

25 YEARS AGO - JUNE 8, 2000

**Kalona**

Expanding and improving Kalona's water system not only will enhance the service and pressure system, but also could lower insurance rates, the council learned Monday. June 5.

Dave Nelson of Garden & Associates of Oskaloosa, the city's consulting engineers, outlined a preliminary plan that would add a \$150,000 gallon elevated storage tank, booster pump station and additional mains for a total estimated cost of \$1.3 million.

However, Nelson stressed that the work could be done in phases and there is a good possibility that Kalona could obtain a large amount of the funds from the State Revolving Loan Fund, something it used for recent water improvements.

Nelson noted that improved water pressures and additional mains could well affect the city's insurance rating, possibly giving it a higher rating that would result in lower insurance costs.

Even more, he said, the improvements, which were discussed initially more than a year ago, would provide for future growth.

"At the present capacity, you could still handle 300 to 355 additional dwelling units," but cautioned that if a major industry came in, the system's capacity could be taxed.

He also told the council that it appears the city has a 30 percent water loss; meaning that there is water not accounted for.

"If you cannot account for it, you should check for leaks," he advised, noting that "a 15 percent loss is reasonable, but 30 percent is excessive."

Nelson recommended that the city give priority to an additional elevated water tank, noting that the project can be done in phases. Cost of the elevated tank with attendant equipment, including a booster pump, is estimated at \$594,000.

Kalona's first Garden Walk program is Saturday, June 24, when visitors may tour four gardens. The event, modeled after similar events held in Wellman and Washington, is sponsored by the Kalona Areas Chamber of Commerce.

The date was selected to avoid any conflicts with the annual Kalona Days celebration. Home owners who have agreed to open their gardens to public view are L.David and Leona Yoder, Alvin J. and Marianna Miller, Mike and Joyce Niffenegger and Eli and Katie Swartzentruber.

Cost is \$5 per person and tickets will be sold at each of the homes where a Chamber representative will be present to collect admissions.

The gardens offer a variety of approaches and styles, ranging from a backyard one that offers flower and vegetables (at Katie and Eli Swartzentruber's residence) to an extensively landscaped one that could easily take an hour to fully see.

"I will have everything labeled," said Joyce Niffenegger. Considering the scope of the garden she and husband, Mike, have south of Kalona, the labeling (much of which is already in place) is virtually a necessity.

For Alvin J. and Marianna Miller, their backyard is filled with roses, 90 of them, in fact.

The garden at the home of L. David and Leona Yoder, has long been a favorite with the residents at Pleasantview Home which adjoins the Yoder property. The garden's highlight is a little mill in the center of extensive plantings.

Proceeds from the event will aid Chamber programs.

Republican incumbent Yale Jarvis and Democrat challenger Michael Roe will face each other in the Washington County Sheriff's race in the November general elections. Jarvis beat Tim Peterson of Washington in Tuesday's primary by 987 to 813 votes.

Iowa Mennonite School Class of 1950 held its 50th reunion at IMS Sunday May 28. They were recognized during the Baccalaureate 2000 service and Monday met for dinner at the Ox Yoke Restaurant, Amana. Those attending were Donald Erb, Denver, Colorado; Dorothy Hershberger Miller, Tama; Darlene Miller Logan, Kalona; Virginia Brenneman Ryan, Pinckney, Michigan; Delis Schrock, Fargo, North Dakota; Dorothy Showalter, Kalona; Joann Shetler Weaver, Goshen, Indiana; Elwood Swartzendruber, Wellman; Dean Yoder, Warsaw, Missouri; Velma

Weaver Yoder, Warsaw; and Marvin Yoder, Wellman.

Here is one for all the cow owners.

Question: What do you call a cow with no legs lying on the ground?

Answer: Ground beef.

Question: Ok, what do you call a cow with two legs?

Answer: Lean beef.

Question: So, what do you call a cow that's just given birth?

Answer: Decalffeinated.

Walt Stutzman of Stutzman Studio of Washington was presented the Professional Photographers of America, Inc. (PPA) National Award for Outstanding Service to professional photography. The plaque was presented by the Professional Photographers of Iowa, a PPA Affiliated Association at the annual convention in Des Moines in April.

The award is given annually to deserving individuals who have contributed their time and energy to the service of their profession, their affiliated organization and their fellow photographers.

Stutzman has been involved in the field of photography for many years. After graduating from Iowa Mennonite School, he studied business and photography at Hesston College and worked in a Kansas camera repair shop. He returned to Iowa in 1976 where he purchased the studio in Washington.

Diplomas were awarded to the Iowa Mennonite School Class of 2000 by Operating Board President Mike Brenneman during commencement ceremonies Monday, May 29.

Jessica Wilson and Jane Miller were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the IMS Class of 2000.

Alice Suderman, a former English instructor at IMS, gave the graduation address, entitled Can You Wait?

There were a few moments of humor as some graduates provided first a slice of bread, followed by catsup, then a hot dog during the ceremony.

The last day of the 1999-2000 school year for Washington Township Elementary School was celebrated in grander than usual style last Wednesday with the dedication of a tree in memory of a former student and the opening of a time capsule buried in 1976.

After the dedication, a time capsule, buried in 1976 as part of the nation's Bicentennial Celebration, was opened by Lois Gugel, a former teacher in the school, Lorna Yoder, Kris Venzke and Mary Jo Swartzendruber, all former students.

The capsule, an old water-softerner cylinder sealed with silver duct tape, the result of damage that occurred during its exhumation--"When the backhoe and fiberglass meets, the fiberglass loosens," explained principal Mark Schneider--contained items such as a TV guide, an issue of Time magazine with the question, "Who is Jimmy Carter?" on its cover.

Also discovered in the capsule were a list of its contents and who had donated each item, a pair of prescription glasses; a mood ring; baseball cards; a Charlie Brown & Snoopy book; a Marvel comic book; bubble gum wrappers; taco seasoning mix; a pair of blue jeans; a Washington Township Bicentennial T-shirt designed by Julia Venzke, then a fifth grade student; a letter from Mr. Hogue, the principal; pictures of all the students who were in the school in 1976; school lunch menus; a Weekly Reader; Readers Digest, issues of the Des Moines Register, Wellman Advance and Kalona News, the headline of which proclaimed, "World's largest cheese vats installed at Twin County Dairy."

**Lone Tree**

Johnson County S.E.A.T.S. came before the Lone Tree City Council at their regular monthly meeting Monday to request aid in funding their program.

The S.E.A.T.S. program provides meal delivery and passenger service for elderly and disabled residents of Lone Tree. Until now, Johnson County and the Heritage Area Agency on Aging had been funding the program for Lone Tree and Solon. However, due to budget cuts, Heritage will no longer cover the cost of trips to and from the meal site and home delivery of meals for fiscal year 2001. A S.E.A.T.S. representative asked the council to provide 22 percent of the cost, an amount of \$3,389; the total cost for Lone Tree is \$15,756.

The council approved the funding, but requested more notice next year. S.E.A.T.S. came before the council after their budget had already been done.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

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Never try to make anyone like yourself; you and God know that one of you is enough.

An operation that takes a doctor an hour to perform may take a patient years to describe.

The most impressive example of tolerance is a golden wedding anniversary.

Never trust someone who has to change his tone to ask something of the Lord.

Information is giving out; communication is getting through.

This year's biology class was presented with the challenge of using recombinant DNA technology to genetically engineer a cow that would produce chocolate milk.

The project began with the assumption that the gene for chocolate flavor came from a single polypeptide chain produced by a cocoa plant. After this initial assumption, the students were required to use only established techniques to design a successful project.

The winners of the project were Ashlee Ogren, Mandi VanderLinden and Ann Sladek. They designed the cow most likely to succeed in its purpose as judged by the biology students, biology teacher Todd Campbell and visiting specialist Phillip Lashmit from the University of Iowa.

The winners received the prestigious inaugural chocolate cow award, believed by many (Mr. Campbell) to be equivalent to a Nobel Prize in biology.

Janet Mapel of Lone Tree was named "Outstanding Nurse Practitioner of the Year" by the Iowa Association of Nurse Practitioners at their spring conference in Des Moines on May 5.

**Riverside**

Wednesday, June 14, is Flag Day. This would be a good day to return the flags to the VFW if you have them or any knowledge of where they may be. Since they were stolen from the cemetery during the night, this might be the best place to return them to during the night. These flags cannot be replaced. Other flags may be purchased to fly, but those 23 stolen flags cannot be replaced. Please return them on Flag Day, June 14.

Among the possessions often brought by early settlers to Iowa were handwoven bed coverings either made by them, for them, or passed down to them by family members. Some settlers also brought the tools used to make them like spinning wheels and looms. The handwoven coverlets they brought to make were both warm and decorative.

Plum Grove Historic Home in Iowa City will be the site of Coverlet Connections, a show of handwoven coverlets June 16 through June 18.

**Wellman**

This summer, the city of Wellman will be given an uplifted image. Construction and destruction will be expressed in some very interesting arenas. Demolition derbies will hit Wellman once again during Independence Day and Labor Day celebrations. The city will conduct its first ever tree stump removal project, a much needed effort in many people's eyes. Indeed, the summer of 2000 will be quite an eventful time in Wellman.

The many colors that inundate the countryside and towns of Iowa in the spring, summer, and fall, tell the stories of the gardeners and show the splendor cultivated over the years. In its second year, the Wellman Heritage Society will sponsor, a splash of color with the 2000 Garden Tour.

The tour will be held on Saturday, July 1. Tickets can be purchased at the four locations for \$5 per person.

The imagination of the gardener is the most provocative site with the first garden owned and cultivated by Dean (Cobb) and Patty Miller. The Miller's garden is located at 605 9th Ave. just north of DJ's Casual Cafe. There are a variety of small touches in the flower beds that say something about the Miller's and their love for gardening. Patty notes, however, that Dean is the gardener, she just goes along and tells him where to put the plants.

Last summer the Miller's

completed a beautifully decorated fence and flower bed in their backyard. This small flower bed features an old watering can, and a stump from an old plum tree that was cut down last year. Cobb even added some of his own touches, so look closely.

Another feature is the deck which Patty said was built by Don Gingerich several years ago. Patty notes, "I've really enjoyed the deck. We've eaten a lot of homemade ice cream out there."

Other sites that will be featured in the next coming weeks are: Chris and Anita Whetstine at 609 8th Avenue, Russ and Betty Kempf at 611 8th Avenue, and Doug and Karen Achterhof at 1116 9th Avenue.

The Wellman City Council met in regular session on June 5th.

Dr. Margaret Hansen, member of the Parks and Recreation Board, presented the council with a proposal to repair the tennis courts in the North Park. The tennis courts are presently unusable because of erosion damage.

The City of Wellman will enter into a contract with the City of Kalona to clean out storm sewers in Wellman. The City of Kalona will provide the equipment and an operator for \$100.00 per hour for up to eight hours. There are approximately fifteen storm sewers that are in need of cleaning. The council believes this will help with the sewer problem the city has been experiencing.

Millie Whetstine, site manager at the Wellman Senior Center, presented the council with some concerns with the cook at the senior center. The cook has missed many days of work in the past six months. The council has been looking into this situation.

The council approved the proposed employee fiscal year wage increases. A time clock for city employees will be purchased. The location of the time clock has not yet been decided.

Employees of the City of Wellman will be acquiring official identification. They will cost \$1.00 each at the Department of Motor Vehicles of Washington County.

The supply of new telephone exchange numbers for Iowa's 319 area code could be exhausted by the fourth quarter of 2001, according to new projections released this week by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA). That's nine months earlier than NANPA's previous second-quarter 2002 projection.

A former Wellman resident and piano teacher has won a state music award. Nancy Woodin, musician and composer from Dubuque, has been

awarded the 2000 Francs J. Pyle Award by the Iowa Composers Forum. Woodin's winning composition is a book of technical studies for piano from pre-reading to advanced levels representing the character and nature of each of her private piano students. The pieces are graded according to national standards of leveling.

Woodin's winning collection will be premiered by her students October 14 at the Iowa Composers Forum Fall Festival of New Music at the University of Iowa.

The City of Wellman has several new employees lately.

Jim Cowan started work for the city part-time in April and became a full-time employee in May. He is our newest full time employee. Jim will work in all city departments and is working toward certification as water and waste water operator.

Jim was formerly employed by REM-Iowa. He and his wife, Tammy, have lived in Wellman for several years.

Rich Oldfield of Wellman also started in May. He will be working in all city departments and will be acquiring certification as a water and waste water operator ad well.

Rich was employed at Trio Gas and Hardware. He and Cindy are long time residents of Wellman.

Chris Huston has been the Utility Clerk for Wellman for about one year. Chris and her husband, Mark, have a farm near Wellman. Their son, Michael is a part time employee of the city for the summer. He will be attending college this fall.

Phil Slaubaugh and his wife, Cindy, are long time residents of Wellman.

Phil wears many hats for the city. He is the gas and street superintendent, as well as the water and waste water operator until the new employees become certified. He is a Wellman Volunteer Firefighter and participates in many community activities.

City Clerk, Donna Wade and her husband, J.D., are lifelong residents of Wellman. She started working for the city in 1986 and became a full time employee in 1990.

Donna does all the city clerk duties plus whatever is necessary to keep things running smoothly.

Bob Kuhns retired after 15 years of service, but still helps out when he is needed. Bob is familiar with all aspects of the city and was Fire Chief for several years.

Bob and Shirley Kuhns are life long residents of Wellman. Shirley does part time custodial work for the city.

Anthony Frost is doing community service work under the direction of Mayor Max Lewis.

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