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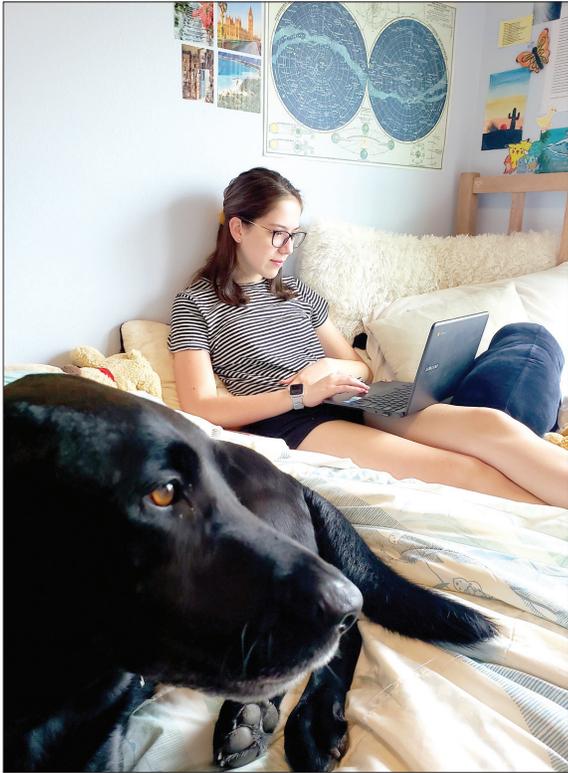
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Hillcrest Academy freshman Hannah Chalupa works on her online class with the assistance of her dog.

LEARNING FROM HOME

Pandemic forces schools to adapt to an online learning environment

BY KALEN MCCAIN
The News

Daily school life has changed drastically for students and teachers alike as work-from-home conditions have swept the state.

Social distancing measures have replaced day-to-day socialization, interaction, and assignments with Zoom calls, emails and Google Classroom posts during the home stretch

of the 2019-20 school year, especially for those schools that opted for mandatory distance learning.

"I think communication is a challenge," said Jay Strickland, principal at Mid-Prairie High School. "We're used to being able to meet with students one-on-one and in smaller groups and face-to-face contact is really hard to replace in an online format. I think were

missing some of those connections and I think that's been a little bit of a challenge but we're still doing everything we can from an online perspective."

Strickland said the at-home format has also inhibited work-life balance for students and staff.

Many students work and help with childcare at home and balancing those responsibilities with educational ones without separate spaces to do so has been difficult.

This has been especially

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Riverside nixes plan to buy ambulance

BY JIM JOHNSON
The News
RIVERSIDE

The Riverside City Council, in one of its shortest meetings in recent memory, rescinded its purchase of a new ambulance, a \$268,000 expenditure that was approved March 23.

The move officially puts plans for a city ambulance service on hold.

The city will need to pay a \$5,000 cancellation fee, according to City Administrator Christine Yancey, but that fee is far better than the usual charge of 25%, which would have been \$67,000.

"They already started some of the modifications, and so they would have to charge us \$5,000 for it," Yancey told the council.

The city may get that money back. Anything ordered in the future would be discounted to cover the \$5,000.

The council may soon make another purchase. The Riverside Fire Department's current ambulance needs to be replaced and, in the words of Councilperson Tom Sexton, "an equipment-carrying response vehicle" may be ordered.

Neither the current ambulance nor the future-purchase can be used for transporting patients.

"They just need something to keep going now," Yancey said.

The \$268,000 ambulance

would have allowed Riverside to begin transporting patients, a high priority for the council, which is not happy with the 25-minute response currently for ambulances coming from Washington.

At its May 4 meeting, the council back away from plans to form a service after hearing from Washington County Ambulance Director Jeremy Peck and Supervisor Jack Seward Jr.

Both asked the city to give the new county service, which launches July 1, to show improvement in providing service to the north part of the county.

"Everything just worked against us on this," Councilperson Edgar McGuire said. Listing COVID-19 limiting community involvement in discussing the city service and the startup of the county service. "I am hoping the county can improve its response times."

Council members stressed that they simply wanted to improve the speed in responding to emergency calls in the city.

"I hope people appreciate the fact that we are doing this with the safety of the community in mind," Jeanine Redinger said. "I'm disappointed that the county didn't work with us a little bit more on this opportunity we were offering."

The council, known for three-hour-plus meetings, finished its business May 7 in just 16 minutes.

Pleasantview nursing director brings impressive credentials

BY KALEN MCCAIN
The News
KALONA

Pleasantview Home in Kalona hired Holly Lear as its new director of nursing last month.

Lear holds a doctorate in nursing alongside a master's in public health among her extensive qualifications.

Lear said her career path in nursing has been gratifying.

"I always knew I wanted to help people, and there's a lot of careers that can do that, but nursing is one that takes a great deal of care and compassion," she said in a phone interview. "That has always been my favorite aspect of nursing."

Responsibilities of her new position include substantial roles in hiring and training staff, state survey compliance, regular administrative meetings, and frequent policy updates to handle the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation.

When Lear graduated with a nursing degree in 2010, the recession was holding back hospitals from hiring new nursing staff. She found herself instead working at a nursing home and loved it so much she forged the rest of her career in long-term care.

Lear went on to become a nursing supervisor in a Connecticut nursing home for three years while working toward her master's degree before moving to Scotland where she managed a home healthcare company for a year. She got married, had children and went back to school while abroad, receiving her doctorate last year before returning to the United States where she joined a University of Iowa COVID-19 emergency response team to slow the spread of the pandemic.

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Kalona, Riverside and Wellman plan third pantry

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

The cities of Riverside, Kalona and Wellman will again join forces to provide food for those in need.

A combined drive-up food pantry will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday at the Kalona city shop, 711 A Ave.

Saturday's distribution will be the third pop-up pantry that the cities have combined resources to hold.

The May 2 pantry had a pick-up location in each city, but this week's distribution will only be in Kalona.

However, the pantry is open to residents of all three communities.

Kalona City Administrator Ryan Schlabaugh said that the food that will be distributed is being purchased through the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, with other items coming from JW's Foods in Kalona and Freeman Foods in Wellman.

For those who are unable to make the trip to the distribution site, deliveries can be arranged.

Residents of Kalona should call City Hall at 319-656-2310. Residents of Wellman can call City Hall at 319-646-2154. Riverside residents can call 319-930-8440.

Schlabaugh said anyone needing after-hours assistance can call 319-936-9354.



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Wellman City Council member Shannon McCain (left), City Clerk Beth VanWinkle and City Administrator Kelly Litwiler sort food boxes for the three-city pop-up food pantry on May 2.

Mid-Prairie sets June 28 for graduation ceremony

BY JAMES JENNINGS

The News

WELLMAN

After polling Mid-Prairie High School seniors and their parents, Mid-Prairie High School is moving forward with a traditional graduation ceremony.

In a May 4 letter to seniors and parents, Principal Jay Strickland said that the school selected June 28 for graduation, with the ceremony beginning at 2:30 p.m. Graduation

was originally scheduled for May 24.

"Our plan is to have our traditional ceremony in the gym," Strickland said. "If we are unable to have the ceremony in the gym, we will move our traditional ceremony to the football field. Of course, this will all depend on what health and safety guidelines are in place in our state and county."

He said that the school will share its plans with Washington County Public Health "to ensure that we are being safe

and following social distancing guidelines and regulations."

The school received 111 responses to its survey.

Of those, 83 indicated they preferred a traditional ceremony in June or July; 20 preferred an outdoor drive-in ceremony in May; and eight wanted a virtual ceremony in May.

"We will provide additional details regarding the ceremony and graduation practice in the next several weeks," Strickland said. "As things tend to change quickly and frequently

during this time, we want to make sure we have the latest guidance and information before we send out specific details."

The poll also addressed plans for prom, which was originally supposed to take place on April 25. The school decided to host prom on June 20.

According to the survey, 50 of the 111 responses indicated the Grand March as the most important part of prom; 43 said post-prom was the most impor-

tant; and 18 said the dance was most important.

"We are looking at possibly doing Grand March and post-prom based on the feedback from the survey," Strickland said. "We will release specific details over the next several weeks."

He cautioned that prom plans could still change.

"Depending on how things develop over the next several weeks and early June, there is a possibility we would not have prom this year," he said.

Schneider buys gift cards for all district employees

BY JAMES JENNINGS

The News

With last week being Teacher Appreciation Week, Mid-Prairie Superintendent Mark Schneider wanted to do something to honor the district's teachers.

Schneider decided to reach into his own pocket to provide a small thank-you to all if the district's approximately 240 employees.

"It got me thinking about how I could let not only teachers but all employees know that I personally appreciate their dedication and flexibility during this unusual situation," Schneider said. "I also wanted to do something for the local businesses that are so supportive of the school district and reinforce to the employees the importance of buying local especially during this difficult

economic time."

He purchased \$600 of Kalona Kash in \$5 increments and 120 \$5 gift certificates from Wellman area businesses.

"Between now and the end of the year, I will be visiting each employee's home to personally present this small token of my appreciation, but more importantly, to thank them in person for all of their efforts," Schneider said.

There was an additional motivating factor for Schneider. "Quite honestly, this is cathartic for me," he said. "Just like teachers and other employees, I miss seeing the students."

"But I also miss seeing and talking to the employees on a regular basis and this gives me one more chance to see each of them before the school year is out."



Mid-Prairie Superintendent Mark Schneider delivers a gift card to middle school teacher Denise Busch on Friday.

WCHC offers COVID-19 test clinic

Washington County Hospital and Clinics (WCHC) began offering a quick test clinic on Monday to test individuals expected to have COVID-19.

Over the past three weeks, WCHC has witnessed a decrease in the infectivity rate of COVID-19 in local patients as well as a decrease in the number of individuals reporting respiratory illness.

As the need for COVID-19 decreases so does the need for the established respiratory triage clinic.

WCHC implemented the respiratory triage clinic on March 18 in anticipation of community spread of COVID-19.

This clinic was developed to specifically see individuals with respiratory discomfort and other COVID-19 related symptoms.

This clinic was decommissioned on May 8, but the functionality will be continued in the quick test clinic.

Patients will continue to be triaged for respiratory illness and COVID-19-related symptoms and if testing is deemed appropriate will be sent to the quick test clinic.

The quick test clinic is located at 418 East Polk St., on the hospital's campus.

At this time, WCHC will not accept any walk-in appointments. Patients should call 319-633-7291 to be pre-screened and advised the best location to be seen for treatment.

May Showers Bring May Flowers!



This week's coloring contest is in partnership with the local libraries. We want to welcome people of ALL AGES to help us "brighten up the libraries" by coloring this image to the best of their abilities and then submitting it to be displayed in the front windows of the library of their choosing.

Entries can be placed in the book drop boxes at either library, Kalona or Wellman, or mailed to:

Kalona Public Library: P.O. Box 1212, Kalona, IA 52247 OR

Wellman Scofield Public Library: P.O. Box 420, Wellman, IA 52356

Happy Coloring!

The News

Hillcrest sets a June 14 graduation

Hillcrest Academy is planning for commencement activities to be held on Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m.

School officials are working through the logistics of an outside ceremony, a virtual ceremony or the possibility of a traditional ceremony.

More details will be announced as plans are finalized.

COLLEGE BRIEF

Iowa State University

Three area students will receive Bachelor of Science degrees from the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences upon completion of the spring semester.

Those students are:

- Emma Troyer, Kalona, majoring in biology;

- Michael Martens, Wellman, majoring in forestry;

- Rebecca Frantz, Wellman, majoring in agricultural business.

FOR THE RECORD

Jeremy Hassman is the general manager of Kalona Brewing Company.

His last name was misspelled in an article about restaurants coping with COVID-19 on May 7.

Class of 2020: A senior year like never before

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down schools in March, the Class of 2020 entered uncharted territory.

Faced with refocusing their studies to distance learning and the cancellation of school activities, this year's crop of seniors has had to deal with circumstances that no other graduating class has encountered.

For many seniors, a sense of sadness set in as they realized their chances of a "normal" senior year had evaporated.

"It's a pretty sad feeling. It's tough to go to school for 12-plus years and not have a final goodbye," Mid-Prairie senior Abigail Frantz said. "The Class of 2020 won't remember their senior skip day, senior prom or monumental graduation week."

Lone Tree senior Abby Buckman said that, at first, she was OK with the school closure.

"Once the closures got extended, and we later learned about the cancellation of the rest of the school year, I was in shock and angry," Buckman said. "I was very upset that not only my classmates and I were going to miss some of the biggest moments in high school, but that I wasn't going to be able to walk down those hallways again as a normal student."

Hillcrest Academy senior Kobe Borntrager said that the school closure brought no closure to his school career.

"The main thing that I am disappointed about is that it feels like there's not going to be any real sense of closure," Borntrager said. "We do not know how we are going to do graduation yet, but we all know it is not going to be like a normal graduation."

"After four years of high school, graduation is something that I looked forward to. It's the idea of finishing high school and being rewarded for that, and then being able to move into the next chapter of my life."

Shaylon Graber, a senior at Pathway Christian School, expressed his frustration with the situation.

"My senior year has gone completely off track since the pandemic," Graber said. "Completing school work has become much harder. My first track season ended before it began with only two weeks of practice before shutting down."

All of the students have had to adapt to finishing their classes online.

"I miss going to school every day and seeing all my friends and teachers, but the staff has done a great job of keeping the classes connected," Mid-Prairie senior Abbi Patterson said. "It has been an interesting change to digital learning, but many of the staff and students



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Mid-Prairie High School
Class of 2020



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Hillcrest Academy
Class of 2020

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Abigail Frantz
Mid-Prairie High School
Class of 2020

have been very open minded about it."

Another Mid-Prairie senior, Brody Miller, said he had to become more organized.

"It's been more challenging to keep track of when meetings are happening," Miller said. "It's not like school where we show up to school and go to class. We have to remember and keep track of when meetings are and when class work is due."

"I've had to create a calendar to write out due dates and meeting times."

Hillcrest Academy was one of the first schools to start mandatory online learning.

"I feel fortunate that we started doing online learning a week after quarantine began," Hillcrest senior Mia Graber said. "It helped smooth the adjustment for all of us."

Pathway, too, made online learning mandatory, and Shaylon Graber admitted that it has been a struggle for him.

"To adapt to online learning, I have organized my computer and phone and have learned to focus outside the classroom," he said. "Pathway has made this quarantine very difficult, having had the full workload due since they sent us home. It's hard to really be in touch with your teacher without them being able to hand your corrected work back."

Lone Tree opted to keep online learning voluntary, which presented challenges of its own.

Buckman said that motivation has been an issue with the voluntary work.

"Even learning has been difficult to stay motivated for when everything else has been affected," she said. "Although

I have been keeping up with my AP and college classes just fine, other classes are harder to stay on top of when they are not required."

"At school it can be easier to stay focused when there aren't as many other demands, but while at home, I can work on homework while also doing some housework and finding other priorities."

The upheaval of their senior year has given some of the seniors a greater appreciation for what they have.

"We just need to try and keep a good attitude about things and trust that we'll get out of it soon," Miller said. "These are the times that remind us to be thankful for the things that we sometimes look past."

Buckman said, "If there is one thing I've learned through all this craziness though, it's to not take for granted the things that you have. Whether it's your homework that you sometimes don't want to do, the family, friends, teachers, and people you get to see every day, or the place that you learn to be comfortable in, everything can be taken away."

Patterson said, "I never expected my senior year to end like this, but it has allowed me to appreciate the experiences I had so much more."

Borntrager took a philosophical approach to the situation.

"One thing that I have realized throughout all of this is that although it is unfortunate that this happened during my senior year, it had to happen to some senior class, and it just so happened to be my senior year," he said.

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Shaylon Graber
Pathway Christian School
Class of 2020

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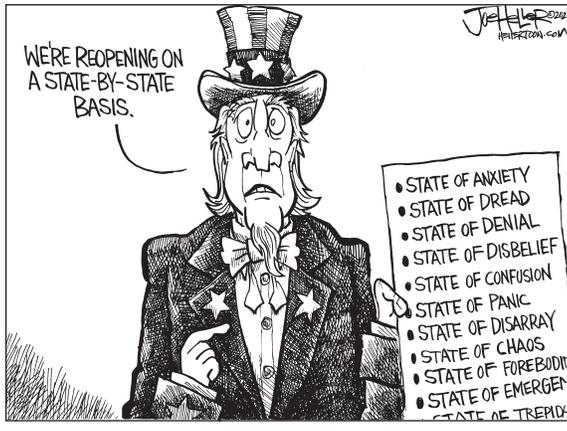
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Vote absentee in-person

All 99 county auditors accept absentee ballots in-person ahead of the June 2 primary. Due to social distancing measures, auditors have adjusted the usual methods for handling this process.

The secretary of state's office and all 99 county auditors are committed to securing your health and safety while making the voting process available. We are collaborating to promote social distancing and cleanliness in the physical spaces where you vote.

Paul Pate is the Iowa secretary of state.

Iowans on their own about their safety

As the focus has shifted to reopening the state during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Kim Reynolds and her administration have placed an ever-growing share of responsibility on Iowans to make their own decisions about their safety.



At first, he said, he perceived a good-faith effort at sharing information with Iowans. Now, however, the data provided by the state seem to provide more questions than answers.

"I always try to be careful not to ascribe motives to people - most of the time you're wrong," Gorton said. "... But I've come to the conclusion what the Reynolds team is doing is (providing) just enough information to have plausible deniability against complaints of lack of transparency."

When the website was redesigned last week, a person would have to subtract the total number of deaths to date from the previous day's total, if they could find that number in the media.

The question of whether or when Iowa will reach the "peak" of cases is also mystifying Iowans. The "peak" is reached when new cases reach their highest level and start to decline.

The message from Reynolds has clearly shifted from claiming data-driven decisions toward political considerations. "Iowans will make the decision whether they want to go to the (stores) or not but we've done it on a very limited basis," she said Thursday of the reopening of retail stores.

Coronavirus isn't fair and decisions based on fairness are not based on data. If the decision is up to Iowans, they need better guidance to decide whether it's safe to venture out or whether they should continue to stay home for their own safety and for the safety of their neighbors.

What these Iowans need is leadership. And what our leaders are saying is that, in reopening the state without a solid foundation of data, we're all on our own. What a time to realize we should have paid more attention in math class.

Kathie Obradovich is editor of Iowa Capital Dispatch. She has been covering Iowa government and politics for more than 30 years.



KCTC employees and board members crowded onto a computer screen for a Zoom session of the technology company's annual meeting.

KCTC uses technology to enable remote meeting

BY JIM JOHNSON

The Kalona Cooperative Technology Company has positioned itself well to deliver outstanding service to customers during the pandemic.

That was the message delivered by several speakers during the company's annual meeting on April 28.

Meeting participants connected remotely to the meeting due to social distancing requirements in response to the coronavirus.

"A very unusual way to have a board meeting," board President Steve Yotty said as he opened the meeting. "This is definitely a first for KCTC, holding an annual meeting remotely."

"We are super-excited to be meeting in this way," General Manager Casey Peck added. About 20 people logged into a Zoom session to attend the meeting. An equal number watched a livestream of the meeting broadcast on the company's website.

The company's legal counsel John Pietila pointed out the importance of broadband for people working from home. He noted the "vast performance" difference of fiber over all other methods of delivering Internet and cable service to homes.

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tional demands of streaming services to keep people entertained while shelter in place.

Peck said KCTC has seen a 28% increase in bandwidth usage since the company increased all customers to the next level of service on March 23. The service increase was done at no charge to customers.

Pietila called the increase in remote connectivity the new normal. The demand for bandwidth will only increase as the country reopens. He called KCTC's fiber to all customers "a competitive advantage" over other providers.

Still KCTC faces challenges in the years ahead, Pietila said, especially with customers keeping Internet service but dropping cable.

"We are continuing to watch customers cut the cord," he said. "Streaming services are competing for eyeballs."

Peck welcomed Luke Horak, a new board member from Washington, whose appointment reflects the company's continued push into Washington with fiber connectivity. KCTC has completed three projects installing fiber in the city, a \$4.36 million investment that is moving toward complete coverage of the city.

Peck honored employees Kelly Grout and Tyler Cain who this year celebrated their 10-year anniversaries with KCTC.

Re-elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting were Steve Yotty and Jeremy Kuenster.

Cities see uptick in water usage during pandemic

Area cities are seeing a slight increase in water usage as more people are staying home from school and work, and people are washing their hands more often to protect themselves from the coronavirus.

The smaller the city, the more pronounced the effect on overall usage.

Lone Tree Public Works Director Brad Judge saw about a 4,000-gallon increase in water usage between 2019 and 2020.

That's roughly a 2.75 gallons per person per day increase in overall usage.

Judge put the usage in perspective.

"If I did the math right, take the 2.75 multiply it by the U.S. population, you get almost one billion gallons," he said. "The Coralville lake contains about that much water."

That's a lot of handwashing.

Other cities have seen increases but not as noticeable. Kalona has seen a slight

increase, according to City Administrator Ryan Schlaubaugh.

With the casino closed in Riverside, overall usage is up about 3%, according to City Administrator Christine Yancey.

Commercial (business and casino) is down an average of 31.47% in gallons and a drop of \$10,000 in revenue. City Clerk Becky LaRoche said. Residential usage is up an average of 85.74% in gallons and \$1,500 in revenue.

In Wellman, the public works department has not seen an increase in water production. Several factors may have affected that. The city has seasonal large water users such as the Farm Center, concrete plant and Mid-Prairie High School.

"With there being a high school and elementary inside city limits, we might have gone down," water Superintendent Tim Garrett said. "With that being said, springtime field spraying is at full capacity."

The News Staff advertisement containing contact information for James Johnson, Bridget Johnson, James Jennings, Anna Kahn, and Colette Yoder, along with subscription rates and advertising deadlines.

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OBITUARIES

Marvel Jean Hochstetler
1930 - 2020

Marvel Jean Hochstetler was born Sept. 28, 1930, in rural Wellman, Iowa, the daughter of John and Katie (Gingerich) Kinsinger. She attended Kalona High School. On Nov. 20, 1949, Marvel was united in marriage to Donald Hochstetler at the Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. They raised their family and farmed in rural Wellman.

Upon retiring they moved to Kalona in 1990. Marvel and Don enjoyed traveling and they wintered in Texas for 30 years. Marvel was a member of the Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church, where she served on the WMSC, service committee, and taught Bible school. She also served on the Pleasantview Home sale committee for several years. She volunteered at the Crowded Closet, and of



Marvel volunteered while in Texas with the Grace Community Church.

Marvel cherished her family and enjoyed spending time with them. Marvel passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020, of congestive heart failure at her home in Kalona at the age of 89 years.

Marvel is survived by her four children: Rebecca (Steven D.) Yoder of Frytown, Barbara Pentress of Rancho Mirage, Calif., Brent (Barbara) Hochstetler of Wellman, David (Jan) Hochstetler of Kalona; nine



grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Donald; three sisters: Lorena Kinsinger, Mildred Yoder, and Ruby Gingerich; and a brother: Maynard Kinsinger.

A private graveside service will be held in the Lower Deer Creek Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. A memorial fund has been established for Crooked Creek Christian Camp and Pleasantview Home.

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

Dora Mae Plecker Kleinschmidt VanWinkle
1940 - 2020

Dora Mae (Plecker) Kleinschmidt VanWinkle was born May 30, 1921, in Wellman, Iowa, the daughter of William and Lottie (Miller) Plecker. She attended school at Brush near Frytown, Sunnyside near Hills, and graduated from Sharon High School in 1940.

On Oct. 4, 1940, Dora was united in marriage to Fred Kleinschmidt at the Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City. They lived and farmed near Washington and West Chester for many years before moving to Iowa City. Upon retiring they moved back to Washington where Dora became the Senior Citizen's director. In 1990 they celebrated their golden anniversary, and moved back to Iowa City. Fred passed away in 1994.

On Feb. 10, 1997, Dora married Lloyd VanWinkle in Shamrock, Texas. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City.

Dora passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at Windmill Manor in Coralville at the age of 98 years.

Dora is survived by two daughters: Joan Sprinkle of



Tucson, Ariz.; and Rita, Martin of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; three grandchildren: Laurie (Kris) Wallace, Paul Prizler, and Jason (Amy) Martin; and four great-grandchildren: Bo Wallace, Marlee Wallace, Isabelle Martin and Sophia Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Fred Kleinschmidt and Lloyd VanWinkle; a grandson: Michael Martin; three brothers: Lloyd Plecker, Everett Plecker, and infant Edwin Plecker; two sisters: Fern Herdliska and Lilah Sass; and sons-in-law: Kim Martin and Ken Sprinkle.

A private graveside service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in rural Kalona. There will be no visitation. A memorial fund has been established for St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

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

Spring gardening and back to work

It is 4:30 a.m. and son Joseph just left for work. They have a one-and-a-half-hour drive to the job site today, so they had to leave earlier than usual. Joseph enjoys construction work.

Son Benjamin started back to work this week at the horse trailer factory after being off since March 23. Unfortunately, the factory shut down a few lines, leading to layoffs for quite a few employees. My husband Joe was one of them. We are hoping and praying that the economy will pick up again so he can also go back to work before too long.

Son-in-law Mose was called back to work, which was a great relief for them. The layoffs have been hard on families who struggle to make ends meet without an income. We are thankful we have canned food and a freezer of meat to rely on. Our trips to town have been few the last few months, and we realize we can make do with less. God is good and we put our full trust in him.

Son Kevin has finished a few of his school subjects, with daughter Verena now in charge as his teacher. It is a big help to me to have her explain the work to him. She keeps him motivated, as he seems to have other interests that are more fun to him.

My husband Joe has been planting more in the garden, and now has our potatoes out. The peas, radishes, and onions are still doing well. I really do hope it warms up to stay soon. I like to work in the garden when I can go barefoot and don't need a jacket. Since Joe is not back to work, I haven't had to help with the garden yet. My turn is coming though, once the weeds start taking over.

Sunday, we hosted church services in our pole barn which was the first time we met since the lockdown. Our church members decided to gather for the service, and then all leave and have their lunches at home.

Usually, the family hosting the church service furnishes a lunch such as sandwiches made with homemade bread, ham, cheese or cheese spread, pickles, red beans, butter, and jam, and coffee and tea. It was decided to skip the lunch and ask everyone to eat at home to honor the COVID-19 lockdown rules.

It didn't feel right not to sit and visit and have lunch with our church fellowship, but we are thankful that we could at least gather together to hear God's word.

After preparing for church services for weeks, it is a relief to have our turn over for another year. Now we can concentrate on other work. My goal is to get some sewing done.

Our five grandchildren are really growing up fast. They each have a unique quality about them. They are so precious to us! Abigail is 3 1/2, Timothy (T.J.) is 17 months,

Lovina's
Amish Kitchen

Asparagus is also on the menu now at our house. The first of it froze from that cold snap we had. Stay healthy and safe!

I will share my recipe for rhubarb juice this week. We love it!
God's blessings to all!

Rhubarb Juice

- 8 pounds rhubarb, washed and diced
- 8 quarts water
- 2 (12-ounce) cans frozen orange juice
- 2 (46-ounce) cans pineapple juice
- 4 cups sugar
- 2 (3-ounce) packages strawberry gelatin

Combine rhubarb and water and cook 25-30 minutes or until rhubarb is soft. Strain liquid into a bowl, discarding rhubarb. Add the orange and pineapple juices, sugar, and gelatin. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Serve the juice as is, add club soda or ginger ale, or mix with additional pineapple juice.

The juice may be frozen or canned. To can the juice, heat to 190 degrees. Ladle into hot quart jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe jar rims with a dampened paper towel and adjust lids. Process in a boiling-water canner for 20 minutes. Makes 8-10 quarts.

and baby Allison is 4 months now.

Allison, when put on a blanket on the floor, rolls over and over and scoots forward on her tummy, so she's not real safe anywhere. She's little but mighty. Jennifer is 2 and Ryan is 9 months. Ryan scoots on his bottom or pushes backwards on his tummy. He doesn't like to crawl on his knees but has figured out ways to get around.

My rhubarb is looking nice and edible, and of course, it's not officially spring until those first rhubarb-custard pies are taken from the oven.

According to my husband, Joe, that is the first thing rhubarb should be used for in the spring.

The family of **Wilma Stutzman** would like to announce her 100th birthday on May 11!

If you would like to help her celebrate, send a card to:
Wilma Stutzman
P.O. Box 309, Kalona, IA 52247

Look who is turning 90 on May 16!

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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Laing
OF RIVERSIDE
50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Laing will again postpone their 50th wedding anniversary party rescheduled on June 6, 2020. Due to the continuing public health concerns Mike and Marlo will attempt to celebrate their anniversary in 2021.

Marlo Jean Ganzer and H. Mike Laing were married April 4, 1970, at Red Oak Presbyterian Church near Tipton, Iowa. Mike was employed 41 years as a police lieutenant with The University of Iowa Department of Public Safety. Marlo was employed 32 years as an administrative clerk with The University of Iowa Human Resources-Employment Services. They are the parents of Tracy VandenBerg and Tonia Laing of Riverside. Their grandson is Ryan VandenBerg of Riverside.

Happy 17th Birthday to Zoe and Zane Fisher on May 13! We love you.
~ Dad and Mom, Zeb and Skylar Fisher

We want to wish a **Happy 60th Birthday on May 18 to our wonderful sister Julie!**

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Area students take part in World Food Prize event

The World Food Prize Foundation hosted its ninth annual Iowa Youth Institute (IYI) on April 27 with the participation of 264 students and 110 teachers from 93 Iowa high schools.

This virtual, day-long event was the first of its kind for the IYI supported by more than 90 experts from across Iowa.

Participants from Mid-Prairie included Aubrey Fay, Britany Kinsinger, Anna Nafziger, Colby Rourke, Carmen Sieren and agricultural education instructor Elsa Schmidt.

Maddie Altenhofen of Lone Tree High School also participated.

Fay's paper was titled "Ireland: A Rise in Eutrophication from Dairy Cows."

Kinsinger's paper was titled "Venezuela: Improving the Food System."

Nafziger's paper was titled

"Fiji: Change for the Population in Food Poverty."

Rourke's paper was titled "Ethiopia: Re seeding Agricultural Land for Grazing."

Sieren's paper was titled "Tanzania: Overcoming Malnutrition."

Altenhofen's paper was titled "India: Water Lost to Pollution."

Each year, the World Food Prize Youth Institute convenes high school students, teachers and experts to explore and local, national and global hunger and food security issues.

In order to be a part of the Iowa Youth Institute, students research and write a paper on a global challenge related to hunger and food insecurity.

"This one-day event was offered at no cost to teachers or students."

Classic Car Cruise in Kalona

KALONA

On Saturday afternoon, the streets of Kalona will turn into a time machine.

Mayor Mark Robe is organizing a Classic Car Cruise, where classic cars from all over the area are invited to parade through Kalona.

"I had seen on Facebook where other towns are doing it," Robe said. "I thought it would be a good idea to do something like that here."

Robe said he has spoken to members of the Washington-based Corn Country Cruisers and the Classy Chassy Cruisers from Iowa City and invited them to participate.

In addition, he invited some local classic car builders to take part in the cruise.

"I'd like to see 100 cars," Robe said. "I don't know if we'll get that many, but I'd like to see."

WELLMAN-SCOFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Even though the library is currently closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff has been busy behind the scenes processing and cataloging books so they can begin curbside pickup and the eventual reopening.

Continue to access the online resources located on the website www.wellmanlibrary.org.

Watch for updates and activities on the Facebook page.

New fiction: "100 Recipes to Live to 100" by Dam Bietner; "Long Bright River" by Liz

Cars will gather in the Sunnyside Mennonite Church parking lot on Highway 22 on the east side of Kalona, and the parade will begin at 5 p.m., led by the Kalona Fire Department's newest truck.

The parade will move north on 14th Street, then west on J Avenue and south on Sixth Street.

It will wind around Pleasantview Home before crossing Highway 22 moving south on Fourth Street.

After cruising through downtown Kalona, the parade will make its way west on A Avenue to Ninth Street, where it will end at the Kalona Sales Barn.

"I thought this would be a good way for people to sit out on their porches or sidewalks," Robe said. "It will give people something to do."

Registration to participate in the cruise is not required.

Moore; "Blindside" by James Patterson; "The Mothers" by Brit Bennett; "The Red Lotus" by Chris Bohjalian; "Tranquility Falls" by David Bunn; "The Boy From the Woods" by Harlan Coben; "Death Stalks the Rangers" by James J. Griffin; "The Other Mrs." by Mary Kubica; "Fearless" by Fern Michaels; and "The New Husband" by Daniel Palmer.

New large print: "Things You Won't Say" by Sarah Pekkanen.

New biography: "The House of Kennedy" by James Patterson.

Sacrifice is difficult but worthwhile

A longing for answers, and much confusion on what to expect next. These are the sentiments expressed in John's Gospel known as the farewell discourse. It is the Last Supper and Jesus is leaving his apostles with some parting words before he is arrested and crucified.

But they find what he is telling them vague and confusing. Jesus tells them they will soon be leaving them and going to a place that "has many rooms." He goes on to tell them he will come back for them...but they already know the way.

In exasperation the Apostle Thomas finally blurts out, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" And this is when Jesus says one of the more well-known lines in Scripture, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

The apostle's longing for answers resonates in the hearts of many of us today. If Jesus is "The way, the truth, and the



Derick Cranston
Christian Spirituality

life," what does that mean? What are we supposed to do? One thing we can do is sacrifice a part of ourselves to improve the life of someone else. But this presents a problem for most of us. It is hard to sacrifice.

We naturally put our own needs first, and it takes a tremendous amount of love to sacrifice our own needs. But it can be done. It can be done by being fully present to the other, accepting them for who they are, and helping them in any way you can. As a matter of fact, parents do this all the time out of love for their children.

Members of a sports team and good coworkers will also

do this. In order to win a championship, a good player will set aside glory for himself and make sacrifices so the team will win. Good coworkers will lend a hand to assist a coworker who is struggling - and also humble themselves and accept assistance when they are struggling.

This is the seed of love if you think about it. How many times have we heard someone say, "I love my teammates?" or "I love my coworkers?" Yes, the fact remains it can be hard to put the needs of others first. But working relentlessly hard to win a championship is a very exhilarating feeling. The harder it is, the more meaningful the reward.

Jesus ends by saying "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do..." So, believe in Jesus. Do the works that he does no matter how difficult it may be. And your reward will be great in heaven.

KALONA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The book drop is open for returns Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Curbside delivery is available Tuesday noon-7 p.m. and Friday noon-5 p.m. There is a 10-item limit per library card.

To reserve items for curbside pick-up you can:

- Call the library at 319-656-3301.
- Email kalonplib@kctc.net.
- Send us a message on Facebook.

- Use the online catalog and place items on hold.

Library staff is available Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

New adult fiction: "Journey of the Pharaohs" by Clive Cussler; "Camino Winds" by John Grisham; "Light Shines on Promise Lodge" by Charlotte Hubbard; "The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley; "A Conspiracy of Bones" by Kathy Reichs; "A Forgotten Place" by Charles Todd; and "Redhead by the Side of the Road" by

Anne Tyler.

New adult nonfiction: "The Mamba Mentality" by Kobe Bryant; "Supreme Inequality" by Adam Cohen; "Borderline Citizen" by Robin Hemley; "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson; and "The Science of Storytelling: Why Stories Make us Human and How to Tell Them Better" by Will Self.

New young adult: "All-American Muslim Girl" by Nadine Jolie Courtney; "Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25" - The Complete Collection by Richard Paul Evans; "Five Feet Apart" by Rachael Lippincott; and "The Maple Murders" by Micol Ostow.

New junior fiction: "Mac Undercover" by Mac Barnett and Mike Lowery; graphic novel - "Diana Princess of the Amazons" by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale; "Dog Diaries" by James Patterson and Steven Butler; "Bob" by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead; "Captain

Superlative" by J.S. Puffer.

New easy books: "A Day So Gray" by Marie Lamba and Alea Marley; "7 Ate 9: The Untold Story" by Tara Lazar; "KandRoss MacDonald"; "One More Sheep" by Mij Kelley and Russell Aytz; "Nerdy Birdy Tweets" by Aaron Reynolds and Matt Davies; "Daniel Tiger's 5-Minute Stories" by Simon Spotlight and "Rapunzel" by Bethan Woolvin.

New adult DVDs: "1917"; "At Home in Mitford"; "God's Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness"; "Knives Out"; and "Parsifal"; and "The Peanut Butter Falcon."

New children's DVDs: "Arctic Dogs"; "Playmobil: The Movie"; and "Rock 'N Learn: Simple Words Level 1." Check out the library's website at www.kalona.lib.ia.us or Facebook page - Kalona Public Library. Patrons can also download books and magazines from the computer using their library card number.

Supervisors OK hiring of ambulance staff

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent

WASHINGTON

By unanimous vote Tuesday, Washington County supervisors approved hiring three paramedics, five EMTs and one AEMT, with all employment effective July 1 when the new county ambulance services department goes into operation.

The paramedics are Jordan Wright, Chris Gerling and Brandon Chiles, all full-time at

\$21.55 hourly.

The EMTs are Trent Olsen, Tanner Mingo, Hogan Miller, Tonia Rebling and Jamie Brame, all full-time at \$18.55 hourly. The AEMT is Daniel Stigers, full-time, at \$19 per hour.

The final agreement for the physical ambulance facility may be formally approved next week, pending final review and agreement between the county and the private Washington Ambulance Services and their

respective legal counsels.

In a related matter, the board approved a tower lease agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company for the county to lease space on an IPL tower as part of the county's updating of its radio communications equipment.

The five-year lease has a \$110 monthly rental fee with a 5% increase at the first renewal date. The first term starts June 1 for the site at 220 East Third St. in Washington.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Ansonia

Ansonia Community Church: Ansonia, 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

Scout Baptist Church, Pastor Mike Barr: Meeting at the Claret House 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., Royal Yates, 319-630-9774; cornerstonekalona@gmail.com; Sunday, 10 a.m. Nursery & kids's classes available

East Union Mennonite Church: 5615 Galie Ave. SW, 656-2950; Joy Beach, Pastor, Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Fairview Conservative Mennonite Church: 2605 540th St. SW, Pastors: Conard Hertzer, 319-512-6186; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Full Gospel Revival Center: 1103 J Ave. 656-2298; Pastor: Jeremy Gage; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday Midweek Service: 7 a.m.; gpcwkc.net

Grace Light Fellowship: 401 E Hwy 22, Pastor: Dwight Schrock, 319-534-4263; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Message: 10:45 a.m.

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

Kalona Mennonite Church: 6th Street & Ave. 656-2736; kalonamennonitechurch.com; Pastors: Scott Swartzentruber; Associate Pastor: Josh Lundberg; Sunday Worship:

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

Kalona United Methodist Church: 4th St. & E. Ave. 656-2642; www.kalonaumc.org; Pastor: Gene Kubli; 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; ldeercreek.org; Email: lkcc@ldeercreek.net; Pastor: Anita Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship: 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, 1/2 mile east, 683-2672; Pastors: Delmar Bortugno; Owen Stutzman, Gabriel Beachy; Lamar Rogge; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Sharon Center United Methodist Church: rural Johnson County at corner of James Ave & 520th St. 683-2564; sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com; Pastor: Anita Johnson; Casual Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Hour: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Traditional Service: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Sunnyside Conservative Mennonite Church: 501 14th St. SW, 656-2688; Pastors: Floyd Hymuth and Mary Bender; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Shah: 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. Jay 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. 629-4800; www.ineetnewchurch.org; Pastor: Rev.

Jim Bonewald; Sunday; Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15

Nichols
Nichols Christian Church: 607 Grant Ave. 723-4346; Pastors: Mary & Don Trimminger; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Family Worship Service with Children's Message: 10:30 a.m.

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

North English
Champion Hills United Methodist Church: 3132 T1 Ave., rural North English. 319-664-3829; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Oxford
Windham Community Church: 1324 Black Diamond Rd. SW, 2 miles north of Frytown. Pastor: Randy Harker, 319-430-1912; Sunday Worship 10 a.m.; windhamchurch.org

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

Riverside
The Church in Riverside: 41 E. & S. E. 698-2185; thechurchinriverside@hotmail.com; Patris Leonard, Executive Service: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

River City Church: Meet at Highland Elementary School, 220 Schoenelens 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, clusterparishes.org; Fr. Bill Roush; Mass: Sunday, 10 a.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. at Piasentaville.

Tenly United Methodist Church in Riverside: 11 E 2nd St. 648-3009; 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: 2929 137th St. Hwy 22 between South English & Kinross) 661-5235; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Wellman
Amish Circuit: Chatham Oct. to April; Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. For information, call Fred Wagler, 319-956-7778.

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 9:30 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 Voss; 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, 646-2380; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Salem Mennonite Fellowship: 1306 Koosuk Washington Rd., 7 miles west of Wellman; Ministry: Gerald Rieder 319-627-2726; Website: 319-666-3133; Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church: 6 1/2 miles west of Deesee Facility, 656-3843; Pastor: Elmer Miller; Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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**115 YEARS AGO
MAY 19, 1905**

Kalona
Dr. Kisor is having his residence beautified with a fresh coat of paint.
Newel Grady, Dick Fry, John Hampshier and Frank Smith left Tuesday evening for Ashland, Wis., to look at some land.
A dozen or more boys and girls surprised Hugh Dunlap last Saturday afternoon. Hugh didn't tumble to the fact that it was a real party until his mother commenced to set out the refreshments and then he knew what it all meant.

**100 YEARS AGO
MAY 13, 1920**

Kalona
J. W. Cupp had his house moved to the new foundation just north of where it stood before. This makes the way clear for the Go-Gas people to start building for the new station. John Barger did the moving with his house-moving outfit.
Wm. Zalis is putting in the foundation for his new house. Albert Spenner is the proud owner of a motorcycle.
Mr. Jepsen, of the firm of Knerr & Jepsen, accompanied by Jesse Rowe, Jesse Miller, Lee Howard and Eddie Gingerich, went to Chicago last week and drove through with another consignment of Ford cars and trucks.

Riverside
A few more cases of small pox have developed during the past two weeks. The homes of the victims have been promptly quarantined. The latter cases have been more pronounced and those afflicted have suffered more, however, none have proven serious and the disease is generally of a mild nature.
The local button factory started up Monday morning and has been running full blast this week with six of the machines installed. Five local employees are at work and one young lady from Muscatine is here showing the new workers the way to operate the machines. She will remain here only a short time. The manager, Mr. Jones and his family, are living here now, having moved from Muscatine last week. *(Riverside residents - Where was the button factory and does anyone have a photo to submit?)*

**75 YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 1945**

Kalona
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Miller were informed that Sgt. Ray E. Miller has been liberated as a German prisoner of war.
The senior class left Friday morning on a two-day trip. The group was taken to Iowa City in cars where they took the inter-urban to Cedar Rapids where they went shopping and on individual excursions.
The night was spent in the Roosevelt Hotel. Saturday morning the class went in a group to visit radio station WMT and the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

The following were dinner guests with John Yoder and Lena on Ascension Day: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Ropp and Cora, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Beachy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bender, Mrs. Manass Miller and Eliza and Chester Yoder, Vernon and Clara.

Gerrald Teets announced this week that he has taken the agency and dealership for the Ford tractor and Ferguson equipment.
The Kalona Kammers Klub held their regular meeting in the Legion building. The business meeting was conducted by vice president, Harriet Beck, in the absence of president, Norma Sleichter. The group enjoyed refreshments at Robertson's Café after the meeting. Members present included Harriet Beck, Marlene Edwards, Dora and Dortha Sleichter, Jeanne Alt, Francis Walker, Mrs. Willis Gingerich and Mrs. Eugene Way.
Workman started repairs on the front of the fire station, which was damaged several weeks ago when a truck struck the door as it was swinging shut, taking out the support between doors.
Mrs. J. B. Strickler was the honored guest at a Mother's Day dinner which was held Sunday in the F. L. Strick-

LOOKING BACK - KALONA SCHOOL - 1939



Kalona School, 1939, grades 7 and 8. Front row: Richard Beck, Richard Gingerich, Emil Ropp, Calvin Niffenegger, Leroy Ropp, Bob Snyder, Howard Sprecker, Richard Conklin, Cleo Rowe. Second row: Carolyn Fry, Grace Miller, Mary Gingerich, Anna Mae Ropp, Neia Ann Kern, Kathline Kelly, Eina Erb, Buelah Erb. Third row: Lafena Hostetler, Katheryn Southwick, Ila Miller, Eula Jean Figgins, Helen Wheatly, Virginia Hostetler, Ruth Drollinger, Emma Maxwell, teacher Ray Wittrig. Fourth row: Gail Shaver, Keith Lemely, Russell Drollinger, Burdette Hershberger, Junior Ehrenfelt, Joseph Chody and Alfred Dean Grady.

ler home. Those sharing the courtesy were J. B. Strickler, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Strickler, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell J. Strickler and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guengerich, Vergie Newell, Vera Strickler and Everett Miller.
Sunday dinner guests in the Steve Yoder home were Mr. and Mrs. Mose Yoder and Vera, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Yotty and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knepp and Donald and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Brenneman and family.
Mrs. Daniel Miller and children called on Mary Ann Miller Sunday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests in the Anna Snair home were Mr. and Mrs. Weller Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Beck, Dick and Harriet.
Mr. and Mrs. Milt Schlaubaugh and family, Mrs. Stanley Plank and son, and Lewis Hochstedler and daughters were Sunday dinner guests with Mrs. Ella Plank. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Elmer Schrock and Emma Jean and Velma Yoder.

Marie Jackson went to Chicago Sunday where she will purchase merchandise for the Rothschild store in Washington.
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Grady and Timmy spent Sunday in the A. B. Fairfield home in Muscatine.
Members of the H. J. Club met at the home of Mrs. Dewey Weeks. Mrs. Leroy Krotz was a guest and Mrs. Ernest Strum was welcomed as a new club member. The afternoon was spent visiting, sewing carpet

rags and playing airplane buncos. Mrs. James Shalry received a prize for having the high score and Mrs. Clara Fisher the lowest.

Wellman
Due to heavy contracts with the government for dressed turkeys, the War Production Board has issued a permit to Maplecrest Turkey Farms to erect a building, all of masonry and steel. It will be located directly north of the Maplecrest building now in use and will cover the ground where three residences have been standing. Those three houses are being moved to a lot on the west edge of town. The new building will be used as a hatchery.

George H. Miller of Iowa City arrived in Wellman to take charge of the Jack Sprat store here. Mr. Miller has been connected with grocery stores in Iowa City for the past 19 years. Mrs. Miller and their son and daughter will move to Wellman next month.

**50 YEARS AGO
MAY 14, 1970**

Kalona
The Kalona Historical Society president, Rev. John Woodin, received a "gift of chattels" document, by which the depot building is legally donated by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company.
As one of the conditions of the transaction, the Historical Society agreed to move the building to a new site, where it will be restored and preserved.

Land for this purpose has been donated by Glenn Wahl and by Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Beck. The society has purchased an adjoining lot from Mrs. Ovie Watkinson of Lone Tree and is in the process of acquiring additional property in the tract.

Glenn Vidnovic, one of the Big 10 champion Hawkeye basketballers of this past season, will be the featured speaker at this year's annual spring athletic banquet.
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Weldon "Wimpy" Miller has applied for and received a disability retirement from the post office. He has been the

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Kalona First Responders receive grant from CIVCO

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

KALONA

The Kalona First Responders have a new piece of training equipment thanks to a grant from CIVCO.

Earlier this year, the first responders received a \$1,529 grant to purchase an adult airway management trainer manikin and automated external defibrillator trainer.

"This new manikin has lungs and a larger mouth, so we can practice inserting oral, nasal and king LT airways," Kalona First Responders

Training Officer Regina Choate said. "The other manikins we have are for CPR only. This manikin allows us to train placing airway devices as well as doing CPR."

Having the advanced manikin in house makes it easier to train local first responders.

"For us to have our own manikin allows us to have training classes here in Kalona rather than having our volunteers traveling to other locations," Choate said. "EMTs are required by the state of Iowa to do 12 hours of continuing education per year."

CIVCO's grant program provides up to \$2,000 annually to help volunteer responders do their jobs safer and more efficiently.

"When I write the grant, I let them know how the funds would benefit the responders," Choate said. "This is different from the casino grants which is set up to best help the community."

"We would like to publicly thank CIVCO for their generosity in helping the Kalona First Responders obtain training materials which allows us to keep our skills sharp."



SUBMITTED

Kalona First Responders Training Officer Regina Choate demonstrated the new adult airway management trainer manikin they purchased with a grant from CIVCO.



JAMES JENNINGS/THE NEWS

Kalona First Responders are (from left) Margo Duwa, Hayley Hershberger, Jessie Zahradnek, Shelly Bontrager, Madison Zahradnek, Ethel Bontrager, Brent Jehle, Aaron Gingerich, Pamela Pacha and Lori Chalupa. Not pictured are: Regina Choate, Eldon Helmuth, Dan Kern, Karma Mack, Dean Miller, Connor Miller, Hogan Miller, Merv Miller, Chad Scarff, Jerry Zahradnek and Traci Zahradnek.

RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS



SUBMITTED

Members of Riverside Fire and EMS are (front row from left) Tony Simon, Curtis Sexton, William Wilkerson, Chris Sexton, Dallas Petersen and Chad Smothers; (middle row) Andy Roder, Toby Hancock, Bill Stuke, Todd Forbes, Chris Marple and Brandee Kleopfer; (back row) Brett Walsh, Riley Grecian, Riley Kleopfer, Curtis Kron, Jesse Kleopfer, Logan Michel and Brad Smothers. Not pictured are Karson Duwa, Don Edwards, Bill Halleran, Matt Heckert, Bryan Horesowsky, Brett Kiene, Jodi Klebe, Brody Miller, Tami Plank, Brendan Serum, Chad Sexton, Erica Sexton, Geoff Streb, Garrit Thomann, Tina Thomann and Pat Yoder.

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LONE TREE FIRE AND RESCUE



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Members of Lone Tree Fire and Rescue are (front row from left) Kasey Wieland, Jenny Schnobelen, Misty Smith and Matt Zadow; (second row) Nancy Ford, Mindy Scott and Jerry Ford; (back row) Kent Andersen, Kent Yoder, Kurt Wieland, Josh Eiben, Ben Pettitt, Kerry Smith, Logan Schnobelen, Andy Waldschmidt, Dakota Smith and Joe Herring. Not pictured are Matt Parizek, Jamie Forbes, Nick Petsel, Shannon Shepard, Zack Shalla and Randy Slaughter.

WELLMAN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE



SUBMITTED

Members of the Wellman Volunteer Ambulance are (front row from left) Front row Steven Ebersole, Craig Shetter, Anne Frickson and David Ebersole; (back row) Jenni Hershberger-training officer, Jim Millice, Jeremy Peck-President, Matt Latcham, Alisia Meader-Training Officer and Sean Conway. Members not shown are Pat Curl-secretary-treasurer, Mike Free-vice president, Jake O'Donnell, Regina Choate, Chelsea Kral, Amber Kral, Katie Kreutz and Joan Sieren.

WEST CHESTER FIRST RESPONDERS



SUBMITTED

West Chester first responders (front row from left) Vicky Fisher, Julie Janecek and Leslie Duvall; (back row) Kristin Jones, Mark Miksch and Katrina Altenhofen. Not shown is Betsy Peiffer.

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Supervisors approve IDOT agreement

BY MARY ZIELINSKI
Correspondent
WASHINGTON

At their May 5 meeting, Washington County Supervisors approved an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for improvements to four county roads along Highway 22, from Ninth Street in Kalona to Boise Street in Riverside.

Specifically, it involves four gravel side road intersections to be paved asphalt.

Two areas, on Orange Avenue and Poplar Avenue, are farm-to-market roads and two others on the same roads are non-farm-to-market roadways.

Once the work is done, maintenance will be the county's responsibility.

The total estimated cost for the work is \$63,700 and initially will be paid by IDOT with subsequent reimbursement from

the county. No project start date was given, but it is expected to be done this year.

In another county road project, supervisors approved reimbursement for Floyd R. Helmut for the cost of stabilizing work on Kiwi Avenue from 110th Street to Highway 22 (approximately a .96 of a mile) west of Kalona.

The estimated cost for the work is \$60,000 with the landowner paying the county for the base work (not to exceed \$15,000) within 30 days of project completion.

In other business, the board: • Renewed the county fuel contract for fiscal 2020-21 with Agriland PS of Washington for \$1,800, which includes both gasoline and diesel fuels.

• Approved a wage increase Benjamin Berhow as a summer intern with the county engineering department from

\$11.75 to \$13 per hour. • Approved a change order for an increase of \$5,200 on the tower site construction being done in rural Kalona by Finish Excavating of East Dubuque, making the contract a total of \$1,175,895. It is part of the state-mandated countywide communications update.

• Approved a request from the Eastern Iowa Sledheads (DBA Stumptown Tractor Ride) for a ride July 11, contingent on what other factors may be involved regarding events in the state by that time.

• Approved seeking a Vote Safe Iowa Initiative grant from the Iowa Secretary of State to aid with costs of elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount of funding is not known yet, Auditor Dan Widmer said, adding that preference in the June 2 primary is voting by absentee ballot. However, there are plans to have curbside voting available as well.

PET OF THE WEEK

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KALONA

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Community members are invited to help raise the flags on Friday, May 22, at 9 a.m. and

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Financial assistance is needed, too.

Each year about eight to 10 flags are replaced due to damage from weather factors.

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Highland board OKs salary hikes for non-teaching staff

BY JIM JOHNSON

The News

RIVERSIDE

The Highland school board approved pay increases for support staff, administrators and salaried contracts Monday night.

Support staff – secretaries, associates, custodians, cooks and bus drivers – received an average of 3.24% more for the coming school year. The administrators and salaried staff – positions that are in addition to regular teaching jobs such as activities and transportation directors – as a group had a total package increase of 3.5%.

Superintendent Ken Crawford said a group met at the end of April to discuss how best to set increases in light of a 3% increase approved for teachers

at an earlier meeting.

School board member Megan Allen said she thought salaries for associates – assistants who help students in classrooms – were low.

"I would like to see us start off at \$12 an hour," Allen said.

Some of the associates, with the raises approved Monday, are paid \$10.50 per hour.

"I think we need to look at it," Allen said.

Crawford disagreed. "I think we are right there (when compared to similar-size districts)," he said. "We have looked into it."

Board President Nate Robinson suggested the board look at salaries for associates later in the year.

"I'm not sure tonight is the night to sit down and figure this all out," he said.

UNITED WE FIGHT



On May 6, Highland school nurse Cindy Peiffer (right) and counselor Derrick Ball (center) accepted an \$855 donation from Elite Sportswear. These funds will be used to start a coat and snow pant library for students at Highland. Elite Sportswear sold T-shirts in a "United We Fight" theme, with a portion of the proceeds going to Highland.

BY JIM JOHNSON

The News

RIVERSIDE

The Highland school board Monday night approved 49 high school seniors for graduation.

How they will receive their diplomas, however, is still up in the air.

"This year's requirements are a little bit different, sadly," Superintendent Ken Crawford said as he presented the list of seniors for approval to graduate.

Later in the meeting, high school principal Angela Hazelett presented one scenario under consideration for a graduation ceremony on June 13.

She said she based her plan on the strictest requirements for social distancing and public gatherings. She said that the plan could be modified by adding more graduates to each group receiving diplomas.

The proposal Hazelett laid out called for each graduate to

walk into the football stadium accompanied by a single carload of family. There would be a roped off area for the family to sit. The graduate would receive a diploma and pose for photos before the next graduate walks in.

"We will have a photographer on hand and video recording as well," she said. "We will have detailed instructions on how foot traffic should flow through the bleachers, the diploma-receiving area, and then the exit from the stadium area."

It would be a long ceremony, stretching from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Each graduate's diploma ceremony would take about five minutes.

"It takes four hours," Hazelett said.

She hopes to have a draft of the plan completed this week to send to Washington County Public Health for review.

"At this point of time, I feel pretty good about this," Hazelett said.

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troublesome for families with multiple people working and learning from home, which makes holding a steady internet connection and finding a quiet place to call from difficult.

At Hillcrest Academy, principal Dwight Gingerich said they were trying to emphasize "engagement over content."

The school has encouraged teachers to scale back homework and assessments from what they would normally issue at this time of year in order to decrease students' workload as they take on additional responsibilities.

"It's an emergency remote learning approach," Gingerich said. "We can't expect the level of homework that we have generally."

Attendance has thankfully posed minimal problems under the new system.

At Pathway Christian School – another school that opted for mandatory distance learning – the students benefit from a curriculum already set up with distance learning options.

"The curriculum that Pathway uses, Bob Jones University, has video lessons available for each class and subject," Wanda Stutzman said. "Our families are currently home-schooling but using the tools BJ Press has provided. Our teachers are also grading tests as soon as the students complete them and send them in."

Strickland said that while some students struggle to keep consistent contact, the problem isn't notably worse than during in-person classes as the district continues to strive for contact with students and their families.

For teachers, the switch has

meant adapting lesson plans on short notice.

"We have to determine what are the most important activities and present them in a way that works online," said Erin Cavanagh, Mid-Prairie High School English teacher, in an email to The News. "I love everything I teach and the supplemental activities I have created, so having to abandon most of that was hard for me at first."

But adapt they have. In the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic, schools and students have strived to maintain excellence despite the difficulties of online education.

"Any time we are faced with a challenge it is an opportunity for growth," Cavanagh said.

News editor James Jennings contributed to this story.

Pre-register for primary by May 22

Washington County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Daniel L. Widmer is reminding eligible voters who want to vote in the June 2 primary election in Washington County and who are not yet registered that they should plan to register before the May 22 deadline for pre-registration.

Iowa law allows eligible persons to register to vote and to cast a ballot on Election Day if they are able to provide proof of both their identity and residency at their polling place; however, Widmer points out that with the convenience of being able to register and vote at the polls on the same day comes potential confusion and check-in backlog.

To avoid delays caused by filing out registration paperwork at the polling places, Widmer recommends that eligible voters make every attempt to register with the auditor's office prior to the close of pre-registration at 5 p.m. on Friday,

May 22. Worry-free postmark deadline is Monday, May 18.

Persons who are already registered to vote in Washington County do not need to re-register to participate in this election.

Voters who wish to change party affiliation may do so at the polls prior to voting but are urged to make this change prior to the May 22 pre-registration deadline.

If voting absentee prior to Election Day, either by mail or at the counter, the choice of Republican or Democratic ballot on the request form will change your voter record accordingly.

Due to COVID-19 the auditor's office is still urging those who wish to vote in the primary election to do so by requesting an absentee ballot through the mail prior to May 22.

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Table with columns: CONTAMINANT, MCL - (MCLG), Compliance, Date, Violation, Source. Rows include Total THM's, Copper, Lead, Chlorine, Arsenic, Fluoride, Sodium.

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

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For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact RIVERSIDE WATER SUPPLY at 319-648-2094. This report is not being mailed to individual customers, but copies are available at City Hall during their regular working hours.

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 4, 2020

The Riverside City Council meeting opened at 6:00 pm in City Hall with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present were: Tom Sexton, Andy Rodgers, Edgar McGuire, and Lois Schneider. Jeanine Redinger was absent.

Motion by Sexton to approve agenda with meeting Trefrest 2020 to #3. Second by McGuire, passed 4-0.

Kevin Rodgers, RACD president discussed canceling Trefrest on June 26th and 27th.

Stanton moved to cancel Trefrest 2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Second by McGuire, passed 4-0.

McGuire moved to pass Resolution #050420-01. Setting the date for a public hearing to amend FY 19-20 budget on May 18th, 2020. Second by Rodgers, passed 4-0.

McGuire moved to pass Resolution #050420-02. Approving certification of lien for nonpayment of water service. Second by Sexton, passed 4-0.

Jeremy Peck, Washington Co. EMS Director, and Jack Seaward, Washington Co. Supervisor, were in attendance to discuss Ambulance Service for Washington County.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES MAY 4, 2020, RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Lists various expenses like utilities, salaries, and other costs.

CITY OF LONE TREE

CITY OF LONE TREE MAY 8, 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 permit an electronic meeting where all members participate electronically when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis.

Wagman, Dickey and Ronan joined via conference call. The agenda and 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.

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CITY OF WELLMAN

MAY 4, 2020 WELLMAN, IOWA

The Wellman City Council met in regular session via Zoom meeting in order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus at 5:30 pm. On March 19, 2020, the Wellman City Council issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws relating to the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting. Therefore, only City Clerk Beth VanWinkle was present at Wellman City Hall.

CITY OF KALONA

KALONA, IOWA CITY HALL MAY 4, 2020 7 PM

This is an electronic meeting per Iowa Code Section 21.8. Should the public choose to participate please utilize the following "conference bridge" number along with the "participant" code. The conference bridge number is 658-2863. The Participant number 447334.

Table with columns: Kalona, Iowa City Hall. Lists various expenses like utilities, salaries, and other costs.

Table with columns: THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. Lists various expenses like utilities, salaries, and other costs.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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A full vacancy announcement for each position with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usda.gov and accessing the vacancy announcement number as follows: FSACO-10805774-20-1A-015-TS.

Each office will be listed separately inside of the application. The application process starts May 05, 2020. To be considered for the job you must submit the application online. **Applications must be received by May 19, 2020.**

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On April 29, staffers from the Washington County YMCA paraded through the streets of Kalona to offer encouraging messages to its Kalona Community Center members.

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Lear was born in Missouri and said she was thrilled to return to the heartland. "Oh, the Midwest is the Mid-west," she said. "I had my adventure. I had my fun, and I was very happy to end up back in the Midwest."

Lear is excited about the opportunity to work at the Kalona nursing home.

"The policies here at Pleasantview are excellent, again, they're a five-star facility," she said. "I'm walking into kind of the best-case scenario, and I intend to keep it that way under my leadership."

Staying on top of things under the pandemic's conditions presents a unique challenge, with regulations and recommendations changing sometimes multiple times per day.

The director of nursing is pregnant, which carries its own litany of concerns.

"It's a big deal to take a director of nursing job pregnant in the middle of a global pandemic," Lear said. "Pregnant women are particularly immunosuppressed, immunocompromised. I feel confident that our infection control pro-



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Holly Lear holds a doctorate in nursing alongside a master's in public health among her extensive qualifications as director of nursing.

cedures are the best they can be, and I feel safe working here, and I'm happy to be on the front lines with my nursing staff."

Nevertheless, she is excited to apply her higher education to her work and to develop both her academic and practical talents going forward. It is uncommon for a nursing director to hold a doctorate, and Lear

said she looks forward to taking advantage of her higher education background to publish in academic journals where she says voices with hands-on experience are often absent.

Looking forward to a bright career with Pleasantview Home, Lear said she was already feeling very loved, very welcomed and very confident.

Teachers engage students in voluntary programs

BY JAMES JENNINGS
The News

While three area schools – Mid-Prairie High School, Hillcrest Academy and Pathway Christian School – opted for mandatory distance learning, the rest of the schools have made distance learning voluntary for students.

Teachers at the voluntary schools have had their own set of challenges with keeping their students engaged.

"We've provided some online materials, and we've provided some off-line materials," said Ames Molsberry, a third grade teacher at Mid-Prairie West Elementary School. "We try to do as much as we can to cater to all of our families. We know some of them don't have the resources that other families have."

Michelle McCarthy, a second grade teacher at Highland Elementary School, said she made up some paper workbooks for her students, but some parents did get them.

McCarthy said she understands that families are dealing with a lot of issues with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There are kids who cannot do the work during the day because they are at day care," she said. "Others have multiple siblings and only one device to use. This makes it hard for all the kids to get online."

"I have some students who have the needed equipment but just don't do the weekly lessons that are assigned."

The Mid-Prairie school district realized early on that access to technology could be a stumbling block for some families.

The district purchased several Internet "hot spots" and distributed them to families who did not have Internet access. They also offered devices to families who did not have them.

"I have 19 second-graders this year, and they now all have Internet," Mid-Prairie East Elementary School second grade teacher Kerri Bell said. "One

did not, and I got in on the second batch to deliver a hot spot.

"We sought out families that did not have a tech device at home that was compatible with the links we are using. In my classroom, two of those students needed that option."

Technology is playing a major role in delivering lessons to students.

Molsberry said he holds a Zoom video conference every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

"I do a Zoom meeting every Thursday at 11:30 for consistency," he said. "Students know they can show up at 11:30 and see other students to help that social bond."

McCarthy said she has had to learn how to do video conferences.

"I've never held a virtual meeting, so I spent a good amount of time online learning how to do a Google Hangout," she said. "I hold weekly virtual meetings, so kids can see their friends and honestly, so I can see them. We use this time to do some fun things because I worry about how they are doing emotionally."

Mid-Prairie Middle School language arts teacher Denise Busch said that teachers in all four core areas send out emails to parents and students every Monday.

"Those activities are organized and pushed out to each teacher's Google Classroom," Busch said. "All of the teachers are using some form of blended learning. All of the core teachers are having office hours, that way if a student has questions, they can drop in on Zoom."

The teachers acknowledged that distance learning presents challenges to students and teachers alike, and that their top priority is doing their best for their students.

"This is a stressful time and I wish I could give hugs to my kids," McCarthy said. "We are all trying to figure things out and get into some sort of routine. All we can do is to take things day by day."

Thousands request absentee ballots

This year, Secretary of State Paul Pate sent absentee ballot request forms to all registered voters in the state.

Thousands of voters in Washington and Johnson counties have responded, although a relative handful have returned the ballots as of May 5, a month before the election.

There is a big push to have as many voters as possible mail in their ballots to protect poll workers and voters from possible exposure to COVID-19. Some polling precincts may be consolidated on Election Day to further reduce exposure.

Washington County Audi-

tor Dan Widmer, who oversees elections, said a thousand absentee ballots have been requested as of May 5 only 22 have been cast.

In addition to voting by mail, voters may cast their ballots "absentee in person" weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Washington County Courthouse in Washington.

Because the courthouse is currently closed to the public, individuals wishing to vote in this manner need to call 319-653-7717 to schedule a time to vote.

Iowa voters are required to show an Iowa driver's license

or non-operator ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID or veteran's ID, tribal ID/document or Iowa voter ID card at the polls before they vote.

When the individual arrives at the courthouse, they will need to telephone the auditor's office at the number listed above, and in turn a member of the auditor's office will come outside and assist.

"We strongly encourage citizens to vote by way of mail absentee which allows the voter to vote from their home," Widmer said. "It is safe, convenient, and free of charge."

In Johnson County, with a much larger population, 4,655 mail ballot requests were processed as of May 5. By week's end, more than 15,000 had been requested.

As of May 5, there were 72 requests from Fremont and Lincoln townships and the city of Lone Tree. Only two have been returned so far.

Fourteen people have already cast a vote in person.

As in Washington, voters can cast their ballots at the Johnson County Administration building in Iowa City, but Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert is asking folks to vote via mail if they can.

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