

**DESCRIPTION OF KWWL (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
JANUARY-MARCH, 2024**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Local News – 33 Hours Weekly		
KWWL/NBC Today in Iowa	Monday through Friday	4:30-7:00 am
KWWL/NBC Today in Iowa	Saturday	7:30-9:00 am
KWWL/NBC Today in Iowa	Sunday	6:00-7:00 am
KWWL/NBC Today in Iowa	Sunday	8:00-9:00 am
KWWL/NBC News at Noon	Monday-Friday	12:00-1:00 pm
KWWL/NBC News at 4:00	Monday-Friday	4:00-4:30pm
KWWL/NBC News at 5:00	Monday-Friday, Sunday	5:00-5:30 pm
KWWL/NBC News at 6:00	Monday-Saturday	6:00-6:30 pm
KWWL/NBC News at 10:00	Monday-Sunday	10:00-10:35 pm

All the newscasts listed above represent a mix of news, weather, and sports, including many issue-responsive segments and multi-part series. 33 hours per week.

Noon News Interview Segments Monday-Friday KWWL News at Noon

Jan 29 – Emily Holley – Heroes of the Heartland

Feb 8 – Megan McKenzie – R.J. McElroy Trust

Feb 9 – Bob Bowsby – UNI-Dome

Feb 20 – Mayor Quentin Hart – City of Waterloo

Feb 21 – Jessica Rucker – Main Street Waterloo

Feb 27 – Suzanne Hendrix & Joley Seitz – UNI

Feb 28 – Danica Haas – Junior League of Waterloo/Cedar Falls

Feb 29 – Audrey Drewelow – Everybody Hurts

Mar 1 – Darvel Givens – Marching Against the Darkness Excellence Expo

Mar 5 – Megan McKenzie – R.J. McElroy Trust

Mar 7 – Cary Darrah – Grow Cedar Valley & Stacey Bentley – Community Bank and Trust

Mar 12 – Adam Bolander – Cedar Falls Tourism & Visitors Bureau

Mar 15 – Jared Feigenbaum – Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Mar 18 – Roger Goudschaal – Tripoli Fine Arts Boosters Variety Show

Mar 19 – Mayor Quentin Hart – City of Waterloo

Mar 20 – Jeff Margrett – FIRST Robotics

Mar 21 – Gordie & Gerald Sorensen – Cedar Falls Lions Club

Mar 27 – Mike Moore – Cedar Valley F.O.O.L.S.

Public Service Announcements

Full Week ROS

Varying length announcements (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60) that aired throughout the station's broadcast day about issues of community interest:

- :15 – Stand Up 2 Cancer
- :15 – Pest Control
- :15 – Type 2 Diabetes
- :15 - Donors Choose
- :15 – Susan G Koman
- :30 – The Nonprofit Alliance
- :30 – Girl Scouts
- :30 – National Council on Aging
- :30 – National Highway Traffic Administration (Drunk Driving)
- :30 – Milton Hershey School
- :30 – American Humane Society
- :30 – American Heart Association
- :30 - Save The Children (Stop the War)
- :60 – Distracted Driving
- :60 – Food Bank
- :60 – Give Blue Hope (Families of Fallen Police)
- :60 - Cancer Research
- :60 – Teachers (Education Partners)
- :60 – Feeding America
- :60 – Project Roadblocks (Drunk Driving)
- :60 – Muscular Dystrophy Association
- :60 - Rotary

Specific Public Service Announcements

Full Week ROS

Varying length announcements (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60) that aired throughout the station's broadcast day about issues of community interest:

Local Events

- Gold Star Teacher Nominations
- Snow Sculpt
- Party Like It's 1999 (House of Hope)
- Women At Play
- Corn Country Fest
- Help Us Help Them (Cedar Bend Humane Society)
- Empty Bowls (NEIA Food Bank)
- Heroes Among Us Tickets
- Chefs Take A Stand
- Heroes Among Us Nominations
- Heroes Of The Heartland Nominations

Local Causes: Varying length announcements (:15, :30, program length)

- Elks Club
- Crimestoppers (Lyric & Elizabeth & 218 Shooting)

The Steele Report

KWWL (Public Affairs) Sundays

Weekly 10-10:30am

METV (Public Affairs) Sundays

Weekly 11:00-11:30am

Anchor Ron Steele takes an in-depth look at the major issues facing the communities we serve.

Second Quarter programs included:

- **Jan 7** – Republican Presidential Candidate Nikki Haley.
 - **Jan 14** – Segment 1 - New Waterloo Fiver High Speed Internet – Eric Lage, General Manager – Andy Van Fleet, Waterloo Telecommunications Board Chair. Segment 2 – Magical Mix Kids – Jim Coloff, Magical Mix Kids founder – Nina Smith, Magical Mix Kids volunteer – Emily Wolford, Magical Mix Kids volunteer.
 - **Jan 21** – Black Hawk County Sheriff, Tony Thompson – On his new book, Anyplace But Here.
 - **Jan 28** – The Riverview Center, serving 16 Counties providing support for victims of sexual and domestic assault – Gwen Bramlet-Hecker, Executive Director.
 - **Feb 4** – Segment 1 – The All Pro Dads program at Alternatives Pregnancy – Mike Hewitt, Practical Fatherhood Coordinator. Segment 2 – The 24/7 Blac Leadership Advancement Consortium Housing program – Sharina Sallis, 24/7 Blac Co-Founder and Board President – Madelyn Ridgeway, 24/7 Blac Executive Director – Jody Cook, new home owner through 24/7 Blac.
 - **Feb 11** – Waterhawks Eagle Lake Expansion – Terry Walen, Waterhawks President – Parker Walen, Terry's son, Waterhawks Barefoot Skier – Callie Heath, Waterhawks Pyramid Skier – C.J. Schmitz, Waterhawks Show Director.
 - **Feb 18** – Segment 1 – Linda Hudwalker Bowman Job Foundation – Seth Stearns, Job Foundation program Director – Brian Varney, new foundation mentor. Segment 2 – Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra – Jordan Bancroft Executive Director – Jim Miller, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Development Director.
 - **Feb 25** – University of Northern Iowa “Our Tomorrow” the campaign for UNI – UNI President, Mark Nook – Jim Jerimer, UNI Foundation President and past President and VP for UNI University Advancement.
 - **Mar 3** – Segment 1 – Cedar Falls Lions Club – Blake Bishop, Cedar Falls Lions Club President – Cindy Wells, Cedar Falls Lions Club member and past President – Rich Congdon, longest active member of the Cedar Falls Lions Club. Segment 2 – Iowa Speaker of the House Pat Grassley – Town Hall meeting in Allison.
 - **Mar 10** – Segment 1 - The Iowa Eats Food and Drink Festival – Ciara Miller, Executive Director, Silos and Smokestacks – Jay Jay Goodwin, Chief Explorer, The Iowa Gallivant. Segment 2 – Sunrise Exchange Club event for the Petting Zoo – Lance Banwart, Sunrise Exchange Club President – Brandon Pedersen, Sunrise Exchange Club member.
 - **Mar 17** – Segment 1 – Jesse Cosby Center – Debra Hodges-Karmon, Executive Director – Caroline Loveless, Jesse Cosby Center Board member. Segment 2 – Marching Against the Darkness Youth Empowerment Non-Profit – Darvel Givens, Executive Director.
 - **Mar 24** – Club Les Dames Waterloo Non-Profit which empowers young African American teenagers – Quilisha Williams, club member – Loleta Montgomery, club member. Segment 2 – Hope City Church – Pastor Quovadis Marshall, Easter message amid-st world turmoil.
 - **Mar 31** – The Giving Solution Financial Literacy – Robert Smith, UNI-CUE Executive Director – Mike Finley, financial advisor and program founder.
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In addition to the local programs listed above, KWWL is an NBC affiliate and carries the full schedule of news and public affairs programming offered by the NBC Network. Additionally, KWWL offers Heroes and Icons and METV on its Multicast Channels.

SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Agriculture
- Business and Economic Development
- Community Image
- Drugs – Including Illegal, New, Abuse, Prevention
- Education
- Employment, Job Opportunities and Training
- Government – National, State, Local – Operations and Policies
- Health – State, Medical, Medicaid, Issues
- Housing – Including Homeless, Rental, New Starts, Pricing
- Social Issues – Including Domestic Violence, Crime, Health
- Social Justice and Civil Unrest
- Population Divisions – Including Minority, Economic Divisions, Discrimination
- Youth – Including Achievement, Protection, Health

Agriculture

Iowa Poultry Production

01/26/2024

Today in Iowa

:21

Iowa's Agriculture Secretary has introduced legislation to increase processing opportunities for small scale poultry producers in the State. It passed a house subcommittee this week and if passed would allow poultry businesses to perform inspected and custom processing at their facility. Treating them with the same standards in place for businesses that process read meat.

Warm Weather Farm Issues

02/10/2024

Today in Iowa Saturday

:22

Many States I the Midwest have been handling warmer temperatures this time of year. Which believe it or not is actually causing problems for some farmers. Jeff Littrell owns 46 crops and says this year if the first year he's been able to plow his fields in the month of February thanks to the warmth. But he says the lack of frost and rain in recent weeks has led to a lack of moisture in the soil, negatively impacting the quality of his crops. While challenges do persist he says he still enjoys his work and farming with his family.

Waterloo Career Center

02/27/2024

Today in Iowa

:32

Waterloo Schools will soon be teaching a whole new field, in a new field. The District finalized the purchase of 30 acres of land to teach students about agriculture science which is a new program for the Waterloo Career Center. There are many potential new uses for it. Primarily, it will be available to the new AG science program coming this fall. The Waterloo School District has negotiated a price of \$729,800 for the land. The District says the property will enhance the hands-on agriculture opportunities for the program. There will be four new programs starting this fall as well, including beauty and cosmetology and criminal justice. Superintendent Dr. Jared Smith said that he checks in with students regularly to see what career fields they're interested in, with a focus on adding programs that will have students prepared for whichever field they are interested in, and plan to pursue in the future.

Grain Bin Collapse

03/15/2024

KWWL News at 6PM

:40

Early this morning, a grain bin collapsed in the small Marshall County town of Green Mountain, spilling roughly 300-thousand bushels of corn. Authorities were on the scene around 5:30 this morning responding to the grain bin collapsing. Hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn were sent flying to the ground, and the nearby office building was even pushed a short ways. There was luckily nobody inside. Fire and EMS agencies from both Green Mountain and La Grand were on the scene, as were county Sheriff's from Marshall, Tama, and Grundy Counties. Green Mountain Fire Chief Patrick Cornwell explained his gratitude for having nearby agencies that can help this small town. Cornwell also noted that it was fortunate this incident took place in the early morning hours when no employees were on the scene, and that it could've been a different story had this happened during the day. Authorities did clarify that this was not an explosion. It was instead a structural failure from the grain bin. It had been the oldest grain bin at that Co-Op.

Business and Economic Development

Bambinos CF Temporary Closed

01/02/2024

KWWL News at 5PM

:26

A Cedar Valley bakery is temporarily closing their store in Cedar Falls, as they prepare to open a new space in Waterloo. Staff at Bambinos Bakery on Main Street in Cedar Falls will be taking a short break to prepare for the move. The new location will be on Kimball Avenue across from Mercy-One. No word yet in an official opening date for the new space. In the meantime, the current Waterloo location on Ansbrough will remain open.

Gilbertville EMS

01/08/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:25

The City of Gilbertville is moving forward with construction of a new Emergency Services building. City leaders held a groundbreaking today. The new building will provide housing for the equipment and vehicles in Gilbertville's Police and Fire Rescue services. Representative Ashley Hinson was at today's event and told us its important to make sure people in rural areas have strong emergency services. The hope is the new facility will create faster response times and enhance safety for the community.

Unverferth Expansion

01/17/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:28

Unverferth Manufacturing has completed a 5,000-square-foot facility addition and renovations at its Shell Rock plant. To support the growth, the company also plans to add around 55 employees to its workforce. Company officials say the addition adds a top-of-the-line manufacturing space and expanded room for storage of component parts for products such as grain carts and wagons, dry fertilizer spreaders, applicators and sprayers. It marks another significant milestone in the plants expansion. The 13th project since Unverferth bought the facility in 1988.

New Waverly Daycare Open House

01/20/2024

Saturday 6PM

:26

The Waverly Child Care Center and Preschool is hosting an open house tomorrow afternoon. The event will be from one to three. It is an opportunity for the public to view the newly renovated building and expansion. It also will mark the closing of the "Caring for our Kids, Caring for our Communities" campaign. The campaign has helped address the needs for child care services in Bremer County for the past year. The expansion will help the center serve an additional 300 kids between the ages of six weeks and 10 years old.

John Deere Announcement

02/28/2024

KWWL News at 5PM

:30

Were hearing from John Deere, after they made a major announcement this morning. The company plans to build their new tractor right here in the Cedar Valley. Its their largest and most powerful yet. The tractor was designed at the engineering plant in Cedar Falls and it will be made inside the factory on Donald Street in Waterloo. Today factory manager Becky Guinn says this new investment is just one example of how the Waterloo factory proves itself time and time again. They just announced this project today. They'll start taking their first orders in March and will begin construction in a few months.

Dubuque 911 Tool

03/05/2024

Today in Iowa

:29

A new service called “prepared” launched in Dubuque this week. It allows people to text and live stream with emergency dispatchers. The software also gives people the option to share their location information with dispatchers. This can help responders know how to best respond to that particular situation. The hope is that with this new way of sharing information in an emergency, dispatchers and first responders can save critical time in an emergency. Right now, Dubuque County is using a free-version of this software. If it proves to be successful, the County may consider purchasing an expansion of this software.

Hope City Church

03/11/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:30

Hope City Church held their first worship service in their new Cedar Falls facility. Construction on the new Cedar Falls location started under a year ago. The Waterloo location is still open. A large part of their new facility focuses on families and their communities. Hope City Church says it is one church, in two locations. Pastor Q says they want to do what they can to get to people, not just ask people to come to them. Cedar Falls Mayor Danny Laudick and Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart both spoke at and attended yesterday’s service.

Beacon of Hope Re-purpose

03/13/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:25

A once vacant and crumbling building in Oskaloosa is getting new life and is hoping to serve a better purpose for the community. Oskaloosa is about 2 hours South of Waterloo. The building’s new owner hopes to turn it into a multi-purpose community space. Including putting in three apartments to the upstairs, rooftop seating, and five commercial kitchens. And he wants to hear from everyone in the community. He’s also reaching out to the city’s youth for what to turn the basement into. The hope is to open the re-imagined building to the public sometime next year.

Cedar Falls Natatorium

03/20/2024

Today in Iowa

:35

Plans are moving forward for a new community aquatic center in Cedar Falls. The Cedar Falls Community School District, and City of Cedar Falls are working together to create an indoor pool complex at the high school. Plans to open a community natatorium here at the high school came from the Cedar Falls Community School District. They wanted to replace the outdated indoor public pools located at Holmes and Peet Junior High. The new facility aims to use innovated designs for multipurpose indoor pool use. The new natatorium looks to include two pools, one for competition and one for recreational use. The goal is to create new opportunities to promote health and recreation, while also attracting families to aquatic programs and athletic events. Lorelei Redfern is one of the co-chairs of the group and says the new indoor swimming pool has the potential to bring in over 2.5 million tourism dollars to the city per year.

New Dubuque Child Care Center

03/22/2024

Today in Iowa

:28

A brand new child care center is now open in Dubuque. City officials hope it can provide relief for local families in need. The new center is located at the Bright Minds Campus. Governor Kim Reynolds took a tour of the facility yesterday. The State along with a group of local businesses called “the Business Champions of Child Care” have created a one-point-three million dollar fund to try and boost the number of child care providers. Finding a suitable child care option can be harder for families who live outside of Dubuque. Of the money raised so far, John Deere has pledged to give them 200-thousand dollars in each of the next three years to help out. They hope to get another 500-thousand by July to continue growing the center.

Cedar Rapids Architecture

03/29/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:30

The Cedar Rapids School District is working on making more improvements to its buildings. The district is welcoming engineering and manufacturing firms to tour 32 of their facilities. This comes after 68-percent of voters decided not to pass a 220-million-dollar-bond referendum last November. During the tour, architects and district officials for a glimpse at how the schools were utilizing their space. While school officials are in the beginning stages of rolling out a new facilities master plan they say its important to involve the community throughout the entire process.

Community Image

NEIA Food Bank Pack the Dome

01/14/2024

Sunday 10PM

:21

Despite the frigid weather, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank says their “Pack the Dome: event inside the UNI-Dome is still happening tomorrow. Community members are invited to help package food to support the food banks backpack program from 1 to 2:20 tomorrow. The program regularly serves more than three-thousand kids across 150 schools in Northeast Iowa every month. Everyone is invited to this free event.

Magical Mix Kids Benefit

01/27/2024

Today in Iowa Saturday

:28

The good people of the Cedar Valley are coming together to help make the dreams of dozens of area kids and families come true, during the 25th annual Magical Mix Kids benefit auction. Every year with the help of hundreds of people the non-profit comes together to send chronic and terminally ill kids to Disney World with their families. We spoke with the co-founder and director of the non-profit, Jim Coloff, who credited all the support they get every year from the community. Saying they make it all possible for them to bring a little bit of light and happiness into these kids lives. Since starting up 25 years ago, more than one-million-dollars has been raised to help support ill children and their families.

Rubiks Cube Waterloo

01/28/2024

Today in Iowa Sunday

:28

For the first time ever, the World Cube Association showed its colors and talent in Waterloo this weekend. The event featured the best rubik's cube players from around the State and Midwest. An area father and son organized the event to bring the non-profit to the Cedar Valley. Almost 100 people showed up to take part. The event was run entirely by volunteers. Every two years, there is a sanctioned competition to crown a world champion. One of the co-organizers says its a great way for people to make new friends and develop special memories. More than 200-thousand people have taken part in competitions since they first started in 2004. The group says the turnout has been great so far. They plan to bring the event back to the Cedar Valley next year.

Dance Marathon Takeaways

02/04/2024

Today in Iowa Sunday

:25

It was another successful year for dance marathon at the University of Iowa, the 30th year of the event. Students and groups came together this year to raise more than 1-point-4-million-dollars for cancer patients. This year, they recognized 13 kids who are now five years cancer free. There were also talent shows, lip sync battles, and a night of dance. The money raised going toward supporting cancer patients currently at the University Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City.

Cedar Rapids New Dog Park

02/06/2024

KWWL News at 5PM

:22

A new dog park is coming to the City of Five Seasons this summer. But the Cedar Rapids Parks and Rec Department needs your help picking out the new name. The City says they want the park to be a place for the neighborhood and visitors to exercise and meet new people. There's still no official name, that's where you come in. You can share your ideas by emailing "Parks-at-Cedar-Dash-Rapids-dot-org. The deadline is Valentines Day.

Former House Clerk Honored

02/14/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:28

A long-time public servant received a special honor from the US House of Representatives yesterday. The US Capitol Historical Society presented its 2023 Freedom Award to Cheryl Johnson, a graduate of the University of Iowa. She served as the 36th clerk in the house's history. Johnson was appointed by both Democratic and Republican speakers. She stepped down as clerk last June. The Society selected Johnson for her leadership during two of the most contentious events in Congressional history. The January sixth attack on the US Capitol and the 15 ballots it took to elect Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker.

Black History Celebrity

02/25/2024

Sunday 10PM

:24

The Cedar Valley celebrated Black History makers. The event took place at Antioch Baptist Church on Sumner Street. It honored African American community leaders, businesses and entrepreneurs in the Cedar Valley. The list of honorees includes Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart, several local pastors and other local leaders. Ester Stokes and the late Walter Reed Jr. got legacy awards. They also celebrated several black-owned businesses in the community. Fifth generation Skin and Hair Care won black business of the year.

Caitlin Clark Mural

03/14/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:26

As we know by now Caitlin Clark will be entering the WNBA draft this year and is expected to be taken number one overall by the Indiana Fever. Right now the city of Indianapolis how much they really want her to come. The city extending a warm welcome with this giant mural of Caitlin Clark. It also features the logos of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Indiana Fever. The mural is right next to a mural of current Indiana Pacers star and former Iowa State Cyclone Tyrese Haliburton.

Drugs Including Illegal/New/Abuse/Prevention

Overdose Deaths Rise

01/10/2024

Today in Iowa

:28

The number of drug overdose deaths in the United States is still increasing every month, but the pace appears to be slowing. New estimates from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Projects that more than 112-thousand people died from drug overdose in the 12-month period ending in May. That's an increase of more than 27-hundred from the previous year. Experts say despite that increase, these numbers are still lower than the jumps seen during the early years of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Cedar Rapids Meth Sentence

01/16/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:22

A Cedar Rapids woman is going to Federal prison for six years on meth related charges. 32-year-old Allison Mills pleaded guilty to a disturbance charge back in July. Prosecutors say she was involved in a large scale operation where Mills received several packages of meth from California, through the Postal Service. Following her prison term, Mills will be on supervised probation.

Saving Unused Drugs and Iowans

02/23/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:27

A hopeful story coming out of Grimes tonight. Safe-Net RX is taking unused prescription drugs and saving lives with them. Instead of destroying the medication, they are instead inspected and sent to clinics that serve Iowans in need. The company has been so successful that Nebraska just voted to establish their own medication repositories with a unanimous vote. Safe-Net RX hopes to use the medication recovered from Nebraska to serve both Iowans and Nebraskans alike.

Overdose Study

02/24/2024

Saturday Today in Iowa

:23

A new study finds 42-percent of adults in the US know at least one person who has died from a drug overdose. That's according to the non-profit research institute Rand Corporation, which surveyed more than two-thousand people. Among the 42-percent who knew someone who overdosed, they knew an average of two people who have died. Experts say one reason overdosing is such a problem is because of fentanyl. It doesn't take much of the drug to kill, and it's showing up in other drugs like cocaine. Many people take it without knowing they are doing so.

Naloxone Linn County

03/04/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:22

Linn County is moving forward with plans to put a Naloxone vending machine at the County Community Services building. Naloxone is used to combat Opioid overdoses. The Linn County Board of Supervisors approved the machines placement today. The County Public Health Department is working to place these throughout the county, They were purchased using money from the Opioid settlement fund.

FDA Approves Wegovy

03/09/2024

Saturday 10PM

:20

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a popular weight loss drug for additional medical purchases. The FDA approved Novo Nordisk's blockbuster weight loss drug Wegovy. The company says it slashes the risk of serious cardiovascular complications in people with obesity and heart disease. Researchers say Wegovy is the first-ever weight loss medication to get the expanded approval.

Fayette and Buchanan County Drug Bust

03/21/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:26

Several people are facing drug charges in Northeastern Iowa. The Buchanan and Fayette County Sheriff's Departments conducted a joint investigation. They arrested four people in a traffic stop Sunday morning. Scott McLaury, Seth McLane and Michael McAllen are all charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. McLaury is also facing a few other charges including DUI. Shawnnessy Washington was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear. Authorities say she will have additional charges stemming from this investigation.

Iowa City Naloxone

03/26/2024

KWWL News at 6PM

:25

Health officials in Iowa City say a Naloxone box installed outside Unity Point Health is credited with saving lives. The box is located at the Abbe Health Services Center for Community Mental Health. Naloxone is a medicine that can reverse an overdose caused by an Opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, the medicine can block the effects of Opioids on the brain and restore breathing. The medication inside the box is free and easily accessible.

Education

Employment, Job Opportunities, and Training

December Jobs Report

1/05/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:21

The December jobs report is out and it's beat economists expectations. The US Economy added 216-thousand jobs last month. 56-thousand more than predicted. This brings the Nationwide unemployment rate to three-point-seven percent. In all, data shows the US gained more than two-point-seven million jobs in 2023.

Jobless Claims

01/18/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:26

First-time claims for unemployment have dropped to the lowest since September 2022. That's according to data released Thursday from the Department of Labor. There were an estimated 187-thousand initial claims at the end of last week. That's a drop of 16-thousand from the prior week. Thursday's report also showed that continuing claims are at their lowest level since October 2023. They decreased by 26-thousand in the week ending January sixth.

UPS 12K Layoffs

01/30/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:25

UPS is cutting 12-thousand jobs as part of a bid to save a billion dollars in cost. Managers and contractors will make up most of the layoffs. The cuts come as UPS issued a disappointing sales outlook for this year. UPS lost business last year as customers concerned about a possible strike by the teamsters shifted business to rival carriers. UPS says so far it has only recovered about 60 percent of that lost business.

Add More Police In Fort Dodge

02/09/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:28

Fort Dodge Police are looking to add more officers to the force experiencing a rise in crime last year. The city witnessed a string of homicides, vandalism's, and shootings last year. They've found it's possible to raise enough money to expand the department through a franchise tax which will go towards hiring eight new officers. This plan would bring in nearly two and a half million dollars with 800-thousand going to the new officers. Bringing their total number to 48. This ordinance needs to go through the City Council first before going into effect.

Helping People Get Into Trucking

02/19/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:23

Iowa right now has many openings within the trucking industry. Over at Des Moines Area Community College a new program is in motion to get more workers behind the wheel out on the roads. The college has been working with local agencies to help English language learners master the skills needed to get their commercial driver's license, especially for helping immigrants and refugees start a career in Iowa.

Dubuque Job Fair

02/21/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:40

People in the Dubuque area are getting the opportunity to connect with the area's biggest employers at this year's spring job fair. Sixty of the city's biggest employers are at the Hotel Julien Dubuque giving the public the chance to explore several different career openings. Job fair organizers are expecting a large turn out by the general public. The Greater Dubuque Corporation is working to present a wide range of positions to job seekers all across the area. The corporation says its important to host career fairs to ensure the younger generation has an opportunity to stay and thrive here in Eastern Iowa. Organizers say healthcare, finance, technology and manufacturing industries can all be explored at this years spring career fair. Jason White with Greater Dubuque says part of today's effort is to help individuals impacted by the recent layoffs at Grand River Medical Center.

ADP Job Report

03/07/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:25

A look at the numbers in the US Labor Market, ahead of Friday's official report. According to the payroll processing firm ADP, private companies added 140-thousand jobs in February. That is a slight increase from January's numbers, but still a bit below the Dow Jones consensus estimate for 150-thousand. Leading the way, leisure and hospitality jobs with 41-thousand new hires, followed by construction with 28-thousand new jobs.

Cedar Falls Job Fair

03/23/2024

Saturday 6PM

:23

Today the City of Cedar Falls hosted a career fair at the Public Works Complex. Cedar Valley job seekers had an opportunity to see any of the part-time, full-time, seasonal positions the City of Cedar Falls currently have open. There are open jobs in the Cedar Falls Public Works, Public Safety, and the cities recreation departments.

Perry IWS Workstation

03/25/2024

KWWL News at 6PM

:30

Help came early today for workers at the Tyson Plant in Perry who will all be out of a job in June. On the ground, members from Iowa Workforce came to talk with the over 12-hundred people who will be out of a job in a couple months. The Iowa Workforce Mobile Unit parked outside to give workers a chance to ask questions. The hope is to try and keep as many of the workers employed in town as possible with help from the Perry Economic Development Board. Pretty soon there will be a transition office at the plant to help work with employees, from collecting unemployment to finding new jobs for everyone.

Deere Layoffs IWD Response

03/28/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:29

The Iowa Workforce Development Office tells us they're working to learn more about next months layoff's at John Deere in Waterloo. 308 workers will be laid off effective April 29th. The Iowa Workforce Rapid Response team says they've met with Deere and are in the process of getting more information to help impacted workers. In the coming weeks, the state plans to provide unemployment and career assistance to laid off employees. These services are similar to what is being offered to John Deere workers recently laid off in Ankeny.

Government

National/State/Local Operations and Policies

CF New Mayor Inauguration

01/01/2024

Today in Iowa

:21

A special ceremony will be held tomorrow to welcome the new Mayor and new City Council members in Cedar Falls. Danny Laudick was elected to be the City's new Mayor. The ceremony will be held tomorrow morning at 11:30. He and the three City Council members will recite their oaths of office. The first City Council meeting of the year will also take place tomorrow night.

Government Funding Deal

01/13/2024

Saturday 6PM

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It's once again becoming crunch time in the Nations Capitol as lawmakers work to avoid a Government shutdown. Today, House and Senate leaders reached a short term spending agreement that will keep the Government funded until March. The original deadline was set to expire next Friday. Republicans have threatened to shut down the Government unless Democrats to more to deal with the crisis at the Southern Border and the Country's debt which currently sits at 34-trillion dollars. Most lawmakers agree however both sides should work to do whatever is necessary to avoid a shutdown. House Speaker Mike Johnson will talk with House Republicans tomorrow night to discuss spending negotiations, to try and give them more time to come up with a long term spending bill.

Iowa Death Penalty

01/29/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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State Lawmakers will be discussing whether to add the death penalty as a punishment for some 1st degree murder convictions. The bill will go before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee. The bill says offenders need to be over the age of 18, and neither mentally ill nor intellectually disabled. It would be limited to cases involving the intentional killing of a police officer. There would be a separate trial to determine if the death penalty is warranted. The bill would also establish an automatic review by the State Supreme Court.

Transgender Iowan Bill

02/02/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:31

Governor Kim Reynolds has introduced a new bill concerning gender identity. Just one day after a bill aiming to remove gender identity from the Iowa Civil Rights Act failed to advance. The bill defines what a man, boy, woman and girl are, and also changes information listed on birth certificates or drivers licenses. The bill would define a person's gender as it's assigned at birth. It would also mean people who receive gender affirming surgery would receive documents like a drivers license or birth certificate stating their gender at birth, and then following the procedure. The group Iowa Safe Schools, which works to support LGBTQ youth is condemning the bill, saying its only going to cause more pain for an already marginalized group.

Dubuque Police Work Session

02/20/2024

Today in Iowa

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Dubuque City Council held a work session last night where the Assistant Police Chief Joe Messerich laid out the departments procedures when dealing with an officer involved shooting. From reasonable force, to reasonable belief, to deadly force, the response depends on the specific conditions they're under. 2009 was the last time the City of Dubuque had an officer involved shooting incident. According to the Iowa DCI, the State sees 13 of these incidents every year. However, Mayor Brad Cavanagh says he appreciates the departments dedication to evolving their policies over time. The department says they provide psychological and traumatic resources for employees that engage in that scenario, to get everyone through it.

Religious Freedoms Bill

02/29/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

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Another bill passing in the House tonight is the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It prohibits State, City and County Governments from taking away a person's right to exercise free religion. Those who support the bill say it protects all Iowans freedom and religion. While opponents say it could allow people to discriminate against others and cite their religious beliefs as the reason. So far 23 States governed by both Republicans and Democrats have passed similar laws to protect religious freedoms.

Fentanyl Bill

03/05/2024

Today in Iowa

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Drug dealers could face first degrees murder charges for Fentanyl deaths in Iowa, under a bill approved in the Iowa House. The bill passed 86 to 12. If enacted into law, anyone that causes a death by delivering, dispensing, or providing Fentanyl to somebody would face first degree murder charges, making it a class A felony. State Republicans say its extreme punishment because offenders don't fear any consequences happening to them once they're arrested. Critics say the bill is too harsh, as it would punish those equally who knowingly or unknowingly provided a drug containing Fentanyl, which would include teens or kids. In 2022, the Iowa Office of Drug Control Police reported 237 Iowans of Opioid related overdoses and 89-percent of them involving Fentanyl. The bill now heads to the Senate.

IVF Bill Iowa

03/08/2024

KWWL 10PM

:24

Iowa House lawmakers are moving forward with a bill that would make it a felony to cause the death of an unborn person. The bill defines an "unborn person" as a human "individual organism" from "fertilization to live birth." In its current form, the bill does not include any protections that would specifically or broadly apply to in-vitro fertilization. Democrats said the bill could threaten IVF procedures and hormonal contraception. It now goes to the Senate.

Health Research Order

03/17/2024

Sunday 10PM

:24

President Biden is expected to sign a new executive order to support women's health research. The White House says the order will prioritize women's health across across agencies. That includes looking at gaps in Federal funding when it comes to health issues that affect women, such as menopause, arthritis, and heart disease. Biden has repeatedly signaled that reproductive health is a key of his re-election campaign.

Health/Mental Health State/Medical/Medicaid/Issues

Abortion Hearing

01/04/2024

Today in Iowa

:32

The Iowa Board of Medicine is allowing public input regarding standards of practice for physicians who perform or induce abortions. You may recall Governor Kim Reynolds signed Legislation to ban abortions at six weeks, however, Planned Parenthood later sued and a Polk County Judge placed a temporary injunction on the law. Iowa Board of Medicine was then told to discuss rules for how doctors should handle abortion cases moving forward. The proposed rules would require doctors to question women in the case of rape or incest, and require medical professionals to sign certifications in the case of fetal abnormalities. Doctors who do not comply could face license suspensions, or be fined. The Iowa Board of Medicine voted to move forward with the proposed rules in December. However, the public will be able to join in on that today. A public hearing will be held from 10am until Noon in Des Moines.

Flu Activity Declines

01/15/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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Flu activity dropped early this month, according to the data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Experts warn increases are likely to come. Last week, respiratory illness in the US were high in all but 15 States according to the CDC. While influenza viruses spread year-round, most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February/ The CDC predicts hospitalizations this year will be similar to last year. So far, less than half of the US population has gotten their flu shot this season.

Long COVID Review

02/08/2024

Today in Iowa

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There may be more American children who suffered from long COVID than previously thought, according to one new study. The Journal of Pediatrics says 10 to 20 percent of kids in the US who were diagnosed with COVID developed long COVID. The CDC puts the prevalence of long COVID in children closer to just one-percent. The co-author of the paper acknowledged there are quote "lots of caveats" with the prevalence estimates used to get to their number. There are no drugs to treat long COVID. Experts say most symptoms improve within a year.

Marion CPR Training

02/17/2024

Saturday 6PM

:29

Today the Marion Fire Department and the Linn County Rotary Club partnered together to host a CPR training class. During the class, first responders explained and showed the proper CPR technique and how to operate a Lucas Machine. Marion Chief Tom Fagan says today's class was a great opportunity to help public safety in Marion. Community safety is critically important in Marion and this is a great opportunity for the City of Marion to partner with Linn County Rotary. They've been a tremendous supporter of the program to provide educational opportunities for our residents to learn about CPR. He says statistics show that starting CPR prior to first responders arriving triples that chance of survival.

UI Aging Study

03/02/2024

Saturday 6PM

:25

A University of Iowa program to help older Iowans live independently in their homes is expanding. Iowa has the highest percentage of residents above 80-years-old in the Nation. By 2033 researchers say there will be more Iowans over 65 than under 18. The Iowa Return to Community program launched in 2019. When senior citizens are hospitalized they often end up in a long-term care facility if they can't return home. The program looks to identify at-risk older Iowans and help make their homes comfortable and safe. The program launched in three counties and is now on track to become a statewide program.

CDC Measles Warning

03/19/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:25

The CDC is issuing a measles alert to doctors, hoping to raise awareness about a dramatic rise in cases, both here and abroad. Health officials say there have already been 58 confirmed cases of measles in the US this year, the same number as all of last year. Most were linked to international travel, and involved children at least one-year-old, who had not been vaccinated. The CDC is urging parents with young children to have them vaccinated, if they plan to travel outside the US.

Housing Including Homeless/Rental/New Starts/Pricing

Waterloo House Fire

01/07/2024

Today in Iowa Sunday

:32

Fire heavily damaged a vacant home in Waterloo overnight. Crews were called to a house on Bayard Street, that's in a neighborhood of the six-corners intersection around 11 last night. A neighbor heard popping sounds, looked out the window and called Waterloo Fire Rescue. Firefighters spent five-and-a-half hours at the scene, putting out the fire and hot spots. Officials say the two-story home was vacant and there were no utilities connected. Heat from the fire damaged two other homes. Investigators are working to determine the cause.

Shellsburg Fire

02/12/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:28

Were learning more about the response to a fire that devastated a home in Shellsburg and sent two people to the hospital early Saturday morning. The Canton-Benton-Shellsburg volunteer fire department said earlier today that they received a call before 4 o'clock Saturday morning about a house that had caught fire. Several departments assisted in the efforts to put out the fire over a number of hours. Fire departments from Palo and Atkins assisted, as well as Hiawatha ambulance and St. Luke's life guard and air care. The owner of the house told us that three pets unfortunately died, and two people were hurt. The home is considered a total loss.

Mortgage Rates Rise

02/15/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:22

After a brief dip in December and January, mortgage rates are moving higher again. The average rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgages increased to 6.87% last week from 6.80% the week before. The rising rates are taking a toll on mortgage demand. Total mortgage application volume fell 2.3% last week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's seasonally adjusted index.

Dubuque Family Fire

03/03/2024

Sunday 5PM

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It is one of the happiest moments of a young couples life, the birth of a child, but in a slit second, it turned devastating for a Charlotte couple. Mariah Burkhardt and Zach Karr welcomed their daughter haven at Finley Hospital in Dubuque on February 13th. The next day, their mobile home burned down. They lost everything, including their belongings and everything they bought for the baby. The fire also killed their dog. When the hospital staff found out, they came together to help, giving them clothing, personal care items and other essentials, as well as connecting them with local resources.

Cedar Rapids Apartment Fire

03/12/2024

Today in Iowa

:24

An apartment in Cedar Rapids is damaged after catching fire yesterday. Firefighters were called to the area of 66th Avenue Southwest around 4:30. When they arrived nobody was home so they quickly got the fire under control and ventilated the building to remove any smoke. The building saw significant fire and water damage but nobody was hurt. The cause is still being investigated.

Realtor Landmark Lawsuit

03/16/2024

Today in Iowa Saturday

:28

A landmark settlement has been reached that could change the way we buy and sell our homes, and it could possibly lower home prices. It surrounds commissions charged by real estate agents after the largest trade group in the country agreed to pay 418-million dollars to settle class action lawsuits over broker commissions. The lawsuits argued there was a violation of anti-trust laws in the way commissions for the home sales were being set and split between the selling and buying agents. This settlement now means both buyer and sellers can negotiate with agents upfront, with a five to six percent commission.

Social Issues Including Domestic/Violence/Crime

Cedar Rapids Bank Robbery

01/03/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:22

Police are searching for a bank robber. Police say it happened at the Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust on Council Street Northeast. No one was hurt. Police did not say if he got away with any cash. They're trying to find out who he is. If you have any information, you're asked to call Cedar Rapids Police or Linn County Crime Stoppers.

Sioux City Officer Shooting

01/09/2024

Today in Iowa

:29

Authorities are investigating an officer-involved shooting in Sioux City. At least one person has died. Officers responded to a disturbance at the parking ramp of the Sioux City Hard Rock Hotel and Casino around four yesterday morning. Sioux City Police and DCI say a person died in the parking garage. A local Police Sergeant said the police are okay but shaken up over the matter. Officers in Sioux City are asking the public to avoid the ramp until further notice.

Cedar Rapids Crime Stats

01/11/2024

KWWL News at 4PM

:24

In the last hour, Cedar Rapids Police released the City's crime stats for 2023. Last year, officers responded to roughly 12-hundred weapons related calls, and 81 calls for shots fired. That is down nearly 35-percent from the five year average. Violent crimes as a whole are down compared to the past few years. The interim Police Chief says the numbers always fluctuate but the department feels positive heading into 2024.

BHC Crime Stats

01/31/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:22

New data from the annual report from the Sheriff's Office shows crime is down in Black Hawk County. The report shows that while crime is down, calls for service have gone up, with more than 13-thousand last year. Up from 68-hundred in 2022. Re-portable offenses, like the more serious crimes of assault and murder, and other offenses are down slightly. There were nearly 5-hundred in 2022 and 467 last year.

Iowa City Attempted Abduction

02/18/2024

Sunday 5PM

:29

In Iowa City, Police are currently investigating an attempted abduction that took place late last night. Authorities say they were called to a house around 10:25PM after someone approached a 12-year-old. The victim told police the suspect was wearing a black leather coat, black gloves, and a hooded sweatshirt. Iowa City Police are asking anyone with information about what happened to contact them. They are also asking those who live in the area and have security cameras to check their footage. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000.00 reward for information leading to an arrest.

Grundy Center Arrest

02/26/2024

KWWL News at Noon

:24

Authorities have arrested a Grundy Center man on multiple drug charges after executing a search warrant at his home. Carter Jacobsen was taken into custody on Thursday. During the search, deputies found over two pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, over eight-thousand dollars in cash, unlabeled prescription drugs and a rifle. Jacobsen posted bond and has been released from custody.

Cedar Rapids Man Arrested

03/10/2024

Sunday 5PM

:25

A Cedar Rapids man is facing charges after an apparent stabbing on a party bus heading from Des Moines to Cedar Rapids. The Marshall County Sheriff's Office says 32-year-old Jesse Davis is accused of stabbing another Cedar Rapids man. First responders took the victim to the hospital. He is expected to survive his injuries. Deputies say both men knew each other previously. They believe this stemmed from a prior disagreement. Davis is facing two felony charges, assault with lawful injury and going armed with intent.

Story County Abuse

03/18/2024

KWWL News at 10PM

:32

A disturbing story developing from Central Iowa, where four people are arrested and charged for abuse of a family member. This case began in January with the report of a man at a hospital with signs of severe traumatic injuries and malnutrition. The Story County Sheriff's office says he was suffering from a brain bleed, rib fractures, and weighed 70 pounds due to severe undernourishment. Investigators say the abuse had been ongoing for a while, with the man's wrists and ankles handcuffed to a bed while he was abused. The four people charged are, 44-year-old Gary Graham, Jr, 42-year-old Danielle Graham, 20-year-old Aaron Williams and a 16-year-old girl who we are not naming at this time. They're all facing charges of first degree kidnapping and willful injury. They're in custody at the Story County jail.

Des Moines Shooting

03/24/2024

Sunday 5PM

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Two people are hospitalized and seriously hurt after a shooting in Des Moines overnight. Police responded to the shooting around 1AM in the 600 block of East Fifth Street in East Village. Investigators believe it happened during a dispute at a party. Police say the two people shot, a 27-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman are in serious condition. They are still hospitalized. There is now word on any arrests. Police say they are still investigating, but they do not believe there is any ongoing danger in the area.

Black Hawk County Missing Inmate

03/30/2024

Saturday 5PM

:26

Authorities are currently looking for a male inmate who failed to return from a work release assignment in Waterloo. Andrew Lee Stephens did not report back to the Waterloo residential correctional facility as required. He is serving jail time after being convicted of first degree robbery in Black Hawk County. Stephens is six feet tall and weighs 227 pounds. Anyone with information on where Stephens is should contact Waterloo Police.

Population Divisions Including Minority/Economic Divisions/Discrimination

Gender Identity Bill

02/01/2024

Today in Iowa

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A bill removing gender identity discrimination from the Iowa Civil Rights Act is not moving forward. It currently prevents discrimination from things like employment and housing because of one's gender identity. The bill would have removed that and changed the definition of a disability to include gender dysphoria.

School Pronoun Bill

02/05/2024

KWWL News at 5PM

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Teachers in Iowa couldn't be disciplined for not following a student's preferred pronoun, under a new bill at the Statehouse. When it comes to transgender youth specifically, those against the bill say this will open the door for others to harass and bully them. Staff and peers would be allowed to dead name the student or call them by opposite pronouns without being reprimanded. Those for the bill say this bill protects teachers, and allows them to have the choice of how to refer to a student based on their own beliefs. The committee did decide to pass the bill forward.

Gender ID Bill

02/07/2024

Today in Iowa

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In Des Moines, the House Education Committee advanced two controversial bills. One, the HSB649, which defines a woman as a person whose biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova and a male as a person whose system is developed to fertilize ova. It requires driver's licenses and other state documents to designate the sex a person was born with, even if they were to undergo sex reassignment surgery or transgender care. A new amendment was added, taking driver's licenses out of the bill, but keeping it to birth certificates. Those for the bill say it protects women. Those against the bill argue the changes would bring discrimination and harassment towards transgender people in the state. Relating it to actions of the Nazis on gay people. The bill passes in a 15 to 8 vote and now goes to the House floor.

Cedar Rapids Naturalization Ceremony

02/16/2024

KWWL News at 6PM

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Today the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library welcomed some of the newest Americans in Cedar Rapids. A Naturalization Ceremony was held consisting of people from 30 countries. The youngest of whom is 18-years-old all the way to someone who's 83-years-old. Also in attendance today was Iowa Congresswoman Ashley Hinson who spoke about the importance of today for so many people. Founded in 1974, the location has held Naturalization Ceremonies since 2016. In the Northern District of Iowa, about 600 people take the oath to become an American Citizen every year.

Transgender Day Celebration

03/31/2024

Sunday 5PM

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This Easter happens to fall on international Trans Day of Visibility. An event that has taken place every year on March 31 since 2009. As a way to celebrate the transgender community there were several festivities in Iowa City today to recognize the annual event. The day started with activities at the Iowa City Public Library, before moving over to College Green Park, where there were many organizations spoke about work that's being done to support the trans community. Mandi Remington, the founder and director of the Corridor Community Action Network, says she feels the transgender community in Iowa is under attack. There were also speakers, including Tara McGovern, a transgender activist who was recently acquitted of protest related charges. The day's events will conclude with a screening of the film Tomboy.

Youth **Including Achievement/Protection/Health**

Schools Being More Prepared

01/06/2024

Today in Iowa Saturday

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Many school districts across Iowa are using this as an opportunity to review their current safety measures to make sure they can adequately respond to and deter threats. Many schools lock outside doors, conduct frequent drills and train students and staff for what to do if there is an armed intruder. Linn-Mar School Resource Officer Tom Daubs says it's best to speak up if you see or hear anything unusual happening. In 2022, the State put 100-million toward school safety funding. Placing emergency radios in every school, providing active shooter training's and creating a threat reporting app called safe and sound. Waterloo Schools Superintendent Jared Smith says they are constantly reviewing protocols and what they can do to prevent violence before it occurs. The Governor's School Safety Bureau conducted safety audits of every school in Iowa. Smith says the Bureau is giving each of his district's 19 buildings 50,000 to upgrade safety measures, like add more secure doors and better surveillance cameras.

Appeal on Iowa School Books

01/12/2024

KWWL News at 6PM

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Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird tonight says the State is appealing the decision by a district court to block Iowa's new education law, that restricts age inappropriate material to students up to the sixth grade. Last month a judge granted a partial injunction to the new law after arguments from people saying it was trying to silence certain students. The law bans books depicting sex acts from schools and libraries and bans teachers from discussing sexual orientation and gender identity in the classroom.

Waterloo Schools High School Plan

01/19/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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Waterloo Schools are working to move forward with a proposal to combine students at East and West High into one single school. The new high school would be on the same campus as the Waterloo Career Center and possibly the EXPO Alternative Learning Center. The district is hosting four community town halls to further share information about this project. They'll be open to the public over the next couple weeks including tomorrow.

Perry Schools Reopen

01/21/2024

Today in Iowa Sunday

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The Perry School Board has approved a plan to reopen the school in a phased approach. Each school will have an open house the day before students return. Students at the elementary and preschool will return on Wednesday and Thursday. Middle school students will return to class on Thursday and high school students will be back on January 31st. Mental Health support will also be made available at schools for anyone who needs it.

FAFSA Form Error

01/25/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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The FAFSA form error that would have limited students financial aid will be corrected soon. The error involved a failure to adjust financial aid tables for inflation. The Education Department estimates the new fix will give students access to an additional 1.8-billion-dollars in Federal student aid. However, financial aid experts say implementing the fix to the free application for Federal student aid could lead to delays in the students receiving aid offers.

Waterloo East High Scholarships

12/03/2024

Sturday 6PM

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It was an important day on the court and in the classroom for the Waterloo Community School District. In between the basketball games between the boys and girls of East and West High, UNI-Cue at the University of Northern Iowa handed out to sets of scholarships to four students. The Grace and Joe Hall Scholarships and the Doctor Kothari Family Scholarships are named after current and former members of the school. And Daniel Listo and Natalie Baker from West High School. The Grace and Joe Hal Scholarship is renewable for up to four years to allow students to continue using it. All of the students plan to attend UNI after graduation.

AEA Community Conversation

02/11/2024

Today in Iowa Sunday

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In Cedar Falls, community members holding a conversation about proposed changes to Area Education Agencies across Iowa. Several State Lawmakers from the Cedar Valley joined community members at the Central Rivers AEA. Governor Reynolds proposal would allow to still provide general education. Media and special education services. But it gives districts control of funding and allows the option to not use AEA's. Those who work on the programs and parents of students that benefit from the programs talked about how AEA's have made a difference in kids lives. The AEA bill failed a house subcommittee. It passed a Senate Subcommittee but still needs to clear a full committee.

Student Athlete School Open

02/13/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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A new school designed to help student-athletes is coming to Norwalk. T-P-H Academy will offer personalized lesson plans for students and will also give them dedicated time for training and practice. Students enrolled will take part in 20 hours of school a week and then have eight hours to practice. A Freshman baseball player at Waukee says this new school will help give him flexibility with his busy schedule. T-P-H already has 18 other schools around the Country. They plan to open their Norwalk facility on June first.

Free Child Dental Clinic

02/22/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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Tomorrow in Waterloo Black Hawk Public Health's I-Smile program is partnering with Kimball and Beecher Family Dentistry for a free dental clinic to children in need. The event is to help meet the increasing need of families unable to find a dental provider who accepts Medicaid. Free dental services will be provided to children ages 1 to 13. Services include oral exams, x-rays, preventative care, like cleaning and fluoride, as well as restorative care like fillings. Appointments will be scheduled from 8am until 2pm at the Hurst Drive location. All children must be registered in advance with parent permission to receive services.

Iowa Department of Education Announcement

03/01/2024

KWWL News at 5PM

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A major announcement from the Iowa Department of Education today, allocating 3-point-5-million dollars in grants to support before and after school programs. All schools are eligible to apply for the learning beyond the bell grant, but students in schools that are most in need will be given priority. Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow commented on the grant, saying in part quote, "in partnership with schools and community organizations, learning beyond the bell will expand access to high-quality instructional and enrichment programs, engaging students in dynamic learning and supporting working families beyond the school day."

Curling Physics

03/06/2024

KWWL News at Noon

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40 students at Clear Creek Amana High School are learning physics in a new way. Students are inside the Cedar Rapids "Im On" ice arena to learn about curling and conduct their own experiments on the ice. It's in partnership with Cedar Rapids curling. Brice Jensen is the science teacher heading the event. He says the interest in studying physics through curling came after watching the winter Olympics. Now, he's glad he's found some real life application for what he's taught in the classroom. The students have been doing research in preparation and will analyze their curling data once finished today.

School Safety

03/27/2024

Today in Iowa

:27

There are still efforts to try to find better ways to protect kids at school. Des Moines public schools hosts a meeting every week between educators and law enforcement to learn about the latest information and tools being used, from looking at social media posts to activating new radio systems to alert police of an active shooter. The State Department is also working on a "safe and sound" app to help people anonymously report threats to schools before they happen.