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BRIEFLY.

A-P lunch program Aplington-Parkersburg's schools are serving free meals to kids 1-18 Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to noon at the high school building in Parkersburg and the Aplington school building. One lunch per child, per day, no paperwork or ID required.

Hydrant flushing

The City of Parkersburg will be flushing hydrants throughout the day on Friday, April 17.

Butler Democrats to hold convention electronically

Due to new rules and guidance from the Iowa Democratic Party in light of COVID-19, the Butler County Democratic Party will hold their county convention electronically. Registration, credentialing, balloting and tabulating for the convention will primarily be done via email. For more information call 319-983-4026.

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Gov. Reynolds keeps schools closed through end of year

BY JAKE RYDER Eclipse News-Review

lowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has closed all schools in the state for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year as part of her press conference on Friday, April 17, 2020.

As a result, Iowa Department of Education director Dr. Ann Lebo announced that spring athletics have also been canceled. An announcement on summer sports is expected by June 1

"While we are disappointed that student-athletes will not have the opportunity to compete this spring, we remain committed to our primary goal of keeping students, coaches, officials and communities safe,' IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. "This cancellation comes out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of all. Conducting our spring season would involve moving groups of people in and out of various communities for competition. At this time we believe that is a risk we should not take."

Schools in the area turned the lights on at their athletic facilities at 8 p.m. last Friday for the second-consecutive week, inviting families to drive by and honk their horns to show sup-



port.

The state of Iowa will waive Instructional time requirements for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year for schools that continue to provide continuous learning through either voluntary enrichment opportunities, required educational services, or a combination of the two.

Aplington-Parkersburg will proceed with its existing continuous learning plan through the rest of the school year. Prior to the Governor's announcement, the school had already been planning on having more interactive instructional delivery beginning on April 20.

Dike-New Hartford superintendent Justin Stockdale announced on Twitter that virtual learning will continue through the scheduled last day of school, May 21. Graduation has been postponed pending discussion of a reschedule date at next week's school board meeting and meals will continue to be served through Friday, May 22 at the free lunch locations around the district. Meals can be picked up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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The team volunteering for the A-P Food Pantry takes time for a picture last Saturday. The non-profit organization distributed 9,282 pounds of food to 106 families on Saturday. (Contributed photo)

Ready to help

A-P Food Pantry ramps up to meet community's need

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BY SETH MCDUFFEE Eclipse News-Review

Every third Saturday of the month, Sandy Cox and her volunteers get up early and set to work at the A-P Food Pantry, a non-profit organization designed to help feed families in the Aplington-Parkersburg area. While food services of this nature have been overwhelmed in metropolitan areas like Omaha and Minneapolis, Cox indicated they aren't seeing the same level of anxiety.

"We've had more families than we usually do," she said,

That number went up to 106 last Saturday, with 9,282 pounds of food distributed. But, the families participating aren't going overboard, according to Cox.

"[The families] don't take what they don't need," she continued, "I see a low percentage of people taking advantage of our system."

During an average distribution, residents from the area turn out between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., each respectfully assembled for their turn to receive their share of-typically-over 6,000 pounds of necessities available. This includes things like milk, which Cox and her crew have over 100 gallons of; as well as 500 pounds each of potatoes and oranges and many other associated goods.

office is closed to the public until further notice. Staff will continue to work in the building. Weekly publication has not been interrupted at this time and you can contact us at 319-346-1461 with questions, story ideas, announcements, etc.

Butler County Hall of Fame

• The Butler County Hall Of Fame selection committee meeting has been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Electors will be notified when the meeting is rescheduled.

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Clarksville welcomes Pastor Val Swinton home

BY BETHANY CARSON Eclipse News-Review

Cars lined the streets of Clarksville on Wednesday, April 15, to welcome Pastor Val Swinton, the county's first confirmed COVID-19 patient, home from the hospital.

The Clarksville Police Department led a parade escorting the well-known and much loved pastor, as residents held up signs, and yards were lined with messages that included "Welcome home; we missed you" and "Way to go, Pastor Val! He beat COVID-19."

Swinton thanked the community for their support as he gave his first sermon since his recovery via livestream on Facebook on April 19. He also thanked the staff at MercyOne Hospital for ably caring for him, and he credited his recovery to the power of prayer.

"When I was in intensive care, I was in a pretty bad way. I was very close to death. My family sat by the phone, and for four or five days, every time the phone rang, they thought there was a good chance it was the hospital saying I had passed away. I was that close to death. But I survived," Swinton said. "In fact they released me from the hospital early, about five days early, because I was recovering so fast. And I don't know how many members of the medical



Val Swinton walks to his house as wife Deb welcomes him home. (Tammie Garretson photo)



The Clarksville Police Department escorted Pastor Val Swinton into Clarksville, leading a parade of cars. (Bethany Carson photo)

staff said that was a miracle. Well, it was a miracle. It was a miracle of prayer. So many people were praying for me that God opened the floodgates of power based on all that prayer, so I'm just very grateful to all of you who were praying for me. And I want you to know that you had a lot to do with my recovery."

Prayers were said and well

wishes sent across the state, country, and the world for Pastor Swinton as he fought for his life in critical condition in ICU on a ventilator in a medically induced coma. His recovery was something that Clarksville residents felt was worth celebrating.

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last month we had 102 families, which is the most we've ever had."

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Butler County confirms second case of COVID-19

BY JAKE RYDER Eclipse News-Review

The Butler County Public Health Department and Iowa Department of Public Health have indicated another confirmed case of COVID-19 in Butler County, bringing the historical total to two in the county. No demographic information of the positive case was provided in the press release issued on Monday, April 20. The county's other COVID-19 case, unofficially identified through social media as Clarksville pastor Val Swinton, was discharged from the hospital last week and delivered a brief message to the Clarksville Church of Christ's followers on Facebook on Sunday. His case is still currently considered active in the IDPH's database at coronavirus.iowa. <u>gov</u>.

"We continue to remind residents to take preventive measures to slow the spread of this virus," said Butler County Public Health Director Jennifer Becker in the press release. "It's important for everyone to stay home as much as possible and to practice social distancing -- this simply means to stay away from groups of people, and to keep a six-foot distance from other individuals."

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever (100.4 or greater) and shortness of breath. As of April 20, 3,159 cases of

COVID-19 were confirmed in Iowa, with 25,820 total people tested. A total of 1,235 cases have recovered, with 79 deaths.

As part of a press conference last Thursday morning, Gov. Reynolds announced further physical distancing mitigation measures for counties that neighbor Butler County, including Grundy, Black Hawk and Bremer counties, in reaction to data from those counties related to the coronavirus. No extra measures have been announced for Butler County.

Social gatherings in counties comprising Regional Medical Coordination Center Region 6 will be limited to members in the immediate household, with limited exceptions for weddings and funerals, which still may not exceed a 10-person limit. All other gatherings for what Reynolds referred to as "social, community, recreational, leisure or sporting activities" will not be allowed through April 30. The measures take effect at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 and apply only to counties in Region 6: Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Grundy, Howard, Jones, Linn and Winneshiek.

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Public hearing held on county budget

BY BETHANY CARSON Eclipse News-Review

The Butler County Board of Supervisors hosted a public hearing via conference call on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

Supervisor Tom Heidenwirth welcomed those on the call, and explained that hosting the hearing via conference call rather than in the board room was necessary due to COVID-19 social distancing measures. The three supervisors then commented on the revised budget.

Supervisor Rusty Eddy said he has received many inquiries about the budget over the last month, and he appreciates everyone's concerns about the increase in county taxes. As the budget now stands, there is a proposal for an increase in the levy by 53 cents per thousand dollars of valuation, a reduction from the previously proposed \$1.15 increase.

"I would like to acknowledge a couple people I think that worked extremely hard particularly over the last couple weeks, our engineer John Riherd and auditor Liz Williams..." said Eddy. "I know as supervisors we spent quite a bit of time on this budget. I'll end my comment by saying, looking at the budget this year, and comparing it to the years that I've been on here, this is really a need-based budget, as opposed to a need and want based budget. I think that [the county has] done a good job taking the initial proposed budget with an increase of \$1.15 and narrowing that down to 53 cents."

Supervisor Greg Barnett agreed.

"Our department heads for the county are not frivolous. Everyone is always very strict with their budget..." Barnett said. "I just wanted to bring up the past levy rates. The 10-year average, 2011 to 2020, the average is 5.70. It's gone anywhere from 5.34, which it was last year (the lowest it's been in the 10-year average), to 6.10 in FY15. We're aggressive for the benefit of the proposing a 5.867 right now for countywide. I think we're in there with the average. Like Rusty said, this isn't a budget that's thrown together to just try to collect more taxes. This is a budget that we need to be able to run the county efficiently, and we're certainly not trying to go beyond our means with any of this."

Heidenwirth pointed out that part of the increase is due to investment in the development at Logistics Park.

"I was elected as supervisor to watch over Butler County and prepare it for the future. There are many things that make up the budget, and the Butler County Logistics Park this year is a big part. ... There are some costs associated with it. That is the cost of doing business, and I think everyone is aware of that." said Heidenwirth. "Eventually it will pay off with jobs, housing and school enrollment. I hope someday that this can go the opposite way [with taxes], but at this time it cannot."

Logistics Park

Barnett broke down the 53cent increase.

"I know a lot of talk has been about Trinity Rail. ... 17 cents of the proposed increase is for the Trinity Rail project; another 17 or 18 cents are for capital projects, roads, bridges, etc.; and the remainder would be just natural cost of doing business increases. ... That's what's going on," Barnett said. "The Trinity Rail project, yes, we have a cost. We've got an investment, but this is a good thing to have in Butler County. Looking long-term, this will repay itself many times over. I'm in the mindset of looking forward for Butler County. I think we need to embrace this, just like we did the ethanol plant.'

Barnett said the ethanol plant is starting to pay more county taxes. The rebate program with Trinity Rail is similar to the ethanol plant's rebates, but more

county.

There is an 18-month deferral before taxes start coming in. The tax incentive Trinity Rail was given to come to Butler County is a 90 percent tax rebate for the first five years, a 70 percent tax rebate for the next five years, and a 50 percent tax rebate for the next five years. After that, they pay their full taxes

"On this Trinity deal, I really don't want our community to drag Trinity through the mud on this. We want them here, and they chose us: but we're going to have \$1.5 million as a county invested in the Trinity Rail project," Barnett said. "We're going to gain on a conservative estimate a \$45 million tax base out of this company. I don't see what's wrong with that, but I'm just looking forward. I see that as a good investment."

While the county's debt service levy has increased because of this temporarily, Barnett believes that in a year or two, Trinity Rail will pay for itself.

"In a couple years, their taxes should be covering the bond payment, and we should be able to lower the taxes for that amount. We're paying it forward... so that down the road a few years we'll be able to lessen the tax burden," said Barnett.

A Butler County resident asked, "In a couple of years we can expect our taxes to go down. Is that what you're saying?"

Barnett clarified that he certainly hopes so. While he can't predict the future, based on the information available right now, the debt service levy should go down.

Comments from the public on the Trinity Rail project were varied.

Roger Kreigel of Dumont commented that in weighing the burden on taxpayers, the benefits of the future should be considered.

Kim Junker of New Hartford questioned the fairness of the incentives

"Where it kind of bothers me is when these companies come here, they get these big tax incentives and stuff, and you and I, we put up a bin or something, and we get taxed right away... said Junker. "We're all paying for that business that comes here, and especially right now with prices the way they are, commodity prices and everything, it's a burden to everybody.

While John Luhring believes the Trinity Rail project will bring growth, he feels that raising taxes on businesses and property owners in the county in general does not promote or stimulate growth.

"Let's not hinder the growth by raising the taxes on not only the people who are going to move here, but also the potential people who could move here," Luhring said.

Shell Rock developer Jeff Reints believes Butler County's return on the Trinity Rail project will be well worth the investment.

"For the number of jobs this created, this has to be the number one county in the state for what the county has invested for the return..." said Reints. "If we want to keep our county growing, we need to do what we need to do, and this little increase in the county budget doesn't concern me nearly as much as the state mandated rollback going from 56 to 81 percent."

Land value and rollback Another resident asked how much the tax base changed from last year to this year. He felt that between that and new houses being built, the county should be taking in enough additional money.

Assessor Michele Shultz said agricultural value for 2020, including land and agricultural buildings, increased by about \$1,031,600 in assessed value from 2019 to 2020.

We had about a 28 percent decline in agricultural land value in the 2019 assessment year, and now the rollback for agricultural is about 81.4832," said Shultz.

Agricultural land owners will be paying on more value due to the rollback set by the state. The decrease in ag land value is based on a five-year productivity formula. **Ending Fund Balances** Chris Lühring mentioned discrepancies between the estimated ending fund balance for 2019/2020 noted at \$8,020,144 on the proposed budget, and the ending fund balance of \$4.25 million noted on the recent 2020 budget amendment. Auditor Liz Williams said the numbers will not match, as they are budgeted vs. actual. "This budget shows [what was planned in] December, January [before the amendment happened]. This budget amendment

just happened this April. We are voted in and paid. I think moved \$2 million out of the '21 budget into the '20 budget," said Williams.

Lurhing said the proposed budget should reflect the numbers in the re-estimated catego-

ry. "Your re-estimated total budget after the current amendment should at least reflect the re-estimated expenses on the proposed budget. If you're still working on it, that would be one of my suggestions. Expenditures are \$8 million in roads and transportation. The budget I'm looking at right now you just have proposed expenditures this year of \$5.8 million, that's a big difference. ... At the end of the day, I don't want to end up having \$645,000 in the ending fund balance actual at the end of next fiscal year at the county level. That would not be very good," said Luhring. "Unless vou're playing with all the numbers at the same time, it's very hard to keep them straight, and that's I think probably the most difficult thing."

Budget Revision

"Initially you guys had \$1.15 per thousand increase, and now it's 53 cents, so how did you cut it so far? What were you looking for that you didn't get?" asked Ted Junker of New Hartford.

Auditor Liz Williams said that some things were moved around.

"We have most of our expenses in general basic, and then general supplemental carries our insurance and like IPERS, so anything that can be paid out of that fund one, I moved into there, so it would be paid out of part of the general basic levy. What was left then was a smaller amount so we could lower the general supplemental levy, and that lowered the levy overall," said Williams.

Parkersburg resident John Luhring said he feels more cuts in expenditures should be made.

"To my understanding, there weren't a lot of cuts made. They ended up just borrowing from the year-end balance, so on the March 10 meeting, the proposed year-end balance to the general fund was going to be about \$8.1 million remaining for fiscal

roughly you guys make about \$30,000-\$32,000 a year plus IPERS, plus medical full medical, and I think that it can go a different way. And you guys can take time, work with the auditor, and still make further cuts to lower this levy rate," Luhring said.

Williams said that work is being done to reduce expenditures, but it won't lower the levy further.

Process

John Zimmerman of Aredale mentioned that he was more concerned about the process than the budget.

'The public isn't aware. They have not seen your revised budget, and are you going to give the public an opportunity to comment when you do get a revised budget on the internet, or is the public comment period going to be over?" asked Zimmerman.

Williams said the revised budget was not yet complete at the time of the meeting.

"The board asked me to lower the levy, and ... we're looking at lowering expenditures too. It is not complete. It won't be proposed until the changes are made, and the board has reviewed them. And it will be available to the public," Williams said.

She added that the budget would be wrapped up by the end of the week. It is now posted on the Butler County website.

Barnett said he has no problem with continuing to hear public comments.

Zimmerman also had concerns about problems with the Butler County website.

Director of Information Technology Sara Trepp said website issues have been worked through and resolved with the web hosting company.

John Luhring mentioned concerns about how at the March 10 meeting, a meeting on March 30 at 6 p.m. was agreed to, but fell off the radar. He also asked why the original levy with a \$1.15 increase was proposed.

Ted Junker suggested there should have been more publicity about the increase in the first place, so people knew what

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year end 2021. ... They just had an amendment two weeks ago I believe, and Liz can correct me, but I believe that the current fiscal year end balance for 2021 is going to be roughly around \$4 million..." John Luhring said. "They just borrowed from one fund to pay off another to lower the levy rate for us, which is nice, but to me they still have not taken the time to make the necessary cuts, and if they say that we're out of time, the state gave them an extra 30 days to do that."

John Luhring believes further work to lower the levy rate should be done.

"Supervisors, you guvs

was going on. If they knew why an increase was happening up front, perhaps there wouldn't have been as much of a reaction.

"Maybe the public doesn't understand when they see it, but it's always put out there on the website, in the papers. ... I'm just happy we've got a lot of people actually commenting..." said Heidenwirth. "This is the first time in 10 years that I've had anybody ever comment on the budget that's really actually paying attention to it besides the three supervisors, and the auditor, and everyone else, so it is a great thing that we're having this type of conversation."





Margaret Asche

Margaret A. Asche, age 96, of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born the daughter of Albert and Anna (Van Horn) Kampman on March 28, 1924, near Bristow, Iowa. She received her education from a rural country school near her home and continued her schooling and receive her G.E.D. Through the years Margaret worked as a receptionist at Sun Ray DX Oil Company in Waterloo, at Farmstead Industries in Cedar Falls and at Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging in Waterloo, where she retired in 1987.

On May 30, 1987, Margaret was united in marriage with John Asche at his farm north of Parkersburg, where they made their home. In January 2004, Margaret and John moved to town in Parkersburg.

Margaret was saved on July 20, 1967, and was in fellowship with Christians at Hitesville Gospel Hall, rural Aplington. She helped serve in the kitchen at the Hall and helped with the packaging of Seed Sower. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting and gardening. Margaret also enjoyed traveling and had visited almost every state. The couple enjoyed yearly multiple trips to Leech Lake, Minnesota, where they went fishing and enjoyed spending time with their family.

Margaret died Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison, Iowa, of natural causes. Margaret is preceded in death by her husband of 19 years, John on April 7, 2007; daughter-in-law, Dolly Asche; granddaughter-in-law Sherri Asche; her parents, Albert and Anna Kampman; four brothers, Chris, Willie, Harvie and Robert Kampman; four sisters, Fannie Lubben, Alma Studnicka, Arlene Gentz and Anne Orr; two nephews, Vernon Kampman and Merlin

Jon Scriven

Jon B. "Jonny" Scriven, age 55, of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born the son of Jon and Mary Frances (Tilton) Scriven on April 1, 1965, St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jon graduated from Linn-Mar Community School in Marion, Iowa. After his graduation, Jonny lived in Cedar Rapids, and began working for his uncle at



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Burial: Hitesville Cemetery

Gentz; three nieces, Sharon Kampman, Colette Swieter and Christine Reker; a great nephew, Clay DeBuhr; and five sisters-in-law

Margaret is survived by a step son, Larry (Lois) Asche of Parkersburg; a step daughter, Betty (Tim) McCandless of Greene, Iowa; six step grandchildren, Kelly (Ryan) Russell, Greg Asche, Tonya (Matt) Frank, Teresa (Jason) Wielenga, John (Carolyn) McCandless, and Ben (Jill) McCandless; 20 step great grandchildren; three step great great grandchildren; one brother, Albert Kampman, Jr. of Cedar Falls, Iowa; one brother-in-law, Robert Orr of Aplington; two sisters-in-law, Aleasa Kampman and Marjorie Kampman; and many nieces and nephews.

Burial was held at Hitesville Cemetery in rural Kesley with Robert Orr officiating. Serving as Casketbearers Greg Asche, Ben McCandless and John McCandless. Memorials may be directed to the family. Redman-Schwartz Funeral Home in Clarksville was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www. redman-schwartz.com





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Road projects and signs discussed at supervisors meeting

BY BETHANY CARSON Eclipse News-Review

At the Butler County Supervisors meeting on April 14, the Iowa DOT FY21 Butler County Secondary Road Budget and Five-Year Secondary Road Construction Program was approved.

Funding from the FY21 Butler County Secondary Road Budget will go toward the projects Engineer John Riherd detailed at the previous week's meeting, as well as rock hauling for gravel roads, equipment, snow and ice control and road clearing.

During the April 14 meeting, Riherd gave an overview of other upcoming Secondary Road Construction Program projects planned through 2025.

In the 2022 fiscal year, a resurfacing project is planned for Sinclair Avenue, and scheduled maintenance (possibly a thin lift overlay) is planned for Packard Ave. One bridge near Unverferth is scheduled for replacement and one for rehabilitation with channel and deck repairs. The bridge crew will also be working on certain bridges in Butler and Fremont townships.

The hard-surfacing of Orchid Lane is also scheduled for fiscal year 2022. Work has already been done to improve the surface by adding asphalt millings.

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"I know today's announcement has caused a great deal of concern and disappointment for our students, staff and families," Stockdale said. "When we first were directed to close our school buildings in March, we did not realize it would be the last time we would see our students in person this school year. Please know that we share in your disappointment.'

Schools are required to submit a "Return to Learn" plan to the Department of Education by July 1, outlining ways that they will address disruptions to learning as a result of the coronavirus. This can include summer school, enrichment activities or other opportunities. The state of Iowa has also waived the requirement that schools start no earlier than Aug. 23, 2020, allowing school districts and nonpublic schools to make local decisions about the length of the 2020-2021 academic year. School buildings that are operating as approved meal sites in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program and those providing temporary emergency childcare may remain open. "Iowa teachers should be commended for how quickly

Work will continue with stabilization in the 2020-2021 year.

"We hope to do a couple of things with some drainage ... hopefully this season, and then if things work out, we hope that we could treat that gravel base. We've talked about poor man's pavement over the years, where we'd add a chemical stabilizing agent," said Riherd.

Supervisor Rusty Eddy mentioned after the meeting that Orchid Lane is a project that was pushed back due to budgetary concerns. It's a project he continues to fight for. Orchid Lane is a road going into the development on the east side of Parkersburg, and he feels better access would encourage further development.

"I would love to see this project done to encourage continued development in that area for our county," said Eddy.

Going forward into 2023 2024 and 2025, work is planned for several bridges, Butler Center Road, and the Finchford Blacktop. There are also other resurfacing projects planned.

The five-year program may be amended down the road to deal with anything that needs immediate attention, or to address budgetary concerns.

Riherd noted that over the past six weeks, people haven't been driving as much as they normal-

they have transitioned from the classroom to online and distance learning," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "Our schools have really stepped up to the plate and worked hard to develop and implement continuous learning solutions in only a matter of weeks. We appreciate everything schools and families are doing to support children's well-being while continuing to support their academic progress while school buildings are closed."

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ly would due to social distancing measures, and road use tax collection is significantly lower. "We're anticipating that our

receipts over the next two or three months will be lower than was budgeted for," said Riherd. In other news, the supervisors approved a sign replacement grant resolution. An application will be sent for a grant from the Department of Transportation Safety Fund to reimburse up to \$10,000 in road sign replacements.

Riherd has a list of 239 signs that need to be replaced that would take the county just over the \$10,000 mark. If the grant application is approved, the signs will need to be installed within 180 days.

Additional signs will be re-

placed by the county as needed.

A contract with Access Systems for three printers was approved. Leases were coming to an end for three old printers, and this new contract replaces the printers with new machines at a lower cost.

A comment was received from a Butler County resident who asked for a three to six-month moratorium on hog site applications, because public hearings cannot be held in person. It was noted that the supervisors can't control when hog buildings are built, as applications are approved by the DNR.

A date was set for a public hearing on a construction permit application for a new swine facility in Albion Township.



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Jonny had been married and later the couple was divorced. Jonny moved to Parkersburg and was the cook for Hwy 20 Café for several years. He also had cooked for the Goat's Barn in Ackley, Iowa. In his free time, Jonny enjoyed fishing.

Jonny died Friday, April 17, 2020, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison, of natural causes. Jonny is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Jess; and his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Jonny is survived by two children, Alex and Jami; his father,

Services: Celebration of Life to be held at later date

Jon (friend, Rosie Buss) Scriven of Parkersburg; one brother, Chad Scriven of Tucson, Arizona; and one sister, Dawn (Dave) Sindelar of Marion, Iowa.

It was Jonny's wishes that he be cremated and that no services be held at this time. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Butler Plus Golf

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Grass fire

There was a grass fire in the area of 180th St. and Douglas Ave. on April 19. The Aplington Fire Department responded and was assisted by the Dumont Fire Department.

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• The Parkersburg City-Wide Garage Sales have been postponed to a date to be determined. The Eclipse staff will strive to give readers at least three weeks notice of the new date and will conduct business as usual once the new date is determined.

New Hartford Lions Club

• New Hartford Lions Club has canceled all activities until further notice.

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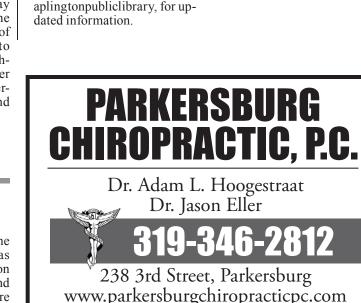
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10 Years Ago

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The A-P High School Girls tennis team trounced the Hudson Pirates with a 6-3 victory at Hudson on Monday night.

The Dike-New Hartford Assistant Coach position has been filled. Students and faculty welcome Coach Tom Keesy to the ranks of members of staff. He is primarily focused on his role as a pitching coach, but will be able to help out with other aspects of the team management.

20 Years Ago April 26, 2000

A delegation of area middle school students has been selected to visit Scandinavia as ambassadors. Grant Hegstad (Aplington), Bethany Hegstad (Aplington), Dustin Albrecht (Readlyn), and Bobby LeDoux (Mason City) will be visiting Helsinki, Stockholm, Carlstad, Lillehammer, Domas, Flam, Oslo and Copenhagen on their journey.

The Parkersburg Rotary Club spent most of their Saturday morning planting trees. They were able to plant 22, bringing their grand total to 300 since they began the project.

Serena Beetner of Aplington was awarded a \$2,500 Music Scholarship to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

30 Years Ago April 25, 1990

Babe Simon of Parkersburg is one of six delegates elected to Older Iowan Legislature. The delegates meet during the summer months to develop draft bills on issues of concern to the senior citizens they represent.

Parkersburg Boys golf team saw their record climb to 3 and 1 with wins over Ackley-Geneva and Wellsburg this week.

Aplington High School's Mavis Ubben is presented with the United States Achievement Academy's All-American Scholar Award. It's given in recognition of superior students who excel in the Academic disciplines and have at least a 3.3 G.P.A.

40 Years Ago **April 23, 1980**

Penelope "Penny" Humphrey of Parkersburg was crowned 1980 Miss National College. She was selected from a field of 22 co-eds. Humphrey is a business management and accounting double major who plans to become a Certified Public Accountant.

The Iowa Public Service Board of Directors named a new vice president at the company's annual stock-holder meeting. Charles Kirchner was named to the position.

The Aplington Junior Woman's Club presented a check for \$10.00 to Aplington High School senior Sue Froning for her various entries at the Art Show last week. She was selected as overall winner of the Art Show.

50 Years Ago April 29, 1970

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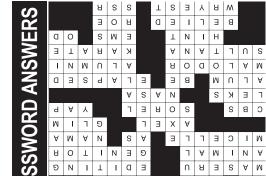
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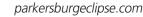
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#StayHome #BookConnectUs This week the library served approximately 55 patrons- Thank you for making requests online, by email or phone call!

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Usually, the workers at A-P easy to temper. The cars line up Food Pantry will unload a sevand her team runs out and deeral trailers-worth of items livers the parcels of foodstuffs, leading up to the day of, then and they have it down to a scithey roll up their sleeves. They ence. "In 45 minutes, we were able pre-box dry food, and put frozen items in bags, and the food to serve 70 families," Cox said, bank delivers fresh produce. "we try to control it, so that it's Then they set it all out in their easy for everyone involved." constructed storefront for each Individuals are also asked to reserve their spot before each event. Having access to these esevent as well, to keep unnecessary traffic down. In preparation for last week's distribution, Cox said that 96 families had already registered, four of which were brand new to the program. For the last four years since Cox and her daughter took the program over, the people they serve have been wonderful, and even during a pandemic, they bring hope that things can return to normalcy soon. "Everyone gets the same For the A-P Food Pantry to amount, so some smaller families are choosing to split theirs up with people closer to them, who may have a larger family," Having switched from their she said, "people are just so, so generous.'



Beaver Meadows Country Club robberies solved. After several weeks of break-ins and stolen goods (including 12 cases of beer, 2 cases of whiskey, 3 dufflebags, 14 dozen golf balls, 16 cartons of cigarettes and a handful of candy bars), police, officials and sheriffs from Butler and Grundy counties, apprehended the culprits in a multi-jurisdictional effort: seven youths from New Hartford, all under the age of 18. They were arrested and charged with larceny, and await a hearing date.

New Hartford track team wins triangular meet with a score of 79 ¹/₂ points. Parkersburg came in second with 59 ¹/₂ points. Janesville came third with 44 points.

At Beck Ford, one can purchase a brand-new Ford Maverick for \$1,995; an all-new '70 ½ Falcon for \$2,460; and a Mustang, fresh from the factory for \$2,721.

Bill Huisman's old hobby shop was physically transported down Parkersburg Main Street. It was moved to the Wendall Abkes farm.

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Schedule **Butler County Treasurer's Office** Allison

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sentials is critical, especially as restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic sent unemployment numbers in Iowa and elsewhere skyrocketing. As the nation continues to realign its usual business, food services such as these are being overwhelmed in many places. Some run out of food completely as panicked individuals take advantage of a situation that seems to have gotten out of control.

avoid these pitfalls, Cox points to something as simple as proper management.

standard set-up to curb-side delivery only, she says that expectations and volume have been



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and

box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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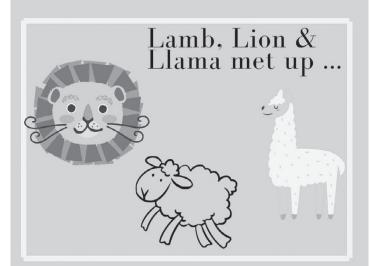
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Facebook: Be sure to check us out on Facebook @aplingtonpubliclibrary. We have added a lot of posts with regards to digital resources, materials for check-out, on-line story times and challenges!

Weekly/Bi-Weekly Programs: At this time all programming is canceled until further notice.

Aplington Legion Memorial Curb-Side Library Hours: Monday: 12 – 5:00 Tuesday: 12 – 5:00 Wednesday: 12 – 5:00 Thursday: 12 – 5:00 Friday: 12 – 5:00 Phone: 347-2432 Web: <u>www.aplington.lib.ia.us</u>

We need your help to create a *story* for Story Time that we will share Wednesday, April 29th.



Please add your part of the story

Iowa State Fair Way We Live entries now open

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The Iowa State Fair, Pioneer and media sponsors Iowa Farmer Today and the WHO radio BIG SHOW are seeking entries for the 2020 Way We Live Award. The Way We Live Award, in its 12th year of recognizing outstanding farm families, will award six Iowa families who exemplify hard working farm values and a love for the occupation of farming. So far, the Way We Live Award has been given to 69 well-deserving Iowa families.

To enter your family or someone you know, submit an entry form that describes how living on a farm and choosing the occupation of farming has shaped the family's life. All entries must include a family picture that illustrates the family's commitment to their farming operation. Entry forms can be printed or filled out on the Iowa State Fair website: http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/way-we-live-

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When needing to make essential trips outside of their homes, residents are expected to continue keeping six feet of distance between each other whenever possible.

In her proclamation, Gov. Reynolds noted "all peace officers of the state are hereby called upon to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this Proclamation."

Iowa's Regional Medical Coordination Centers divides Iowa into six regions, which the governor and the Iowa Department of Public Health have used to monitor specific data about the effect of the coronavirus in different parts of the state.

The IDPH monitors these regions on a 12-point scale, accumulating points based on the percentage of the population over the age of 65, the percent of identified cases requiring hospitalization, the rate of identified cases per 100,000 population in the past 14 days, and the number of outbreaks at long-term care facilities. When regions reach a sum of at least 10 points, they are subject to further restrictions and the Governor may use the numbers to extend a shelterin-place order statewide. Regions with a sum of 0-3

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1 and sent to: Iowa State Fair,

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are asked to follow preparation and awareness guidelines for the coronavirus. Regions with a point total from 4-9 are subject to social distancing and mitigation strategies; the other five regions of Iowa currently fall under this designation as of April 20, including Region 2, which contains Butler County. Region 2 is currently rated at a 6.

Auditor Lizbeth Williams encourages voters to check their mail for absentee ballot request form

ALLISON – Butler County Auditor Lizbeth Williams joins Secretary of State Paul Pate and auditors across Iowa in encouraging voters to cast absentee ballots by mail in the upcoming June 2 primary. During the COVID-19 pandemic, voting by mail is the safest option

mail is the safest option. Secretary Pate is sending absentee ballot request forms to every active registered voter in the state. The forms should arrive in your mailbox later this month and will include pre-paid postage for returning them to Auditor Lizbeth Williams' office.

"Please take advantage of absentee voting to protect yourself, your friends, neighbors and our Precinct Election Officials. Vote in the comfort and safety of your own home." says Auditor Williams.

Once voters receive their absentee ballot request form in the mail, they should fill out and mail it promptly. Iowans can also download the request form directly from the Iowa Secretary of State website, VoterReady.Iowa.gov. Requests must be received by your county auditor's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 22.

"We want all eligible citizens to participate in our elections and casting a ballot by mail is the best method during this pandemic," Secretary Pate said. "Absentee voting has security measures in place to ensure the integrity of the ballot."

Primary elections are intended for members of the Republican and Democratic parties only. No Party voters who choose to request a party's ballot will have their voter registration officially changed to that political party.

For more information about the June 2 primary, visit VoterReady.Iowa.gov or auditor@ butlercoiowa.org



to the thread and on Wednesday at 10:00 am we will give a shout out to all participants.

Check us out on Facebook @aplingtonpubliclibrary this Friday to help create the next story for our virtual story time that will be posted on Wednesday April 29th at 10:00 am. The story starts out: Lamb, Lion & Llama met up

Letter to the Editor

In 1883, a young woman by the name of Mary Mallon emigrated from Ireland to the United States. She gained work as a domestic for wealthy families in New York City - much of the time as a cook. Like most people of her time, she was not educated in the finer points of good hygiene and communicable diseases were accepted as part of life. Mary did not know or accept that she was a super-spreader. She had no symptoms of any kind of illness. In her mind she was a healthy woman just trying to get by. As a result, she spread typhoid fever to dozens of New Yorkers, at least three of whom died. Mary was eventually tracked down and placed in quarantine on an island in New York harbor ironically not far from the Statue of Liberty. She was released in 1910, changed her name to Mary Brown, and resumed cooking for at least two hospitals. Shortly thereafter, another outbreak of typhus occurred and Mary was once again taken to North Brother Island where she remained for the rest of her life. More than a century later, we

are faced with some of the same challenges with COVID-19. We have people walking among us who are unknowingly capable of spreading a very contagious and lethal disease. It has been reported that this virus may be most contagious two or three days before symptoms appear. Right now we have nothing conveniently available to us to determine who that is. It could be me. It could be you. Hopefully, we live in communities with people who acknowledge and accept that there are things we can do to stop or at least slow the spread of this awful disease. So please, show your respect and love for your community members by following the advice of health professionals. Stay home if you can. If you must go out, please stay a safe distance from people. If you might come in close proximity to others, please be prepared and wear a mask. Wearing a mask does not make you look stupid. It shows that you are smart and care for others. Please don't be a "Typhoid Marv".

Diane Goodrich, Parkersburg



Letter to the Editor

Fly Your Flag

On behalf of Post 285 Family, I want to thank everyone in Parkersburg and the surrounding area for doing their part during these difficult times as we deal with COVID-19. After talking with members of the Post 285 Family and the Parkersburg community I was drawn to a deep since of strength from within. The theme I was hearing was it was time to develop a mental outlook to counter the force of the deadly one which we have been entrenched in for weeks. Frankly, far too little has been said about our role in our mental state in fighting this virus. The spirit of giving of oneself to another helps us think of common survival. The generosity of spirit

can awaken as we come up with creative ways to contain this virus. We have a couple ways of looking at this, we can be transformed by the good in other people or we can be damaged by how we failed to live up to our potential for goodness. Not only will be overcome this pandemic, but we will become better as move forward by looking backward. Here is our challenge on behalf of the Post 285 Family. Be patriotic during these times, if you have a flag, fly it! Call on your neighbors! Follow the rules of our national, state and community leaders to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Chad Mackie, Commander, American Legion, Post 285

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Enjoying God

Fireworks fill the dark sky and the crowd goes "Oooh" and "Aaah" in response to the streaks of brilliant colors followed by chest thumping booms. A car show attendee slides into the driver's seat of a new steel chariot on display, caresses the soft interior, gazes upon the sci-fi looking instrumentation, inhales the new car smell and in an almost giddy way says, "Wow!" A fan steps into the stadium to see a favorite team warming up for a championship game, takes in the sights and sounds of the crowd, and the heart beats at a faster pace with the thrill of it all

We all enjoy different things. I can easily identify a number of sources of joy for me. Some of my great joys are my wife Diann, my two children, and their families. Some of my lesser joys include writing, photography, a good cup of coffee, and a walk in nature. What are some sources of joy for you?

We're wired for joy and have an appetite for finding something we can enjoy. Most joys, however, have their limits at providing enjoyment. Many joys come and go. The fireworks display ends. The new car gets old, banged up, and out of date. The championship game ends, sometimes in a loss for a favorite team. Yes, most joys have a limited shelf life, even the joy of a wonderful mate – just ask the widow or widower

Of all the joys that can be had in life there's one source that tops the list at providing ultimate joy, a joy that lasts forever, and that's God. When you stop and think about it, nothing nor anyone is bigger, grander, more awesome and glorious, more powerful and loving, than Eternal God!

This doesn't mean, however, that He tops our own personal list of joys. I'm often astonished at my own tendency to seek out other joys over and above my enjoyment of God! It makes no sense, but it's often true. Having related with many others over the years concerning their spiritual condition, I know that I'm not alone in facing this struggle of enjoying God!

The good news is that a joy can be cultivated. We can be intentional about finding greater joy in something. In other words, finding joy in something is, in some measure, a choice. We can decide, therefore, to be intentional about cultivating God as our greatest joy in life. We can determine to enjoy God most of all!

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11



Water is one of the top resources which every single one us on this planet needs. It ranks up there with food and air. God is faithful and will supply all of our needs with His gloriuous riches in Heaven (Phil. 4:19). But today I felt like a huge bucket from above was being poured out.

OK!!! I have told many of you about the rain here in the Philippines and how we get over 20 feet a year here! Well, including last night and all day today, I know that we got a big portion of it. We were busy bagging together some supplies for people in need here with the virus and being shut in and we had a few family members helping when our roof began to leak. Nelia called me upsatirs and we have 2 rooms which are not finished yet and have open areas so if the rain is blowing in the right direction, it can get in, The rooms also do not have drains yet, so if the water gets in, it just sits on the cement until it dries up, which is usually pretty fast. NOT TO-DAY!!!! When Nelia brought me up, we had 5 or so inches in each room already and the water was still gushing in through the window and the open space near the roof. So I got to "man the pumps" for a few hours, filling up a bucket and dumping it out the door, but I was hardly keeping up, much less making progress. It was down from 5 inches or so to an inch or 2 so I went down and joined the others for a sandwich, when it started leaking again. The water level was right back at 5 or 6 inches again so fast!! Romel came up as I was trying to fit some boards on the window to at least keep some of the water out. He went down and got some tin from our supplies for the house work and nailed it up to keep the water from the one window coming. When he came over to the other room where I was bailing, he saw that it was the actual gutter which was being overwhelmed and leaking. I was so happy when Analou and Marilyn joined me to help in the scooping of water. I also went and set another bucket in another room to collect from a leak there. I THOUGHT NOAH WAS ON HIS WAY WITH THE ARK AND THE ANIMALS TWO BY TWO!!



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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 701 3RD AVE 319-346-2028 Pastor Kent Wallace Handicap Accessible bethelparkersburg@gmail.com Facebook: Bethel Parkersburg Sunday, April 26 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

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Pastor Joe Broesamle 501 4th Street 319-346-1208 cbcpburg@gmail.com www.calvaryparkersburg.com *Like us on Facebook*

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

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Pastor Matthew Brooks 608 Sixth St., Parkersburg 319-346-1451 faithparkersburg.wixsite.com/

faithparkersburg Sundays

• 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH 401 3rd Street

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- TWITTER @congochurch Wednesday, April 22
- 10:00 a.m. Parker Place Service
- 4:30 p.m. Bible Quiz Practice
- 5:30 p.m. FCC Childrens Ministry (Preschool-5th Grade Youth Program)
- 8:00 p.m. GLOW High School Youth Program

Sunday, April 26 • 8:00 a.m. - Worship

- 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. - REACH Middle

Reinbeck Tuesday • 5:15 p.m. - St. Patrick, Parkersburg Wednesday • 8:00 a.m. - St. Gabriel, Reinbeck Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - St. Gabriel, Reinbeck Friday

• 7:30 a.m. - St. Patrick, Parkersburg

HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

Pastor Nate Huisman 611 4th St. 319-346-1575 HopeInParkersburg.org office@hopeinparkersburg.org Office Hours: Monday: 12:30-3:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment Sundays • 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

• 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Fellowship to follow Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 p.m. - JAM Youth

Program

PARKERSBURG CHRISTIAN **REFORMED CHURCH** Pastor Rus Boersma 807 Grant St., Parkersburg (Handicapped Accessible) Live streaming of Sunday services at: www.parkersburg-crc.org

Sunday:

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 10:50 a.m. Sunday School
- Wednesday: • 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. - Life Plus

PARKERSBURG UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor Chan Kim (Handicap Accessible)

319-346-1076

- Sunday
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 Fellowship
- Wednesday
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
- the church
- Thursday • 9:30 a.m. - Shine Deisciples
 - 10:05 a.m. Fellowship Time • 10:05 a.m. - Prayer Room

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- and Ministry of Word
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Šervice
- Wednesday
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and Bible Study

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NEW HARTFORD UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Chan Kim (Handicap Accessible) 319-983-2322

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Sunday school is 9:15 during worship service.
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship

Thursday

• Bible Study at 9 a.m. at the Church Library

STOUT

REFORMED CHURCH OF STOUT

- 410 2nd St. Stout
- Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. Worship

OTHER AREA CHURCHES

AUSTINVILLE CHRISTIAN **REFORMED CHURCH**

Rev. Norm Underland Wednesday

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
- Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Early Herd
- 6:20 p.m. AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Herd
- Thursday • 2nd & 4th - 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee &
- Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship • 7:00 p.m. - 180 meets at Stu-Co Center

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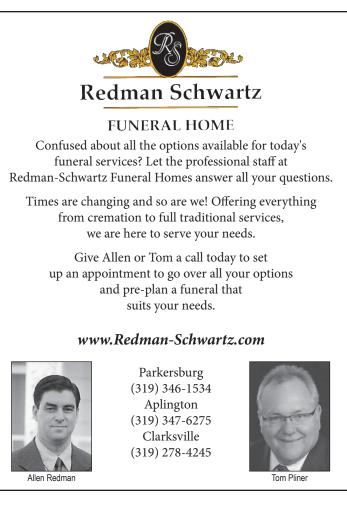
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Thanks to the help from the family and friends though, we got thru the rain. It is still sprinkling out, but hopefully the heavy stuff is done for at least now.

As I am writing this, I am trying to imagine all of those here who are living in dire straights. And the really poor who just have little shacks by the rivers. The floods here can come so fast and it is so dangerous. Please be praying.



School Youth Program Monday, April 27

• 6:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Rev. David Kucera, Pastor holyfamilycatholicparish.com Saturday

- 5:30 p.m. St. Patrick, Parkersburg
- Sunday
- 9:30 a.m. St. Gabriel,

PEACE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study at the church

Peace Lutheran Fellowship S.A.W.C. of the ELCA www.peacelutheranfellowship. com Meeting At Parkersburg Civic Center

Thursday 9:30 a.m. - Cafe Chat at 3 C's.

Public Welcome Sunday

• 9:30 a.m. - Worship

APLINGTON

CHURCH Rev. Brett Vander Berg 905 Caldwell St. Aplington, IA 50604 (319) 347-2444

frcaplington@gmail.com Sunday, April 26

• 9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship • 10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

HITESVILLE GOSPEL HALL

- 17527 260th Street, Aplington A Non-Denominational Church Sunday
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday • 9:00 a.m. - Worship Wednesday

• 6:45 p.m. – Ladies Bible Study gathering

WASHINGTON **REFORMED CHURCH**

28182 Birch Ave, Ackley Phone # 641-847-2817 www.wrcackley.org

Sunday

• 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School • 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

A message to citizens from the Recorder's office

Governor Kim Reynolds declared a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa on March 17, 2020. It was the first of several declarations that would be issued in the following weeks which has closed businesses, limited public gatherings and taken other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. County offices, including Iowa county Recorders, took immediate steps to assess the situation and determine how best to maintain services. I am proud to say that every Iowa county has continued to provide services throughout this disaster.

Even when courthouse doors have been closed to public ac-

cess, important documents associated with thousands of real estate transactions have continued to be recorded. County Recorders have continued to process mail and many have set up drop-boxes so that customers can personally deliver documents for processing. In Iowa we are also fortunate to have a statewide electronic recording 2005. The real estate industry also has online access to more than 20 million recorded docu-

firmation we received from the

Governor in a memo she sent to all counties on March 21, 2020. The Governor correctly stated that the services provided by county Recorders are essential, and that Recorders have a "central role" in the real estate industry and the larger economy. She noted that the discontinuation of our services would have "a devastating impact on Iowa."

The national Property Records Industry Association recently stated that during this challenging time, "it is important to focus on the critical and essential function of the Recorder's office to power, sustain, and restore the U.S. economic engine."

On behalf of myself and my

staff, we are maintaining services while also providing for the health and safety of our citizens and employees. Even though we may not see you in person during this time, we are just a phone call or an email away. The Recorder's office phone number is 319-267-2735. My office hours are 7:30-4:30, Monday -Friday. Recorder's office email address is recorder@ butlercoiowa.org. Our mailing address is Butler County Recorder, Box 346, Allison, Iowa 50602.

As always, we look forward to serving you.

Janice Jacobs, Butler County Recorder

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system so that business can be transacted remotely. Iowa county Recorders were the first to create such a system back in

ments from all 99 counties. Recorders appreciate the af-

Butler County Sheriff's Log

Monday, April 13:

• Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist and received five general calls.

• 12:24 p.m.: Deputies received a report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 23000 block of 160th St.

• 1:46 p.m.: Report of a dog/ deer/livestock at 190th St. and Highway 14.

• 8:15 p.m.: Deputies were called to an assault/fight in the 1100 block of Gray St. A warning was issued.

• 8:58 p.m.: Report received of fraud in the 31900 block of Highway 14.

• 9:13 p.m.: Deputies received a report of a suspicious vehicle/ person/activity in the 17800 block of Highway 14.

Tuesday, April 14

• Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for two controlled burns and received 16 general calls.

• 6:21 a.m.: Report received of a dog/deer/livestock at 135th St. and Highway 14.

• 8:49 a.m.: Report received of a dog/deer/livestock in the 1000 block of Railroad St.

• 10:35 a.m.: Report received of a dog/deer/livestock at 270th St. and Highway 14.

• 11:52 a.m.: Deputies responded to a business door check in the 100 block of Railroad St.

• 3:57 p.m.: Report of a dog/ deer/livestock in the 26400 block of 255th St.

• 11:05 p.m.: Deputies received a request for a welfare check in the 11200 block of 170th St.

Wednesday, April 15:

· Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for two controlled burns and received 14 general calls.

• 7:54 a.m.: Deputies responded to a trespass complaint in the 33100 block of Beaver Valley St.

11:50 a.m.: Deputies received a call about noise complaints in the 300 block of Dickens St.

• 12:55 p.m.: Deputies were dispatched to a sexual assault call

• 1:32 p.m.: Report of fraud in the 1300 block of Nash St.

• 2:40 p.m.: Deputies responded to a trespass complaint in the 22300 block of Glen Hall Rd.

• 4:27 p.m.: Deputies were call for a welfare check in the 400 block of S. Washington St. Refereed to another agency.

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• 10:04 p.m.: Report of a dog/ deer/livestock in the 1100 block of Parriott St.

Thursday, April 16:

• Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for 16 controlled burns and received 17 general calls

• 10:50 a.m.: Deputies received a fraud report in the 33300 block of 6th St.

• 2:59 p.m.: Deputies responded to a theft report in the 13600 block of 140th St.

• 5:12 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the in the 300 block of East St. • 7:24 p.m.: Deputies were

requested for a business check/ open door in the 700 block of N. 1st St.

Friday, April 17:

• Officers executed one traffic stop, received a report for six controlled burns and received 13 general calls.

• 12:59 a.m.: Deputies received a request for a welfare check in the 1100 block of Gray

• 11:59 a.m.: Report of a dog/ deer/livestock at Douglas Ave. and Highway 3.

• 1:26 p.m.: Report of fraud in

tective order. • 5:34 p.m.: Deputies respond-

• 8:42 p.m.: Deputies responded to a car accident at Evergreen Ave. and Highway 3.

Sunday, April 19:

• Officers assisted with one medical call, assisted one motorist, received a report for seven controlled burns and received eight general calls.

• 4:54 a.m.: Deputies responded to a car accident on Highway 57 and Spring Ave.

• 7:24 a.m.: Report of a dog/ deer/livestock at $\hat{4}^{th}$ Ave. and $\hat{6}^{th}$

• 2:57 p.m.: Deputies were

30400 block of Floyd Line St.

• 4:07 p.m.: Deputies received a report of suspicious vehicle/ person/activity in the 200 block of 3rd St.

• 4:49 p.m.: Report of suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 15600 block of 265th St. Unable to locate

• 5 p.m.: Deputies requested for a welfare check in the 1200 block of Florence St.

• 5:17 p.m.: Deputies were called to a grass/field fire at 280th and Douglas Ave.

• 5:38 p.m.: Report of harassment by phone/mail/person in the 25700 block of Hickory Ave.

• 5:53 p.m.: Deputies were called to a grass/field fire in the 16300 block of 140th St.

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Saturday, April 18: • Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with four medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for three controlled burns and received 10

the 12700 block of Ivy Ave.

25700 block of 320th St.

Highway 14.

ed to a harassment call in the

• 10:23 p.m.: Report of a dog/

deer/livestock at 245th St. and

general calls. • 1:46 a.m.: Deputies arrested a subject after a report of an

Mishler, 21, of Clarksville was

St. assault/fight in the 200 block of N. Elizabeth St.

arrested for violation of a pro-

• 2:39 a.m.: Brandon Michael Birch Ave.

• 11:25 a.m.: Report of a burglary in the 13200 block of

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Butler County Courthouse News

Deaths

Monte Burroughs, 69, Dumont, died on April 4. John Hansel, 77, Parkersburg,

died on April 9.

Clarence Brinkman, 88, Greene, died on April 9.

Henderena Smoot, 97, Clarks-

ville, died on April 9. Warren Nielsen, 92, Dumont,

died on April 12.

Marriages

Arend Johnson, Aplington, married Kendra Harms, Aplington, on April 4.

Licon Opperman, New Hart-

ford, married Brooke Koleno, New Hartford, on April 8.

Traffic Court

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (1 through 5 over): Jason Clark, Waukee; Kristianna Bright, Allison.

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (6 through 10 over): John Fisher, Waverly; Julie Eischen, Forest City.

Speeding 55 or Und Zone (16 through 20 over): Brett Steere, Greene; Wiley Sherburne, Allison.

Driving While License De-

MINUTES Board of Supervisors

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON APRIL 7, 2020.

With no public access to the courthouse due to COVID-19, this meeting was held telephonically with the public able to participate. This complies with Iowa Code section 21.8 that outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical"

Meeting called to order telephonically at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with members Greg Barnett and Rusty Eddy present. Also present were Auditor Lizbeth Williams, First Deputy Auditor Mary Brouwer, Engineer John Riherd, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Assessor Michele Shultz, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter, Network Administrator Sara Trepp, Recorder Janice Jacobs, John Luhring, Parkersburg, Iowa, Kim Junker, New Hartford, Iowa, Pete Jensen, Clarksville Iowa, Kalen Schlader, Brunning Rock Products, Charles City, Iowa, Ron Abbas, BMC Aggregate, Sumner, Iowa, Leslie Groen, Allison, Iowa, John Zimmerman, Greene, Iowa, Shawn Dietz, KLMJ Radio and Bethany Carson, Mid-America Publishing. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Time and place for a public hearing on proposed FY20 County Budget Amendment. Present were Auditor Lizbeth Williams, First Deputy Auditor Mary Brouwer, Engineer John Riherd, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Assessor Michele Shultz, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter, Network Administrator Sara Trepp, Recorder Janice Jacobs, John Luhring, Parkersburg, Iowa, Kim Junker, New Hartford, Iowa, Pete Jensen, Clarksville, Iowa, Kalen Schlader, Brunning Rock Products, Charles City, Iowa, Ron Abbas, BMC Aggregate, Sumner, Iowa, Leslie Groen, Allison Iowa, John Zimmerman, Greene, Iowa, Shawn Dietz, KLMJ Radio and Bethany Carson, Mid-America Publishing, Auditor reported no written or oral comments were received At the close of the public hearing, it was moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve. All ayes. Motion carried. RECORD OF HEARING AND DETERMINATION

ON THE AMENDMENT TO COUNTY BUDGET

The County Board of Supervisors met on April 7, 2020 to adopt an amendment to the current County budget as summarized below. The amendment was adopted after compliance with the public notice, public hearing, and public meeting provisions as required

by law. EXPENDITURES:

Roads and Transportation:	\$2,000,000	FY21 projects moved up to FY20
Administration:	\$25,000	Insurance Self-Funding
	\$18,257	Audit Fees
	\$6,000	Board Proceedings

WHEREUPON, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and Amendment duly adopted

ATTEST: Lizbeth Williams, County Auditor **RESOLUTION #958**

WHEREAS, it was moved by Barnett, seconded by Heidenwirth to approve appropria-

tions for the following: Secondary Roads. \$2,000,000

Administration \$ 49,257

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Greg Barnett, Rusty Eddy, Tom Heidenwirth

NAYS: None

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the motion carried. WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 7th day of April, 2020. ATTEST: Lizbeth Williams, County Auditor

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	ON THE AMENDMENT TO COUNTY BUDGET For Fiscal Year Er June 30, 202

The County Board of Supervisors met on the date specified immediately above to adopt an amendment to the current County budget as summarized below. The amendment was adopted after compliance with the public notice hearing, and public meeting provisions as required by law

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Iowa Department of Management		Total Budget	Adopted	Total Budget			
Form 653 A-R Sheet 2 of 2 (revised 05/01/14)		as Certified	Current	After			
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		or Last Amended	Amendment	Amendmen			
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,754,361	0	6,754,361			
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0			
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	461,050	0	461,050			
Net Current Property Taxes	4	6,293,311	0	6,293,311			
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	2,300	0	2,300			
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	34,200	0	34,200			
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,435,054	0	1,435,054			
Intergovernmental	8	5,725,824	0	5,725,824			
Licenses & Permits	9	39,000	0	39,000			
Charges for Service	10	503,056	0	503,056			
Use of Money & Property	11	273,186	0	273,186			
Miscellaneous	12	449,350	0	449,350			
Subtotal Revenues	13	14,755,281	0	14,755,281			
Other Financing Sources:							
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0			
Operating Transfers In	15	3,198,302	0	3,198,302			
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0			
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	17,953,583	0	17,953,583			
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES							
Operating:							
Public Safety & Legal Services	18	2,623,048	0	2,623,048			
Physical Health & Social Services	19	1,408,354	0	1,408,354			
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	696,512	0	696,512			
County Environment & Education	21	1,331,328	0	1,331,328			
Roads & Transportation	22	6,075,000	2,000,000	8,075,000			
Government Services to Residents	23	633,844	0	633,844			
Administration	24	2,087,792	49,257	2,137,049			
Nonprogram Current	25	2,500	0	2,500			
Debt Service	26	651,410	0	651,410			
Capital Projects	27	2,287,739	0	2,287,739			
Subtotal Expenditures	28	17,797,527	2,049,257	19,846,784			
Other Financing Uses:							
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,198,302	0	3,198,302			
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0			
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	20,995,829	2,049,257	23,045,086			
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources							
over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	(3,042,246)	(2,049,257)	(5,091,503)			
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	9,617,235	0	9,617,235			
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0			
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0			
		0	0	0			
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	U	0				
	36 37	0	0	0			
Fund Balance - Restricted			-				
Fund Balance - Restricted Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0			

nied, Suspended or Cancelled: Tristan Leyh, Waterloo.

Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts-Adult: Dominic Quario, Allison; Russell Seehusen, Allison.

Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability: Anthony Bowman, Waterloo.

No Valid Driver's License: Serena Johnson, Clarksville.

Operating Non-Registered Vehicle: Charles Schrage, Aplington.

Operation Without Registration Card or Plate: Anthony Bowman, Waterloo.

Registration Violation: Tyler Mennenga, Aplington.

Use Electronic Communication Device - Age 18: Bryan Mehmen, Nashua.

Criminal Court

The court handled one probation matter.

Ashley Bartels, 29, Riceville, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance - Marijuana Second Offense and was sentenced on April 8 to 90 days of jail with 88 days suspended and credit for time served, a \$315 fine and two years of

PUBLIC NOTICE Probate

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE NO. ESPR017061 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR

BUTLER COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

EVELYN M. SCHRAGE, DECEASED To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Evelyn M. Schrage, Deceased, who died on or about April 4, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of April, 2020, the last will and testament of Evelyn M. Schrage, deceased, bearing date of the 1st day of June, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Linda Kannegieter was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 14th day of April, 2020 Linda Kannegieter

probation. Bartels must also pay \$100 in court costs, a \$125 Law Enforcement Initiative Surcharge, \$10 Drug Abuse Surcharge and \$110.25 state surcharge.

Small Claims Court

Midland Credit Management vs. Kristopher Dralle, Greene. Judgment for the plaintiff on April 10 in the amount of \$828.84 with pre-judgment interest at 2.15 percent plus court costs.

Whink Services, Inc. DBA Wade's Plumbing and Heating vs. Debra Erlbacher, Dumont. Judgment for the plaintiff on April 10 in the amount of \$363.42 with pre-judgment interest at 2.15 percent plus court costs.

Whink Services, Inc. DBA Wade's Plumbing and Heating vs. Justin Flage, Aplington. Judgment for the plaintiff on April 10 in the amount of \$406.63 with pre-judgment interest at 2.15 percent plus court costs.

Whink Services, Inc. DBA Wade's Plumbing and Heating vs. Matt Pies, Aplington. Judgment for the plaintiff on April 10 in the amount of \$1203.41 with pre-judgment interest at 2.15 percent plus court costs.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Heidi Bolhuis, Brandon. Judgment for the plaintiff on April 10 in the amount of \$3909.76 with pre-judgment interest at 2.15 percent plus court costs.

Property Transfer

Warranty Deed: Mennen Dennis James, Mennen Deb, George Denise Jane, Hearn Bonnie Mae, Hearn Verle, Noelting Diane June and Noelting Lyle to Peterson Daniel J and Peterson Teresa J; SE SE 22-92-18 and Complete Assignment of all CRP Contracts with Farm Service Agency; 2020-0854.

PUBLIC NOTICE **Butler County**

Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2020 at 9:05 A.M., the Butler County Board of Supervisors will conduct a telephonic hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to allow time for public comment on the following:

A Construction Permit Application by Kpoppens 290th Finisher Farm, owner Kyle Poppens, for a new swine facility. Location of proposed facility is in the SE¼

Warranty Deed: Mennen Dennis James, Mennen Deb, George Denise Jane, Hearn Bonnie Mae, Hearn Verle, Noelting Diane June and Noelting Lyle to Klingenborg William D and Klingenborg Julie A; W1/2 SW 23-92-18; 2020-0855.

Warranty Deed: Dumont Farms LC and Delbridge Arnold E Member/Manager to Robisky Steven P and Robisky Michele M; EXC Parcels C, D & E SE 33-92-18; 2020-0856.

Warranty Deed: Simmons Tom L and Simmons Kerry L to Burnett Zachary D; EXC S86FT Dumont Original Town Lot: 105, E1/2 Dumont Original Town Lot: 69 and E1/2 Dumont Original Town Lot: 72; 2020-0860.

Sheriff's Deed: Butler County Sheriff, Iowa Bankers Mortgage Corporation and Johnson Jason S to Ironhide LLC: Parcel K NE SW 11-91-15; 2020-0866. Warranty Deed: Wangsness Ricky L and Wangsness Kelli A to Simkins John; COMM SE COR W1/2 SE 17-91-16; 2020-0868

Court Off. Deed: Kenneth L Van Lengen Estate and Panosh Jennifer Ex. to Jorgenson Brian J and Jorgenson Amanda; EXC S2FT Parkersburg Meadowbrook 1st ADD Lot:6; 2020-0875

Warranty Deed: Behnke Clayton K to Clayton K Behnke Revocable Living Trust and Behnke Clayton K Revocable Trust; E1/2 NW 18-93-15, NW NW 18-93-15, S1/2 SE 12-93-16 and NW NE 13-93-16; 2020-0878.

Court Off. Deed: Wallace D Brouwer Estate, Bantle Pamela Coex. and Julstrom Elaine Coex. to Swieter Wesley and Swieter Sherrill; N1/2 SW 8-90-18; 2020-0879.

Warranry Deed: Chezik Evelyn to Benning Dana; Parcel A SW SE 13-92-15 and Perpetual Easement for Exclusive Use; 2020-0880.

Warranty Deed: Lindaman Darrell R and Lindaman Debra L to Lynch Alexander and Lynch Laurie; TR Comm. 132FT E 33FT S SE COR New Hartford Original Town Block: 1 NE NE 33-90-15; 2020-0884.

Sheriff's Deed: Butler County Sheriff and Johnson Jason S to Hassman Farms LLC: S13 3/4A EXC SW NE 33-90-15, S of Row of RR EXC SE NE

Quit Claim Deed: Bibler David C and Tunnicliff Virginia B to Bibler David C and Tunnicliff Virginia B: Parcel C SW NW 31-93-15; 2020-0913.

Joint Ten Deed: Kelm Donna J and Kelm Robert to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/3 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/3 INT: SE SE 24-92-16 and UND 1/3 INT: SW SW 19-92-15; 2020-0921.

Joint Ten Deed: Stoppelmoor Wayne Henry Jr and Stoppelmoor Kathleen J to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/15 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SE SE 24-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921 for Transfer Tax, Includes Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0922

Joint Ten Deed: Stoppelmoor Steven Ray and Stoppelmoor Susan Mary to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/15 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SE SE 24-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921 for Transfer Tax, Includes Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0923.

Joint Ten Deed: Beers Deborah Ann to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/15 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SE SE 24-92-16. UND 1/15 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921 for Transfer Tax, Includes Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0924.

Joint Ten Deed: Stoppelmoor Richard Lynn and Stoppelmoor Tracy Lynn to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/15 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SE SE 24-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921 for Transfer Tax, Includes Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0925.

Joint Ten Deed: Stoppelmoor Thomas J and Stoppelmoor Dawn to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/15 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SE SE 24-92-16, UND 1/15 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921 for Transfer Tax, Includes Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0926.

Warranty Deed: Mary R Groen Trust Trust and Groen Wilson G Trustee to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; UND 1/3 INT: NE NE 25-92-16, UND 1/3 INT: SE SE 24-92-16, UND 1/3 INT: SW SW 19-92-15, See Instrument 2020-0921

Engineer Riherd presented quotes for contract rock hauling. Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to accept the recommendation of Engineer Riherd and award to the low bid for each township (in bold). Bids were as follows

Twp	Tons	Bruening Rock	Price	BMC Aggregate	es Price
Fremont	5000	14.4199	\$72,099.50	14.58	\$72,900.00
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Jackson	5000	13.9399	\$69,699.50	13.78	\$68,900.00
Butler	5000	14.1299	\$70,649.50	13.98	\$69,900.00
Shell Rock	5000	14.1299	\$70,649.50	13.98	\$69,900.00
Beaver	5000	14.1299	\$70,649.50	13.98	\$69,900.00
Roard review	Nod Out	artarly Paparts of	the Auditor	Sheriff and Record	der and ordered

Quarterly Reports of the Auditor, Sherif placed on file

Board reviewed Iowa DOT FY21 Butler County Secondary Road Budget and Five-Year Secondary Road Construction Program. Following discussion, it was moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to table for further review until April 14, 2020 Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried

Moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to extend the COVID-19 designation of "closed to the public" until April 30, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

Also present were County Attorney Greg Lievens and Director of Public Health Jennifer Becker

Board reviewed the updated COVID-19 Policy 20-03. Following discussion, it was moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve said Policy. All ayes. Motion carried. Public comments: John Zimmerman wanted to know if the County was going to activate the EOC or Emergency Operations Center. Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter responded that the EOC has been activated at Level 1 status and taking calls from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Zimmerman also inquired as to whether we would be doing visual meetings. Network Administrator Sara Trepp responded that a lot of ZOOM meetings are being hacked. County Attorney Greg Lievens believes that we should continue telephonically so the meetings are available to most via telephone. Zimmerman also inquired if the special audit fees would be paid, to which Auditor Lizbeth Williams responded, "Yes". Sheriff Johnson and Supervisor Barnett think it is wrong that we were charged for an audit the County didn't initiate. Treasurer Vicki Schoneman and Assessor Michele Shultz thanked the public for their patience. Board approved claims as submitted.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for Maximus Decimus Meridius, LLC; Fink Finisher Farm; Barnett Finisher Farm; Frances Finisher Farm; Noelck Swine Farms; Debner Partners Farm; Noelck Pork; Bennett Finisher Farm; Leon Finisher and JAART LLC #2.

Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 A.M. to Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on April 7, 2020.

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Executor of the Estate 602 Tuve Ave. Parkersburg, IA 50665 Gregory M. Lievens Attorney for the Executor Shepard, Gibson & Lievens 503 N. Main St., PO Box 158 Allison, IA 50602 Date of second publication April 29, 2020.

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of the SE¹/₄ of Section 5 Tier 90N Range 16W of Albion Township. At this telephonic Public Hearing any person may speak in support of or in opposi-

tion to this request. Written comments may be sent to Lizbeth Williams, Butler County Auditor, P.O. Box 325, Allison, Iowa 50602 or emailed to lwilliams@butlercoiowa.org. To participate telephonically for comment, the dial-in number is: 1-866-951-1151 Conference room number: 5432164

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ing ayes motion carries.

duly adopted.

carries.

motion carries.

impact of Covid-19, the city's water utili-

ties will be included in the extension of the

winter moratorium April 1, 2020 through

May 1, 2020 by proclamation of the public health emergency. With anticipations of

an extension, the council further moves to suspend disconnections until the pub-lic health emergency is lifted by Governor

Reynolds second by Brewer in continuing

the motion by adding water utility charges

will not be dismissed and late fees will

occur based on the city's utility ordinance

Motion made by Bass 2nd by Latwesen

to sell the proposed city property abutting

Brewer's property for the amount of pro-

cessing fees incurred by the city to Brew-

ers brings the vote of ayes being 4 with

an abstention from Brewer motion carries

Other discussion brought updates of

the water control panel being installed on

Thursday; Lagoon aerators installed when

warm weather comes; drainage on Wash

ington St completion date request; city

wide potholes filled next week; landlord's

Motion to adjourn at 6:30p made by Bass

Signed: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Canfield

2nd by Woods. Ave 5. Motion Carried Attest: Shawna Hagen, City Clerk

utility responsibilities.

with all being aye motion carries.

roll call being all aves motion carries.

MINUTES City of New Hartford

NEW HARTFORD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2020

Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, as authorized by emergency proclamation of the Governor of the State of lowa, the meeting was held electronically, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8. ROLL CALL: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Canfield, Steve Latwesen, Larry Bass, Cindy Brewer, Tim Woods

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Close On April 15th, 2020 the Council of the City of New Hartford convened at 5:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION #721AF2020 APPROVING AND AUTHO-RIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOP-MENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HARTFORD AND EVERGREEN HEIGHTS, LLC as published. A quorum was electronically present. Notice of time and place of hearing had been published April 8, 2020 in the Eclipse-News-Review and the affidavit of publication was available.

Mayor Pro Tem then asks clerk whether any written or oral comments have been filed with respect to the proposed agreement with the answer being none received

Mayor Pro Tem asks for a motion to open the public hearing at 5:35p bringing a motion by Brewer 2nd by Bass with roll call being all ayes motion carries.

After giving opportunity for all desiring to be heard motion was made by Latwesen 2nd by Woods to close public hearing with roll call being all ayes motion carries.

After City Clerk reviews the resolution Mayor Pro Tem asks council for consideration whereupon Council Member Woods moves to adopt second by Latwesen and the roll call was as follows: Ayes: Brewer, Latwesen, Bass, Woods and Canfield. Mayor Pro Tem declares the resolution is duly adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem then explains in addition to the Development Agreement we have all convened for another public hearing on the proposed RESOLUTION #720AF2020 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EX-ECUTION OF A LMI FUNDS GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HARTFORD AND EVER-GREEN HEIGHTS, LLC as published. A quorum was electronically present. Notice of time and place of hearing had been published April 8, 2020 in the Eclipse-News-Review and the affidavit of publication was available.

Mayor Pro Tem then asks clerk whether any written or oral comments have been filed with respect to the proposed resolu-

33-90-15 and EC SE 33-90-15; 2020-0888.

Sheriff's Deed: Butler County Sheriff and Johnson Jason S to Hassman Farms LLC; COMM E1/4 COR NE 33-91-16, ETC SW NW 34-91-16, ETC SE NW 34-91-16. ETC SW NE 34-91-16, ETC SE NE 34-91-16 and SW NW 35-91-16; 2020-0889. Warranty Deed: Selleck Jennifer R to Kotenbrink Carli Ma-

rie; Shell Rock Schuldts ADD Lot: 11; 2020-0905.

for Transfer Tax, Existing CRP Contract; 2020-0928.

Warranty Deed: Groen Wilson G to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; Parcel COMM NW COR NW 30-92-15; 2020-0930.

Warranty Deed: Groen Wilson G Trustee, Groen Wilson G and Rebecca Treitz Descendants Trust to Alberts Troy and Alberts Susan; Parcel COMM NW COR NW 30-92-15; 2020-0931





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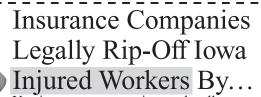


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"When I saw the news that Pastor Val posted on his Facebook page that he was getting to come home. I was so overwhelmed with joy that I broke into tears thanking God for this miracle that he did with Val," said parishioner Tammie Garretson. "I thought to myself, this is the best news ever, and we need to celebrate with a homecoming parade."

With only a short time frame to schedule the event, Garretson called other members of the Clarksville Church of Christ, and started spreading the word on social media, while trying to keep the parade a surprise for Swinton.

She got in touch with Val's wife Deb and son Sam to confirm the parade route and coordinate Val's arrival home. Sam Swinton would call or text Garretson when they left the hospital.

Others in Clarksville including Jeff Kolb also contacted the Swinton family about the possibility of a homecoming parade, and Kolb coordinated with Garretson to get the word out on Facebook and on the flashing sign on Main Street.

The Clarksville Police Department agreed to lead the parade with lights and sirens, and members of the local media were contacted to cover the event.

"It was amazing to see all the people lined up along the streets, holding signs, waving and honking their horns as he drove by! Some people joined in and followed them to his house honking and waving," Garretson said.

Swinton, she said, is a great asset to the community – a man who is caring, thoughtful, and has strong faith and a heart of gold.

"We wanted to join in the welcome home event because Val and Deb are like family to us! It was just a great way to show Val how loved he is by so many," said rural Clarksville



Sis and Dave Henning were among the many who welcomed Swinton home. (Bethany Carson photo)

resident Pam Bolin. "We are so blessed and thankful that he is back with us. He is an answer to our many prayers. We continue to pray for his healing and strength. God has great plans for Val, and we hope to support him in what is ahead."

Swinton thanked the community for welcoming him home.

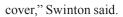
"That was absolutely a wonderful experience for me. It's a great way to come home, and I appreciate it very much," Swinton said.

He said he's working every day to regain his strength.

"Deb and I went for a walk yesterday. We went for half a block. It felt like five miles, but that's the way it's going to be for a while until I get stronger," Swinton said. "But I'm getting stronger, and I'm getting more and more excited over what's going to happen. I believe that there are some powerful things waiting for the Church of Christ, and for me, and I'm pretty pumped up about it."

During his sermon on Sunday, Swinton mentioned that doctors are divided on if damage to his heart will heal or not. Some say he'll suffer permanent effects; others expect him to fully recoverv

"This is a long process, and it takes a long time for me to re-



He added that for two years he had prayed that God would help him become a better, more compassionate minister.

"If you read the Bible you discover that God sometimes uses suffering to prepare his people for increased acts of ministry, and I believe that's what happened here. I believe that God prepared me for what he's got ready for me by allowing me to get the coronavirus. This would not have been my choice. I would have preferred something else, but the fact that he allowed this to happen tells me that he is preparing me for something I hope very powerful, and I think we're in for quite a ride. So I'm just very excited for what's going to happen," Swinton said. "If you read the Bible, you understand that God really does take suffering seriously, that he uses suffering to prepare his people for powerful acts of ministry."

Swinton said he has heard that thousands of people around the world were praying for him.

'It's just amazing, and I believe that was one of the primary reasons that I healed, was that I had literally thousands of people in every corner of the world praying for my recovery," Swinton said. "So don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. Never underestimate what prayer can do."

His congregation at Clarks-

SPORTS **A SEASON LOST**

Governor's order eliminates spring season

BY JAKE RYDER Eclipse News-Review

As the school closures extended and the sports schedule delays continued, perhaps the unfortunate result came into view for spring sports athletes and coaches.

The news from Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds last Friday that schools would remain closed through the end of the academic year, and the resulting cancellation of spring sports, stung just the same.

Summer sports has not been canceled, but is currently suspended with a decision on the start date for baseball and softball to come before June 1.

"While we are disappointed that student-athletes will not have the opportunity to compete this spring, we remain committed to our primary goal of keeping students, coaches, officials and communities safe," IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. "This cancellation comes out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of all. Conducting our spring season would involve moving groups of people in and out of various communities for competition. At this time we believe that is a risk we should not take."

Among the numerous other spring sports options, track and field is the second most-popular sport for girls and boys in Iowa. In 2018-19, 12,012 boys from 350 schools and 9,908 girls from 348 schools went out for track and field.

A-P girls track and field head coach Alex Pollock met with the team via online communication after the news broke. The Falcons were hoping to follow last year's second-place team finish in the Class 2A state track and field meet.

"Just finished up [one] of the toughest meetings of my career," said A-P girls track and



Ed Thomas Field and the tennis courts at Aplington-Parkersburg High School are illuminated as part of a #LightUpIA initiative in support of students with schools closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds ordered schools to remain closed through the rest of the academic year last Friday, which also resulted in the cancellation of spring sports. (Screenshot captured from video captured by A-P Technology Director Kelly Eilderts)

reflected on the missed opportunity to try and go 16-for-16 in earning state medals at Drake Stadium.

'Last year we were state runner ups, and all members returning this year," Jungling said on Twitter. "Now we will never know. It hurts so bad, there are no words. Thanks to my teammates and coaches, who all shaped me into the athlete and person I am. Always have unfinished business."

Another team with what-ifs is the Dike-New Hartford boys track and field team, with aspirations of trying to repeat as team champions after winning the 2A crown last season. 2019 Drake Relays long jump champion Parker Kiewiet was set to lead the way.

Kiewiet, like Jungling, is set to join the University of Northern Iowa's track and field team in the fall. But they both wanted that last high school season nonetheless.

"I enjoyed track and field with my guys," Kiewiet said in a phone interview. "I was just sad



overall, so much fun going to meets, to state, Drake. It's sad, but you just gotta keep working.

"We had the same goals as last year, get as many down to state as we could, hoping to win conference. We had some sophomores and freshmen no one had seen before and we were hoping that maybe those guys could step up in distance and hurdles and I definitely think we had it in us."

Kiewiet said the Wolverines stayed sharp with weekly workout plans from head coach Will Reingardt, something he hopes to continue working on as he tries to stay in shape for what will hopefully be a truncated baseball season.

"He's a really good coach and he knows what to do for us to get better," Kiewiet said.

But should summer sports not happen...

'It's been super fun with my guys for all four years and my teammates in the senior class," Kiewiet said. "Training for my freshman year doesn't feel that long ago."





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ville Church of Christ agrees.

"This whole thing was extremely scary and emotional for a lot of people. I can't even imagine what his family was going through," said Garretson. "It was amazing to see the outpouring of support and prayers that was going around the world for Val. He is a true testament that the power of praver works, and God truly does perform miracles.'

DMACC's Ellis on all-region team

BY JAKE RYDER Eclipse News-Review

Des Moines Area Community College sophomore Dylan Ellis was named to the NJCAA PING Division II All-Region Team, as selected by the Golf **Coaches Association**

son Ellis is a graduate of Apling-

ton-Parkersburg High School. The Bears, like all junior colleges and colleges in the country, had their spring schedules canceled due to the coronavirus



field head coach Alex Pollock on Twitter. "This senior group has meant so much to our school and community! Not the way we were supposed to finish up! A-P's Sophia Jungling, entering her senior season of track after winning two individual titles last year and winning a sprint medley relay title as a freshman.

of America for the 2019-20 sea-

the Bears in the fall schedule. Ellis averaged 74.4 strokes per 18-hole round in the fall. As a freshman, Ellis finished

in a tie for 86th place at the Division II national championship at Plymouth, Indiana.

three team titles for

Showing spirit

BY JAKE RYDER Eclipse News-Review

Aplington-Parkersburg Schools will participate in Virtual Spirit Week as continuous distance learning begins from now to the end of the 2019-20 school year.

For those that don't know, Monday was "Welcome to My House," encouraging students to take a picture with "your fellow quarantineers." Tuesday was "Bed Hair, Don't Care," asking students to roll out of bed and take a selfie. Wednesday is the self-explanatory "Wild Fashion Wednesday," while Thursday asks A-P to take a picture with their pets. Finally, on Friday, April 24, A-P will show their Falcon spirit by being "Separate, But Still Together." If you want to participate on Twitter, make sure to tag them with #FalconSpiritWeek.

I figured that we could show a little spirit here at the Parkersburg office, too. All this week, we will fly a flag with the Aplington-Parkersburg school colors in front of our office during our normal business hours. While we remain closed to the public to enforce social distancing guidelines, we hoped that this adds a little pop of color to an otherwise-bleak time for all

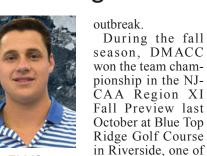
of those in the Aplington-Parkersburg community.

I still haven't quite gathered my thoughts on how I feel about the loss of this spring season and the rest of the academic school year for the Class of 2020, not to mention the younger kids who are probably more and more looking to adults like us for answers.

I don't know if I have the answers, but I will say this: I am committed to keeping the sports section lively throughout this downtime to give people something to look forward to. I hope to bring updates on baseball and softball in a couple months, but until then I will be working on bringing the stories of those keeping themselves mentally and physically prepared for whatever comes next to your mailbox or your mobile-device screens. As always, if you have an idea for what you think would be a great story, pass it along to regionalsports@midamericapub.com or send me a direct message on Twitter (@ jakearyder) or Instagram (@ jake.a.ryder) – direct messages are wide-open for both platforms.

And if you've made it this far: Hang in there. We'll get through this.





ELLIS