. President, Jeremy Pickard Secretary, Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber

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# CITY OF KALONA

#### 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, lowa will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 1st, 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 Kuenster Heating & Air as owner. The owner is seeking a variance on the east side setback for the purpose of constructing a commercial business

The description of the proposed

area of change is: 104 G Avenue South (Valley Industrial Park) - 01 Valley Industrial Park PT Assessor's Parcel ID #: 03-18-153-

001 All persons interested in this application may appear at said hearing and present evidence for or against the ap-

Dated at Kalona, Iowa, this 15th day

of May 2023.

plication for approval of the variance.

Ryan Schlabaugh Kalona City Administrator

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#### **CITY OF KALONA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Kalona, Iowa, hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing to be held on the 5th day of June 2023, at 7:00 P.M., at Kalona City Hall. The City will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Ordinance to amend the City of Kalona, IA Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 106.08 (1) regarding Solid Waste Fees. At the hearing, the City Council will receive and consider any objections made by any interested party.

Dated at Kalona, Iowa, May 15, 2023

Sarah Chmelar, City Clerk

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# HIGHLAND CSD

#### HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023** 5:00 P.M. - HIGHLAND BOARD ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Nate Robinson. Roll call was taken with Dan Ruth,

Melissa Murphy, Rachel Longbine, Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Mike Golden and Josh Thomann were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Sue Rich, Board Secretary, Angela Hazelett. Secondary Principal and Jane

O'Leary, Elementary Principal. Ruth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Agenda Items: Minutes: Approval of the April 10,

2023 regular meeting minutes Approval of the April 24, 2023 special meeting minutes Approval of the April 24, 2023 work

session minutes Financial Reports: Approval of the

April financial reports. Payment of Bills: Approval of the following May bills. General Fund - \$234,365.65

Prepaid General Fund - \$8,169.86

Schoolhouse Fund - \$392,646.33

Prepaid Activity Fund - \$1.055.20 Lunch Fund - \$11,663.91 Longbine made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Jepson.

Activity Fund - \$24,450.18

Motion carried 5-0 Classroom Cash from Hills Bank was presented by Jean Lenz and Cindy Michel in the amount of \$1,327.62. Since 2004 Classroom Cash has contributed \$38,862.24 to Highland Community

Natalie Oakes from the Iowa Donor Network presented Jody Fink with the Excellence in Partnership Donation Champion Award. He is being recognized for his commitment to providing donation education to students in his health and driver's education classes.

Ruth made a motion to approve the Europe trip with Mr Higdon and Mr Eden in the Summer of 2025. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 5-0 Longbine made a motion to approve the resolution for safety equipment for the full amount for the football helmets. Seconded by Murphy.

Ruth made a motion to approve the

contract for OPN Architectural Services in the amount of \$35,000. Seconded by Longbine. Motion carried 5-0

Motion carried 5-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the shared librarian contract with Great Prairie AEA for the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Jepson

Motion carried 5-0 Ruth made a motion to approve the 2023 seniors for graduation on May 21, 2023, pending completion of all graduation requirements. Seconded by Long-

Motion carried 5-0 Longbine made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Classified Staff contracts. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 5-0 Ruth made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Administrative & Salaried contracts. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 5-0 Longbine made a motion to approve the kitchen equipment bids from TriMark in the amount of \$88,575.02.

Seconded by Jepson. Motion carried 5-0 Longbine made a motion to approve the registration fees for the 23-24 school year. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 5-0 May is School Board Recognition month and certificates were handed out to each boardmember by Mr Crawford and thanked for their service. Dairy Mart ice cream will be served at the end

of the meeting as a special treat. Mr Crawford went over changes on board policies 200.04 - Board Member Social Media Engagement, 210.05 - Meeting Notice, 401.05-R(1) - Employee Records-Regulation, 407.02 - Licensed Employee Contract Release, 501.02 -Nonresident Students, 604.06 - Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution, 701.02 - Transfer of Funds, 701.05-R(1) - Fiscal Management-Financial Metrics, 708 - Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second

Jepson made a motion to approve the following board policies. Seconded

by Longbine. Motion carried 5-0

216.02 Board of Directors' Member Development & Training 607.01 Student Guidance and Counsel-

ing 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 Ruth made a motion to approve the personnel items. Seconded by Long-

Motion carried 5-0 Resignations:

Angie Netser - Middle School Math Teacher Jill Strubbe - Highland Elementary 5th Grade Teacher Gina Trower - HS/MS Agriculture

Teacher, FFA Advisor, Building Leader-

Appointments: Abigail Yoder - Highland Elementary Kindergarten Teacher - BA (0)
Kaden Wray - Highland Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher - BA (0) Elizabeth Coeburn - Highland El-

ementary Special Education Teacher -Brooke Hitchcock - Middle School/ High School Math Teacher - BA (0) Shayla Seils - HS/MS Agriculture

Teacher-BA (0), FFA Advisor - 10% Noah Holden - General Cook - \$13.25/ hour Modifications: Courtney Dietze - Highland Elemen-

tary 3rd Grade Teacher to 5th Grade The next work session will be Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the

high school board room. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room. Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 5-0 Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

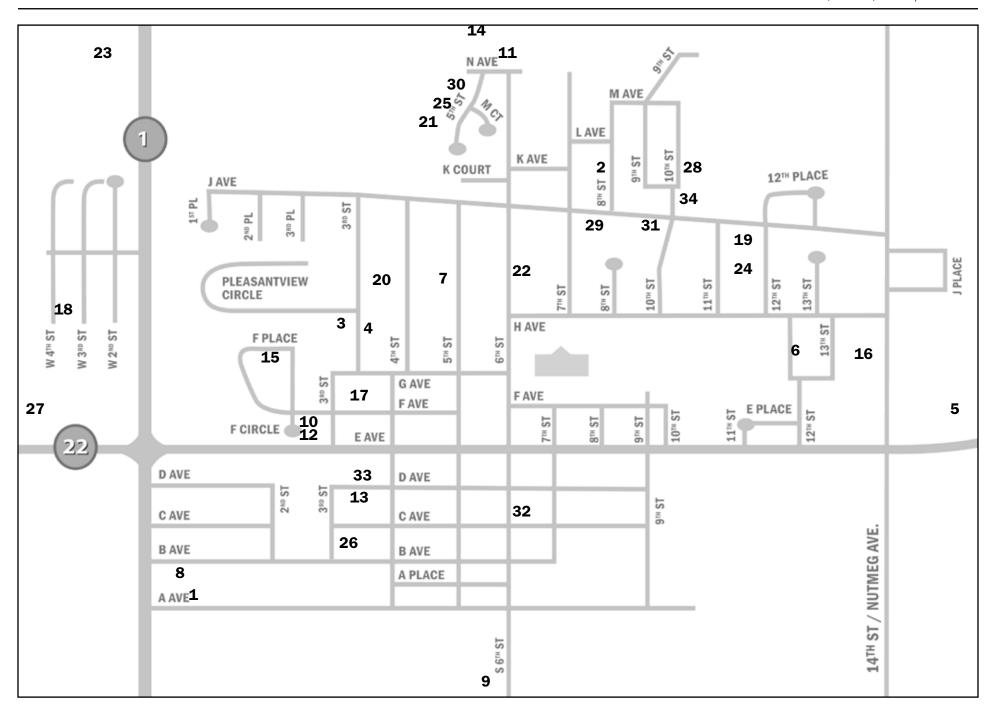
PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON SECRETARY, SUE E RICH

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- **1. 111 A Ave.** Fri 8-5; Sat. 8-4. Set of melmack dishes for 12, old butcher knives (like new), set of glasses, new electric skillet. Lots of odds and ends of stuff. electric fireplace used very little. Knick Knacks of all kinds. Black & Decker battery blower, portable battery charger.
- **2. 907 8th St.** Fri. noon-?; Sat. 10-2. Moving. Kitchen, linens, clothes, electronics and treasures. Baby clothes, scrapbook items & paper.
- **3. 305 H Ave.** Sat. 8-2. highchair, Pac-N-Play, Christmas decor, kid's farm set, toys, table, lots of treasures, Scentsy "Wrangle" warmer (new).
- 4. 906 8th St. Fri. 8-6; Sat. 8-noon. Multi-family. Retired fostercare closeout sale. Lots of girls clothes up to size 6. Some boys clothes. Shoes, boots, toys, single & double stroller, folding wagon, humidifer, incubator, mens & womans clothing. Amish Mutza jacket & suit coat, Dyson vac, antiques, wedding & Christmas decor. Homemade soap and much more.
- **5. 1103 Pelican Dr**. Fri. 4-7; Sat. 8-noon. Bookcase, TV stand, microwave and cart, table w/4chairs, kitchen appliances, fabric, bicycle, TV, canning jars, misc.
- **6. 706 12th St**. 8-? New custom crafts, snowblower, motorcycle trailer, garden trailer, truck storage box, tools, girls clothes, all sizes, shoes and much more.
- **7. 939 5th St**. Fri. noon-5; Sat. 8-3 Bath & woven rugs, throw pillows, holiday decorations. shoes mens/womens clothing, wrapping paper and much more.

- **8. 118 B Ave.** Fri. 9-5; Sat. 8-noon. Multi family sale. Baby stuff, household item from Bath, Bedroom to Kitchen. Vintage tools, apple box, furniture, vanity with mirror & chair, 2 dining chairs, table. Collection of stuff. Lots of
- **9. 1249 Maple Ave,** 1 mile south of Caseys. Fri, noon-5 Sat. 8-2. Furniture dressers, table, card table & chairs, desk, coffee tables, buffet, school desk., drill press, old work bench, golf balls, lamps, kitchen items, vintage, pallet bar, hostas and much more.
- 10. 203 F Circle, Unit A. Fri 10-7; Sat. 9-? We're back! We have new items! A brand new wheelchair, still in the box, hard back novels by Mary Higgins Clark, Iris Johansen and others. We have an ottoman with storage and a variety of other items. Come see what we've got, we might have that treasure you've been looking for!
- **11. 507 N Ave.** Fri 8-6; Sat. 8-11. Kids clothes: boys NB-3T, girls NB-18 mon. Baby gear, toys & Halloween costumes. women's clothing & athletic wear (Nike) S-L, women's shoes size 7-9. Men's clothing: Under Armour. pampered chef kitchen items. Home Decor, books & more.
- **12 203B, F Circle.** Fri. 11-6; Sat. 8-1. New Tupperware sale, plus sized womens clothing, XL mens, paperback books, household misc.
- **13. 311 D Ave.** Sat. 8-4. Kayaks, snowblower, ladder rack, bikes, women's XL/XXL clothes, garden pond w/pump. Board games and more!

- **14. 5630 Gable Ave SW.** Sat. 7:30-2. Iowa Landmark Series collectors plates, wooden rocking chair and other small pieces of furniture, farmhouse home decor, golf clubs, golf club travel bag, wall mount for TV, stereo & speakers, yard decor, tether ball set (new), mens shoes size 10 and much
- **15. 236 F Place.** Fri. 1-5:30; Sat. 8-1. Large sale. electric stove, noodle cutter, sewing machine, full bed, keurig, lots of dresses, jeans, shirts, cloth diapers and much much more.

more

- **16. 705 14th St.** Fri. 9-7; Sat. 7:30-1:30 Five family garage sale. Bookcase, entertainment center, baseball & Anime cards, toys, pint jars, landscape blocks, antique toys, china & dishes, fiber optic and holiday decorations, infant, children & adult clothes, hand saws, books, misc.
- **17. 317 F Ave.** Fri 1-5; Sat. 8-1. Small furniture, home decor & kitchen items.
- **18. 711 W 3rd St.** Fri. & Sat. 8-1. Home decor, furniture, knick-knacks, handmade totes, kettle drum, vintage items, vintage army shirts, wool blankets, tools, fabric, X-size clothes, Shop Kalona Sale items. storage bins, plants, dishes, baskets, antique smalls and much more.
- 19. 813B 12th St. Fri 10-?; Sat. 8-2. Upholstered foot stools, lots of fabric, Corelle ware, garment bag, suitcases, wall decor, 10 gal fish aquarium, new 10'x12' area rug, couch, clothing, dishes, tablecloths, smoker roaster, portable composter, Tupperware, stainless cookware, Christmas lights, lots of misc. Duane Mast 319-656-2859

- **20. 811 4th St.** Fri 3-6; Sat 8-11. WE ARE MOVING! So much to sell. Couches, furniture, kitchen, household, garden, clothes (womens XS-S, 1X-2X) Something for everyone, All "SY" items at Pink Begonia 1/2 off
- **21. 913 5th St (Kreekside)** Sat. 8-1. Round oak table with 3 leaves, glass curio cabinet, house decor, toys & games, quilting, sewing supplies, misc. items, electric start snowblower, set 4 dining chairs.
- **22. 918 6th St.** Sat. 7-2. Huge Moving Sale! Furniture items sofa table, oak dining table with leaf and 6 chairs, china cupboard, craft table, entertainment center and much more. Lots of household items, kitchen, decor and toys. Something for everyone!
- **23. 2479 105th St.** Sat. 8-2 Moved & Downsizing, Eliptical w/ wifi, oak table w/extension boards and 8 chairs, full size bed frame w/ mattress and headboard, girls 0-5T, toys, mens & womens clothes, decorations, furniture & tools.
- **24. 805 12th St**. Fri. 8-6; Sat 7:30-noon. Women and men clothes, shoes, 2 new bar island lights, hose box, books, kitchen items, queen size bedding, Salad Master, towels, TV stand, Aloe Vera plants, 2 lamp stands, exercise machine.
- 25. 929 5th St., Kreekside Addition. Multi family. Fri. & Sat. Household items, antiques (antique copper weather vane), kids toys, shoes and clothing, Terry Redlen & P. Buckley Moss framed prints, wheel barrow & misc. tools.
- 26. 306 B Ave, garage around back, access from A Place. Fri. 1-5; Sat. 9-1. Maternity and postpartum clothing, pregnancy pillows, nursing and pumping products, boys clothes: newborn-24 mon; girl clothes newborn-12 mon; infant velcro swaddles, hats, sock and blankets; infant/baby toys and equipment; misc. sports equip.

- **27. 1047 Kiwi Ave.** Fri 1-6; Sat 8-2. Baby gear, kids/baby clothes, sports gear, house/kitchen items, furniture, men/women's clothing, toys, etc
- **28. 809 10th St.**, Kalona Fri, 9-4; Sat. 9-noon. Girls 12m-2T; Boys 4T-7. Household items.
- **29. 803 J Ave.** Fri. noon-6; Sat. 8-noon. Vintage furniture, tools, tool boxes, kitchenware, cap guns, drawing table, matting table, cameras, tripods, lamps, cast iron stove
- **30. 965 5th St.** Fri. 12-6; Sat. 7-noon. Moving sale. Furniture couches, gliders, tables, lamps, queen bedroom set. Weber gas grill, gardening tools, patio set. Lots of household & misc items. Very clean, pet & smoke free.
- **31. 827 10th St.,** Fri. 8-5; Sat. 8-2. Sale to include lots of home decor (some vintage), furniture, Christmas decorations, outdoor decor, Magnolia dining table & chairs. Photos on my Facebook page: Heather's Garage Sale-Kalona,IA
- **32. 601 C Ave in alley.** Sat. 8-5. First Garage Sale in 10 years. Linens, jewelry, pictures, cookbooks, antiques, plus misc.
- **33. 302 D Ave.** Fri. & Sat. 8-4. Puzzles, books, some crocheted items, misc and some free.
- **34. 902 10th St.** Fri 1-6; Sat. 7:30-noon. Multi-family sale. Two-wheeled yard cart, free standing BB hoop, kitchen items, couch, humidifier, crib, twin bed frames, garage/shop items, camping stove, and much more.

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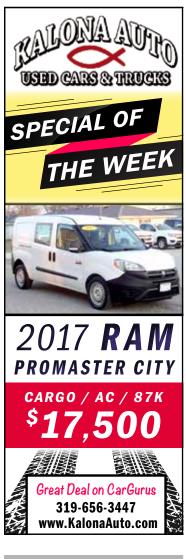
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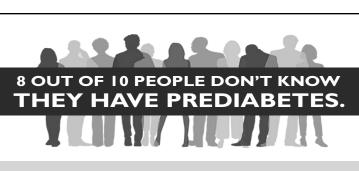
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# **Garage Sales**

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#### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILTON T. SCHMIDA, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR007996

#### NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT **ADMINISTRATION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Milton T. Schmida, Deceased, who died on or about March 31, 2023: You are hereby notified that on May 3, 2023, the last will and testament of

Milton T. Schmida, deceased, bearing date of February 1, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administra-tion of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to oc-cur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on May 4, 2023.

Patricia A. Schmida, Proponent 609 Pleasantview Circle Kalona, IA 52247

Attorney for estate: Ann C. Spellman, ICIS#: AT0007467 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 2000 Des Moines, IA 50309

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#### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Larry L. Haynes, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR007999

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Larry L. Haynes, Deceased, who

died on or about February 18, 2022 You are hereby notified that on May 11, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Larry L. Haynes, deceased, bearing date of July 29, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Elizabeth A. Humble was appointed Executor of the Estate. Any action to set

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

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated: May 15, 2023.

Elizabeth A. Humble Executor of Estate 1311 Madison Ave Wellman, IA 52356

Matthew J. Kriegel Attorney for Executor Firm Name: Eells & Tronvold Law Offices. PLC Address: 1921 - 51st Street NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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#### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dennis Norman Slutts, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR035917

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis Norman Slutts, Deceased, who died on or about April 24,

You are hereby notified that on May 10, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Dennis Norman Slutts, deceased, bearing date of November 3, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kevin Slutts was appoint-

ed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated May 10, 2023.

Kevin Slutts, Executor of Estate 108 W. Rochester Rd. Atalissa, IA 52720

Katie Reidy Abel, ICIS#: AT0013275 Attorney for Executor Beine & Abel Law Firm, PLC 419 Cedar Street PO Box 270 Tipton, IA 52772

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