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- 3rd Place-WMU 5:03.48
- 5th Place-Columbus 5:18.75
- 4x100 Shuttle Hurdle Relay**
- 4th Place-LM 1:40.11
- 400m Hurdles**
- 1st Place-Hailey Sneddon-LM 1:19.83
- 3rd Place-Averee Allison-LM 1:44.09
- 3000m Run**
- 4th Place-Rylee Carter-LM 14:36.86
- 5th Place-Lexi Ramer-LM 14:40.98
- 6th Place-Miley Ossian-LM 14:47.96
- Long Jump**
- 1st Place-Kynlee Buffington-WMU 17-02.00
- 6th Place-Ellie Sanders-Columbus 14-10.25
- 7th Place-Grace Kissell-LM 14-05.75
- 11th Place-Lexi Ramer-LM 12-03.25
- High Jump**
- 4th Place-Brooke McCleary-LM 4-04.00
- 4th Place-Naveiah Garza-Columbus 4-04.00
- 6th Place-Maddie McCleary-LM
- Shot Put**
- 2nd Place-Bella Forbes-Columbus 31-07.00
- 3rd Place-Addison Stecher-LM 27-08.00
- 4th Place- Kaylee Whitcomb-LM 27-06.00
- 12th Place-Chianne McDowell-WMU 23-08.00
- 13th Place-Lea Gabe-LM 23-01.00
- 16th Place-Isabella Martinez-WMU 19-10.00
- 18th Place-Aubrey Valencia-WMU 18-07.00
- Discus**
- 3rd Place-Taylor Morrison-LM 82-03
- 4th Place-Addison Stecher-LM 79-10
- 8th Place-Kaylee Whitcomb-LM 73-02
- 13th Place-Lea Gabe-LM 61-00
- 19th Place-Rainn Foster-LM 46-00
- 21st Place-Isabella Martinez-WMU 43-08



WMS photo by Jeff Mills

Freshman Grace Kissell runs the final leg of the 4x110m shuttle hurdle relay for the Louisa-Muscataine Falcons March 24 at Louisa-Muscataine High School.

the event for our covered schools.

- 100m Dash**
- 2nd Place-Riley Kaalberg-Columbus 11.49
- 4th Place-Juan Chairez-Columbus 11.95
- 5th Place-Grant Wilson-Wapello 12.00
- 15th Place-Conner Warnstaff-Wapello 12.94
- 19th Place-Kale Kerr-WMU 13.64
- 24th Place-Adlin Wilkerson-WMU 15.36
- 200m Dash**
- 1st Place-Alex Rees-Columbus 23.24
- 3rd Place-Riley Kaalberg-Columbus 23.51
- 10th Place-Garrett Cooley-Wapello 25.67
- 16th Place-Ethan Walker-Wapello 27.04
- 18th Place-Kale Kerr-WMU 28.02
- 4x100m Relay**
- 1st Place-Columbus 43.91
- 5th Place-WMU 48.47

- 400m Dash**
- 1st Place-Lando Garxa-Columbus 57.48
- 2nd Place-Bryan Tlatenchi-Columbus 57.67
- 10th Place-William Cupps-WMU 1:05.48
- 4x200m Relay**
- 2nd Place-Wapello 1:41.05
- 3rd Place-Columbus 1:42.18
- 4th Place-WMU 1:42.77
- 800m Run**
- 4th Place-Bryan Tlatenchi-Columbus 2:17.90
- 7th Place-Elias Gonzalez Bravo-Columbus 2:26.07
- 10th Place-Will Parsons-Wapello 2:36.48
- 13th Place-Matthew Prado-Wapello 3:24.40
- 14th Place-Marik McAllister-WMU 3:36.05
- 4x400m Relay**
- 2nd Place-Columbus 3:54.73
- 6th Place-WMU 4:02.98
- 4x800m Relay**
- 2nd Place-Columbus- 9:11.81



Wapello's Grant Wilson runs the 100m dash at the Steve Roth Relays. He finished fifth for the Indians in class C with a time of 12.00 seconds in the Steve Roth Relays.

- 5th Place-WMU 10:02.07
- 1600m Run**
- 8th Place-Ryan Villa-Columbus 5:07.30
- 12th Place-Ty Muniz-Columbus 5:25.67
- 13th Place-Brayden Cline-WMU 5:44.87
- 800 Medley Relay**
- 3rd Place-Columbus 1:44.25
- 4th Place-Wapello 1:47.38
- 5th Place-WMU 1:47.56
- 1660 Medley Relay**
- 3rd Place-Columbus 4:07.47
- 6th Place-WMU 4:20.01
- 110m Hurdles**
- 1st Place-Lamar Ceant-Columbus 14.94
- 2nd Place-Alex Rees-Columbus-15.26
- 4th Place-Coy Wiley-Wapello 19.53
- 400m Hurdles**
- 1st Place-Cade Storm-Columbus 1:01.62
- 4th Place-Dante Orozco-Gutierrez-Columbus 1:05.58
- 6th Place-Coy Wiley-Wapello 1:07.58
- 4x110m Shuttle Hurdle Relay**
- 1st Place-Columbus 1:06.15
- 3rd Place-WMU 1:15.20
- 3200m Run**
- 1st Place-Ty Muniz-Columbus 10:06.29
- 7th Place-Elias Gonzalez Bravo-Columbus 12:08.49
- 10th Place-Will Parsons-Wapello 12:40.54
- 11th Place-Matthew Prado-Wapello 15:48.80
- 12th Place-Garrick Ball-WMU 16:26.34
- Long Jump**
- 1st Place-Riley Kaalberg-Columbus 19-07.00
- 4th Place-Lamar Ceant-Columbus 18-00.00
- 8th Place-Gavin Prior-WMU 17-01.00
- High Jump**
- 3rd Place-Jake Edwards-WMU 5-04.00
- Shot Put**
- 1st Place-Cooper Buffington-WMU 48-03.25
- 2nd Place-Kolten Small-Wapello 44-02.50
- 3rd Place-Ronaldo Villegas-Columbus 43-05.50
- 5th Place-Tucker Fisk-Wapello 39-08.25
- 7th Place-Fritz Figaro-Columbus 38-02.00
- 17th Place-Colin Anderson-WMU 29-06.50
- Discus**
- 1st Place-Kolten Small-Wapello 132-00
- 3rd Place-Fritz Figaro-Columbus 118-09
- 4th Place-Cooper Buffington-WMU 113-10
- 16th Place-Grayson Nagle-Wapello 67-08
- 17th Place-Colin Anderson-WMU 61-06

Steve Roth Relays highlights Iowa's best athletes

WASHINGTON — The annual Steve Roth Relays boys track meet was held at Case Field in Washington on Thursday, March 27. The event hosted 23 teams and showcased some of the best athletes Iowa high school sports has to offer.

The Wapello Indians, Winfield-Mt. Union Wolves and Columbus Wildcats all participated in the meet. The event hosted teams from all classes, with our Louisa County schools representing class C. Below are the results for each athlete who competed in

GOP tax committee chairs introduce property tax legislation

By **ROBIN OPSAHL**
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Republican leaders of the Iowa Legislature's tax committees released their property tax proposal.

Rep. Bobby Kaufman, R-Wilton and Sen. Dan Dawson, R-Council Bluffs, chairs of the House and Senate Ways and Means committees, respectively, introduced legislation that they said in a news release would be "the biggest property tax system overhaul since the 1970s."

The measure, introduced as House Study Bill 313 and Senate Study Bill 1208, makes multiple changes to Iowa's system of property taxes that the lawmakers said would provide an estimated \$426 million in property tax cuts.

The bill would move Iowa's local property tax system away from assessing properties using rollbacks — a method where the taxes based on the assessed market value of a property is limited based on the statewide aggregate property values. Instead, Iowa would use a "revenue-restricted system," Dawson told reporters. The bill would create a new schedule of assessment limitations and a 2% growth factor restriction, based on the fiscal year's actual property tax dollars that have been certified for a local property tax levy.

While the change would mean property owners pay more taxes based on the value of their property, Dawson said the revenue restriction "buys down that rate."

"Without a revenue restriction, it's going to be a windfall to local gov-



Photo courtesy Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Sen. Dan Dawson, R-Council Bluffs, and Rep. Bobby Kaufman, R-Wilton, talk to reporters March 6 about their proposal to make changes to Iowa's property tax system.

ernments, which will be a shellacking to our property taxpayers," Dawson said. "This all has to work in unison. So at the end of the day, this is going to be property tax relief for Iowans, but not one of these parts will come out of system."

The system change would be phased in over five years. Kaufmann said the change would help address problems local governments have with the rollback system and would provide more certainty for local jurisdictions as they plan budgets over the long term.

"The number one thing I have heard with my visit with local governments has been that they have no predictability in what the revenues are going to look like," he said. "They have to wait for the rollback to come in, in December. And trying to plan out responsibly, two years, three years, four years, five years — next to impossible in the current system."

The system also shifts funding from Iowa's sys-

tem of tax credits back to the state, which Kaufmann said would go toward about \$400 million in school funding coverage through the state that is currently allocated through local property taxes.

"We're spending hundreds of millions of dollars on these credits right now," Kaufmann said. "Without their existence, we can re-

appropriate those dollars for direct property tax relief."

Other components in the legislation include a \$25,000 property tax exemption for homesteads and a property tax freeze for seniors over age 70 who have incomes at 250% or less than the federal poverty level.

The legislation has been anticipated as Republican leaders at the Statehouse have repeatedly stated that property tax changes will be a top priority in the 2025 session. The lawmakers said the new measure builds off of the 2023 property tax law that capped levy rates for cities and counties.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said Iowans should be "extremely skeptical" about the property tax proposal.

"Over the last decade, every attempt by GOP lawmakers to fix Iowa's property tax system has failed," Jacoby said in a statement. "Property taxes just keep

going up every year, especially for homeowners. House Democrats believe we need to put money back in the pockets of homeowners and renters immediately."

While the measure was introduced more than a week ago, there likely will not be movement on the bill through the committee process for several weeks. Kaufmann said the bill was introduced in order to give time to local governments, schools and other impacted entities to review the legislation and give feedback to lawmakers on how best to proceed with potential changes.

"How those conversations turn out, what feedback we get, may result in some changes to the bill," Kaufmann said. "We're not dropping this out and saying, 'This is perfect, as is, this will pass out of subcommittee next week.' This will be a thoughtful process, that will take up the

most the rest of the session, to make sure that we get it right and understand all the impacts."

THE LOUISA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

is taking written bids for the following equipment:

- 2014 800 Polaris Ranger 4x4, 751 miles
- 2015 H&H Aluminum Trailer
- Fabric Waterway Plow including 3-600' rolls of fabric

Bids will be taken until **4:00 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025.**

If you have any questions or want to look at the equipment, contact the **Louisa County SWCD at 260 Mulberry St, Wapello, IA or by phone at 319-523-6411 X3.** Bid sheets are available by request from the SWCD office in Wapello. Louisa County SWCD has the right to refuse or reject all bids.

Eastern Iowa REC salutes its local line crew on National Lineworker Day April 14!

Brady Broders

Cody Calvelage

Cody Johnson

Eli Hogan

Mitch Moore

Jordan Schoonover

Jake Tackenberg

Lance Talbott

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— JOB POSTING —

Head Boys Wrestling Coach

Wapello Community School District is accepting letters of interest from people wishing to serve as Head Boys Wrestling Coach. Details of the position will be determined based on the individual felt to be most qualified.

Preliminary list of duties include, but are not limited to:

- Planning, organizing practices and schedules.
- Manage the wrestling budget/fundraise
- Teach mechanics, skills of the sport.
- Be involved with the youth league
- Help maintain the wrestling facility
- Learn and utilize Bound/Track Wrestling
- Inventory equipment.
- Other duties as assigned by the Activities Director.
- Order materials needed for the season

Deadline: Interested parties should send a resume & letter/e-mail of interest to brandon.brown@wapellocsd.org. Open until filled. Open for a minimum of 15 days (April 8, 2025) **Date Posted:** March 24, 2025. Open until filled.

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