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Above, Mid-Prairie held all-school parades on March 30 and April 1 for teachers, staff, students and parents to show support for one another. Above, Cana and Jayla Rediger ride in the back of a pickup with Busy Bear and their mom, high school guidance counselor Melissa Rediger, who is facing away from the camera during the April 1 parade that wound through the streets of Wellman and West Chester. Left, Mid-Prairie West Elementary Principal Bill Pook points at some students during the March 30 parade in Kalona.

## Negotiations continue on northern ambulance

BY JAMES JENNINGS  
The News

Talks to house a full-time ambulance crew in the northern tier of Washington County are continuing despite Riverside dropping out of the discussion.

Kalona City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh said Monday that the cities of Kalona and Wellman are still trying to strike a deal with the newly formed Washington County Ambulance Department.

"The cities of Kalona and Wellman are continuing to collaborate with Jeremy Peck and his staff at Washington County Ambulance to help position an ambulance in northern Washington County," Schlabaugh said. "These discussions have been ongoing and have included city staff, elected officials and members of our volunteer EMS groups."

On June 1, the Riverside City Council voted 9-2 to break off negotiations, balking at the \$125,000 price tag to station the crew in Riverside.

Although the crew would have been based in Riverside, it would still be required to re-

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## Mid-Prairie mulls 'return to learn' plan

BY JAMES JENNINGS  
The News

Mid-Prairie school administrators have begun work on the state-mandated "return to learn" program that must be submitted by July 1.

At Monday's school board meeting, administrators updated the board on discussions they have had.

"We've been meeting weekly on the return to learn plan," Superintendent Mark Schneider said. "It is due July 1, almost two full months before school starts, and obviously conditions can change a lot between July 1 and Aug. 25."

"We're talking about a lot of things because since we don't know what we're preparing for, we've got to prepare for it all."

He added that everything is just in the brainstorming stage right now.

As part of the plan, schools will submit plans for how they will deliver instruction in the fall.

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# A YEAR LIKE NONE OTHER

## Administrators reflect on a wild and crazy 2019-20 school year

BY JAMES JENNINGS  
The News

When students left school on the afternoon of Friday, March 13, they were looking forward to a week off for spring break. No one knew that it would be the last day of in-person school for the rest of the school year.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of school buildings for the rest of the year, school administrators were forced to scramble — at times improvising — to deliver instruction from a distance.

"No one could have predicted this situation, and I felt our staff — both staffs — hit the ground running and really paved a way for our students to learn at home," Highland and Lone Tree Superintendent Ken

Crawford said. "No one has been trained to do any of this and everyone jumped in and didn't complain — just worked hard for their students."

School districts had to quickly put together new learning plans in the face of rapidly changing guidelines from the state.

"The most difficult aspect of the whole situation, especially at the beginning, was the ever-changing nature of the guidance we were receiving," Mid-Prairie Superintendent Mark Schneider said. "I totally understand that there were so many unknowns to deal with, but at times it seemed things would change daily, sometimes even hourly."

"At first it was hard to build processes and policies that cre-

ated consistency and stability because of the ever-changing nature of the information we were receiving."

Crawford said. "The challenges were how much information and expectations changed on an almost daily basis. From the Governor's office to the Department of Education — something was said one day and then the next day, expectations changed and that required all of us to redo all the work from the previous day."

Hillcrest Academy Principal Dwight Gingerich said that the experience from the previous school year, when school was canceled for nearly half of February due to snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures, helped guide decisions this year.

"That seemed incredible, and we had to find creative ways to make up the time missed," Gingerich said. "Perhaps that got us somewhat ready for this year, which obviously had us missing even

more school, and then needing to be even more creative and resourceful to make it work to finish the year with continuous learning."

All three administrators expressed their pride for how all of their staffs pitched in and adapted.

"I am extremely proud of the way the Mid-Prairie staff and community responded," Schneider said. "I saw some teachers do some truly amazing and creative things. Paraprofessionals, secretaries and school nurses pitched in and helped at a moment's notice."

Crawford said. "Meeting all of the challenges over Zoom and building leadership skills in this environment is kudos to both schools. No one was in their comfort zone and yet — everyone helped, encouraged, brainstormed and put in extra hours to make sure students

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## Historical Village welcomes back visitors

BY KALEN MCCAIN  
The News

KALONA

After spending several months closed due to COVID-19, the Kalona Historical Village reopened June 1 with new exhibits and procedures to keep visitors safe.

Staff spent the months of downtime renovating several exhibits so the village could return with new and interesting displays.

"We're excited to get some things changed," Managing Director Nancy Roth said. "We've moved around exhibits and got some new exhibits just so they

could see some new stuff."

The former "crazy quilt room," which previously displayed asymmetrical and unusually made quilts, has been refurbished. It now displays a variety of quilts from the 1930s and '40s alongside a history of bridal wear from the same period.

Another admission-only room that formerly displayed Amish quilts is now filled with a much greater variety of Amish showpieces. Roth said the staff wanted to add context to the exhibit so that visitors could better understand the culture.

"Typically, the room just

had quilts in it, so we wanted to jazz it up and actually have people have an understanding of why they live the way they do," Jan Perry, a volunteer at the Historical Village, said. "That's the No. 1 thing people are looking for."

The main exhibit area now displays a "history of thread," featuring a spinning wheel and antique sewing machine alongside a wide variety of spool cabinets alongside an impressive display of pattern glass made in Iowa.

A handful of health safety



KALEN MCCAIN/THE NEWS

Grace Tully works in the Loom House at the Kalona Historical Village next to the glass box she would speak to visitors through during tours.

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Forecasts for North Washington County

<p><b>Thursday</b> June 11</p> <p>81° 58° <b>RealFeel® 84°</b> Mostly sunny, pleasant and warmer</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> June 12</p> <p>83° 55° <b>RealFeel® 88°</b> Mostly sunny and nice</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> June 13</p> <p>75° 49° <b>RealFeel® 80°</b> Mostly sunny and pleasant</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> June 14</p> <p>74° 52° <b>RealFeel® 77°</b> Delightful with plenty of sun</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> June 15</p> <p>79° 58° <b>RealFeel® 80°</b> Clearing, a thunderstorm possible</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> June 16</p> <p>79° 59° <b>RealFeel® 84°</b> Mostly sunny</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> June 17</p> <p>82° 62° <b>RealFeel® 86°</b> Mostly sunny</p>
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# Love of gardening blossoms into a book

BY KALEN MCCAIN

**KALONA**

Beth Cody has fallen in love with gardens.

Her mother, a botanist, sowed the seeds of understanding early on, but Cody had neither space nor interest to plant her own gardens until moving to the countryside between Kalona and Iowa City 12 years ago.

Before her passion grew, however, Cody was initially interested in the artistic appeal of gardening books rather than the activity itself. Garden photography is a genre of its own, with immense artistic talent required both to plant in a visually interesting way, and to capture that beauty in a photograph.

"I started reading garden books and thought, 'Oh, that's kind of cool. I better actually do some gardening,'" Cody said. "It was the opposite of normal people who want to garden and then buy books."

Since that initial spark of interest, Cody has built a beautiful garden of her own on her five-acre property north of Kalona and converted her porch into an insulated sunroom to accommodate even more plants.

Her collection of books has blossomed alongside her love of gardening, growing piece by piece at book sales and stores, expanding gradually during her decade of experience.

Among the home library's

categories of garden history, techniques and photography, Cody's personal supply of garden literature is 700 books strong. Despite the vast knowledge within that collection, Cody said she noticed a sizable gap missing from the material.

"In all of these garden history books, they have these beautiful pictures of gardens but never was there any pictures of Iowa gardens," she said. "I thought, 'Well, surely there must be some, it must just be because we were overlooked, not that there weren't any,' so I started looking around."

Her instincts were right. Despite its lack of national spotlight, the state has an intimate history with the art of cultivation, featuring a plethora of ornamental and functional designs, plus the unique phenomenon of radio stations owned by seed companies.

After five years of extensive research and editing, Cody self-published her own book, "Iowa Gardens of the Past." The 320-page book about the history of gardening in Iowa covers both famous and obscure gardeners and their work across the state from 1850-1900 in an effort to fill the gap in existing garden history literature.

"I thought I would have to have a traditional publisher, but then I realized it's become a lot more inexpensive to print overseas, even though I did want a full color hardcover book," Cody said. "I ended up laying out the whole book myself and then ordering a 1,000



Beth Cody stands with 1,000 copies of her new book, "Iowa Gardens of the Past."

copies from overseas."

Although it's a substantial part of her life, gardening is not all of it. Cody owns A-1 Uniforms on the Coralville strip and lives with her husband and two children, whom she homeschools. She said she had little trouble maintaining life-work-garden balance, despite the competing demands for her attention.

"You know, I only do it when I enjoy it," she said. "When something comes up or I have to go to work, that comes first, of course." She said the book served as a winter hobby, a necessary commodity for any gardener.

While many of the state's

landmark gardens have faded into memory, a few historical gardens exist today, such as the Brucemore Historic Estate in Cedar Rapids and the historic Musser-McCorm home in Muscatine.

For others, their beauty was not maintained in life, but on film. Many historical gardens were preserved in photographs and illustrations which Cody compiled from a litany of magazines, newspapers, postcards and road atlases. She hopes her work will keep such gardens from fading into the past.

The research process was daunting and took Cody four years, by her count. She used historical archives like the

State Historical Library in Iowa City and a variety of public domain sources, as well as extensive hunts through eBay for private photos she could buy rights to print.

She used a variety of internet resources to research the gardeners and photographers behind those photos.

Following her research and collection, Cody spent another year editing and navigating the publishing process. "It was really interesting. I almost didn't want to wrap it up and continue on," Cody said.

Copies of the book may be purchased from its website at IowaGardens.com.

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We've distributed an estimated 20,000 lbs (10 tons!) of food and hygienic supplies to residents experiencing food insecurity in Northern Washington County from April 18th to May 30th.

We've also delivered an estimated 3,500 lbs of food to those needing emergency delivery or pick up.

Thanks to the many generous individuals, organizations, and companies for helping make this happen over the last few months!

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## QUILT RAFFLE



SUBMITTED

Grace Schumann, owner of Stitch 'N Sew Cottage in Kalona, donated this "Compass" pattern quilt to the Kalona Area Chamber of Commerce to use for this year's quilt raffle. The quilt is on display in the chamber office lobby at 514 B Ave. Tickets sell for \$2 for one or three for \$5.

## Absentee votes dominate June 2 primary election

BY JAMES JENNINGS

In the June 2 primary election, Washington County voters cast 3,126 ballots.

Of those, 2,613 were absentee ballots, a whopping 83.6% of the total.

The remaining 513 votes were cast in person at four polling places throughout the county: Riverside, West Chester, Washington High School and the county courthouse.

The number of polling places was reduced from 10 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

County Auditor Dan Widmer said that the large number of absentee ballots was due to Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate's efforts to encourage absentee voting by mailing ballot requests to every registered voter in the state.

Widmer compared the number of absentee ballots to absentee ballots cast in the last two general elections, where about 5,000 absentee ballots were cast in each one.

Turnout for the June 2 primary was 20.56%, with 51.7% (1,616 votes) voting in the Republican Primary and 48.3% (1,510 votes) in the Democratic Primary.

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# Mid-Prairie shares game guidelines

With high schools around the state set to begin playing games on June 15, the River Valley Conference released some guidelines for spectators.

Mid-Prairie High School is a member of the River Valley Conference.

**Seating:**

- Each school will have limited or no bleacher seating available.
- Fans are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

**Concessions:**

- Concession stands will not be offered per Iowa Department of Education and Department of Public Health guidelines.
- Coolers will be allowed to be brought in and are subject

to search. Coolers are to be limited to use by single household members.

**Restrooms:**

- Restrooms will be available and will be cleaned regularly.

**Personal Protection Equipment (PPE):**

- Face masks are not required but encouraged.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.

**Spectators are expected to:**

- Accept personal responsibility for following public health guidelines.
- Practice safe social distancing.
- Be patient and use common sense.
- Not use or bring sunflower seeds.
- Abide by posted signage.
- Stay home if you show symptoms, have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or if they have been in contact with someone with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Admission to Mid-Prairie home games will be a freewill donation. All proceeds from admission will go to the school's athletic program.

Highland, Lone Tree and Hillcrest Academy are all planning to charge \$5 for game admissions.

## PET OF THE WEEK

BOBBY FLAY



SUBMITTED

This week's PAWS & More pet of the week is a kitten named Bobby Flay. Yes, he looks like his mom gave him a bad haircut. He is an adorable, sweet little dude who has not quite learned to clean the delicious wet kitten food off of his face, but he'll get there. For more information, contact washingtonpawsandmore1978@gmail.com or 319-863-0604.

## LOOKING AHEAD

LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

**THURSDAY JUNE 11**  
**Cattle Sale** – Kalona Sales Barn.  
**Johnson County Supervisors** – Johnson County administration building boardroom, 9 a.m.  
**SATURDAY JUNE 13**  
**Final Kalona drive-up, pop-up food pantry** – 711 A Ave., 9 – 11 a.m.  
**Kalona food pantry** – 401 E Ave., 9 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Lone Tree cleanup day** – 8 – 11 a.m., North Park.

**SUNDAY JUNE 14**  
**FLAG DAY**  
**Hillcrest Academy commencement** – Celebration Hall, 4 p.m.  
**MONDAY JUNE 15**  
**Wellman City Council** – 5:30 p.m.  
**Riverside City Council** – 6 p.m.  
**Kalona City Council** – 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY JUNE 16**  
**Midwest Meat Goat Exchange Auction** – 5470 Cosgrove Rd., SW, Kalona, 10:30 a.m.  
**Washington County Supervisors** – 9 a.m. at courthouse.  
**Lone Tree Farmers Market** – Tank Park, 4 - 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17**  
**Sheep, goat and hog sale** – Kalona Sales Barn.  
**THURSDAY JUNE 18**  
**Cattle Sale** – Kalona Sales Barn.

**SATURDAY JUNE 20**  
**SUMMER BEGINS**  
**Kalona tractor ride** – begins at Sunnyside Mennonite Church at 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY JUNE 21**  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
**MONDAY JUNE 22**  
**Mid-Prairie school district meeting** – work session at 6:15 p.m., business meeting at 7 p.m. at central office.  
**Highland school district meeting** – 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY JUNE 23**  
**Short Peterseim Memorial Golf Tournament** – Kalona Golf Club.  
**Washington County Supervisors** – 9 a.m. at courthouse.  
**Lone Tree Farmers Market** – Tank Park, 4 - 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 24**  
**Lone Tree Community School District meeting** – 5:30 p.m. at high school library.  
**Sheep, goat and hog sale** – Kalona Sales Barn.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

### HIGHLAND

**Highland Varsity Baseball**  
 June 15, 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Academy  
 June 16, 7 p.m. vs. Lone Tree  
 June 18, 7 p.m. at Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 22, 7 p.m. vs. Mediapolis  
 June 23, 7 p.m. at Pekin  
 June 24, 7 p.m. vs. Van Buren County  
 June 25, 7 p.m. vs. Wapello  
 June 26, 7 p.m. at New London  
 June 29, 6 p.m. at Winfield-Mount Union  
 June 30, 7 p.m. vs. Columbus  
 July 3, 7 p.m. vs. Keota  
 July 7, 7 p.m. at Lone Tree  
 July 7, 7 p.m. at Sigourney

### Highland Varsity Softball

June 15, 7 p.m. vs. Hillcrest Academy  
 June 16, 7 p.m. vs. Lone Tree  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 22, 7 p.m. at Mediapolis  
 June 23, 7 p.m. vs. Pekin  
 June 24, 7 p.m. at Van Buren County  
 June 25, 7 p.m. at Wapello  
 June 29, 7 p.m. vs. Winfield-Mount Union  
 June 30, 7 p.m. at Columbus  
 July 1, 7 p.m. at New London  
 July 2, 7 p.m. vs. Holy Trinity

### MID-PRAIRIE

#### Mid-Prairie Varsity Softball

June 15, 7 p.m. vs. Northeast  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Tipton  
 June 19, 7 p.m. at North Cedar  
 June 22, 7 p.m. vs. Durant  
 June 25, 7 p.m. at Regina  
 June 26, 7 p.m. at Cascade  
 June 29, 7 p.m. at West Liberty  
 July 2, 7 p.m. at West Branch

### HILLCREST

#### Hillcrest Academy Varsity Baseball

June 15, 7 p.m. vs. Highland  
 June 16, 7 p.m. vs. Notre Dame  
 June 17, 1 p.m. vs. Cardinal  
 June 18, 7 p.m. at Lone Tree  
 June 19, 7 p.m. at Central Lee  
 June 22, 7 p.m. vs. Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 23, 7 p.m. at Mediapolis  
 June 25, 7 p.m. vs. Pekin  
 June 29, 7 p.m. at Wapello  
 June 30, 7 p.m. vs. Winfield-Mount Union  
 July 2, 7 p.m. vs. Columbus

#### Hillcrest Academy Varsity Softball

June 15, 7 p.m. at Highland  
 June 17, 1 p.m. at Cardinal  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Lone Tree  
 June 19, 7 p.m. vs. Central Lee  
 June 22, 7 p.m. at Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 23, 7 p.m. vs. Mediapolis  
 June 25, 7 p.m. at Pekin  
 June 26, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity  
 June 29, 7 p.m. vs. Wapello  
 June 30, 7 p.m. at Winfield-Mount Union  
 July 2, 5:30 p.m. at Columbus  
 July 10, 7 p.m. vs. Montezuma

### LONE TREE

#### Lone Tree Varsity Baseball

June 15, 7 p.m. vs. Columbus  
 June 16, 7 p.m. at Highland  
 June 17, 7 p.m. at Danville  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Hillcrest Academy  
 June 22, 7 p.m. at West Burlington  
 June 23, 7 p.m. at Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 24, 7 p.m. vs. Central Lee  
 June 25, 7 p.m. vs. Mediapolis  
 June 29, 7 p.m. at Pekin  
 June 30, 7 p.m. vs. Wapello  
 July 2, 6 p.m. at Winfield-Mount Union

#### Lone Tree Varsity Softball

June 15, 7 p.m. at Columbus  
 June 16, 7 p.m. at Highland  
 June 17, 7 p.m. vs. Danville  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Hillcrest Academy  
 June 22, 7 p.m. vs. West Burlington / Notre Dame  
 June 23, 7 p.m. vs. Louisa-Muscatine  
 June 24, 7 p.m. vs. Central Lee  
 June 25, 7 p.m. at Mediapolis  
 June 29, 7 p.m. vs. Pekin  
 June 30, 7 p.m. at Wapello  
 July 2, 7 p.m. vs. Winfield-Mount Union

July 3, 7 p.m. vs. Wilton  
 July 6, 7 p.m. vs. Monticello  
 July 8, 7 p.m. at Anamosa  
 July 10, 7 p.m. vs. Camanche

#### Mid-Prairie Varsity Baseball

June 15, 7 p.m. vs. Northeast  
 June 17, 5:30 p.m. vs. Edyville-Blakesburg (000Vileheaden)  
 June 18, 7 p.m. vs. Tipton  
 June 19, 7 p.m. at North Cedar

June 22, 7 p.m. vs. Durant  
 June 23, 7:30 p.m. vs. Fairfield  
 June 25, 7 p.m. at Regina  
 June 26, 7 p.m. at Cascade  
 June 29, 7 p.m. at West Liberty  
 June 30, 7 p.m. vs. Solon  
 July 2, 7 p.m. at West Branch  
 July 3, 7 p.m. vs. Wilton  
 July 6, 7 p.m. vs. Monticello  
 July 8, 7 p.m. at Anamosa

## BRIEFS

### Tractor ride set for June 20

Dean Miller is planning a tractor ride through Kalona on June 20.  
 Tractors will gather at Sunnyside Mennonite Church, leaving at 5 p.m. The ride will end at the Kalona Sales Barn.  
 There is no registration fee to participate.

### Hillcrest to hold closed commencement Sunday

Hillcrest Academy's commencement will take place in Celebration Hall on Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m.  
 Commencement speaker will be David Heusinkveld, interim pastor at West Union Mennonite Church and formerly executive director of

### Pleasantview Home in Kalona.

The ceremony is not open to the public but will be recorded and made available to stream online at 6 p.m. at hillcrest-academy.org/classof2020.  
 The public is invited to join the Class of 2020 as they parade in cars through campus beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BRIEFS

### Bradley University

Cole Roth of Kalona was named to Bradley's dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. Roth is an electrical engineering computer option major.  
 To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

### Goshen College

Two area students were awarded degrees from Goshen College during the school's April 26 virtual commencement ceremony.  
 Natalie Graber of Wellman earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, graduating summa cum

### laude.

Elias Gingerich of Kalona earned a bachelor's degree in accounting.  
 In addition, two area students were named to the school's spring 2020 dean's list. They are freshman Caleb Gingerich of Kalona and sophomore Suzanna Yoder of Wellman.

### Dakota State University

Kyle Dunn of Kalona was named to the president's academic honors list for the 2020 spring semester at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D.  
 Students must achieve a GPA of 3.5-4.0 to be named to the list.

### Allen College

Emily Cayton of Kalona received her bachelor of nursing from Allen College in Waterloo at the school's May 8 virtual commencement.  
 Cayton graduated magna cum laude.

### Georgia Institute of Technology

Cary Schaefer of Kalona earned the distinction of faculty honors for spring 2020 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.  
 This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

## WELLMAN GOLF

### Wellman Golf League

#### Week 3 Standings

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# Iowa has its own cases of fatal police encounters

There's a quiz today. How would the tragic death of George Floyd have been perceived if the encounter occurred on a deserted side street in the middle of the night, rather than on a busy street in a business area in broad daylight?

How would our understanding of the events have been different if there were no citizens around to record the scene on their cellphones and the only descriptions were the ones police officers provided?

What if the only visual record was on the body cameras worn by the officers?

The cellphone video is uncomfortable to watch. But viewers around the world have been transported right there, curbside, in Minneapolis as a police officer, with his hands in his pockets, calming sits with a knee across Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds while the life is forced out of the 46-year-old man.

In Iowa, the answers to my questions are troubling, too, unfortunately.

If this tragedy happened in our state, there is no guarantee the public would have access to the officers' body camera video or any video recorded by cameras mounted in the officers' squad cars, or the disciplinary record of a police officer accused in someone's death.

The law gives police officials wide latitude to decide what to make public from their investigations. Increasingly, however, many state and local law enforcement agencies are refusing the public's requests for such video and written records. They are forcing the public to go to court if citizens, or even the families of victims, want to see these materials.

This is wrong on so many levels. It is wrong because government has no greater power than the ability of its police officers to take the lives of people who come into contact with its officers.

It is wrong because the relationship between police and the public hinges on trust and respect and cooperation. Secrecy does nothing to strengthen that foundation. In fact, trying to avoid public accountability often builds distrust.

The sue-us-if-you-don't-like-it practice in Iowa is wrong because few people or organizations have the tens of thousands of dollars it costs when citizens have to hire lawyers to fight for public access to the factual record and video from incidents involving citizen interaction with law officers.

You don't have to go to Minneapolis to see what distrust of law enforcement looks like. Consider the cases of Drew Edwards, 22, a construction worker in Maquoketa, who died in June 2019 after being shocked at least five times from a police officer's Taser weapon. Some of those shocks were administered while Edwards was face down on the ground, with a deputy sheriff sitting on his legs and the police officer sitting on Edwards' head, pressing down on his back.

Think about the case of Isaiah Hayes, 25, a mechanic from Ashland, Wis., who was shot to death by a Polk County deputy sheriff in July 2018. Officials



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have refused journalists' requests to release a dash camera video of the shooting or to say how many times Hayes was shot or whether he was shot in the chest or the back.

Consider Autumn Steele, 34, a mother in Burlington, who was fatally wounded in January 2015 by a police officer who became scared and recklessly killed her while trying to shoot her dog. The officer had been sent to the Steele home to settle an argument between Steele and her husband.

Then there is Amanda Lassance, 36, a Jackson County prosecutor in Maquoketa, who was given two rides by law officers, but no sobriety test, after a 9-1-1 call from her boyfriend in April 2019 that they were parked along a highway south of Maquoketa and that she had been driving while intoxicated.

None of this is intended to minimize the difficult and sometimes dangerous work law officers do to serve and protect the public. Many officers perform their jobs quite well and with skill and bravery and judgment that balances safety with civil rights.

But in each of these four cases, video records of the incidents, along with facts that are fundamental to the public's understanding of what occurred, were quickly sealed away from public inspection by the law enforcement agencies whose officers were involved.

That secrecy prevents the public from fully understanding what occurred during each of these encounters and judging whether the officers acted appropriately.

David O'Brien is a Cedar Rapids lawyer who specializes in civil rights cases. He represented the family of Autumn Steele and now represents Drew Edwards' family.

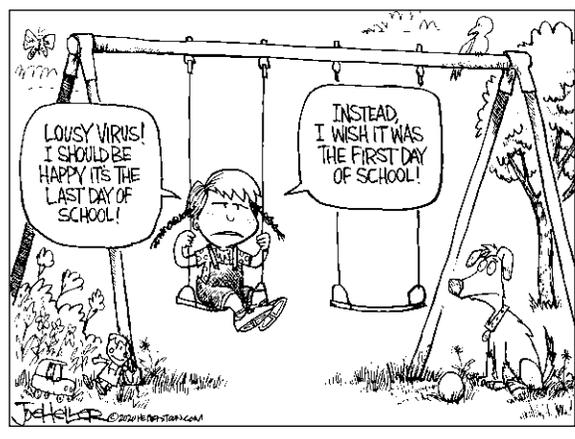
In January, O'Brien gained the release of the 48-minute body camera video of Edwards' interaction with a sheriff's deputy and Maquoketa police officer. The video shows Edwards being hit by Taser darts and culminates in Edwards being unconscious and not breathing as an ambulance finally arrives.

When he made the Edwards video public, O'Brien said, "You can see in the video, he's not a risk to anybody. He's not threatening anybody. He's just going to walk away. Let him go home. Let him cool down. You can go back later and arrest him."

The secrecy that has enveloped these cases contrasts with what the Iowa Supreme Court said in a 1994 decision involving access to a report on a state investigation into alleged corruption: "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants. Shining the light of day on the actions of our public officials deters misconduct that thrives in darkness."

In Iowa, we need more sunlight and less secrecy.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. This column was written for Iowa Capital Dispatch.



# COVID-19 has hurt our Iowa families

While this pandemic has challenged all Iowans, as our state begins to take the first steps toward safely reopening, I'm continuing to push for support for our families in every stage of life - from new parents to our seniors.

After local businesses needed to close down to adhere to social distancing and public health measures in order to keep folks safe, tragically so many Iowans, including parents, have been facing layoffs and pay cuts.

At the same time, reports show increased diaper shortages in Iowa. As a result, finding access to diaper assistance continues to be a challenge for new parents, especially lower-income families and essential, front-line workers.

That's why I've teamed up with Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut to urge the Senate to bolster diaper assistance for our families. Having access to these services is especially imperative for our essential workers with critical daily responsibilities, so they don't face any barriers in accessing day care or child care facilities.

As part of the CARES Act, we included a provision to provide parents an additional \$500 in direct financial assistance per child - on top of the \$1,200 direct payment.

But right now, for new parents - those who are welcoming newborns this year during COVID-19 - they won't see that money until 2021, when they get their tax return next year. That just doesn't make sense.

These new parents, at such an important time in their lives, need this assistance now - not a year from now. So, I've partnered with my Democratic colleague and neighbor from Illinois, Sen. Tammy Duckworth, to help make a simple fix to ensure Iowa families get this vital support right away.

Iowa's families know that



Joni Ernst  
U.S. Senator

access to child care has been an ongoing struggle in our state, even before COVID-19. It truly continues to be a crisis. In fact, it is one of the most common concerns I hear about from parents, especially in rural areas, when I'm out and about on my 99-county tour or hosting a telephone town hall with Iowans.

And, folks, the unfortunate reality is that this pandemic has only made the problem worse. That's why I've continued to make finding solutions to our child care crisis a top priority. As a part of the CARES Act, I helped secure nearly \$32 million in funding for Iowa to support access to child care and child care professionals through what's called the Child Care and Development Block Grant program.

And while that was certainly welcome news, the fight for our working families and child care workers is not over. It's the reason I'm leading a bipartisan effort to secure additional funding for child care in the next COVID-19 relief package. This is something that's vitally important for the health and safety of our kiddos and will help ease the burden for our moms and dads.

While this pandemic has impacted our parents, newborn babies, and children, we know that it's been especially difficult for the elderly and those most at-risk. And often it's our family caregivers who play the critical role in supporting our seniors and older Iowans.

As you might remember, I've been focused on this issue for some time. My bipartisan

Credit for Caring Act - something I'm working on with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) - would provide working family caregivers with a tax credit of up to \$3,000 to assist with out-of-pocket expenses related to caregiving.

While family caregiver shortages existed prior to the onset of COVID-19, this current crisis is only amplifying the critical work they do to support the daily needs of those who may be at greater risk to this virus and who require greater support at home.

This pandemic has led to more family members taking on important caregiver roles as they provide for their loved ones, while also managing financial strains and economic uncertainty.

So, I'm calling on the Senate to include, at a minimum, a modified or temporary version of my bipartisan legislation into our next relief package to help address the financial challenges caregivers are experiencing during this pandemic.

I'm really pleased to have the support of AARP Iowa in this effort to support our caregivers and help those family members who take up such important responsibilities to care for Iowa's seniors and our elderly community.

Additionally, I believe these caregivers should be able to receive the additional \$500 direct payments provided through the CARES Act. As we work to defeat COVID-19, we're doing it together - with Democrats and Republicans - with partners at the federal, state, and local levels and with the help of every Iowan doing his or her part.

For Iowa's families - from those with newborns to our seniors - I'll continue fighting for you and working to get you the support you need, especially during these challenging days.

Joni Ernst represents Iowa in the U.S. Senate.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Memorial Day thank you**

Editor:  
Another Memorial Day has passed with a great display of flags flying over Sharon Hill Cemetery.

It's nice we have a group of fine people to get the job done.

Jan Petersen who takes care of the flags and Elsa Schmidt, Mid-Prairie ag teacher, who spearheaded the work crew and has all the tools to get it done. Then the fine group of youth and others who do the work to get the flags up and down. Also the city workers for all their help.

Thanks again to all who made this display possible which honors those who serve, have served and those that lost their lives so we can enjoy the many freedoms we have in America.

Robert L. Spenner  
Riverside

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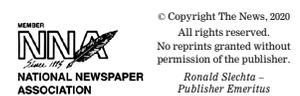
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OBITUARIES

**Shirley Ellen Martin Stutzman**  
1936 - 2020



Shirley Ellen Martin Stutzman was born July 21, 1936, near Parnell, Iowa, the daughter of Walter and Ruth (Hertler) Martin. She attended Iowa Mennonite School and City High School in Iowa City. On April 17, 1954, Shirley was united in marriage to Stanley Stutzman at Danforth Chapel in Iowa City. They have made their home in the Frytown community. She did house cleaning for several years and volunteered more than 1000 hours at the Patients Library at the University of Iowa Hospital. Shirley was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Iowa City where she served on many committees. She enjoyed spending time

in her garden and working in her flower beds. With her loving family at her side, Shirley passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at her home near Frytown. Shirley is survived by her husband; Stanley; three sons: Walt (Patty) Stutzman of Washington, Curtis (Svedana) Stutzman of Kalona, and Lyle (Monica) Stutzman of Johnston; eight grandchildren: Shauna (Todd) Olson, Joni (Eric) Jones, Shelby Ogoli, Son-

ja (Stewart Master) Stutzman, Alex Stutzman, Artyom Rayev, Mikhaila Stutzman, Morgan Stutzman; 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister: BJ Westphal of Hot Springs, Ark. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters: Jeanie Beachy and Helen Bontrager. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Shirley Stutzman Memorial at Hills Bank in Kalona, with the proceeds going to the Patient Library at the University of Iowa Hospital or First Mennonite Church of Iowa City. The Yoder-Powell Funeral Home in Kalona is caring for Shirley and her family.

**Vionne C. Longstreth Young**  
1930 - 2020



Vionne C. Longstreth Young, 89, died peacefully on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospital Palliative Care Center. Vionne was born Dec. 28, 1930, in Elma, Iowa, to Dr. E. O. Longstreth and Emma Lamers Longstreth. She graduated from Elma High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in music at the University of Iowa. Vionne loved music and played the trumpet and piano. She performed with the University of Iowa Scottish Highlanders in various locations, including a trip to Scotland which was a highlight of her college experience. Vionne married attorney Albion J. Young on a very warm day, July 31, 1955, in Elma. The couple made a new life for themselves in Wellman where her husband Albion served as an attorney through 2015. Before having children, Vionne was a teacher and homemaker. After her children were older, Vionne served as a social worker at Parkview Manor in Wellman. She enjoyed being with the residents, bringing joy into their lives with music and story telling. Vionne was an environmentalist. She believed in the protection of nature and in living lightly on the land. Vionne loved animals. She was a kind woman who advocated for fairness, peace, and human dignity. Vionne was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church where she was active most recently on the church flower committee. In the past, Vionne sang in and directed

the church choir and the Vespers Choir. She also taught Sunday school and served on various other committees. One of Vionne's biggest joys in life was flower gardening. She participated in the local garden club where she served many years as secretary. She was an avid tennis player and enjoyed the game, playing with friends and family, and participating in local tournaments. Both Vionne and Albion loved the game of bridge. Vionne played in the local bridge club and taught beginners how to play the game. Vionne is survived by her husband; Albion; son: Robert and his wife Sofia Bertocci and granddaughter: Anna of West Windsor, Vt.; son: Brian and his wife Janet and granddaughter Allyson and grandson Douglas of Boerne, Texas; Vionne's twin sister: Diane Needham of Sun City, Ariz. In addition, she leaves a sister-in-law: Gayle Longstreth of Los Angeles, Calif., a brother-in-law: John Young and his wife Joy of Shreveport, La., and several nieces and nephews. Vionne was preceded in death by her parents and her brother: Langdon Longstreth. A private graveside service was held Monday, June 8, 2020, in the Wellman Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wellman Asbury United Methodist Church and Planned Parenthood.

**Summer brings rhubarb treats**

We have turned another page on our calendar. June is here! Our hay is cut and now we have the challenge of getting it raked and baled before it rains again.

Yesterday was pretty warm with the temperature reaching the 90s. This morning at 4:30 a.m. the thermometer shows 72 degrees. It feels good to have it cool down at night. After having several days of the temperature not going much over 60 degrees and going down to 40 degrees at night, this feels different.

Son Benjamin, 20, left for work at 3:30 a.m., and son Joseph, 17, just left a little before 4:30. Daughters Elizabeth and Susan and their children have plans to come today, so I thought I better write this while everything is quiet. It is so nice when the weather is good for the little children to play outside.

I am hoping we will be able to can more rhubarb juice today. Last week we made 43 quarts, and I still have so much rhubarb. Daughter Susan will take some rhubarb to make more juice for them.

We have also been enjoying fresh tea from our garden. My patch is a mixture of spearmint and peppermint. A glass of iced tea hits the spot on hot days. I want to make tea concentrate to use later when tea isn't in season. You can't do that.

Church services were held at niece Emma and Menno's house under a tent on Sunday. With the temperature going down to 40 degrees overnight, that morning it was a little



chilly at first. Usually this time of the year it's okay to have church under a tent. It warmed up to almost 70 degrees so all worked out. We went back for supper in the evening. Menno and Emma live on the place son-in-law Tim had before he was married. Brings back memories of the times we spent there.

Daughter Loretta, 19, is following instruction class in preparation for baptism this fall. It always makes us as parents so thankful when another one of our children wants to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. It truly brings joy to our hearts, and we thank God for his many blessings.

The weeds are already popping up in the gardens. I haven't been out there much since my husband Joe is still laid off from work. He keeps the weeding and tilling under control. This week he is trimming around all our fence rows. It makes it look so much better.

The bus driver stopped and picked up son Kevin's schoolwork this week. Is it possible that our eight children have all completed their school years?

Monday we couldn't wash laundry as we ran out of laundry soap, so we decided to wait to do laundry until Tuesday.

Joe and I went to town with the buggy to get a few groceries, and we also had to go to the bank. It will be so nice once you can walk into the banks again after this lockdown is lifted next week.

Life has not been the same since March. Churches canceled, weddings postponed, schools closed. May we all turn to God and trust that he controls everything. Some day we will understand all this confusion. Have faith!

All of my book signings were also postponed. I look forward to meeting many of you readers. God's many blessings as we travel into the unknown future! Take care! Stay safe and healthy!

I will share a recipe for rhubarb bars which I made to take to niece Emma and Menno's for Sunday night supper.

**Go Anywhere Rhubarb Bars**

**Crust:**  
1 cup flour  
1/3 cup powdered sugar  
1/3 cup butter

**Filling:**  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup flour  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 cups finely-chopped rhubarb

**Crust:** Combine flour and powdered sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into bottom of a greased 7-inch by 11-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes.

**Filling:** Combine the first four ingredients, stir in rhubarb, and pour over warm crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until done.

**Highland sets commencement guidelines**

BY KALEN MCCAIN  
The News  
RIVERSIDE

After months of uncertainty and doubt surrounding plans for a graduation ceremony, the Highland Class of 2020 will have a chance to walk across the stage this Saturday.

The unprecedented ceremony will happen at the school's football field at 10 a.m. with several public health precautions in place.

School board members said the outdoor location would facilitate social distancing better than the indoor gym, where it would normally be held.

Seniors must pre-register any guests they plan to bring — up to eight of them — using a form sent to student emails.

Superintendent Ken Crawford emphasized the importance of registering the names of guests rather than filler names at the Monday school board meeting, citing the need for a record of exactly who attended in case an outbreak would necessitate public health tracking measures.

Graduates will be handed their diploma by board President Nate Robinson but will not receive the traditional handshake.

Crawford said health precautions at the ceremony would rely mainly on good judgment of participants rather than strict enforcement.

"Obviously, if we see two people from different groups hugging, we're not going to break that up," he said at the meeting. "We just need people to use common sense with this."

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# End of school year lunch programs wind down

BY KALEN MCCAIN  
The News

As the school year ends, free student lunch programs provided during remote classes are winding down after serving approximately 2,300 meals at Lone Tree, more than 20,000 at Highland and nearly 23,500 at Mid-Prairie according to superintendents.

The U.S. Food and Nutrition Service waived many nutritional requirements of school lunches for the home stretch of the 2019-20 school year to facilitate off-campus meals that had to prioritize non-perishability.

Waivers allowed families to access these meals at no cost, regardless of their eligibility for free and reduced school lunch under normal conditions. These exemptions are not indefinite, however, and will soon come to an end.

The Lone Tree and Highland districts discontinued their student meal programs for the summer, citing decreasing demand and the ability of local food banks to help those still in need.

"Our food banks both feel they are pretty well-stocked



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Mid-Prairie district custodian David Nisly, left, and bus driver Sarah Kauffman stand in front of a school van full of student lunches during distribution in Kalona on June 3.

and ready to take on that challenge," Lone Tree and Highland Superintendent Ken Crawford said. "We had a large surge early in the pandemic in March and April, but in May things started to dwindle off,

so both of the nutrition directors thought if we stop this, the food banks can handle anything that comes their way."

At Mid-Prairie, the school lunch waiver has been extended to part of the summer, with the last distributions coming June 29, at which point

waiters will expire and renovations will leave school kitchens unusable for the rest of the break according to Superintendent Mark Schneider.

"We're trying the best we can to be prepared for the future," Schneider said. "Unfortunately, without an idea of what that future will look like, it's hard to know what we need or how to be prepared."

Alternative summer lunch programs have met their own hurdles.

Food for All Mid-Prairie, a local charity organization, will not be hosting summer lunches in June.

Co-coordinator Kim Lehm said the in-person gatherings would be too risky as they rely on volunteers in high-risk age groups and typically gather around 40 people.

The meals would normally be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday over the summer but are suspended until further notice according to the organization's Facebook page.

"We will continue to examine the options as the summer progresses, and if we feel that a time comes that we can safely get back together again, we will try and make it happen," the post reads. "Until that day is safe, healthy and remember you are in our thoughts and prayers."

## Mid-Prairie announces cancellation of prom

BY JAMES JENNINGS  
The News

WELLMAN

There will be no prom at Mid-Prairie High School this year.

In a June 3 email to parents and students, Principal Jay Strickland announced the prom cancellation.

"Obviously, this was not an easy decision as we were hopeful that we could have from this summer, even if we had to make some changes and adjustments to how it normally looked in the past," Strickland wrote. "After meeting with the Washington County Health Department and the other Washington County high school principals, we decided this was the best course of action for all schools."

The prom, originally scheduled for April 25, had been moved to June 20.

"I apologize for the delayed announcement as we wanted to wait and see if additional guidelines would be lifted before making our final decision," Strickland wrote. "I did want to say a special thank-you to the post prom committee for all of their hard work and efforts. Despite postponing the event a couple of times, they were still willing to put together a post prom event."

"That is an example of the strong support we receive from parents and the community."

The school is still moving forward with plans for a June 28 graduation ceremony, which will be held on the football field at 2:30 p.m.

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They are instructed to consider three models: Full online learning, hybrid learning and full in-person instruction.

Mid-Prairie East Elementary Principal Robin Foster is part of a group that has been discussing hybrid learning models.

She said that the group has come up with a number of options.

"We talked about possibly doing a half day for students, where one group of students come in the morning and another group of students come in the afternoon," Foster said. "Another option would be an every-other-day model. We would have one group go Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the other group would go Tuesday and Thursday, and they would alternate the next week."

Another option would be to divide students into two groups, where one group would come to school Mondays and Tuesdays, and the other group would come Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday would be a school deep-cleaning day.

"We also talked about an option to do a one-day rotation," Foster said. "Kids would come to school one day per week. We would divide the class size by five, and the same group of kids would come Monday, a dif-

ferent group would come Tuesday and so on. We could also do that with a two-day rotation."

Yet another option would be for a group of students would come to school four days a week, then do online learning the next week, while the second group is in school.

"The last option would be for all elementary students to do face-to-face and all secondary students do online learning," Foster said. "The elementary buildings would be able to take over the secondary buildings."

High school Principal Jay Strickland has been working to school one day per week in-person learning and starting school five days earlier than planned.

"Our group discussed changing the calendar and being in school full-time," Strickland said. "One of the big advantages we saw to tweaking the calendar would be that it would allow us to be done with the semester before Christmas break."

"If we went a little bit earlier, there are some things we could do on the front end. It would probably move graduation up a week before Memorial Day."

Nathan Carlson, middle school dean of students, is also part of that group.

"Sometimes, things get a little hairy in May," Carlson said. "Moving it up five days in August, we feel there could possibly be some better learning in August and September than in May."

Home School Education Center Director Rachel Kerns is part of a group discussing online learning.

"We thought that doing full-time online school could really give us some flexibility with starting dates and ending dates as needed," Kerns said. "We liked the idea of doing a four-day week and giving students a catch-up day."

"What we learned from this spring is that there's a lot of feeling behind when we're trying to do online instruction."

## VFW, Auxiliary award scholarships

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6414 Riverside and its VFW Auxiliary announced scholarship winners.

The VFW first place \$1,500 scholarship recipient is Emily Yahnke, daughter of Todd and Laura Yahnke.

Runner-up \$1,000 scholarship recipient is Haley Sweet-

ing, daughter of Art and Shari Sweeting.

The VFW Auxiliary \$1,500 scholarship recipient is Matt Butler, son of Dan and Kathy Butler.

The scholarships are an annual Youth Activities project for graduating seniors from Highland High School.

## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

**Alsosworth**  
Anson Community Church: Anson, Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m., Kids Club Wed 6:30 p.m.

**Hills**  
St. Joseph Catholic Church: Hills, Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeier, Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324, Mass schedule: Sunday 10 a.m.

**Iowa City**  
Crospoint Baptist Church, Pastor Mike Barr: Meeting at the Caron 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 Yuty, 319-430-9574; cornerstonekalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m., Nursery & kids' classes available

**East Union Memorial Church:** 5615 Gable Ave. SW, 656-2590; Rev. Beatty, Pastor; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**First Conservative Mennonite Church:** 2055 540th St. SW, Pastors: Conrad Herder, 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. 656-2298; Pastor: Jeremy Gage; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m.; Igc@fgrc.net

**Genesis Light Fellowship:** 401 E Hwy (Hwy 22) Pastor: Dwight Schrock, 319-550-4763; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.; Message: 10:45 a.m.

**Home Conservative Mennonite Church:** 5203 Coogins Rd. SW, 1 mile west of Hwy 1; Ministry: Nelson Beach; 683-2371; James Swartzantuber, 683-2372; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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9:30 a.m., Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

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

**Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church:** 1408 540th St. SW, 656-2076; http://ldeercreek.org; Email: kofc@ldeercreek.org; Pastor: Don Patterson; Associate Pastor: Steve Nelson; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., Sunday School: 9 a.m.

**Sharon Bethel Mennonite Church:** 5 miles north on Highway 1, 1/4 mile east, 683-2672; Pastor: Delmar Bottrager, Ewyn Stutzman, Gabriel Beachy, Lamar Ropp; 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 & 50th St., 683-2564; http://sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor: Anita Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hour: 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School: 10:30 a.m., Traditional Service: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Sunaysia Conservative Mennonite Church:** 501 14th St. SW, 656-2688; Pastors: Floyd Helmholtz and Mare David; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m., Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**Shilo:** 209 1st St., 656-3156, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.; Small group meetings in homes throughout the week.

**Kinross**  
Kinross Christian Church: Sunday worship: 9:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Lone Tree**  
St. Mary's: 216 W. Jayne St.; Administrator: Father Mike Spiekemeier; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324; Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

**United Presbyterian Church of Lone Tree:** 110 W. Elm St., 629-4900; www.lonetreeunitedchurch.com; Pastor: Rev.

Jim Bonwell; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

**Nichols**  
Nichols Christian Church: 607 Grant Ave. 723-4346; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

**Nichols United Methodist Church:** 315 Main; 723-4565; Pastors: Mary & Don Timmerman; Sunday Services: 9 a.m., Family Worship Service with Children's Message: 9:30 a.m.

**St. Mary's: Short St & Grand Ave.; Administrator:** Father Mike Spiekemeier; Carol Kaalberg, 319-330-5324; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

**North English**  
Champion Hills United Methodist Church: 3132 TT Ave., North North English, 319-664-3829; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

**Oxford**  
Windham Community Church: 1424 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles south of Frutwin; Pastor: Sandy Harker, 319-430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m., windhamchurch.com

**Richmond**  
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church: 648-2331; clustep@sttrich.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday 8 a.m.

**Riverside**  
The Church in Riverside: 41 E 1st St., 696-2185; thechurchinriverside@hotmail.com; Pastor: Patrick Leonard, Emergency Service Times: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**River City Church:** Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schoenboelen St.; www.rivercity.org; Pastor: Rodney Gehman; Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church:** 51 St. Mary's St., 648-2331; clustep@stmarys.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m., Thursday 11 a.m. at Pleasantville Home.

**Tenly United Methodist Church in Riverside:** 11 E 2nd St., 648-2902; Pastor: Edward Peterson; Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School: 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. (Pre-

school - 6th grade).

**South English**  
English River Church of the Brethren: 2925 137th St. (Hwy 22) between South English & Kinross) 687-5235; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Wellman**  
Amiah Circuit: Champion Hill, Oct. to April; Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m., For information, call Fred Wagner; 319-936-7778.

**Asbury United Methodist Church:** 601 8th Ave. 646-2417; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday Worship: 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School: Adult 8:15 a.m., Children, 10:15.

**First Baptist Church:** 600 4th St., 646-2254; Pastor: Rev. Mark Larson; 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., 646-2702; Pastor: Rev. Zachary Woss; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

**New Life Community Church:** meets at Parkside Activities Center, office located at 214 8th Ave., 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:** 1206 Keokuk Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Gerald Kreider 319-661-2726; Willow Beachy 319-656-3733; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Wellman Mennonite Church: 1215 5th Ave. 646-2522; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., Sunday.

**West Union Mennonite Church:** 2353 305th St. Parvill, 646-6004; Pastor: David Heustickel; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School: 10:45 a.m., Mennonite Women: First Wed. of every month 9:30 a.m., Men's Luncheon: second Thurs. noon of each month at Roger Stutzman's.

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

**West Chester**  
West Chester United Methodist Church: 403 Franklin Street, 689-4665; Pastor: Melissa Warren; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Washington**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA): 1226 E Washington St., 653-3950; Pastor: Maureen Howard; Sunday Worship & Communion Service: 9 a.m., Faith Formation classes for all ages are held from 8:15-8:35 a.m., Wednesday Evening Worship & Communion 6 p.m. (all year round) website: immanuelwa.org Current info on church phone recording, 319-653-3950

**Peace Flower Baptist Church:** 1909 Locust Ave. at the corner of 1909th St., rural Washington; Pastor: David Colton; Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m., Sunday School: 9 a.m., Pastor's Office: 9:45 a.m., Wednesday: Veterans activities presented on our web site, prairieflowerbaptistchurch.org

**St. James Parish:** 602 West 2nd St., 653-4044, 319-458-0412 cell; Father Bernice Weir; Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.; Spanish 11:30 a.m., stjameswashington.org

**United Methodist Church:** 206 W 2nd St., 655-5446; Pastor: Raag Song; Traditional worship 8 & 10 a.m., Sunday School 10:10 a.m., Nursery available for 8 and 10 a.m. services. Rb@unitedumc.org

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

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**115 YEARS AGO  
JUNE 16, 1905**

**Kalona**

Ben Boone has moved his jewelry bench to his ice cream parlor, first door north of Polytex's drug store.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Edmondson and Mrs. A. J. Rogers are spending a few days in Muscatine, where Mr. Edmondson is taking treatment from an osteopathic doctor. He has been feeling very poorly for some time.

**100 YEARS AGO  
JUNE 10, 1920**

**Kalona**

The new garage at Sharon will soon be ready for use under the management of Jones & Christner.

The Bon Ton Café is now located in its new room, but not all the fixtures and equipment are installed. Mr. O'Loughlin may well be proud of his new storeroom. With the Bon Ton back in its new rooms, all of the firms that were put out of business by the big fire, except Frank Kennard's restaurant will be in business again.

Another great picnic was held Sunday when the choir of the Holy Trinity Church held a picnic in the church timber in honor of Rev. Father Falk, who said his first Mass. Quite a large crowd was present.

**Wellman**

Chas Rickey's tenant house, occupied by Will Ott, burned down one day this week. The fire is due to mice carrying matches it is supposed.

**75 YEARS AGO  
JUNE 14, 1945**

**Kalona**

The Bronze Star was awarded to Staff Sgt. Vance Saforek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saforek of Richmond, for meritorious service against the enemy. Sgt. Saforek has been in the Army four years and has been in Europe for the past 17 months.

Mrs. Branson Batterson received a telegram from her husband, Pvt. Branson Batterson, saying that he had arrived in the states and would be home on a furlough soon. Branson has not had any word from his family since July of last year except a five-word cablegram that he received while wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Keifer received a telegram from their son, Pvt. Eugene Keifer, stating that he had arrived in the states and would be home on a furlough soon. Keifer was recently liberated from a German prisoner of war camp.

F. L. Strickler, L. J. Strickler and Thomas H. Miller attended an O. P. A. district meeting in Ottumwa.

Clifford Small entertained the members of his Sunday school class at a picnic at his home. The afternoon was spent playing games. Those present were Junior Hochstetler, James Shalla, Marlene, Catherine and Junior Edwards, Harriet Beck, Hilda Perrin, Martha Hesselschwerdt, Bob McKenzie, Marilyn, Linda, Howard and Rodney Small, Vere Allen and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hesselschwerdt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Grady and family spent Sunday in the A. W. Kern home at Richmond. Guests at a dinner Tuesday evening in the E. C. Kern home honoring Patty Lou and Larry whose birthdays were Tuesday and Wednesday were Mrs. Anna Grady, Mrs. Willis Gingerich, Mary C. Grady and Mrs. Melvin Saforek.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brennehan left for Manson Saturday morning. Leroy Brennehan and Luella Yoder are taking care of their home while they are gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller, Grace and Mabel were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller and family.

**Wellman**

Members of the A. L. C. club honored their new officers at a luncheon. Mrs. Stanley Eash was hostess to the group. Mrs. Lyle Wade is the club's new president; Mrs. Fred Stockett, vice president; Mrs. Glenwood Gingerich, treasurer; Mrs. Johnson, secretary; and Mrs. John Miller, historian. The 10 members present were Mrs. Stanley Eash, Mrs. Lyle Wade, Mrs. Gayle Cupp, Mrs. Glenwood Gingerich, Mrs. Joe Schmelzer, Mrs. Rex Severt, Mrs. Elwin Wade, Mrs. Weldon

**LOOKING BACK - KALONA**



The above photo has no identification other than a street in Kalona.

SUBMITTED

Miller, Mrs. Tressa Johnson and Mrs. L. C. Swain.

Patricia Ann Longwell invited a group of friends to her home to help celebrate her 8th birthday. Guests included Garth Hershberger, Jerry and Gary Rodgers, Paulette and Freddie Gislain, Mildred and Henry Karnes. Others present were Vera Longwell and Mrs. Elmer Karnes.

Miss Edith Yoder, Miss Murval Weidlein and Miss Rosemary Beachey were in Washington Monday night.

Mrs. A. J. Nichols will be hostess to the Garden Club. The Rose Tea committee consists of Mrs. A. C. Gingerich, Mrs. Roy Durian, Mrs. June Williams, Mrs. E. E. Yoder, Mrs. Paul Blumenstein and Mrs. Leo Durian. Members are to bring special arranged bouquets for display.

Merle Yoder smashed a finger Friday when he dropped a truck wheel on his hand.

**50 YEARS AGO  
JUNE 11, 1970**

**Kalona**

David Spreacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spreacker of Kalona, received the All-Sports award from Mid-Prairie High School for having earned the most athletic letters, including four years of baseball; three years for football; two years for basketball; and two years for track.

Mrs. Earl Gardner, chairman of the annual poppy sale in Kalona, reports that a total of \$83.51 was collected for sale of the flowers, in behalf of the Disabled American Veterans. Mrs. Gardner stated that the Camp Fire Girls and other volunteers solicited the business area and also made a house-to-house canvas of the residential area.

The Mid-Prairie High School baseball team started the season by defeating Sigourney by a score of 7-2. Steve Mast went all the way on the mound for the Hawks and struck out 14 batters while allowing only six hits and one earned run. Big hitters for Mid-Prairie were Steve Curtis, three hits for three times at bat; Bob Christner, two for three; and Harry Hale with a triple.

Members of the team are Steve Mast, Dave Spreacker, Dan Spreacker, Harry Hale, John McAndrew, Mark McAndrew, Reed Edmondson, Greg Boyd, Bob Christner, Jerry Hartzler, Steve Curtis and Rick Fuhr.

Mrs. Richard Adams, Mrs. Ferd Skola, Mrs. H. E. Petersein, Mrs. C. W. Beckman, Mrs. Malverin Gould, Mrs. Amos Mellinger, Mrs. R. L. Hendrickson and Mrs. D. G. Sattler participated in the ladies golf activities this week.

**Wellman**

The Mid-Prairie Pony League and Baby Ruth teams are undefeated. Members of the Babe Ruth team: Jerry Miller, Dean Moore, Brad Gardner, Gary Hochstetler, Bill Redlinger, Rob Stout, Jerry Hartzler, Phil Griffith, Mike Harland, Greg Harland, Matt McAndrew, Jon Wagner, Phil Swartzendruber. They are coached by Roger Borup and Wallace Swartzendruber.

Pony League members: Brent Hochstetler, Brian Hazelton, Paul McAndrew, Rick Bush, Sam Berg, Mike Harland, Bob Stagner, Kevin Yoder, Norman Johnson, Scott Redlinger, Bryan Fry, Clayton Hershberger, Greg Gingerich, Matt Miller, Doug Yott, Gary Beckley, James Hochstetler, John Miller and Rusty Miller. Coaches are Don Gingerich and Ron Harland.

The A.L.C. Club met at the home of Harriet Yoder. Mem-

bers present were Sally Whetstone, Janice Berger, Milly Whetstone, Dorothy Miller, Doris Eash, Pauline Swartzendruber, Tressa Johnson, June Goschke, Sylvia Miller, Marjorie Miller, Betty Jo Murphy, Karen Norman, Erma Rugg, Dorothy Swain, Harriet Yoder, Betty Jo Thomas, Janet Palmer and Rosemary Johnson.

The Mid-Prairie Lettermen Club named the following officers for the 1970-71 year. George Schaefer, president; Kent Stout, secretary-treasurer; and Greg Boyd, Kevin Thrapp and Dick Ehrenfeld, lettermen council.

**Lone Tree**

Mrs. Wm. (Marilyn) Jarrard narrowly escaped serious injury in a car-pickup accident just north of Lone Tree Thursday. The accident occurred as she was driving south on the county road and slammed into a pickup stopped in the south-bound lane. Ron Cerny, operator of the pickup, was not in the vehicle at the time of the accident. He was in the ditch working with a field tile.

**Riverside**

Joan Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson, was honored at a pre-nuptial shower at the Robert Wisland residence. Miss Anderson will become the bride of Ardell Dean Gerot on June 27. Rose corsages were given to Mrs. Wayne Shalla who introduced Miss Anderson. Also receiving

corsages were Mrs. Ted Anderson, Mrs. Ardell Gerot, Mrs. Fred Frank, Mrs. Duane Bontrager, Nancy Simon, Misses Carol and Marilyn Anderson. Miss Anderson wore a yellow orchid, a gift of the groom. A social hour was spent playing bridge bingo. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Robert Wieland, Mrs. Frank Mincer and Mrs. Keith Keeler.

**25 YEARS AGO  
JUNE 15, 1995**

**Kalona**

Neva Frey and Sarah Swartzendruber opened Our Secret Garden tea room in the back section of the Victorian Veranda.

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Highland's Donovan resigns

Highland Co-activities Director Joe Donovan's resignation was announced during a school board meeting on Monday.

Donovan was an assistant coach when Highland-Lone Tree clinched a 12-1 record in 1997.

LONE TREE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

2020 Semester Gold Honor Roll 3.5-4.5 GPA 12th Grade - Macie Bopp, Sara Branson, Abigail Buckman, Alyson Clark, Riley Donohay, Jacob Dotson, Keegan Edwards, Aircel Hemsted, Holley Johnson, Kroy Krueger, Kelsi Kruse, Tyler McCullough, Lilian Miller, Timothy Mills, Ayden Ohly, Natalie Patterson, Bailey Pierson, Whitney Wilcox and Cale Yoder.

11th Grade - Bryce Abbott, Madelaine Altenhofen, Madison Bell, Alberto Cortes, Nicholas Floyd, Aiden Fortes, Madeline Jacque, Allison Marshak, Josie Mullins, Brynne Roman, Nicholas Saltzman, Skylar Smith, Alexander Viner, Abigail Westfall and Ashley Yedlik.

10th Grade - Kayla Dautremont, Jaden Doehmann, Abigail Fuller, Adam Knock, Alyssa Knock, Samantha Loving, Katelyn Maldonado, Madelyn McCullough, Chloe Mills, Abigail Noun, Alexa Norris, Kylie Patterson, Gavin Pourroy, Cade Shield and Kyla Zaruba.

9th Grade - Type A1, Madelyn Eden, Andrew Gauley, Andrew Hotz, Mitchell Koedam, Ryan Schenkel, Avery Shalla, Emma Slaughter, Braden Viers, Lindsay Werbach, Ethan Wilcox and Wyatt Yoder.

Black and Gold Honor Roll 3.0-3.49 GPA 12th Grade - Zachary Madoerin, Moses Martinez, Harmon Miller, Illiana Smith and Caleb Yoder. 11th Grade - Lauren Bell, Zachari Dominguez, Elizabeth Fuller, Jillian Hessefine, Will Heitz, Gage Rife, Ryan Werbach and Shane Zaruba. 10th Grade - Kyle Anderson, Timothy Bell, Matthew Fellows, Hunter Hain, Alivia Hemsted, Arlie Lorack, Cadence Patterson, Tyler Rundlett and Madison Sobolik. 9th Grade - Oliver Altenhofen, Joseph Bonwell, Ella Buser, Jenna Dotson, Blake Honoycott, Sebastian Jacque, Colton Jondrie, Riley Krueger, Connor Matthes, Brett Robinson and Hannah Zadow.

HILLCREST ACADEMY SENIOR AWARDS

Governor's Scholar: Jesse Slater. KWVL Best of Class: Jesse Slater. Des Moines Register Academic All-State Nominee: Jesse Slater. Bernie Saggau Award: Kobe Bomtrager. Marek Trust Scholarship: Yuli Montes de Oca. National Merit Scholarship Award: Jesse Slater. Ferd Skola Scholarship: Yuli Montes de Oca. Washington Township Optimists Scholarship: Ainsley Shaw.

Southeast Union All-Academic Team: Kobe Bomtrager and Mia Graber. Goshen College High Honors Academic Scholarship: Mia Graber. University of Iowa AIB College of Business Scholarship: Kobe Bomtrager. University of Northern Iowa Panther Impact Award: Abigail Fritz. University of Northern Iowa Panther Impact Award: Sarena Gerber.

Wastewater treatment plant work begins

Work has begun on the state-mandated renovations to the Lone Tree wastewater treatment plant.

At its Monday night meeting, the City Council approved the first invoice for \$67,000 to contractor Boomerang Corp.

The overall project is estimated at \$6.4 million.

Later in the meeting, the council approved two resolutions related to the project.

The first authorized a loan agreement for \$2.7 million in sewer revenue bonds. The second authorized issuing general obligation bonds for the project.

According to City Clerk Stephanie Dautremont, no amount was set for the general

LONE TREE CITY COUNCIL

obligation bonds. That amount will be set "further down the road" after current funding is exhausted.

Lone Tree City Hall reopens

The Lone Tree City Hall reopened Monday and about a dozen people visited.

They saw a different setup. Chairs were arranged to direct people to the front counter without straying elsewhere in the room.

A Plexiglas barrier separated City Clerk Stephanie Dautremont from those coming in on business, and a sign advised them to stay 6 feet back.

Dautremont said there was "pretty steady traffic" through-

out the day. Monday was also the day that the city reopened city parks, which had been closed due to the coronavirus restrictions imposed by the governor.

Farmers market set for Tuesdays

Lone Tree City Councilwoman Ruby Dickey said that the city's farmers market will open on Tuesdays with some restrictions imposed by the governor due to COVID-19.

The market is scheduled to run into October.

The governor's restrictions limit vendors to offering food only, no crafts. Food must be sold "to-go." Customers cannot congregate and eat at the market.

Supervisors OK talks for northern ambulance

BY MARY ZIELINSKI Correspondent WASHINGTON

The Washington County Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, acknowledged efforts to house an ambulance crew in the northern tier of the county. County Ambulance Service Director Jeremy Peck told supervisors of the effort to seek a base for one of the county ambulances in the north part of the county.

The board unanimously approved the move to find a north county base.

In other business, the board: Approved a resolution authorizing the county engineer to sign contract documents in Doc Express for the 290th Street, Kiwi Avenue and 300th Street paving project in which the board formally accepted the \$1.6 million bid from Jones Contracting for the work. The work involves PCC paving on 290th Street from Highway 1 east to Kiwi Avenue, then south to 300th Street, then west to 2015 300th Street.

p.m. June 13 for a tractor parade after noting all insurance forms were in order.

Approved a Class A liquor license for Richmond AmVets Post No. 107, including Sunday sales, effective July 11.

Approved an amendment to Brighton tower site lease to \$4,800 per year at \$400 per month, the same as with the agreements for the other towers. Previously, it was only a month-to-month agreement, explained Sheriff Jared Schneider.

The towers and the leases are part of the countywide communications update.

Conducted the official canvass of the June 2 county primary election in which no changes to the results were found.

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# City of Riverside property gradually reopening

BY KALEN MCCAIN  
The News

RIVERSIDE

Riverside will gradually reopen city property following a series of unanimous decisions by the City Council.

Parks and playgrounds will open immediately, while City Hall is slated to reopen with a downsized lobby on July 1.

The moves come with a handful of caveats.

In public parks and playgrounds, signs will inform visitors of health risks and public restrooms will remain closed. The bathrooms were sanitized daily before the pandemic began, and council members weren't comfortable reopening them without increased clean-

ing. "Bathroom facilities are not going to be open at this time," City Administrator Christine Yancey said. "There's no way to keep them sanitized continuously."

Visitors will still be subject to county and state guidelines regarding social distancing, personal protective wear and group size in the interest of public health. Signs will not outline any specific guidelines due to concerns that rules are likely to change too quickly to keep notices up to date.

"Most likely it will change over time, so I don't know that we need to set our own restrictions on that and just follow state and possibly county guidance," Mayor Allen Schneider

said. "When it comes to enforcement, that is law enforcement's job when it comes to enforcing state restrictions."

Groups interested in using the ballfields should call City Hall to book a location.

Meanwhile, City Hall's reopening is delayed until July 1, the expected completion date of renovations to restrict public access authorized by the council at the same meeting.

"Each time someone comes in we have to totally disinfect the area, so we really don't want free rein of City Hall" City Administrator Christine Yancey said at a May 18 meeting.

The two reception windows will allow a no-contact way to drop off items that cannot be turned in online such as cash payments and official documents. Previously estimated to cost more than \$2,600, the city received a last-minute bid from Sorrell Glass, a business in Washington, for less than a third of the price.

The changes will require electric work coming around \$1,500 to relocate fans, cables and light switches after the removal of a wall to install the

lockable door.

That door will be a repurposed office door already in the building, outfitted with a new crash bar covered by the renovation funds. The barrier will keep visitors from entering the rest of the building. This protects city employees and reduces tedious and time-consuming sanitation measures.

City Administrator Christine Yancey said the renovations won't necessarily reopen council chambers or meeting rooms, although changing state guidelines could make them accessible by the time renovations are complete.

The city intends to allow 24-hour access to the renovated lobby once open.

## County agrees to purchase current ambulance facility

BY MARY ZIELINSKI  
Correspondent

WASHINGTON

Last week, Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Seward Jr. announced that Washington County Ambulance Service had broken off negotiations with the county for sale of the service's building.

"Ambulance Director Jeremy Peck is working on some alternative plans since the Washington County Ambulance, Inc. has broken off negotiations with us," Seward said. "I would propose that we utilize a local Realtor to help us identify options that might be available."

Following the announcement, the supervisors held a pair of closed sessions to discuss alternatives.

On Wednesday, the board authorized County Auditor Dan Widmer, Treasurer Jeff Garrett and Supervisor Stan Stoops to work with Tim Elliott of Elliott Realty to explore

real estate solutions on behalf of the board.

At Friday's special session, the board approved offering \$340,000, with \$150,000 in earnest money, to obtain property to house the new county ambulance service.

Supervisor Richard Young, who is an owner of the Washington County Ambulance Service, did not attend the Wednesday and Friday meetings.

The location of the property, however, was not announced until Tuesday morning's regular meeting - the current Washington County Ambulance Service facility at 1120 North Eighth Ave. in Washington.

Last month, the county reached an agreement to purchase the assets - not including the facility - of the ambulance service from Young.

Young broke off talks for the acquisition last week.

The county will now take over all assets of the private ambulance effective June 1.

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spond to emergencies all over Washington County.

"I think that us paying \$125,000 for that vehicle to go to Washington more than us, we're spending \$125,000 for another city to take more advantage of it than us," Riverside Councilperson Edgar McGuire said at the June 1 meeting.

On Monday, Wellman City Administrator Kelly Litwiller said that housing an ambulance in Riverside would be about the same as the current base in Washington.

"During these discussions there was a possible proposal that Riverside might be willing to house the ambulance in Riverside and fund the monies needed," Litwiller said. "As for Wellman, I felt that if Riverside wanted to fund the ambulance and house it in their fire station, the city of Wellman was not out anything as the response time would be no difference from Riverside as it would be from Washington, and Wellman would not be paying anything more."

Schlabach said that the city of Kalona's position is that it makes more sense to have the ambulance centrally located. Litwiller agreed.

"If the city of Wellman needs to help financially, I feel that the ambulance should be stationed centrally in the northern part of the county, and Kalona is the best fit for that," Litwiller said.

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measures accompany the new content.

Visitors will be required to wear masks and use hand sanitizer during their time in the Historical Village. Doors will be propped open to ensure ventilation without damaging exhibits and patrons will receive popsicle sticks to press information buttons in the museum.

Roth said that exhibits were already partitioned with small booths to observe from, helping ensure that visitors do not risk the health of others at the village.

Grace Tully, the Loom House curator at the village, said she would be giving her section of tours to visitors

Riverside Mayor Allen Schneider told the council that Kalona and Wellman were unwilling to split the bill because the two cities considered Kalona a better host as a more central location and thought the bill a fair trade for Riverside to disproportionately benefit from a new full-time crew.

On Monday, Litwiller clarified that it was not a case of the cities not being willing to split the bill.

"The city of Kalona nor the city of Wellman never stated they were not willing to help with funding," she said. "We did feel that if all communities were providing, it needed to be central."

Schlabach said Monday that, ultimately, the decision would be made by Peck and his department.

"They're the ones driving this decision," Schlabach said. "They're the experts."

The new county ambulance department goes into service on July 1.

Schlabach said because of that start date, there is some urgency to see a crew in northern Washington County on July 1.

"While nothing has been finalized, there is solid framework through the discussions to allow for action to be taken at the council level in the near future," he said.

## Kalona Library closed until June 15

BY JAMES JENNINGS  
The News

KALONA

The Kalona Public Library is shutting back down temporarily.

Library Director Trevor Shiering issued a statement Friday announcing that the library closed on June 5 and will remain closed through June 12.

"This past Wednesday evening, June 4, library administration received notice that a COVID-19 positive individual came into contact with library

staff," Shiering said in his statement. "On June 5, the library closed to evaluate the situation and communicate with Washington County Public Health."

"It has since been confirmed that beyond the few staff member who were present during the exposure, no further transmission to the public occurred."

He added that all library staff members have been instructed to self-isolate, meaning the library will be closed

through June 12, with plans to re-open on June 15.

The library will offer no services, including curbside check-out, during the closure.

During that time, Shiering said, the library will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before resuming operations on June 15.

"Please understand that our reopening date of June 15 may be pushed back should Washington County Public Health deem it necessary," Shiering said.

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got the best out of a bad situation."

Gingerich said everyone pitched in to come up with ways to best serve the Hillcrest students.

"I am so proud of our faculty and students for the efforts put forth to get things done in the fourth quarter," Gingerich said. "Our weekly faculty meetings were really important times for us to share ideas, to share our successes and challenges, and to learn from one another."

"The receptive nature and spirit of our staff to learning and sharing ideas with one another was awesome to witness, as we were learning to do this together on the fly."

That appreciation was extended to students, parents and the community at large.

"Mostly, I am grateful to our school community, including parents, for their flexibility and keeping at it when it was not easy," Gingerich said. "I am grateful to our seniors, the Class of 2020, for the leadership, perseverance and commitment they have demonstrated to the end."

Schneider said, "This situation made me more fully realize how truly blessed I am to live and work in this community. The response was fantastic and truly modeled the saying that we are 'all in this together.'"

Facing the challenges presented this year offered the chance to learn some new les-

sons. "This period of time allowed teachers to try out new and possible better methods of teaching, methods that could be brought back to the regular classroom," Schneider said. "I hope that the improved parent-teacher-school communication that was needed to make distance learning work this last two and one-half months carries over to the future when things become more normal."

Gingerich said, "We know that each student learns differently, and online learning can make the challenge of differentiated instruction even greater. That is something we must continue to work at, and it is my hope that many of the learnings we had this year will aid us to become better for next year, whether we are online or in-person, so some of both."

All agreed that the 2019-20 school year will be one that

they will never forget.

"This is my 39th year in education and my 19th year as a superintendent," Schneider said. "As a teacher, principal and superintendent, this has easily been the most challenging school year I have had."

"I'll take the most difficult 'snow call' day and trying to figure out how to make up 11 school days missed because of inclement weather - like last year - over the challenges faced this year any time."

Crawford summed it up saying, "No one will forget this year and it will be one of those years people will always refer to. Staff will tell stories to younger staff members about the year we had the fourth quarter wiped out by a pandemic and they taught school from home. There will be a lot of smiles and a lot of frustrations with those stories."

Ken Crawford  
Highland and Lone Tree  
Superintendent



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WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERVISORS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

Chair Jack Seward Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in Court-house Chambers, regular session. Items on the agenda included: Quarterly Reports for Auditor, Veteran Affairs/General Assistance, Treasurer and Recorder; Tower Collocation Lease with Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association; Application for Brighton Tower Reconfiguration/Relocation; Brighton Tower Site Lease and Plan; update from Director of Ambulance Services including possible discussion, acknowledgement, and/or action; Corona virus update; Excavation/possible action re: County Request for COVID-19 Leave; discussion/possible action re: County Emergency and Expanded FMLA (EFMLA) and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) during the COVID-19 Pandemic; other miscellaneous items approved by Board Chair, Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, and Richard Young were also in attendance while Bob Yoder participated remotely. 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 acknowledge receipt of Auditor's report for the 3rd quarter of FY20 and to authorize the Chair

to sign. The report, presented by Auditor Dan Widmer, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$1,736.00. Of this total, \$1,545.00 resulted from transfer fees, \$135.00 from sale of pig boats, \$16.00 for election services, and \$40.00 for GIS services. The complete report is available in the office of the Auditor.

General Assistance/Veteran Affairs Director Sue Rich was unable to attend so her reports were tabled until April 28, 2020.

The Board voted to acknowledge the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for Q3 Collected for the 3rd Quarter and authorize the Chair to sign. Highlights of the report, presented by Treasurer Jeff Garrett, included total motor vehicle fees of \$2,129,805.35 collected during the quarter ending March 31, 2020 with the county retaining \$74,124.22 (3.48%) of that total. Garrett provided the following fee retention schedule: 4% of registration fees, \$2 per per capita fee of title, 60% of security interest notice fees, \$1.00 or 100% if greater than \$1.00 for new registrations, 5% of organ donor fees, \$1.00 per license suspension, \$3.00 for postage to mail license plates, and \$7.00 for each driver's license issuance. Other fees collected during the quarter were \$172.60 were collected which results in a total of \$74,296.82 in fees retained during the quarter. The entire report is available for viewing in the office of the Treasurer.

unless noted otherwise.

The Board voted to approve the agenda after it was amended to include approval of proposed Resolution 20-32 re: asset purchase agreement and equipment rental agreement with Washington County Ambulance, Inc.

The Board took up discussion regarding a proposed project agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for road improvements along Hwy 22. According to County Engineer Jacob Thorus the project will include an asphalt paving overlay on various portions of the road, shoulder along Hwy 22 between Kalona and Riverside. The project will also include paving of approximately 50' of Orange street in both directions from its intersection with Hwy 22 and also paving of 50' of Poplar Avenue from its intersection with Hwy 22 in order to reduce maintenance costs and erosion as well as enhance safety. IDOT and the County will participate jointly in the project and upon completion the County will reimburse the IDOT for its share of project costs which are estimated to be \$63,700. The County will also assume ownership as well as future maintenance responsibility. The board voted to approve IDOT Preconstruction Agreement No. 2020-C099 for paving of gravel side road intersection along Hwy 22 and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a contract for reimbursement with Floyd R. Helmutt for stabilizing a portion of Kiwi Avenue. According to the agreement the parties

The Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Recorder's 3rd quarter report for FY20 and to authorize the Chair to sign. The report, presented by County Recorder Jo Greiner, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$95,559.76 with the county retaining \$42,117.79. Of this total, 1,165 documents were recorded during the quarter. Recorder added that during the quarter her office handled 17 marriage applications, 110 passport applications, 658 passport photos, and 14 boat, ATV and snowmobile renewals and new registrations. Finally, a total of 614 certified copies of birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses were provided to the public. The complete report is available in the office of the Recorder.

The Board voted to approve a tower collocation lease agreement with Wellman Cooperative Telephone and authorize the Chair to sign. The lease enables Washington County to place radio equipment on a tower owned by Wellman Cooperative Telephone located at 3220 Girgo Avenue, Brighton, for the purpose of providing the County with wireless communication signals and for the construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of related facilities, antennas, equipment, building and emergency generator and related equipment. The lease also addresses easements and other fees associated with the agreement calls for lease payments of \$400/month for 10 years with the County having the ability to extend the lease for five additional years. It was noted the Board approved such an agreement on

agree that a 0.96 mile portion of Kiwi Avenue will be stabilized from 110th St to Hwy 22 at an estimated total cost of \$60,000. Helmutt will pay the actual cost of the stabilizing agent used in the project up to a maximum of \$15,000. Work on the project is expected to be completed during the fall of 2020.

The Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, a fuel contract renewal for FY21 with Agriland FS, Inc. Prior to the vote Thorus stated that the present fuel contract is for FY20 with a one year option to pay the same price during FY21. He added that Agriland FS with the service provided by Agriland FS, Inc. and would prefer to continue the present fuel contract for another year. He also stated that in reality the contract is for the delivery cost of fuel for all Washington County locations as well as the purchase price of the fuel itself.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Engineering Summer Intern Benjamin Berlow whose rate of pay will change from \$11.75 per hour to \$13.00 per hour on May 7, 2020. It was noted Berlow worked during the summer of 2019.

The Board voted to approve Change Order #1 from Finish Excavation, Inc. for radio communications project work on the Kalona water tower antenna installation site and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The amount of the change order is \$5,200.

The Board voted to approve, contin-

March 31, 2020 but it was later deemed that agreement was merely a draft. The Board voted to approve the agenda included items involving an application for Brighton Tower Reconfiguration/Relocation; Brighton Tower Site Lease and Brighton Tower Site Plan all associated with the tower collocation lease that was just approved by the Board. Such items were tabled until a future meeting due to clarification and documentation and the Board took no formal action.

County Health Services Director Jeremy Peck provided an update regarding activities related to the new county-operated health center in Washington County Services which will begin offering services July 1, 2020. The list of activities included continued interviewing of applicants for various positions, completing pharmacy agreements, continued work on finalizing purchase agreement for new inventory with present county ambulance provider, acquisition of software, and work on facilities lease agreement. The Board took no formal action.

With regard to the present Coronavirus pandemic the Board was informed by Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski that as of 10:00 am April 19, 2020 there were 121 cases of the virus in Washington County resulting in 5 deaths, 543 individuals that were tested, and 83 individuals who are actively recovering. According to Pettit-Majewski, there has been a slowing in cases coming in to her office which is an indicator that preventative measures are having a positive effect. She added that the office of Iowa

gent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance naming Washington County as the insured, an application for a secondary road use permit from Eastern Iowa Sleeheds DBA Stumpturn Tractor located at 1120 N. 8th Ave., and the event will consist of individuals traveling throughout Washington County on tractors.

The Board voted, and authorized the Chair and Auditor to sign, an Iowa Secretary of State Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant. The agreement will be related to available grant funds for the purpose of preparing for, and responding to, COVID-19 issues affecting the June 2, 2020 Primary Election.

With regard to COVID-19, Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski recommended coronavirus, Iowa.gov as a very good source of information and resources as well as for changing as new knowledge concerning COVID-19 is gained. Questions concerning COVID-19 should be directed to Washington County Public Health at (319) 653-7758. Seward shared discussions are currently underway among county officials regarding plans to open public spaces at some point in the future. He stated that while the plan has not been finalized, The Board took no formal action.

The Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-32 for Asset Purchase Agreement and Equipment Rental Agreement with Washington County Ambulance, Inc. and to authorize the Chair to sign.

The Board voted to approve, and

Governor Kim Reynolds is predicting the pandemic will reach its peak at the beginning of May with confirmed COVID cases gradually tapering off from that time moving forward. The Board took no formal action.

A final copy of the Washington County COVID19 Leave policy approved by the Board on April 24, 2020 was distributed. The policy included revisions made by Asst County Attorney Tony Janney. Also at its meeting on April 24, 2020, the Board discussed, but did not take action on, a proposed Washington County Emergency and Expanded Family Medical Leave Act (EFMLA) and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA). Seward shared his viewpoint that the EFMLA and EPSLA provided a minimum level of benefit for individuals affected by the COVID19 pandemic. He then reminded that the Board had adopted Resolution 20-15 on March 17, 2020 which is more expansive in terms of benefits payable to citizens of Washington County than under EFMLA and EPSLA. Seward also pointed that at some point the Board may need to consider rolling back benefits from the current level, as called for in Resolution 20-15, to the benefit level called for by the EFMLA and EPSLA. Discussion followed but ultimately the Board took no formal action.

At 9:52 am the Board voted to adjourn.

Attest: s/DANIEL L. WIDMER, County Auditor

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

Chair Jack Seward Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in Court-house Chambers, regular session. Items on the agenda included: approval of Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement No. 2020-C099 for paving of gravel road intersections along Hwy 22; agreement for reimbursement with Floyd R. Helmutt for stabilizing a portion of Kiwi Avenue; approval of personnel change request from County Engineer; approval of asset and equipment lease agreement with Washington County Ambulance, Inc.; approval of lease agreement for ambulance facility; approval of Change Order #1 from Finish Excavation, Inc. for radio communications project work on Kalona water tower antenna installation site; approval of application for secondary road use request from Eastern Iowa Sleeheds DBA Stumpturn Tractor; approval of personnel change request from State Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant Agreement; Coronavirus update; discussion of items as approved by Board Chairperson, Supervisors Stan Stoops and Abe Miller were also in attendance. Supervisors Richard Young and Bob Yoder were absent. All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

Chair Jack Seward Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in Court-house Chambers, regular session. Items on the agenda included: Antenna Site Lease Agreement with the City of Kalona; Antenna Site Lease Agreement with the City of Riverside; personnel change request-Secondary Roads for Engineering; County Engineer; personnel change request-Conservation; acknowledgement of K9 Tamar donation; agreement for ambulance facility; personnel change requests-Ambulance; COVID-19 virus update; discussion of items as approved by Board Chairperson, Supervisors Abe Miller, Stan Stoops, Richard Young and Bob Yoder were also in attendance. All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

The Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

The Board approved, and authorized the Chair to sign, an Antenna Site Lease Agreement with the City of Kalona. The lease agreement relates to County plans to add compound fencing, an emergency power generator, an LP fuel tank, a radio equipment building, a 20' diameter piping on the water tower, and 4 antennas to the Kalona water tower located at 2035 14th Street, Kalona. The completed project will assist in providing countywide emergency (fire, EMS, dispatch) and law

enforcement communications services to authorized personnel. No rent will be charged during the terms of the lease provided the equipment remains the property of Washington County. Washington County shall have the right to extend the lease for five additional five-year terms.

The Board approved, and authorized the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for the hiring of Justin Peterson as a regular full-time non-exempt mechanic with an effective date of May 29, 2020, at the rate of \$24.44 per hour. The County Auditor hereby authorized to issue warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

County Engineer Jacob Thorus provided a summary of the Secondary Roads Quarterly Report for January, February, and March of 2020. He shared that due to nice weather and a desire to practice social distancing in light of COVID-19 virus concerns, street paving rock rather than performing pipe and tile work. A total of 42,043 tons of road rock was hauled and spread during the quarter which is nearly four times the amount hauled during the same quarter in 2019. During the 1st quarter of 2020, staff performed snow removal services on four occasions at a cost of approximately \$54,000.00. During the 1st quarter of 2019 staff performed snow removal services on 12 occasions for a total cost of approximately \$53,000.00. In addition \$8,430.41 was spent on snow blades, \$7,475.56 on tire chains, and \$1,954.85 on salt during the quarter. The complete report is available in the Auditor's Office.

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employment. The Board voted to acknowledge a donation to the Washington County Ambulance from Wellman Cooperative Telephone in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Board took no formal action regarding a rental agreement with Washington County Ambulance Inc. for property located at 1120 N. 8th Avenue in PIMS.

The Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chair to sign, a personnel change request from County Health Services for the hiring of the following: Brandee Kleopfer as a regular part-time add-on paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$21.55 per hour; Mike Kier as a regular part-time non-exempt paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$21.55 per hour; Kenneth Dean Miller as a regular part-time non-exempt paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$21.55 per hour; Wesley Love as a regular part-time non-exempt paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$21.55 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

Public Health Administrator Danielle Pettit-Majewski briefed the Board with regard to recent developments regarding the COVID-19 virus. She stated that the

website coronavirus.iowa.gov had made changes resulting in real-time data being available. Presently, according to the website, there have been 173 positive cases in Washington County and 134 recovered cases. Notification has been received from the Iowa Department of Public Health that two cases of Pediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS) have been diagnosed in Iowa. PIMS is a systemic inflammation that results in a persistent fever as well as organ dysfunction. PIMS is believed by some to be associated with the COVID-19 virus and also may match some of the diagnostic criteria for Kawasaki disease. Pettit-Majewski added that testing for the COVID-19 virus is being expanded to include day care providers and smaller children. The Board voted to approve a press release related to the County's response going forward with regard to the COVID-19 virus and to authorize the Chair to sign the document on behalf of the Board. The press release is available by contacting the Auditor's Office.

Auditor Dan Widmer stated that 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 22 is the deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for the July 7, 2020 Primary Election.

At 10:10 am the Board voted to adjourn.

Attest: s/DANIEL L. WIDMER, County Auditor

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CITY OF LONE TREE

CITY OF LONE TREE JUNE 1, 2020

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Lone Tree City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does not permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued an Executive Order of a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Therefore, Mayor Havel, Council members Wageman, Baird, Swinton, Dickey, Ronan and City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Dautremont were present at the City of Lone Tree City Council meeting. The City's social media had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Lone Tree will be holding the June 01, 2020 regular city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, just before the meeting starts, you must call 978-200-5000 and enter this access code: 156581. Only staff are allowed in city hall.

Mayor Havel called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM the regular meeting of the Lone Tree City Council. Council members Baird, Wageman, Dickey, Swinton and Ronan were present. Ronan, Baird motioned to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED 5-0. Baird, Ronan motioned to approve the consent agenda (minutes, reports, bills). CARRIED 5-0. Water samples were read from the Community Building and 411 S Riggs St, both reported safe and filed.

Swinton, Baird motioned to open public hearing for amendment to City of Lone Tree Budget FY20-21 at 5:54 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Clerk explained amendment. There were no written or oral comments from public.

Dickey, Wagoner motioned to close public hearing for amendment to City of Lone Tree Budget FY20-21 at 5:58 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Baird motioned to open public hearing to discuss COBG fund project for City of Lone Tree at 6:00 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Clerk explained that City requested grant money to be able to provide free meals to community dining and the supplies to go with it for. CARRIED 5-0. Total grant requested \$3,976.00. There were no written or oral comments from public.

Dickey, Ronan motioned to close public hearing to discuss COBG fund project for City of Lone Tree at 6:00 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Swinton motioned to open public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:00 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

There were no written or oral comments. Baird, Wageman motioned to close public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 PM. CARRIED 5-0. Baird, Wageman motioned to open public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 PM. CARRIED 5-0. Baird, Wageman motioned to open public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Lone Tree to enter into a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

There were no written or oral comments. Dickey, Baird motioned to close public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:05 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Wageman, Ronan motioned to approve pay estimate No 1 to Boomerang Corp in the amount of \$67,450.00. CARRIED 5-0.

Baird, Dickey motioned to approve city wide meter replacement bid by Ferguson Waterworks. CARRIED 5-0.

Baird, Dickey motioned to table proposal from Multivista. CARRIED 5-0.

Baird, Wageman motioned to approve Resolution 2020-I (salaries) with 2.8% cost of living raise to each employee. CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Wagoner motioned to approve Resolution 2020-K (chamber amendment of fund). CARRIED 4-1 with Ronan voting nay.

Dickey, Baird motioned to approve RFP from Hogan & Hanson to perform City's yearly examination. CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Baird motioned to approve Resolution 2020-L (budget amendment FY19-20). CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Swinton motioned to open public hearing for proposal for City of Lone Tree to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

Dickey, Baird motioned to approve Resolution 2020-M (Wages/Ferguson Waterworks bid approval). CARRIED 5-0.

Baird, Dickey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-N (authorizing and approving the issuance and securing of \$2,700,000 in Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2020). CARRIED 5-0.

Baird, Dickey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-O (taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement). CARRIED 4-1 with Ronan voting nay.

Dickey, Wagoner motioned to move forward getting quotes on Oling Doughtery Park. CARRIED 5-0.

Swinton, Dickey motioned to adjourn at 6:24 PM. CARRIED 5-0.

FOLLOWING CLAIMS PAID BY MAY AGREEMENTS BY STATE OF IOWA: ARS BERNAL \$104.00, tractor rental; BRAD JUDGE \$65.00, hood supplies/dating; CARRIE BROWN \$100.00, hood supplies; EMMETT WEAVER \$289.75, hood supplies; GENESE LUNA L GORCZYCE \$389.75, cemetery viewing; HARRIS \$1,062.00, supplies; IOWA ONE CALL \$18.38, locates; JONSONSON OS SHEPHERD \$5,070.00, police contract; KENNETH WEAVER \$1,000.00, video rental; LYNDIS ENCKENING \$8,178.00, storm sewer cap; MARTIN HENIG INSURANCE \$27,772.00, city insurance premium; MCKENNA \$94.00, electrical; net.

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JOANNE HAVEL, MAYOR ATTEST: STEPHANIE DAUTREONT, CITY CLERK Submitted for publication 06-02-2020 Published in The News, Thursday, June 11, 2020 L223

JOHNSON COUNTY SUPERVISORS

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CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA CITY HALL JUNE 11, 2020 - 7 PM

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CITY OF WELLMAN

MAY 11, 2020 WELLMAN, IOWA

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JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA Summary: The Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing concerning proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, for, and estimated total cost for the said public improvement project, to-wit: Clear Creek Watershed Improvement Project, (CDBG #13-NDRI-007) Bid Package 2, located in Oxford Township, Johnson County, Iowa, and then considered adopting said proposed documents. Board Action: Approved said public improvement project and adopted the proposed documents as the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, For and Estimated Total Cost of Clear Creek Watershed Improvement Project, (CDBG #13-NDRI-007) Bid Package 2, solicited bids for receipt until 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 19, 2020; authorized publication of the Notice to Bidders; and delegated Clear Creek Watershed Coordinator John Rathbun the duty of opening bids and reporting the results. Effective date: May 28, 2020.

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HIGHLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MAY 2020 INVOICES

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 1, 2020

The Riverside City Council meeting opened at 6:00 pm in City Hall with Mayor... Allen Schneider requesting roll call...

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Auto, Washington, for \$38,177.00, with accessories and snow plow from Midwest Frame, Iowa City in the amount of \$1,07,698.28...

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Yancey presented bids for foyler wall in City Hall lobby. Redlinger moved to approve wall expenditures up to \$4000.00...

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Redlinger moved to open parks, playgrounds, ball fields, dog park, volleyball ball court, and tennis court...

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Scott Pettiford, MMS Consultants reported on the 4th Street, and Safe Walk to School sidewalk projects...

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LONE TREE CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD SPECIAL SESSION MAY 27, 2020 5 P.M. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Present: Magruder, President; Crawford, Superintendent; Waldschmidt, Board Secretary; Williams, Jacque, Elem Principal (Zoom); Yedlik, Sec, Principal (Zoom);...

WASHINGTON COUNTY DISPATCH

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Waldschmidt moved, Yedlik seconded, to hire Katherine Keeling; MS/HS Social Studies Teacher and to accept the resignation of Jessica Brimmy...

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Caller reports she lost her iPhone sometime last night while at the casino. The iPhone was traced it to a location in Linn County...

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Caller in the 1100 block of F Place, Kalona, reports suspicious activity. Unable to locate. June 6 Report of a hang-up 9-1-1 call in the 1200 block of Tulip Avenue...

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Caller reports a dog bite that happened yesterday. His dog bit a daughter's friend. Officer spoke with the subject and the mother of the subject who was bitten. It was just a scratch.

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# Real Estate Parade

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THE NEWS

## Outdoor improvements can boost the value of a home

Whether home improvement projects are design to improve the interior or exterior of a house, focusing on renovations that make the most financial sense can benefit homeowners in the long run. The right renovations can be assets if and when homeowners decide to sell their homes.

So how does one get started? First and foremost, speak to a local real estate agent who is knowledgeable about trends in the community.

While a swimming pool may be something coveted in one area, it may impede sales in another. It also helps to study generalized trends and data from various home improvement industry analysts to guide upcoming projects.

The following outdoor projects are just a few renovations that tend to add value.

• **Fire pit:** A fire pit is a great place to gather most months of the year. Bob Vila and CBS news report that a fire pit realizes a 78% return on investment.

• **Outdoor kitchen:** Many buyers are looking to utilize their yards as an extension of interior living areas. Cooking, dining and even watching TV

outdoors is increasingly popular. Outdoor living areas can be custom designed and built. In addition, prefabricated modular units that require a much smaller commitment of time and money are available.

• **Patio:** Homeowners who do not already have a patio will find that adding one can increase a home's value. Patios help a home look neat, add useable space and may help a home to sell quickly. The experts at Space Wise, a division of Extra Space Storage, say that refinishing, repairing and building a new patio offers strong return on investment.

• **Deck:** Deck can be as valuable as patios. A deck is another outdoor space that can be used for entertaining, dining and more.

Remodeling magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report indicates that an \$11,000 deck can add about \$9,000 in resale value to the home, recouping around 82% of the project's costs.

• **Door update:** Improve curb appeal with a new, high-end front door and garage doors. If that's too expensive, a good cleaning and new coat of paint can make an old door look brand new. These easy



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Decks or patios can add a neat, useable space that helps a home sell more quickly.

fixes can improve a home's look instantly.

• **New landscaping:** The National Association of Realtors says an outdoor makeover

that includes well-thought-out landscaping can net 105% return on investment. Installing a walkway, adding stone planters, mulching, and planting

shrubs are ideas to consider. Many different outdoor projects can add value to a home and help to sell the home quickly.



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In an ever-changing world, home design is also changing to meet homeowners' new priorities and demands.

## How home design trends are evolving

COVID-19 has brought changes to everything, and home design is no exception. Experts are expecting to see lasting impacts on everything from the materials we use to the rooms we prioritize. Check out these and other noteworthy trends:

• **Houses over apartments:** Many people who live in condos or apartments do so to be closer to the action — work, entertainment and shops — and never planned on spending much time at home.

But the pandemic has changed that, and more people are going to want a home that offers plenty of room and outdoor space in case they need to self-isolate again.

• **Self-sufficiency:** A hard lesson we've learned is that things and services we thought we could count on aren't necessarily a sure thing, so items that increase self-reliance will become very popular.

Expect to see more homes with sources of energy like solar panels, sources of heat like fireplaces and stoves, and even urban and indoor gardens that allow you to grow your own produce.

• **Outdoor living:** Between playgrounds closing and parks becoming overcrowded, many of us are turning to our balconies, patios and backyards for fresh air and nature.

This means we're going to be investing more in our out-

door spaces, with functional kitchens, soothing water features, cozy firepits, and high-quality outdoor furniture to create a much-needed escape.

• **Healthier spaces:** Thanks to spending more time indoors and reprioritizing our health, we'll turn to design to help ensure our homes are safe and healthy for our families.

We'll see a rise in products like water filtration systems as well as materials that improve indoor air quality. For new homes and additions, alternatives to wood-framing like insulated concrete forms from Nudura, which offer improved ventilation for healthier indoor air quality and an environment that's less susceptible to mold, will be key.

• **Home office space:** Business experts are suggesting many companies will see that working from home is not only possible but offers tangible benefits, like saving money on office space rent.

With working from home on the rise, creating a home office space that inspires productivity will be a major project many of us tackle. Luxury home office furniture that feels chic and blends into your décor as well as ergonomic chairs and desks will see a major boost.

• **Custom and quality:** With the hit to the economy, people are going to be buying less, but what they do buy will be better quality, while at the same time making an effort to support American businesses.

When it comes to design, trends will shift to locally made furniture, custom-built homes and pieces and materials that stand the test of time, and make living spaces meet or exceed the new priorities of homeowners.

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wood and hand-sewn cushions with outdoor stuffing and fabric.

**• Add a relaxing pool or**

spa. Water has a calming effect and is often linked to our favorite memories at the cottage or on vacation. A pool or spa can help transport you somewhere far away without leaving your home. A pool can help you and the kids get some exercise while swimming laps, while a spa can soothe tired muscles after a long day hunched over your laptop.

**• Go wild with greenery.** Live plants can help you feel connected with nature, and tending to them can help you feel relaxed yet productive during isolation. A vertical garden can add visual interest, while trees and shrubs can provide shade and character.

Aromatic herbs like lavender or rosemary offer pleasant scents and textures. And don't be afraid to cut some flowers from your garden to place in vases or pots for beautiful finishing touches.

## How to design an inviting fitness room at home

Exercise is often a social activity, but in the wake of social distancing guidelines issue in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many people have found themselves looking for ways to

exercise at home. Here's how to successfully stock a home gym. **• Find a dedicated space.** A home gym will be limited by the amount of space that can be

devoted to workouts. Possible fitness room locations include a spare bedroom, a garage, a basement, or an enclosed patio. **• Keep the space bright.** Darkness can sap energy levels, so invest in mirrors and adequate overhead lighting to make the space inviting. Natural light can make the exercise area more enjoyable.

**• Consider the flooring.** New flooring can protect against damage and make an area more conducive to working out. Rubber mats can offset echoes and reduce the noise of running on a treadmill or setting down heavy weights.

**• Use space-saving equipment.** A home gym space will likely not be as expansive as the space inside a traditional fitness center. Thankfully, many activities do not require a lot of space or equipment. Classic exercises like squats, lunges,



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push ups, and sit ups require little gear but still produce results. Figure out which equipment you like the most and invest in two or three key pieces. Dumbbells of various weights, a medicine ball and a yoga mat can be all you need to create a versatile, effective workout. **• Have a TV hookup.** A

home gym may benefit from a smart TV that you can use to stream workout videos while running the treadmill or using the stationary bike.

A home gym is beneficial year-round, and can be especially valuable when selling your home.

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**Embrace texture**  
 Consider a leather sofa made more cozy with chenille pillows next to a rustic side table. Figure out ways to incorporate a few different textures to add depth to the room.  
**Accessorize your space**  
 Finish the room with accessories and flowers. When placing and hanging knickknacks and wall art, odd-numbered groupings often look the most cohesive and interesting.  
**Be careful with color**  
 Many high-end homes showcase neutral shades that are enhanced by pops of color.  
 If you like a rich, royal blue, leave room for other colors as well. Add touches of blue in vases, throw pillows and other accessories.  
**Choose a statement piece**  
 Look for a statement piece, which can be a cabinet, armoire or chair. Mix and match large and small elements for a sense of balance.

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stay outside for hours reading a book or working remotely. It doesn't have to break the bank either — you can DIY a cozy lounging bench with reclaimed

wood and hand-sewn cushions with outdoor stuffing and fabric.

**• Add a relaxing pool or**

spa. Water has a calming effect and is often linked to our favorite memories at the cottage or on vacation. A pool or spa can help transport you somewhere far away without leaving your home. A pool can help you and the kids get some exercise while swimming laps, while a spa can soothe tired muscles after a long day hunched over your laptop.

**• Go wild with greenery.** Live plants can help you feel connected with nature, and tending to them can help you feel relaxed yet productive during isolation. A vertical garden can add visual interest, while trees and shrubs can provide shade and character.

Aromatic herbs like lavender or rosemary offer pleasant scents and textures. And don't be afraid to cut some flowers from your garden to place in vases or pots for beautiful finishing touches.

## How to design an inviting fitness room at home

Exercise is often a social activity, but in the wake of social distancing guidelines issue in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many people have found themselves looking for ways to

exercise at home. Here's how to successfully stock a home gym. **• Find a dedicated space.** A home gym will be limited by the amount of space that can be

devoted to workouts. Possible fitness room locations include a spare bedroom, a garage, a basement, or an enclosed patio. **• Keep the space bright.** Darkness can sap energy levels, so invest in mirrors and adequate overhead lighting to make the space inviting. Natural light can make the exercise area more enjoyable.

**• Consider the flooring.** New flooring can protect against damage and make an area more conducive to working out. Rubber mats can offset echoes and reduce the noise of running on a treadmill or setting down heavy weights.

**• Use space-saving equipment.** A home gym space will likely not be as expansive as the space inside a traditional fitness center. Thankfully, many activities do not require a lot of space or equipment. Classic exercises like squats, lunges,



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push ups, and sit ups require little gear but still produce results. Figure out which equipment you like the most and invest in two or three key pieces. Dumbbells of various weights, a medicine ball and a yoga mat can be all you need to create a versatile, effective workout. **• Have a TV hookup.** A

home gym may benefit from a smart TV that you can use to stream workout videos while running the treadmill or using the stationary bike.

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## Make your home look like you hired a design pro

**Embrace texture**  
 Consider a leather sofa made more cozy with chenille pillows next to a rustic side table. Figure out ways to incorporate a few different textures to add depth to the room.

**Accessorize your space**  
 Finish the room with accessories and flowers. When placing and hanging knickknacks

and wall art, odd-numbered groupings often look the most cohesive and interesting.

**Take some cues from interior design pros** to make spaces look like they belong on the pages of your favorite magazines.

**Be careful with color**  
 Many high-end homes showcase neutral shades that are enhanced by pops of color.

**Choose a statement piece**  
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**May 18 - 22, 2020**

Tessa M Fisher, grantor; Adam R Fisher, grantee; quit claim deed; Part Former RR, Cont 7.91 Acres in E2 SE 34-75-7

Tessa M Fisher, grantor; Adam R Fisher, grantee; quit claim deed; Washington Smouses 2nd Add Lot 4-6 Block 2

Lee J Schlaubaugh, Carolyn M Schlaubaugh, grantor; James Kent Schlaubaugh, Maribeth Lynne Schlaubaugh, grantee; warranty deed; Lot 2 of Add Parc A, 1.00 Acres in W2 SE 09-77-9; \$90,000

NLV Holdings, LLC, grantor; City of Washington, grantee; quit claim deed; Lot 1 of Lot A Washington AV Chilcotes OL Add lot OL 10

Jacob M Kaufman, John Kauffman Attorney in Fact, grantor; Wendy V Miller, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Sunnyview SD Replat Lot 4; \$178,000

Susie Henderson, grantor; Edward A Yacht, grantee; deed of surviving spouse; Wellman OF Dayton Lot 2-3 Block 3; lot 1 & N 56 T Lot 3 Blk 3 Original Plat, Dayton, Wellman

Jacqueline D Craig, grantor; M17LC, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc K in Part Washington Kendalls SD Lot 14; \$72,500

**May 25-29, 2020**

Gene L Johnson Trustee, Henrietta M Johnson Trustee, Gene L Johnson Living Trust, Henrietta M Johnson Living Trust, grantor; Gene L Johnson, Henri-

cas, grantee; warranty deed; Aud Parc C, Part SW 16-74-8; \$310,000

Virginia Smith Estate, Vicki R Brinning Executor, Vince L Smith Executor, Vince Smith Executor, grantor; Vincel Smith, grantee; court officer deed; Undivided 1/4 int. in: W1 SE 13-75-9; E2 SW 13-75-9; E2 E2 W2 SW 13-75-9; W2 NE 24-75-9; \$600,000

Loyal LLC, grantor; Peter Martin Holdings LLC, grantee; warranty deed; Washington 75-18 Part Lots 15, 21 & 22 & Part Abd RR Row in Aud SD of SWFR4 18-75; Washington & Row Easement; \$571,000

Washington State Bank, grantor; Zachary R Bonebrake, Lydia N Bonebrake, grantee; warranty deed; Rural

Subdivision 2nd Country Club SD Lot 2 & Easement for Ingress & Egress; \$70,000

William G Minor, Lori B Minor, grantor; Ellen Johnson, grantor; warranty deed; Kalona Walnut Ridge Estates Lot 3; \$305,000

Avlin J Miller, Marianna Miller, Herbert Miller, Power of Attorney; grantor; Lavon Ropp, Summer Ropp, grantee; warranty deed; Kalona Roppes 1st Add Lot 3 Block 1; \$225,000

Terry A Andring, grantor; Bobbie J Wulf, grantee; warranty deed; part Washington 75-18-3; \$21,000

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