

YOUR GOVERNMENT

Snow and reports

Last week's Tama Co. Supervisors meeting

MICHAEL D. DAVIS
CORRESPONDENT

TOLEDO — Few ventured out into the cold blowing snow of last

Monday morning for the Jan. 15 Tama Co. Board of Supervisors meeting. County Engineer Ben Daleske wandered out of the white abyss to give his report, saying that they were out plowing snow and had gotten the paved routes open. They were currently working towards getting the gravel roads cleared. The en-

gineer also had a utility permit for T47 for the supervisors to approve. The supervisors approved a slew of reports from various departments. These were the Treasurer's semi-annual report, the Recorder's quarterly report, the Auditor's quarterly report, and the VA's quarterly report.

Other than reporting that all the reports were all reported and approved, the supervisors set some public hearings. Three public hearings were officially set to approve the new precinct map: Jan. 22, 23, and 24, all at 9:45 a.m. Claims totaling \$99,303.58 were approved.

ARRESTS

Thursday, Jan. 11

• Lang Donald Leonard (47) of Colfax was arrested for violation of probation and violation of parole by the Meskwaki Tribal Police in Toledo.

Sunday, Jan. 14

• Ryan Jason Papakee (51) of Tama was arrested for interference with official acts and assault with intent/serious injury by the Tama Police Department in Tama.

Monday, Jan. 15

• Michael Lee Swanson (69) of Toledo was arrested for driving under suspension by the Toledo Police Department in Toledo.
• Jairo Mizael Velasquez-Jacinto (23) of Tama was arrested on a DOT warrant for perjury — vehicle license, fraudulent practices third — \$500 to \$1,000 and identity theft > \$10,000 by the Tama Police Department in Toledo.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

• Ameiah Prettysoundingflute (19) of Tama was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct — fight/violence and assault with bodily injury. She was released Jan. 18 after serving her time.
• Angel Antonio R. Clover (21) of Marshalltown was arrested for driving under suspension, driving while license suspended and operation without registration card or plate by the Tama Police Department in Tama. He was released the following day after pleading guilty.
• Darrell Jordan (24) of Marshalltown was arrested for violation of probation by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

• Ashley Ruth Johnson (41) of Tama was arrested on two warrants for failure to appear by the Tama County Sheriff's Department in Toledo.

BOOK

Continued from Page 1

have been married for 50 years to get their opinion, their story."

While Rice did not author the book himself — he hired family friend and former Hudson High School English/journalism teacher Joletta Yoder of Cedar Falls to collect and write most of the stories — the idea behind the project was solely his own.

"The book is my vision. The book's subject, coffee table design, etc. are my ideas. Joletta, the other writers, and the printer's design staff made it become a reality."

Once the project got underway, Rice said it took around six months to complete.

"Joletta designed a questionnaire which we forwarded to our friends, family, and contacts who agreed to participate."

Rice said most of the interviews were conducted in person with the majority of the couples profiled in the book from Iowa including U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley and his wife Barbara whose story is featured on page 100.

And while marriage is certainly the book's theme, Rice said the book's message could apply to anyone in a relationship.

"The book is about relationships and what fundamentally and foundationally keeps them together

and thriving. ... marriage is a part of happily ever after. One of many relationships."

In the book's foreword, Yoder writes many people today "focus only on the 'happy' part of 'happily ever after' instead of grasping that total happiness is never really possible."

But what is possible, Yoder writes, is "a satisfying union that develops its own unique definition of happy."

Yoder further states, "The stories in this book are not 'paint by the numbers' and-you-will-nail-marriage kind of stories. They were written to provide unvarnished examples to inspire and support a healthy marriage, not make one. ... Don't think of this book as a formula. Look at the stories as a reference bank for you to draw on in a time of need."

Each of the 50 stories is titled in such a way that just a glance at the table of contents reads like a collection of 50 pieces of advice.

Some of the story titles include:

- Choose togetherness over things
- Be willing to grow
- Be each other's best friend
- Support each other's dreams
- Write love letters
- Spend time together
- Never forget why you fell in love

In the six months since the book was published,



Dysart native James (Jim) Rice recently published the book "50/50: The Key to Happily Ever After."

Rice said he's been more than happy with the finished product.

"Personally, watching an idea not only become a reality but seeing how it positively impacted Joletta and the others who were involved was an unexpected pleasure. In the beginning, I thought the book was a neat, novel idea that had never been done before. I believed it had serious value. Upon viewing and reading the finished product I believe more than ever that we took a great idea and turned it into something even more

valuable than I imagined. I am very proud of it."

Those looking to purchase the book for themselves or a loved one have several options to choose from including on Rice's website: <https://fitover-50jamesrice.com/thebook>.

The book is also available for purchase through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Union/G-R grapplers split home dual with Cougars

RUBY F. MCALLISTER
rbodeker@northtamatelagraph.com

LA PORTE CITY — The full Union/Union-Gladbrook-Reinbeck wrestling team split their last home dual of the season last Thursday evening with the top-ranked boys' squad confidently conquering Sumner-Fredericksburg 57-21 while the girls fell 48-18 to the Cougars.

The meet was originally meant to be a double dual with two sets of Cougars — Sumner-Fred and AGWSR — but due to the weather AGWSR elected not to travel. (A winter weather advisory was issued that evening for much of Iowa due to accumulating snow, wind, and bitter cold.)

Ahead of the girls' dual, five seniors from Union's boys squad were honored alongside their parents including Keegan Ellsworth, Wyatt Hoy, Tyce Murley, Caleb Olson, and Brock Ruzicka; Gladbrook-Reinbeck senior Xandra Anderson was also honored.

Following Senior Night announcements, the girls took to the mats with Union notching three wins including reigning state champion Jillian Worthen (130) who came from behind to win by pinfall in a tough five minute, 13 second bout with Isabel Christensen.

Xandra Anderson (235) also won her match, pinning Maddisen Kolaas in a quick 53 seconds.

Union's remaining points were courtesy of Ella Wagner (145) who won by forfeit.

Later that evening — following the induction of retired Union wrestling head coach Dick Ingvall into the district's Hall of Fame (see page 1 for the story) — the boys took seven wins on the mats over the Cougars including:

- Coy Mehlert (106) over Michael Eimers by pinfall in one minute, 30 seconds
- Brayden Bohnsack (120) over Sam Egan by pinfall in 30 seconds
- Jace Hedeman (132) over Ryder Larson by pinfall in one minute, 24 seconds
- Keegan Ellsworth (144) over Kyler Glenn by pinfall in three minutes, one second

- Brock Bergmeier (157) over Nolan Pagel by pinfall in five minutes, 54 seconds
- Briar Mast over (165) Jordan Cannon by pinfall in three minutes, eight seconds
- Brock Ruzicka (175) over Grant Henderson by decision, 7-6

Stratton Luke (113), Kaydin Jones (126), and Caleb Olson (150) also notched wins for the Knights by forfeit.

Ruzicka's bout with Henderson was particularly rousing bringing many of his teammates to their feet including in the final moments when a question arose between the officials as to the awarding of points; Ruzicka ultimately earned those points, helping to seal his hard fought win by deci-

sion.

On Friday the girls wrapped up the regular season in Winthrop at East Buchanan's Marilyn Steinkamp Tournament. The Knights took 10th out of 13 teams with Worthen capturing another tournament title by notching pinfall wins in the quarterfinal and semifinal, and a win by major decision (12-3) in the final over MFL MarMac's Mackenzie Bachman.

Also at East Buchanan, Mya Ellsworth took silver in the 155 pounds bracket while both Grace Witt (105) and Anderson (235) captured bronze in their respective brackets.

The road to state for girls wrestling began today, Friday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. at four different super regionals held across the state.

Union's squad was assigned to Region 5 which is competing in Cedar Rapids at Alliant Energy PowerHouse. Other teams assigned to Region 5 include: Bellevue, Camanche, Cedar Rapids Jefferson, Cedar Rapids Washington, Central DeWitt, Clinton Columbus Junction/WMU, Denver, Don Bosco, East Buchanan, Fort Madison, Independence, Linn-Mar, Louisa-Muscatine, Marion, Marshalltown, Midland, Northeast Community, Pleasant Valley, Prairie, Wahlert Catholic, West Liberty, Wilton, and Xavier.

SportsShorts

SUN COURIER

Mustangs denied victory in home dual meet

LE GRAND — The East Marshall/GMG/Meskwaki wrestling team went 0-4 in its home Mustang Duals last Saturday, Jan. 20, settling for a tie for seventh place in the eight-team invitational.

The Mustangs (2-18) fell to Gilbert (51-21), South Tama (60-15), Independence (63-12) and Benton Community (57-17).

Leading the way for East Marshall on the day was Jordan Meling, as the 120-pounder went 4-0 with a win by fall and a major decision.

Johnathan Edel, ranked 12th in Class 2A by IAWrestle.com, was 3-1 with a pin at 190 pounds. Xavier Slifer finished 2-2 with a pin and a major decision at 126.



Times-Republican
CALLING ALL
BABIES
BORN IN 2023

Publishing on Jan. 31, 2024

This is a special section featuring only babies born in 2023. Perfect for baby books and grandparents!

Only \$25 • Deadline: January 22, 2024

Baby's Full Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Parents' Names: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email : _____
Grandparents' Names: _____
Siblings Name: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR BABY'S PHOTO, ALONG WITH A \$25 PRODUCTION FEE BY JANUARY 22, 2024.

Professional photos with copywrite will not be uploaded without permission of photographer.

Make check payable to: **The Times-Republican.**
Please write baby's name on the back of the photo, and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your photo. Please print or type information below and return form to the office or drop off in our Drop Box on the west side of the building.
Email your pic and info listed on form to: **ssmith@timesrepublican.com**
Call with payment 641-753-6611.
Mail to: **Baby Register - Times Republican**
P.O. Box 1300, Marshalltown, IA 50158