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IN BRIEF

Historical Village meeting Nov. 14

The annual meeting of the Kalona Historical Society will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Historical Village Visitor's Center.

Need help putting up lights at the Village

Volunteers are needed to help put up decorations and lights at the Kalona Historical Village at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 14. Anyone that can help should show up at the Historical Village Visitors Center or call Nancy Roth at 656-3232.

IMS Music Boosters Organize Fundraiser

The Music Boosters of Iowa Mennonite School are sponsoring a fundraising event at the Sycamore Mall (Iowa City) Pizza Ranch. From 5-8 pm on Monday, Nov. 18, the pizza company will donate 15 percent of all proceeds to IMS; tips will also be graciously accepted, as music students will bus tables and serve customers.

Hospice sets annual memorial service

The annual Washington County Hospice Community Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at the United Presbyterian Church in Washington.

This service is open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one. If you want your loved one to be included in the program, call 319-653-7321. Or you could email a photo and information to marketing@hospicewashington-county.org. Deadline for submission of photos is Nov. 15.

Home-based craft show Dec. 7

There will be a home-based business and craft show held on Sat. Dec. 7 at the Kalona Rec Center from 10-4. This will be held during the Christmas in Kalona events. To participate, contact Casey at 319-656-3668 or email casey.peck@kctc.net for more information.

Christmas in Kalona to be Dec. 7

The Kalona Chamber of Commerce is planning several special events for Christmas in Kalona on Dec. 7. Santa will be riding around town on a Kalona Fire Engine before arriving at the Chamber at noon. He will be available for visits with children until 3 p.m.

There will be a movie for children at the Kalona Public Library from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Other events on Dec. 7:
• Vendor Fair in the Rec Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Cookie walk in the Library from 9 a.m. to noon at Library.

• Santa will be handing out walking stockings sponsored by Kalona Cooperative Telephone. Watch for more details.

• Cookie decorating, sponsored

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Contracts awarded for resurfacing Highway 1 from Washington to Iowa City

by Ron Slechta
The Kalona News

Contracts have been awarded for the resurfacing of Highway 1 from Washington to Iowa City, according to IDOT Transportation District Planner, Jason Huddle.

Highway 22 is the division line between District 5 and District 6, so the contracts have been awarded to two separate contractors.

Huddle also said that double twin culverts would replace the Highway 22 bridge over Salvesen Creek just east of the ADM main

office. Huddle said that work would be done in fiscal 2015. He anticipates the work to begin in the winter of 2015.

Huddle also noted that the Highway 22 shoulders over the culverts would be widened so that the Amish would not need to go into the traffic lanes when crossing the creek also known as the West Drainage Ditch.

District 6 Projects

The District 6 contract calls for resurfacing of Highway 1 from north of Highway 22 intersection in Kalona north to just west of the Menards intersection in Iowa City. Work is to start in the spring

or early summer of 2014.

Some of the project details include:

- There will be 8-foot wide paved shoulders around the turn radius of Iowa 22 north to just north of the Iowa 22 / Iowa 1 intersection with no rumble strips.

- There will be 8-ft wide paved shoulders from just to the north of Iowa 1 / Iowa 22 intersection to Hazelwood Avenue with no rumble strips on the shoulder, but centerline rumble strips will be installed

- There will be 6-foot wide paved shoulders from Hazelwood Avenue north to the end of the project

with both shoulder and centerline rumble strips.

- Traffic is to be maintained during construction

- Project includes resurfacing of Iowa 1

- District 6 contract went to Newnan Abuissa P. E.

District 5 Projects

The District 5 Project includes resurfacing of Highway 1 from just north of Washington to the intersection of Highways 1 and 22 in Kalona.

Project details include:

- Start date - anticipated to begin in April 2014, but this date is subject to change (Project was

let on October 13th, 2013)

- Contractor, Norris Asphalt Paving (NAP).

- Project limits - resurfacing portion of the project will be north of the north junction of Iowa 92 / 1 north to Iowa 22, but project officially begins at the north city limits of Washington.

Project Details:

- Rumble strips will be installed from the north city limits of Washington to roughly C Ave in Kalona on the shoulders and centerline.

- There will be 4-foot paved

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Doris Park of Max-Cast shows film producer Samuel Koltinsky preliminary drawings of a bust she will be creating of Ding Darling for the Lake Darling State Park. Koltinsky recently completed a one-hour film on the former Des Moines Register cartoonist.

Kalona artists creating bust of famous Iowa conservationist

by Dan Ehl
The Kalona News

The namesake of the Lake Darling State Park will soon have his bronze bust located

at the park's entrance. Doris Park, co-owner of Max-Cast in Kalona, has received a \$4,250 grant to create the bust of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, a Des Moines Register cartoonist known for his conservation

efforts.

The grant is from the Iowa Arts Council, which is affiliated with the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and re-

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Aid needed for the Philippines

Typhoon Haiyan slammed into six central Philippine islands Friday, decimating buildings and homes and claiming lives.

One of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded, Haiyan (Yolanda in the Philippines) has caused at least 10,000 fatalities, according to local officials.

To help the survivors left without shelter, food and fresh water, donations can be made on line to a number of relief organizations, including the Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org/charitable-donations>.

County prepares to make final payment in halted Rubio, Richmond sewage projects

by Dan Ehl
The Kalona News

Supervisor Jack Seward Jr. reported during Tuesday's County Board of Supervisors meeting that the county was about to bring to an end its relationship with RUSS (Regional Utilities Service Systems) with the approximate payment of \$380,000.

The amount is what RUSS is owed for debts it incurred in preparations for sewage systems in the unincorporated communities of Richmond and Rubio. Both projects were canceled with

the election of three new supervisors - Seward, Bob Yoder and Stan Stoops. The lagoon system was heatedly rejected by some Richmond residents and became a major campaign issue. The three winning supervisors campaigned on stopping the project.

The supervisors approved the splitting off of a 1.5 acre lot in the Franks Subdivision in Highland township from an approximate 30-acre plot. The purpose of the division, the document stated, was for property owner Rodney Frank to secure a mortgage on a new residence.

Principal speaks on Students in Need of Assistance

by Dan Ehl
The Kalona News

Teresa Beenblossom, principal at the Kalona and Washington Township elementary schools, presented a review during Monday's Mid-Prairie School Board meeting of the school's SINA (students in need of assistance) plan for the Kalona Elementary school. Last year the elementary was designated a SINA school.

The plan will be presented to the state and then passed on to the federal government. It will address curriculum standards, improvements in assessments, response intervention and consistency.

The Kalona Elementary is one of 869 schools (not school districts) in Iowa that failed to meet

reading and math proficiency goals in the Iowa testing Program.

More on SINA in next week's Kalona News.

The board approved a resolution that would allow the school district to levy for \$144,408 additional allowable growth funds due to an increase in student numbers. Without the resolution, the funds would not be available until next year. Superintendent Mark Schneider said it was most likely the school district would not need to levy for that additional amount, but it was good to have as a backup.

A half-time associate for the Wellman Elementary School was hired with the addition of a pre-school child with severe learning disabilities.

Caroling in Kalona Dec. 7

It's nearing that time again - Caroling in Kalona. Schools, churches and private groups that would like to carol in downtown Kalona can register for the Dec. 7 event by contacting the Kalona News at news@kalonanews.com, writing to Kalona News at P.O. Box 430, Kalona, 52247, IA, or calling 656-2273. The caroling will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Pastors learn about domestic violence

by Dan Ehl
The Kalona News

Pastors are educated on how to respond to spiritual problems, says Ella Walker, but too often not on more earthly difficulties like domestic violence. A member of the Iowa Association of Mediators who works with the 6th and 8th Iowa Judicial Districts, the Kalona resident was recently asked to speak before a group of pastors at a workshop presented

last month by the Johnson County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Walker knows about domestic violence. She said that one-half to two-thirds of her cases involve domestic violence. As a certified mediator, she is required to take on-going train-

ing each year. And most of all, she adds, she herself was a victim of domestic violence in a former marriage.

While a common misconception is that domestic violence has to involve physical violence, Walker said, it can also include verbal abuse and intimidation - "It is about power and control."

She said her presentation was aimed at educating pastors about the problem. Her own experiences

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ceives some of its funding from the National Endowment for the Arts

Darling, who died at 68 in 1962, championed conservationism in his cartoons, as well as having envisioned the idea for the Federal Duck Stamp program and sketched the first duck stamp design. He was appointed by President Franklon Roosevelt as head of the U.S. Biological Survey,

which was later to become the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was influential in founding the National Wildlife Federation in 1936.

Besides having the state park in southern Washington County bearing his name, a national wildlife refuge on Sanibel Island in Florida and a national conservation training center in West Virginia were also named for the Iowan.

Park said she has been working with the Friends of Lake Darling group in Ainsworth and with local Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials to make the project possible.

Film producer Samuel Koltinsky visited Max-Cast last week to view the preliminary drawing for the bust. Last year he completed an hour-long documentary on Darling, spending 10 days at the refuge in Florida as part of the

filming. He was in Iowa involved with a showing, "The Hidden Works of Jay 'Ding' Darling," at the Hoover Presidential Library from January 25 to March 23.

"Little did I realize the extraordinary story that would unfold when I was contacted by Doris Park," said Koltinsky. "I learned of the Darling bust that will be created carefully with Doris' precious hands which will reflect the intense research that she has un-

dertaken in getting to know Darling.

"My visit led me to Lake Darling on my visit and met with the Friends (of Lake Darling) Group. The undertaking and realizing of this restoration vision is one of national interest. It is a project of partnerships and cooperation. It is an effort which shows America at its best. I will be supporting this project in a variety of ways, as it reflects both the honorable

and noble legacies of Jay N. 'Ding' Darling and his grandson, Christopher "Kip" Koss.

Koltinsky's website is www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com.

The bust will be a twice-life size likeness of Darling, along with interpretive plaques, one which will be of Darling's first duck stamp, and benches. Future tentative plans call for bronze plaques of some of his cartoons inlaid in the park sidewalks or along the trails.
