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

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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

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 you 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,"

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

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.

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 Association.

"The health and safety of their pigs are a top priority for Iowa 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."

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 with others."

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 Act.

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 slides.

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

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 months.

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

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

HILLS

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

IOWA CITY

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

KALONA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.lonetreeuowachurch.com; Sunday: Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:15

NICHOLS

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

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

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

NORTH ENGLISH

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

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

OXFORD

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

RICHMOND

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

RIVERSIDE

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E

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

SOUTH ENGLISH

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

WELLMAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 ½ miles west of Cheese Factory, 319-656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

WEST CHESTER

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

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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