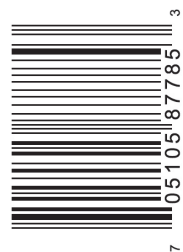


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## Regular and Joint Meetings of the Boards of Education

*Eldora-New Providence and Hubbard Radcliffe CSD meet to discuss important issues*

A regular and joint meeting of the Boards of Education of the Eldora-New Providence and Hubbard Radcliffe Community School Districts was held on Feb. 20.

- There was no public comment.

- The board heard a presentation from Central Rivers Area Education Agency Region 9 Administrator, Amy Starr and board member Kathy Enslin about AEA services provided to both districts.

- Karen Feltman from ParentSquare presented to both boards about communication tools that they could provide to improve effectiveness and efficiency in communication. ParentSquare is an app that provides a platform for all school-to-home communication. It provides two-way group messaging, private conversations, district-wide alerts and notices and simple user interface to keep parents, teachers and students connected.

- Reports were given by ENP Elementary Principal, HR Elementary Principal, SHMS Principal, the Director of Teaching and Learning and Superintendent, Dr. Adam Zellmer.

ENP District Business

- The resolution was passed authorizing the retention of current boundaries for the Director Districts of the Eldora-New Providence CSD.

- Mr. Rundall presented to the board about possibly bringing the iJAG program to South Hardin High School to create more work based learning opportunities for kids. The board would like iJAG to work up a contract to be brought to the next meeting.

- The board approved the tax exemption certificate for the ENP Elementary Lower Level Renovation.

- The board approved the resolution identifying the terms of issuance and providing for and securing payment for the school infrastructure sales, service and use tax revenue bonds for the ENP Elementary Lower Level Renovation

- Resignations: Pat Brekke as kitchen assistant, Matthew Pfaltzgraff

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## THESE KIDS ARE FAST AS LIGHTNING

*Freedom Kung Fu grants first group of students in Eldora certificates*



**By Rebekah Cullinan**

Freedom Kung Fu is a martial arts studio located in Eldora. Freedom Kung Fu offers lessons in Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Qi gong. The mission of the establishment is to provide, “Chinese Martial arts to improve health and critical thinking skills, and to encourage youth and local communities to pursue a free society.”

Crystal Denny (Jing Shifu) is the founder, chief coach and business owner of Freedom Kung Fu. What began as an interest in Kung Fu as a sport during childhood, developed into a passion and a lifestyle.

Denny was born in Italy, where she began her pursuit of Chinese martial arts. Early on she devoted her life to learning and eventually teaching the practice. Traveling to China for further study, Denny achieved a Bachelor’s of Arts in Chinese Language and Culture. Denny is very adept to both teach the physical aspect of martial arts and provide a deeper understanding of the cultural background of the art.

Holding a Bachelors of Science in Exercise and Sports Science with research background on the effects of Tai Chi and Qi Gong on the autonomic nervous system and motor parameters, Denny knows what she is teaching will have a direct effect on health and wellness.

**ABOVE LEFT:** Sadie Reentz has worked hard for her certificate and it shows.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Austin Day show grace and fluidity as he demonstrates a series of movements in the marital art of Kung Fu

**BELOW LEFT:** The entire group of Kung Fu students testing for their certificates demonstrate excellent form

**BELOW RIGHT:** Denny stands proudly with her students. *Rebekah Cullinan/Herald-Ledger photos*

## Selling of old hospital and EMS merge are discussed at City Council Meeting

**By Rebekah Cullinan**

At the Eldora City Council meeting on Feb. 14, a public hearing was held for the sale of the property located at 2314 Edgington Ave. This location was the Eldora Re-

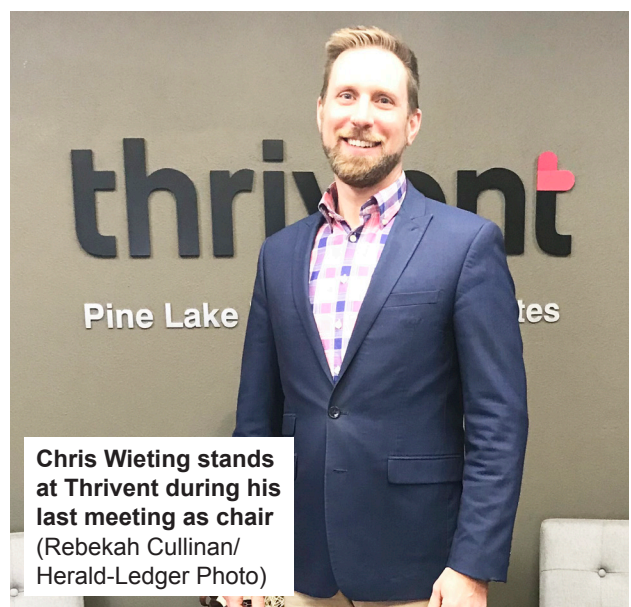
gional Medical Center and most recently Eldora Medical Clinic. A discussion was held between city council members on marketing for the sale of the property by using ads and media, or to go through a realtor. To facil-

itate the sale of the establishment the decision was made to go through a realtor due to resources and time.

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Submitted photo



**Chris Wieting stands at Thrivent during his last meeting as chair**  
(Rebekah Cullinan/Herald-Ledger Photo)

## Rails to Trails a Corridor of Historic Importance

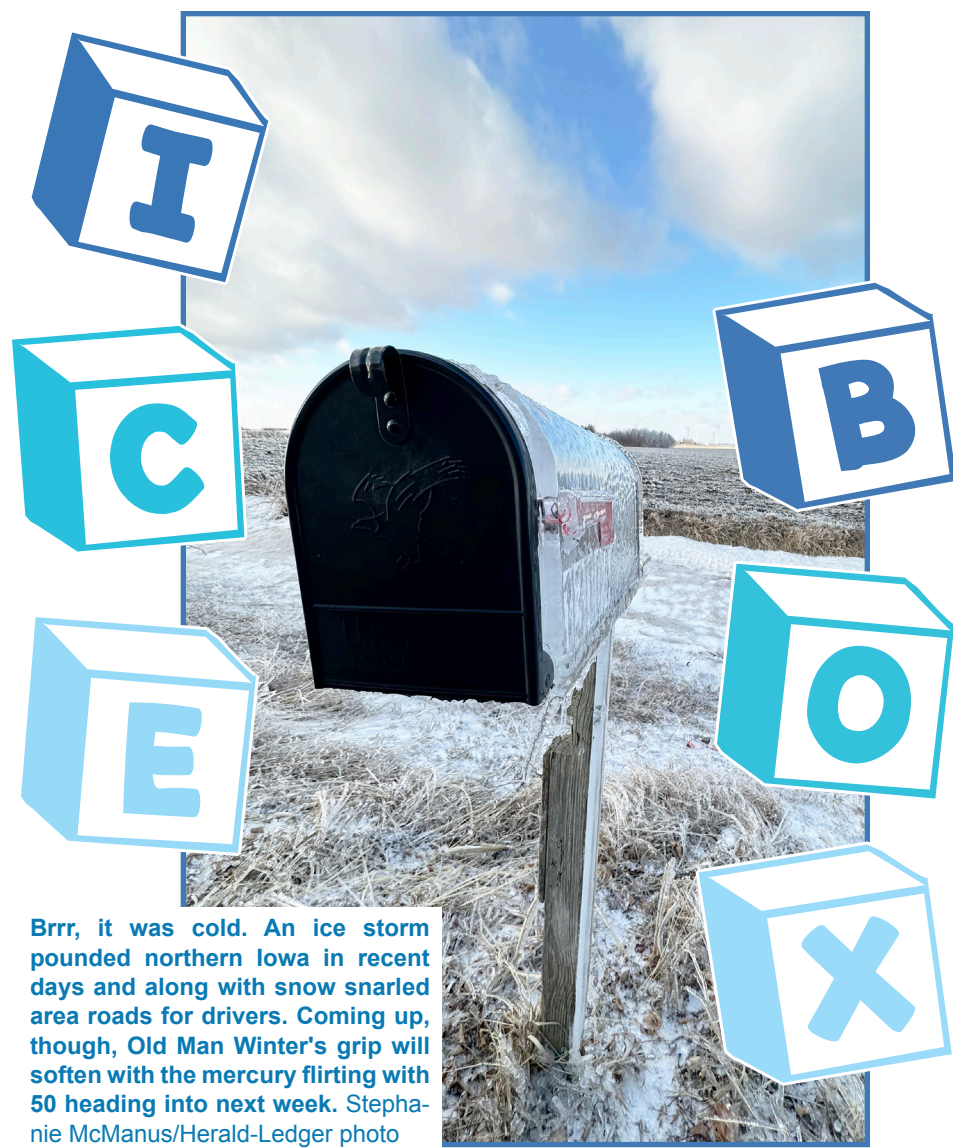
*Wieting retires from River’s Edge Trail Board*

**By Rebekah Cullinan**

Historically transportation routes evolved around water as a resource to ship goods and the flat topogra-

phy around water lent itself to rail transportation. As a

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**Brrrr, it was cold.** An ice storm pounded northern Iowa in recent days and along with snow snarled area roads for drivers. Coming up, though, Old Man Winter’s grip will soften with the mercury flirting with 50 heading into next week. *Stephanie McManus/Herald-Ledger photo*