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Community CALENDAR

Whitetails Unlimited English River Chapter Banquet
Saturday, March 22 at Keokuk County Expo, 22400 220th Ave, Sigourney. Social Hour - 4:30 p.m. Two-Meat Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 Single; \$25 spouse; \$25 child; tickets not sold at the door

Harper Knights of Columbus Weekly Fish Fry
Every Friday during Lent, 5-7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall/Windhorst Club of Harper. Catfish, Tilapia, Shrimp, Au Gratin and baked potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, roll and drink. \$15 per person, half price for kids. For information and carry-out orders, contact Mic Berg at (319) 461-3281

Bras For a Cause
April 12, Carl Craft Civic Center, Hedrick, IA. Silent Auction 4:30-9:00 p.m., Dinner 4:30 p.m. provided by Bubba Q's, Live Bra Auction 6:00 p.m. Modelling by the Hedrick Volunteer Firemen. Free Will Donation

Webster Hometown Reunion
Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Keokuk County Expo. Meal, silent auction, door prizes. Open to anyone who lives in or used to live in Webster. Collecting money and food for food pantries

Sigourney American Legion Post #19
Meets 7:00 p.m. Third Tuesday of every month at Memorial Hall

Keswick American Legion Post #319
Meets Monthly @ 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Keswick American Legion Post

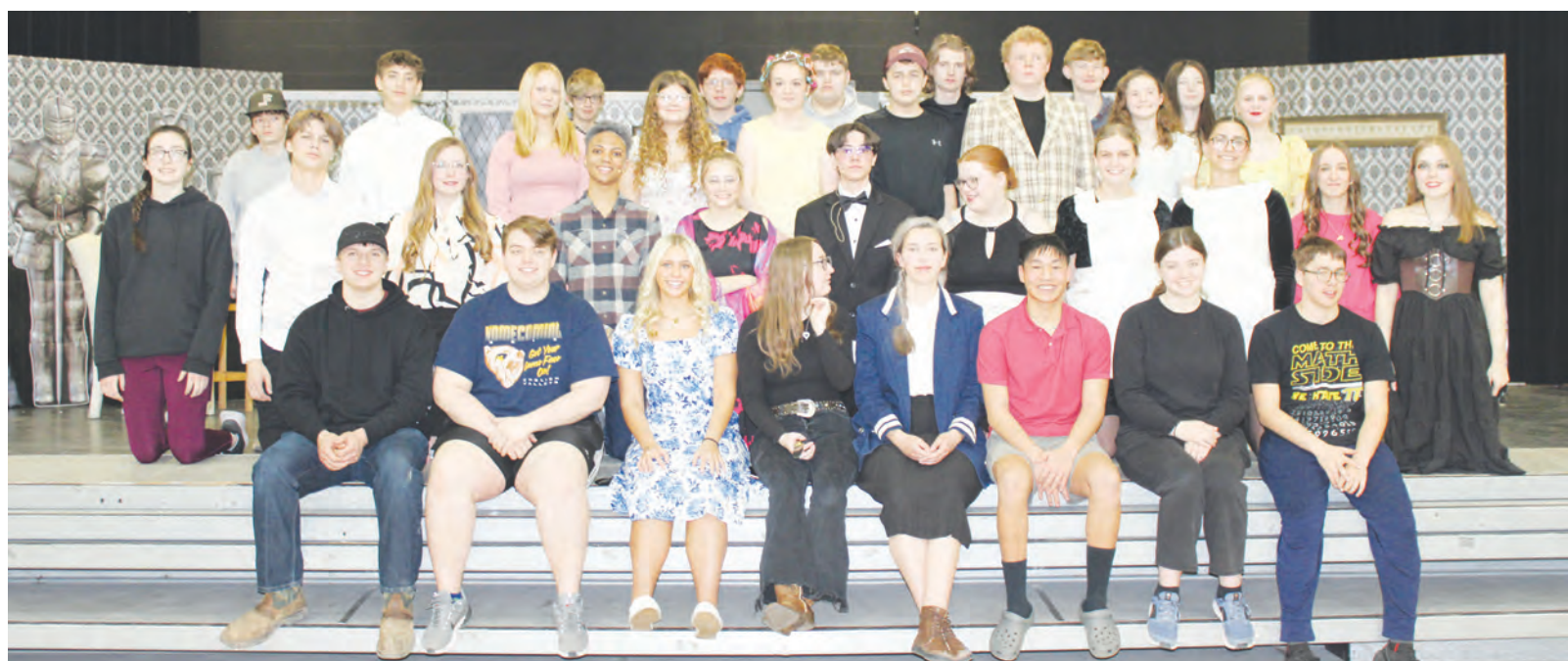
Sit 'N' Stitch
At Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota on 1st Thursday & 3rd Saturday of Each Month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome

Richland Public Library

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English Valleys Students Perform a Marvelous Murder Mystery

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
NORTH ENGLISH - On the evenings of March 14 and 15, the English Valleys Drama Department put on the play "Deadline" by Don Zolidis. The play stars an ensemble cast of struggling murder mystery writers who are invited to an island mansion for a writing competition. Things turn deadly serious when their host offers \$1,000,000 to them if they can successfully carry out and get away with a murder. Bodies soon begin dropping. The English Valleys performance starred Ellie Patterson as Penelope, a social media influencer; Kaylee Frazier and Cyrus Morrison as Deborah and Greg Haskins, a bickering pair of married writers; Daige Sabin as Carwell Chalmers, an elderly, grumpy old writer; Kaylynn

Hoylman as Vampetta, a goth writer obsessed with vampires and demons; Phoenix Sorden as Brenda, an enigmatic writer; Jack Osborn as Zak, a dimwitted party bro; and Stacia Linder as Jennifer, a Southern self-published mystery writer. Rounding out the cast were Tyler Wiseman as Dellacroix, their mysterious host; Clara Karr as Bella, an ill-tempered barista; Olivia Debevec and Mckenna Rugg as Morris and Norris, a pair servants; and Clare Hart as Meyers, the boat captain and secret mastermind. Adam Forbes, Emily Sieren, Peyton Conrad, Chyar McGaffee, Miley Clubb, Ambryn Hoylman and Pantera Spies played minor roles in the play's opening scene. Channing Stratton, Victoria Threlkeld and Aliza Walker worked as student directors. Korbyn Brecht was the crew lead, with Declan Patter-

son handling sound, Forrest Schott and Aadin Clingan handling lights, Whitney Walker handling the curtain, and Jack Johnson, Brodie Beabrower, Vinny Westphal, Chance McGaffee, Channing Stratton, Brody Williams, Miles Krebs and Landon Van Dee handling various crew duties. The play was directed by Carrie Burdick, who has been directing plays at English Valleys for 15 years. Practices for the play began right after Christmas Break. "It was time for another murder mystery dark comedy type," said Burdick. "We like to do them. We like to rotate different types of plays and give the kids different types of experiences. These are good ones to do because they can work on both theatrical acting, you know, dramatic acting and comedy." "I've been doing the play for about two years now. I was



Ellie Patterson, Kaylynn Hoylman, Cyrus Morrison

kind of a late bloomer, but I've always had fun with it. I've done two plays and a musical...I enjoy a good comedic role. I feel like that's my specialty," said Cyrus Morrison, who played dimwitted husband Gregory. Ellie Patterson and Kaylynn Hoylman, both Sophomores, stated they had been doing plays since Freshman year. "My director just thought I'd be good at this part, so I tried it out," said Patterson. "Yeah, same for me," added Hoylman. "I think she just thought it matched our personalities and attitudes" "Yeah it was really based on personalities...What I liked about this play was, you know, it was kind of a

different thing from the past. We've done, I don't quite remember the plays, but it wasn't like a good murder mystery. I love all types of mysteries, so it was really fun to actually get to do a mystery," said Morrison. "I just really like my character and my costume," said Hoylman. "I really liked all the jokes that were made. I thought there was a lot of comedy in there. It's funny for us to say, said Patterson. "A lot of these kids do track or other sports," said Burdick. "They will get here for morning practices at like 6:00 a.m. and they will be here til 8:30, or this last week, 9:00 at night. It is a lot of work."



Alumn Directed Film Shown at Keota High School

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
KEOTA - "The Gates," an indie film directed by Keota graduate Tiffany Ketcham, was shown at the high school auditorium on March 15. "I graduated from here in 2007," said Ketcham. "I was in ten plays while I was here. The first one I was ever in I was actually twelve-years-old. I turned thirteen on our show date. I was the owl in 'Winnie the Pooh,' and so I have very fond memories here, and I just wanted to bring this to the community and show what you can take from doing plays in high school and where you can go with it...I wouldn't be able to do the fight choreography without my years in EagleRock! I would not be able to do my directing or acting if I wouldn't have been on this stage for ten plays in high school. So I'm grateful to be back here." The film, which was filmed in Knoxville and Newton and had a miniscule \$8,000 bud-

get, starred Ketcham's husband Andrew as Alec Black, a con artist murdered by his business partner, who convinces the gatekeeper of the afterlife to let him come back from the dead. "I actually wrote it as a really bad musical where the con man goes to the bar and starts singing a song. It was really terrible," said Tiffany Ketcham. "And I kinda stepped away from it for almost a year and a half, and then I had an idea to make it all work, and I rewrote it probably in three weeks. From the time I started writing it to the time we got it up to the theater in Newton took two years." Ketcham plans to have the film appear in the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival in April and be judged by the Iowa Motion Picture Awards. She plans to release the film to the public in late April, depending on what it gets nominated for. Her next project, a short film starring children called "Littles," is currently 40% funded.



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The English Valleys Team

Speech Students Compete at State

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

ELDRIDGE – The Southeast Iowa Individual Speech State Competition was held at North Scott High School in Eldridge on March 15. At the state contest, students are judged by three judges.

Sigourney
Tierney Greiner received all IIs for her reading of the poem “Sick” by Shel Silverstein.

Chloe Martin received all IIs for her Spontaneous Speaking

Tri-County

Nathan McDonald received all Is for his Original Oratory “Don’t Just Wave.”

Pekin

Rannen Harbison received all Is in Acting for her performance of Mercutio’s Queen Mab scene from “Romeo and Juliet” by William Shakespeare.

Harper Guise received all Is in Storytelling for reciting “Blue Nose” by Margaret Embry.

Natalie Hamilton received all Is in Public Address for her reading of “Graduation Speech 2012 SMU.”

Brinley Phillips received two Is and a II in Musical Theatre for her performance of the song “Calm” from “Ordinary Days.”

Tatum Harbison received two Is and a II in Storytelling for her reading of “Anglerfish,” a segment from the horror podcast “The Magnus Archives” by Jonathan Sims.

English Valleys
Daige Sabin received all Is in Musical Theatre for singing “Made of Stone” from “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”

Declan Patterson received two Is and a II in Literature Program for reading “Defining Math,” “How a Math Teacher Changed My Life,” and “Invention vs Discovery,” three pieces about math.

Ellie Patterson received two Is and a II in Literature Program for reading “Garden of Stone,” “Leo’s Battle,” and “Saddest Word.” She also received two IIs and a I in Poetry for reading “Mad Girls

Love Song” and “In the Belly of Mad Girls Love Song.”

Kaylynne Hoylman received two IIs and a I for in Prose for her performance of “The Great Camel Tea-Tastrophe.”

McKenna Rugg received two IIs and a I in Poetry for the poem “Just Me.”

Cyrus Morrison received two IIs and a I in Prose for reading “An Uncomfortable Bed.”

Stacia Linder received two IIs and a I for her Original Oratory “Don’t Drink and Drive & You’ll Stay Alive.”

Tyler Wiseman received three IIs in Radio News Broadcasting.

Forrest Schott received three IIs in Spontaneous Speaking.

Ambryn Hoylman received three IIs in Prose for reading “Looking Back.”



The Pekin Team

Keokuk County Residents Receive Incorrect Tax Information

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOKUK COUNTY – Last week, Keokuk County residents received incorrect property tax information. State law requires counties send out letters detailing

the current property tax rates and proposed new property tax rates. However, residents mistakenly received the same letters as last year. According to Keokuk County Auditor Christy Bates, this was due to an employee of the mail

service the county worked with mistaking Fiscal Year 2025, meaning July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, for the upcoming fiscal year. New letters were quickly sent, containing corrected information and an explanation of the mix-up.

Pekin Cuts Three Teachers As Part of Staff Reduction

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

PACKWOOD – During the March 10 meeting of the Pekin School Board, the board approved not renewing the contracts of three teachers for staff reduction purposes. Superintendent Jeff Maeder stated that, with enrollment numbers where they are, there has been talk of reducing K-6 classes to two sections, meaning that 1st and 6th grade, both of which are three section grades, need to be reduced. He stated that criteria including current position, evaluations, certifications and ability to do coaching were taken into consideration, and that the three teachers selected were all probationary teachers. The teachers whose contracts

were not renewed include 1st Grade Teacher Alison Diers, 6th Grade Teacher Paige Ingle and 6th Grade Teacher Gabrielle Okones. Maeder stated this was not an easy choice and that these teachers all did a great job, and that the decision was made based on enrollment numbers only. The board also approved transferring Instructional Coach Cassidy Steinhart to an indeterminate Elementary Classroom job and K-6 Art and TAG Teacher Amy Steigleder to 7-8 Science and TAG.

Board member Kortney Baumberger stated she had received several phone calls about the non-renewed contracts from parents who said that these teachers did good jobs and made a difference

in their children’s lives. She stated that these teachers are younger people with children in the district and that Pekin will lose these students if they lose those contracts. Maeder stated that all of the teachers had been told they would be considered for any openings that may come up between now and the end of the year. Baumberger asked if there was a way to get more at-risk funds, noting it was \$80,000 lower this year, and Maeder stated that they couldn’t because it was based on enrollment.

The board discussed a pair of potential calendars for the 2025/2026 school year, one which would feature a

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Sigourney School Board Discusses Potential School Resource Officer, District Budget

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the March 12 meeting of the Sigourney School Board, the board met with Chris Shadduck, a Wapello County Sheriff’s Deputy who has worked as a School Resource Officer at Cardinal for six years. Sigourney Superintendent Kevin Hatfield stated that there was no commitment from the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Office yet, but that he hoped to have a SRO at Sigourney in the future. Shadduck gave an overview of his job, which includes ensuring the safety of students and staff, enforcing school policies and laws, mentoring and counseling students, handling fights, and educating students about things like constitutional amendments, online predators, dating, and drugs and alcohol. He stated that four students from Cardinal who later went into law enforcement told him they would not have if they didn’t have interactions with him as a positive law enforcement officer.

Shadduck stated that it was difficult to set-up his position at Cardinal, due to the optics, and that, when he started, people asked if things were really so bad that they needed a school cop. He stated he is not there because things are bad, but to be another re-

source to use. He stated that multiple staff members told him, when he was first hired, that they didn’t need an SRO and that this was a waste of money, and that all of those staff members apologized. He explained that his presence gives students positive interactions with law enforcement and that, before he was hired, his only interaction with kids was negative, when he would come to their parents’ houses to arrest them or to the school to take kids to juvenile court.

He explained that he is at Cardinal full-time, but is required to spend one hour patrolling in either Eldin or Agency every day, and that he works the road when school is out of session. Shadduck stated that he works with counseling staff and is good at getting kids to admit things they wouldn’t admit to anyone else. He stated Cardinal only has around three or four criminal charges a year. He stated he doesn’t issue tickets for tobacco, because parents usually end up paying them.

Hatfield stated that state rules limit the sharing of surveillance with law enforcement, but that there is more flexibility with an SRO. He stated that the legislature is trying to fund SROs more. Board member Alan Glandon asked about training and Shadduck stated that SROs just need to be trained as a

peace officer. He encouraged the board have any SRO they hire attend a week-long training program, to teach how to deal with things cops don’t normally deal with, like how to deal with autistic children without escalating. He stated he doesn’t assist with restraining students unless staff is assaulted and had only had to a few times in his career.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, High School Principal Shannon Webb explained that the school is planning to have two classes next year taught by Curriculum Director and Work-Based Learning coordinator Jenny Bell: Work-Based Learning program Savage Advantage, which will take the place of the current Work-Based Learning class for Juniors, and a new Freshman Seminar class that most Freshman will take, which will help them identify goals and priorities, figure out what they want to do in the future, and prepare for Savage Advantage. She stated her and Bell had talked to students about the class and that they were excited. Webb stated they were meeting with Keokuk County Hospital and Clinics and Singlair Tractor to set up WBL partnerships.

Elementary Principal Deanna Spence brought up

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Stay Safe From Shingles

1 in 3 people will get shingles. Prevention is possible.

Shingles can cause a painful skin rash and lead to serious health problems, such as long-term nerve pain and vision loss. Shingles stays dormant in your nervous system after you recover from chickenpox. Your risk of shingles increases with age.

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- Adults 19 and older with weakened immune systems.
- Adults 50 and older.

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IOWA Health and Human Services

Source: cdc.gov 2/25

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Friday: Noon-5:00
Saturday: 10:00-1:00
Thursdays 3 p.m. Lego & Games, all ages invited
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For more information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library
Mondays 10-6pm
Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10-5pm
Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturdays 8-12.

Sigourney Public Library
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Summer Reading Program (June):
Mondays 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pre-School
Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. 4th/5th/6th Grade
Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. 2nd/3rd Grade
Thursdays 1-2 p.m. Kindergarten/1st Grade
Fridays 12-1:30 p.m. Family Movie Matinee

Hedrick Public Library
Monday/Thursday/Friday 2 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday 2 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday 12 - 4 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday Closed

What Cheer Public Library
Monday 12:00-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sigourney Kiwanis
Serving the community since 1969. Kiwanis meet Wednesdays, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Keokuk County Bowl, visitors are welcome.

Free Grace Recovery
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E Broadway St. What Cheer. For: All Addictions: any hurt, habit or hang up. Come as you are. Childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. freegrace.tv/recovery

Old Keota Business
Anyone having old photos of former Keota businesses, please contact Larry Gale Sanders. The photos will be used in a Keota Business Pictorial Album.

Keota Food Pantry
The food pantry in Keota is open on the last Sunday of the month at the United Church of Faith, 10-11 a.m. Anyone needing food is invited.

Richland Community Food Bank
Located at Richland Methodist Church, 106 W South St. Richland, (319) 456-2251 Sherry Jipp. Open Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 5-7:00 p.m.

City of Keota Public Meeting
Public meetings will be held on the First and Third Monday of each month. at

7 p.m. at Keota City Hall. Special Meetings will be posted at City Hall.

Keota School Board
The Keota School Board meets the second Thursday of each month, typically at 6 p.m.

Keota VFW Auxiliary
The VFW Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday of each month, typically at the VFW building.

Keokuk County Historical Society
Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. When school is cancelled or delayed KCHS will be closed. Arrangements for visiting other days can be arranged by calling 641-622-3005, please leave a message and a volunteer will return your call.

Keokuk County Supervisors
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors meets weekly on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney
AA Meetings at Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. for more information, call (319) 461-6869.

Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney
NA Meetings Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Thursdays at 6 p.m. at 615 S Jefferson St Sigourney

Food Pantry-

Sigourney
Food Pantry Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Call the Lord's Pantry at 641-224-2588 or contact a minister

Keokuk County Public Health
Keokuk County Public Health is here to serve you. We offer an array of services such as: home health services, immunizations, education, diabetic care, foot care, partner's program, etc. We have walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, etc. to loan out free of cost. Please call us if you or a loved one is in need. For more information, call (641) 622-3575.

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota
AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

Alzheimer's Support
Alzheimer's Support Group meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Presbyterian Church in Washington at 6:30 p.m.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm at Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

Grief Share
Sigourney Christian Church, 308 S Jefferson St on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., beginning Nov. 6. No charge

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15-minute shorter day and one that would keep 3:30 dismissal times, but feature 1:30 early outs on Fridays, to give time for professional development and meetings. These early outs would replace the current monthly professional development days, which are held on Mondays and feature no classes. Maeder explained that, with the early out schedule, at least one Friday a month would go towards "flex time" where teachers would be able to decide what they needed to work on.

Board member Mike Davis brought up after school sports, asking if kids would go straight to practice on early out days and saying he didn't want kids to just sit there after school. Maeder stated coaches could start practices early on flex days, and that the school would likely have to provide supervision for kids for a few hours on early out days.

Board member J.J. Greiner noted there would be a new superintendent soon and suggested the board reject both calendars and stick with a normal 3:30 dismissal calendar. He noted that both calendars would reduce instructional time from the current 1,118 hours yearly to 1,096 hours, and stated they were inching closer to the state minimum of 1,080 hours. He stated that parents want their kids to have more instructional time.

Board President J.D. Olinger asked why they were considering a shorter day. Elementary Principal Liz Goodwin stated that Pekin has longer days than other schools. Baumberger stated there were people worried about how much time students were spending at school, particularly 7-12 students because of activities. Elementary teacher Michelle Glosser stated that, in the years she has been at Pekin, more and more time has been added to the day.

Davis stated that this could cause problems with bus drivers, bringing up one bus driver, a retired farmer, who always shows up at 3:30 exactly. He stated he agreed with Greiner that there will be problems with a shorter day and that this discussion should be revisited in the future. Board member Ray Fear asked if bus drivers would struggle with 15 minutes. Greiner stated some will, and that, when he substitutes as a bus driver, he leaves his job at 3:20 and usually doesn't

come back. He stated he would go back to work afterwards if there was an earlier dismissal time. He stated he didn't like 1:30 early outs because they're in the middle of the day, when he's in the middle of doing something. Fear stated he didn't think 15 minutes would matter much and that they should stick with a traditional schedule, if changing would mess with bus routes.

Baumberger asked if this would affect academy students and was told it wouldn't. Olinger asked what the staff wanted. Secondary Principal Shawn Dorman stated he emailed teachers asking for their opinion; seven responded, all saying they preferred the 15 minute shorter day to a 1:30 early out. Maeder stated that everyone has calendar fatigue at this point. The board voted to approve the 15-minute shorter calendar.

Business Manager Kaye Gilbert read off the district's state audit. She noted that the district's expenditures exceeded the certified budget, even after amending the budget, and stated they did not want that to happen again. She stated she was monitoring the budget and that the budget amendment in May would be a little bit bigger, to avoid having to do another amendment. The district was also dinged for a lack of segregation of duties and for slight overstated amounts in certified enrollment and supplementary waiting, which Gilbert stated was normal.

The board approved a sharing agreement with Grant Wood AEA for IT services, which will provide a person on site for five days a week during the school year, at a cost of \$98,600. Maeder noted this will allow the district to pay the IT salary out of PPEL instead of the general fund.

The board voted against waving the ineligibility for a student who open-enrolled out of Pekin, which was discussed and tabled at the previous board meeting. Greiner stated he had spoken to the ISAB, who warned waving for this student would set a precedent. Greiner stated that there were currently students at Pekin sitting out activities for 90 days and that parents would be mad if they wave the wait period for this student, but do not for other kids in the future. He noted that the student is transferring to a four-day school.

Births, Engagements, Weddings, and Anniversaries

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MENUS

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Thursday, Mar 20
Grilled Chicken Salad, Cheese, Eggs, Tomatoes & Bacon, Orange Dreamsicle Dessert
Friday, Mar 21
Ham Balls, Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Scalloped Corn, Bishops Pie
Monday, Mar 24
Cheeseburger Soup, Garlic Bread, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Apple Crisp
Tuesday, Mar 25
Salmon Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Lemon Bars
Wednesday, Mar 26
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Peas, Sunshine Cake

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Thursday, Mar 20
Ham & Potato Au Gratin, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Mixed Fruit
Friday, Mar 21
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Whole Grain Roll, Fruit
Monday, Mar 24
Beef Enchilada Casserole, Rice & Beans, Side Salad, Mandarin Oranges
Tuesday, Mar 25
Herb Baked Pollock, Brown Rice Pilaf, Spinach & Onion, Whole Grain Roll, Sliced Pears
Wednesday, Mar 26
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Four Way Mixed Vegetables, WW Bread, Applesauce

Tri-County

Thursday, Mar 20
Breakfast - Waffles; Lunch - Hot Dog, Sweet Potato FF, Strawberries
Friday, Mar 21
Breakfast - Long John; Lunch - Pizza Rolls, Green Beans, Applesauce
Monday, Mar 24
Breakfast - Poptart & Yogurt; Lunch - Chicken Alfredo, Corn, Pears, Breadstick
Tuesday, Mar 25
Breakfast - Strawberry Bagel Bite; Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, FF, Baked Beans, Applesauce
Wednesday, Mar 26
Breakfast - Pancake Bites; Lunch - Beef Taco, Salsa, Spanish Rice, Mandarin Oranges

Keota

Thursday, Mar 20
Breakfast - Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk; Lunch - Tenderloin on a Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tri-Tater, Steamed Carrots, Pears
Friday, Mar 21
No School
Monday, Mar 24
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk; Lunch - Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun, Potato Wedges, Fresh Broccoli, Grapes
Tuesday, Mar 25
Breakfast - Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk; Lunch - Shrimp Poppers, Yogurt, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Oranges, Wheat Roll & Jelly
Wednesday, Mar 26
Breakfast - Cheese Omelet, Toast & Jelly, Oranges, Juice, Milk; Lunch - Taco Burger on a Bun, Refried Beans, Pears, Chips & Salsa

Pekin

Thursday, Mar 20
Breakfast - French Toast, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice; Lunch - Sausage Gravy, WG Biscuit, Tri-Tater, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Grapes
Friday, Mar 21
Breakfast - WG Donut, Yogurt Cup, Fruit, Juice; Lunch - Popcorn Shrimp, Potato Wedges, Cherry Tomatoes w/ Ranch, Mixed Fruit, Orange Wedges
Monday, Mar 24
Breakfast - WG Pancakes, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice; Lunch - Chicken Tetrazzini, Corn, Peas, Applesauce, Raisels, WG Chex Mix
Tuesday, Mar 25
Breakfast - WG Cereal Bar, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice; Lunch - Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, Diced Peaches, Blueberries, WG Brookie
Wednesday, Mar 26
Breakfast - Egg Patty, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice; Lunch - Beef Dippers, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Jonny Pop, Chex Mix

Sigourney

Thursday, Mar 20
Breakfast - Lemon Strawberry French Toast Casserole, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Muffin Square, Milk; Lunch - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tenders w/ Garlic Toast, Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn, Fruit, Milk
Friday, Mar 21
Breakfast - Biscuits & Pepper Gravy, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Toast w/ Margarine, Milk, Sausage Patty; Lunch - Honey Bacon Glazed Tender Sandwich, Taco Joe on a Bun, Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Fruit Muffin, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk
Monday, Mar 24
Breakfast - Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Milk; Lunch - Nashville Hot Chicken, Mozzarella Dunkers, Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, Mar 25
Breakfast - Maple Bacon Sweet Roll, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk, Yogurt; Lunch - Super Nachos, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, Mar 26
Breakfast - Breakfast Bowl, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Toast w/ Margarine, Milk; Lunch - Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Ham & Cheddar Melt, Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

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English Valleys

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No School
Monday, Mar 24
Breakfast - Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Milk; Lunch - Nashville Hot Chicken, Mozzarella Dunkers, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Seasoned Fries, Fruit, Milk, Colby Jack Cheese Stick
Tuesday, Mar 25
Breakfast - Maple Bacon Sweet Roll, Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk, Yogurt; Lunch - Super Nachos, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Buffalo Wrap, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Seasoned Fries, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, Mar 26
Breakfast - Breakfast Bowl, Assorted Cereal, Waffles, Fruit, Juice, Toast w/ Margarine, Milk; Lunch - Chicken Patty, Ham & Cheddar Melt, Cheesy Caesar Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Seasoned Fries, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk

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South English Council Discusses Shutting Off Water to Non-Paying Homes

By Casey James | The News-Review
SOUTH ENGLISH - During the March 11 meeting of the South English City Council, City Clerk Stephanie Lown asked about shutting off water to houses

that haven't paid their water bills and if the city had a re-connection fee. The council checked the ordinance book, which stated there is a \$35 re-

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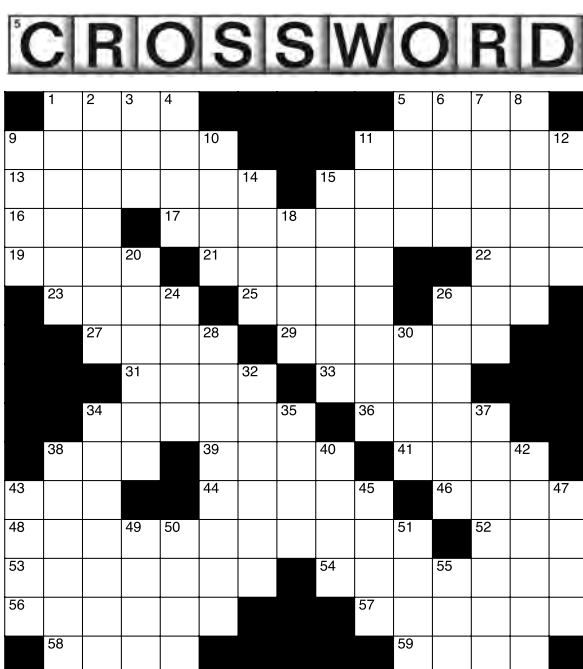
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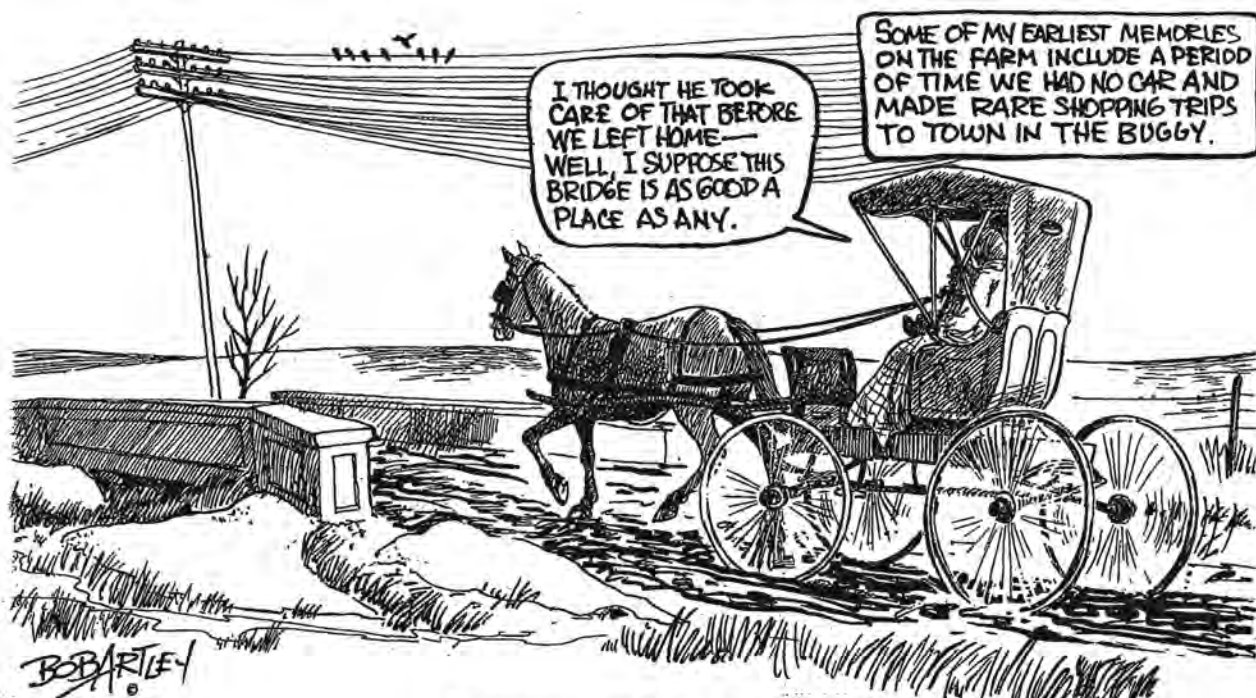
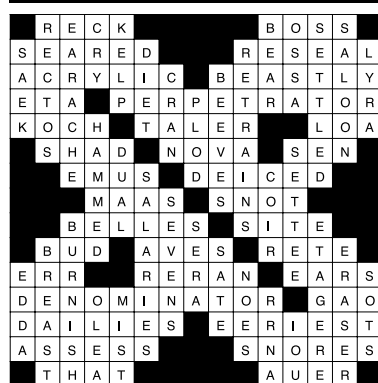
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1. Take heed
5. One's superior
9. Prepped meat
11. Tighten anew
13. Type of textile fiber
15. Animalistic
16. When you hope to get somewhere
17. Offender
19. Former NYC mayor Ed
21. Type of cryptocurrency
22. Mauna ____, Hawaiian volcano
23. Herring-like fish
25. Popular PBS program
26. Congressman (abbr.)
27. Flightless Australian birds
29. Defrosted
31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
33. Nasal mucus
34. Some are southern
36. A place to construct
38. Popular beer brand
39. Shouts of farewell
41. Network of nerves
43. Mauna ____, Hawaiian volcano
44. Showed old movie
46. Body parts
48. A divisor
52. Congressional investigatory body
53. Papers
54. Most unnatural
56. Judge the worth of something
57. Makes sounds

while sleeping
58. Which
59. Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN
1. Pages
2. Head pain
3. A loud utterance to get someone's attention
4. Large brown seaweed
5. Hulu's chef Carmine
6. Greek mountain
7. Made final
8. Bar
9. Tai subgroup
10. What you eat
11. Teaches again
12. Small constellation
14. Type of berry
15. Cows fattened for meat
18. A way to hoof it
20. Exaggerated a role
24. About two
26. Long upholstered seat

28. What employees earn
30. Fiber from a coconut husk
32. Digits
34. Polish by rubbing
35. Liquid body substances
37. Furniture with open shelves
38. Edible part of a chicken
40. Satisfy
42. Tool used to remove
43. Icelandic poems
45. Swiss village
47. Drunks
49. Evergreen plant genus
50. Light precipitation
51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
55. An informal debt instrument

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Michael Malloy and Drinking on the House

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

It was July, 1932, and Michael Malloy was where he usually was: passed out, drunk, at an illegal New York speakeasy owned by Tony Marino. Malloy was homeless, unemployed and lonely. The people who knew him thought he was around 60 years-old, but he may have been younger and just looked old because of his constant, unrelenting alcoholism. No one would have missed Mike Malloy if he were to have dropped dead that afternoon.

On the other side of the bar, Marino was talking to a pair of regulars, Francis Pasqua and Daniel Kriesberg, about how his business was doing poorly. Pasqua glanced over at the unconscious Malloy and suggested a devious scheme: taking out insurance policies on Malloy, then profiting when he inevitably drank himself to death. This scheme appealed to Marino, who had successfully pulled off a similar scheme four months prior. Marino had befriended a homeless alcoholic named Betty Carson, paying for an apartment and giving her free booze, then convinced her to take out a \$2,000 life insurance policy, with him as the sole beneficiary. One night, after getting Carson drunk, Marino led her back to the apartment, stripped off her clothes, dumped ice water on her, and pushed her bed beneath an open window. When Carson was found dead from pneumonia, Marino walked away with the money. Surely, pulling the same scheme with Malloy, a man already at death's doorstep, would be child's play.

The trio first convinced Malloy to sign the insurance policy, claiming it was a petition to get Marino elected. Next, they had another co-conspirator, bartender Joseph Murphy, take out three insurance policies,

pretending to be Malloy's brother. The three policies added up to \$1,788, double if Malloy's death was an accident, for a total payout of \$3,576 (\$87,384 with inflation). In January, 1933, after the policies were secured, Marino told Malloy that all of his drinks would be on the house. The plan was to let him drink himself to death. Except, Malloy kept drinking drink after drink and asking for more.

After a few days of Malloy drinking ceaselessly, Marino realized that, if he didn't die soon, Malloy would bankrupt the bar. The murder trust upped the ante, spiking Malloy's drinks with antifreeze. When this didn't work, they served turpentine, then horse liniment, then rat poison. Malloy kept drinking. Marino next served him shots of wood alcohol, the stuff they use to strip paint. Malloy downed the shots and asked for more. After several nights of drinking pure methanol, Murphy tried serving Malloy oysters that had been soaked in wood alcohol. Malloy ate the oysters, downing them with more wood alcohol. Frustrated, Pasqua served him a sandwich full of rotten sardines, poison, tin shavings, broken glass and carpet tacks. Malloy wolfed down the sandwich, called it appetizing, and asked for another.

Clearly, it would take more than literal poison to kill Mike Malloy. On a -14°F night, the trust dragged a passed out Malloy to a park, ripped his shirt off, threw him in a snow bank, and dumped five gallons of icy water on him, hoping that Malloy would freeze to death. The next day, Tony Marino walked into his speakeasy to find Michael Malloy waiting for him, ready for another drink.

The murder trust moved to more direct forms of violence, adding gangsters Tony Bastone, Joseph Maglione

and Edward Smith to the conspiracy and hiring cab driver Hershey Green to run him over with his cab. Bastone and Murphy got Malloy drunk, dragged him out into the street, and jumped out of the way as Green sped towards them. Malloy, somehow, managed to leap out of the way before the car could strike him. He also managed to dodge the second attempt. On the third attempt, Green slammed into Malloy while driving 50 mph. Then, for good measure, Green backed up over Malloy. The murderers fled when another car approached, before they could check if he was actually dead.

The next morning, they checked the newspapers and called local hospitals and morgues, searching for evidence Malloy was dead. But, no body had been found, meaning they couldn't collect their life insurance money. While searching for Malloy, Marino met Patrick Murray, another drunk who looked just like Malloy. The murder trust got Patrick Murray drunk, dragged him into the street, and hit him with Green's cab. They fled, again, when another car approached, preventing them from finishing off Murray, meaning they once again had carried out a hit-and-run with no body to show for it.

A few weeks after hitting Malloy with the cab, as the murder trust was discussing what to do, in limped Mike Malloy, who was still alive, albeit with a concussion, fractured skull, fractured shoulder and broken pelvis. Malloy, who did not remember his friends hitting him with a car, asked for a drink.

Sadly, even Michael Malloy had a limit to how much injury he could take. On the night of February 22, 1933, after weeks of failed murders, the murder trust dragged a drunken Malloy to an apartment they

had rented for him. They stuck the rubber hose from a gas lamp into his mouth, wrapped a towel around his face, and turned the lamp on. Mike Malloy suffocated.

The murder trust paid Frank Manzella, a shady doctor, \$100, to sign a death certificate saying that Malloy had died of pneumonia. Pasqua, an undertaker by trade, put Mike Malloy in a \$10 coffin and buried him in a \$12 grave four hours after he died. He didn't even pay to have Malloy embalmed. Joseph Murphy collected the first life insurance policy, walking away with \$800. When Pasqua went to get the money from the other two policies, the insurance agent asked to see the body before giving over any money. Suspicious, the insurance agency began investigating and withheld the rest of the money.

Meanwhile, Bastone and Manglione got into an argument about payment, ending when Manglione shot Bastone dead. The police arrived and arrested Manglione and Murphy. John McNally, a man who turned down an offer from the trust to kill Malloy, told the police about the murder plot. The police dug up Malloy's body and performed an autopsy, learning Malloy had died of carbon dioxide poisoning. If Pasqua had embalmed him, this evidence would have been destroyed.

Marino, Murphy, Pasqua, Green and Kriesberg were arrested on murder charges. Green ratted out the others, earning him a prison sentence instead of the death penalty. Manglione also testified against them, saving him from receiving the death penalty for killing Bastone. Marino, Pasqua, Murphy and Kriesberg claimed insanity, blamed each other, and claimed Bastone had forced them to kill Malloy. All four of them were executed via electric chair.

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BARNES CITY
Barnes City Community Church
 Rev. Marvin Freeborn
 Sunday
 Adult Sunday School 9 a.m.
 Worship 10 a.m./Children's Church

Barnes City United Methodist
 Pastor Michelle Williamson
 550 Pine St.
 Worship, 4:30 p.m., Sunday

CEDAR
Cedar Christian Reformed Church
 Rev. John A. Ritsema
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Cedar United Methodist
 Pastor Bob Voles
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

DEEP RIVER
United Church of Deep River
 319-664-3653
 Every Sunday: Inspiration time, 10 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.; 1st Sunday of the month: Communion; 2nd Saturday of the month: Parish Council; Last Thursday of the month is the UCW meeting.

DELTA
Delta Christian Church
 108 W 3rd St.
 Worship: Sunday at 9 a.m.

Delta Methodist Church
 Vince Homan, Pastor
 Worship: 9 a.m.
 Sunday School for Elementary age children is at 9:30-10:15 a.m.

FREMONT
Fremont Community Church
 Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Fremont
 Pastors: Robb Bruns
 Sunday School, 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

GIBSON
Gibson Presbyterian Church
 Amy McGriff and Robert Elgin, Pastors
 Worship, 10 a.m.
 Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

HEDRICK
The Church of Living Water
 Shane Jarr, Pastor
 13 North Main St., Hedrick
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship - 10:40 a.m.; Evening Services - 7 p.m.
 Bible Study Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

Hedrick First Christian
 206 Park St. Hedrick
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Gathering for Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hedrick Community Church
A Global Methodist Church
 Michael Elrod, Pastor
 203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick
 641-653-4477
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship In Person, or online through our Facebook Page or www.hedrickumc.org

KEOTA
Good Neighbor Fellowship
 126 E Broadway
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday

School, 10 a.m. Service
 GriefShare Support Group Wednesdays March 1 - May 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parish
 109 N Lincoln St.
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
 641-622-3426
 Parish Office Phone - 641-636-3883
 Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m.
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 Sundays in January - Rel Ed. 9:30- 10:45 a.m.

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 201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
 Keota, IA 52248
 Pastor Cathy Nutting (641) 636-3825
 keotaucf@cloudburst9.net - email
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 Keota United Church of Faith official page - facebook page
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m

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Keswick and Webster UMC
 Pastor Brandi Meyer
 319-430-7299
 Keswick United Methodist Church
 Service: 9:00 a.m.
 Webster United Methodist Church
 Worship service: 10:00 a.m.
 Communion is on the 1st Sunday of the month for both churches

New Life Fellowship
 Hwy. 22 South, Keswick
 319-738-3851
 Sunday Services: 10 a.m.
 Wed Teaching: 6:30 p.m.:
 Evening of Praise: every third; Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

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Lynnville Heart of Worship Church
 Pastor Tom Pool
 641-527-2758

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West Liberty Church Of Christ
 7 miles west of Montezuma on Diamond Trail
 Sunday
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Evening, 6 p.m.
 Fourth Friday Night

NEW SHARON
The Lighthouse Church
 641-637-2251
 www.nsfcc.org
 Pastor Eric Sneed
 Sunday:
 Sunday School, 9 a.m.
 Worship, 10 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 WOW Kids, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Thursday:
 Prayer Connect, 5:50-6:20 p.m.

New Sharon Assembly of God
 www.newsharonag.org
 Pastor Shane Farnum
 Wednesday:
 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Kingdom Kids (PreK-6th)
 Full LifeYouth (7th-12th)
 Connection Groups
 Sunday:
 9 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

New Sharon Friends Church
 Sunday
 Worship, 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

New Sharon Harvest Community Church
 2083 Hwy. 102
 David Pinkerton, Pastor
 Phone: 641-295-0109
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 Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10 a.m.

New Sharon Lower Grove Church
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Union Mills Christian Church
 Pastor Josh Martin
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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Grace Family Church
 The Rev. Dar Eckley, Pastor
 24536 Hwy. 78, Box 64, Ollie, 52576
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 RocKnowledge Youth Group is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Ollie Baptist Church
 Church Phone: 641-667-2841
 208 South 3rd St
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 Thu: 9 a.m. Sewing and Quilting

Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church
 Pastor: Steven Lamb
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 27131 Hwy 78, Ollie
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 Worship
 Sunday School 7:50 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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 1804 Burlington Road
 Oskaloosa
 David Pearce, Minister
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 10:30 a.m. Worship

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 Pastor George Den Oudsten
 10 miles west of New Sharon
 office@peoriacr.org
 www.peoriacr.org
 Worship, 9:30 a.m. and

6 p.m.
 Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

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Richland Methodist Church
 Michael Elrod, Pastor
 106 W. South St., Richland
 319-456-2251
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. in person or Facebook page.

Trinity Friends Church
 206 Main St,
 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 641-919-8922
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Woolson Friends Church
 1005 Jasmine Ave,
 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 641-919-8922
 Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

ROSE HILL
Rose Hill Community Church
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 Pastor: Mike Sennett
 2011 Main St.
 Sunday School- 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship- 10:15 a.m.
 Free Food Bank Distribution- Every second Friday of the month.

SEARSBORO
Searsboro Community Church
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 Worship, 11 a.m.

SIGOURNEY
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 10-10:45 a.m.

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 Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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 www.taintorchurch.org
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 Thursday
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 641-541-0609
 Sunday School: 9 a.m.;
 Worship Service: 10 a.m.

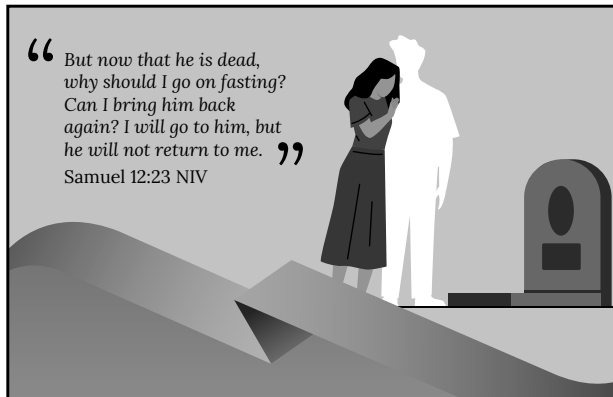
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 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
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 Pastor Brandi Meyer
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 Everyone is Welcome

SOUTH ENGLISH
English River Church of the Brethren
 29252 137th St., South English
 319-667-5235
 Worship 10 a.m.

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 Pastor Jerry Morningstar
 12559 S 92nd Ave E, Sully, IA 50251
 (just east of the grass airstrip south end of town)
 641-594-4124
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: Awana, Youth, Men's and Women's Bible Studies
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the morning Science Extension Time and a planned Science Genius Hour, where kids doing well in their classes will be able to meet with Bell and explore science topics they are interested in. She brought up plans to have TAG students design, sell and market items made using a 3D-printer to other students, then using the money received to buy printer filament. She stated they were looking into grants and that one family was offering to donate a refurbished 3D printer.

Webb stated that there was a big push from the state towards WBL, which is now part of school report cards, and that Sigourney was lucky to already have WBL programs. Bell talked about a student who plans to become a paralegal and has begun working with Keokuk County Attorney Amber Thompson as part of WBL; she stated that the student almost bailed because of nerves, but that she convinced her to go back and that the student was now loving it. She stated it was important to give kids experience and help them find out what they want to do before they go to college, and that this program would help the community. Hatfield stated that the world was changing and it was good to help kids figure out their interests.

Board Treasurer Jessica Meier gave the board a lengthy overview of the district's finances in preparation for the upcoming budget hearings. She explained that the county mistakenly sent out last year's proposed tax notices instead of this year's, leading to confusion. Webb stated she had received multiple phone calls from people who assumed the district was raising taxes. Meier stated new tax notices should be sent out soon. Meier explained that the district does not yet know what increase in State Supplemental Aid Iowa schools will receive this year. The governor and Iowa Senate have proposed a 2% increase, while the house has proposed 2.25%. She stated she planned the budget based on a 2% increase. With a 2% increase, Sigourney will receive \$157 per pupil, totaling \$46,285. With 2.25%, it will receive \$176, totalling \$56,906.

Meier stated that Sigourney will go from receiving funding from one Education Savings Account to four this year, receiving \$1,300 per ESA. Hatfield noted that, in the 2023/2024 school year, there are currently 496 resident students living in Sigourney's district and that Sigourney has a certified enrollment of 562. This compares to 487 and 552 the year before, 491 and 538 in 2021/2022, 504 and 550 in 2020/2021, and 544 residential students versus 575 certified enrollment in 2012. Hatfield explained that the number of kids in the district was declining, but enrollment was staying steady, as Sigourney recoups losses

through open enrollment. He stated that Sigourney needs to be a destination school.

Meier stated that the district's unspent balance ratio and solvency were both good. Hatfield stated that a legislator he had spoken to said that there would be a 40% increase in funding for ESAs, more commonly referred as school vouchers, compared to the 2% increase in public school funding, and that this would put more pressure on public schools. Meier stated that, next year, there will be no income or attendance guidelines for vouchers, allowing anyone with a voucher to attend a private school.

Meier showed a chart of the district's tax rate over time, which was \$11.37274 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the 2024/2045 school year, compared to \$11.46208 the year prior, \$11.99551 two years ago, \$12.34032 five years ago, \$14.33076 ten years ago, and \$17.67993 in 2012/2013, the highest year listed. She stated that, despite this, the district was generating more money due to a combination of high enrollment and high evaluations; the district brought in \$2,592,629 from property taxes this year, compared to \$2,339,129 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,486,137 the year before that. Meier stated that the state wants the school to justify to the public why it is receiving an increase in money received, even if the tax rate goes down. She stated that, when the tax rate was higher, the district had no ongoing projects, and speculated the current lower rate would motivate people to agree to a proposed bond for school renovations in the fall.

Hatfield brought up sharing dollars, stating that, if the district shared a police officer with the city or county, the state would pay half the officer's salary, allowing the district to only have to pay a quarter of the cost to have an SRO. Meier stated that sharing dollars pay for most of the salary for Jenny Bell, who is split with Williamsburg. At the end of the presentation, Meier showed the proposed fiscal year 2026 tax levy of \$11.36867, which, assuming a 2% SSA, would bring in \$2,618,349 in tax dollars. The proposal also included an increase in management levy from \$50,000 to \$125,000 and an increase in Income Surtax on the Instructional Support Levy from 2% to 4%.

Meier stated the district did well on its state audit. The district exceeded its budget in its instructional budget and other expenses. She stated that she would project expenses better in next year's budget.

The board approved a new plan for replacing uniforms on a set, staggered schedule, which the board looked over. Hatfield explained that the new policy states that any customization for uniforms must be removable, for example by being velcro or loosely sewed on. Students will still

be allowed to purchase their uniforms from the school at the end of the season. Hatfield explained in the past that customization on uniforms has resulted in baseball uniforms being replaced yearly. He stated these changes were being made to relieve costs for parents. Hatfield stated that the district wasn't allowed to fundraise for uniforms directly, but was allowed to fundraise for sports programs and have some of those funds go towards uniforms.

Hatfield showed the board several material samples and bids for replacing the floor in the elementary gym and cafeteria, which will be paid for out of leftover contingency funds for last year's elementary infrastructure project. He recommended the board go with a \$62,130 bid from Phillips Flooring out of Indianapolis for a tough, non-porous polyurethane roll floor with a cushion underneath. The bid came with painting for sports lines, but would cost \$2,500 to feature the school logo. The Phillips Flooring bid also came with a 20 year warranty. Hatfield stated he dismissed several bids for being porous, which is bad for a cafeteria floor, or for being from out of state companies. He stated that there could be issues with this floor being torn up if tables were dragged across it, which was not covered by the warranty.

Board member Tim Brunns raised concerns with moisture damaging the floor. Board member Adam Clark stated he was concerned about tables cutting up the floor. Brunns suggested instead doing an epoxy floor. Hatfield stated that would require tearing up the tile below the gym floor, which would likely expose asbestos, and that removing potential asbestos would cost \$200,000 the school doesn't have. Glandon asked about the timeline for the floor replacement. Hatfield stated the company would need a few weeks to work, in addition to six weeks of lead time, meaning the project could be done over the summer if approved tonight, but would have to be pushed back if vote was delayed for a month.

Hatfield stated he didn't think an epoxy floor was a good idea. Board member Steven Seeley stated he didn't think they could find a company to put in an epoxy floor. Clark stated that they wanted to do things correctly the first time, which Brunns agreed with. Hatfield stated that, if the floor is done, then all of the work will be completed at the elementary, allowing the board to focus on the secondary building. The board voted to approve the Phillips Flooring bid, with Brunns casting the sole no vote.

The board approved purchasing a new lawnmower from Sinclair Tractor for \$13,318.

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connection fee, which must be paid alongside outstanding bills, and that houses will only be reconnected during business hours. The council agreed to do what the ordinance book says and cut off non-paying accounts.

A resident in attendance requested the council rerock the south section of Church Street, which used to be rocked years ago but is now covered in grass. The resident stated this forces delivery drivers to turn around in his year. Councilman Cameron Miller stated they would put it on the next month's agenda, but that they probably can't rock the street, due to it being too soft.

The council discussed a list of residential properties that are not being charged for recycling. Lown asked which houses should be charged and Miller stated that every house in town is required to pay. Lown asked about vacant houses and Miller stated they

shouldn't be charged. Mayor Ed Shafranek stated he remembered the city allowing businesses to opt out of recycling if they had a dumpster, but that that was years ago and he was unsure if it was still in the ordinances. The council again checked the ordinances, which state that every residential dwelling unit is required to pay \$9.25 for recycling. The council discussed a group of houses just outside of city limits, which are on the city's water. Shafranek noted that half of those houses do not pay for recycling, stating the town must have given them the option to opt out in the past, and that houses in town are required to pay for recycling.

Shafranek stated that people had been hired to find the leaks and were still looking. Lown gave the council a list of water meters in town that appear to not be reading. The council set citywide cleanup dates for Friday, May 2, and

Saturday, May 3; Miller suggested instead doing Thursday and Friday, but was outvoted. Shafranek brought up a relief program that would allow the city to get cheap trees, stating they could place them in the park and that planting them could be a boy scout program.

Lown stated she had spoken to a man who wants to restore the old hotel to its original state and get it listed as a historic place. Miller stated the building was unsafe and needed to be torn down. He stated they would put it on the next month's agenda and suggested giving the man six months to make the building safe. Shafranek noted that the hotel was a stop on the underground railroad and that, if it was made a historic place, there would be nothing the city could do to get rid of it. He stated the man would have to "be Harry Potter" to fix the building.

Keota Board Discusses Daycare Plans

By Casey James | The News-Review

KEOTA - During the March 13 meeting of the Keota School Board, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge stated that he had received quotes for furnishing the two classrooms the board plans to turn into a daycare and that it should cost around \$20,000-\$30,000. He also stated that he had contacted the nursing home to discuss doing food service for the daycare through the home, because Keota's school cooks do not work all year round. He stated that, alternatively, the school could place a kitchen in the daycare, which is doable but would cost another \$5,000, or partner with the Keokuk County Childcare Network to outsource food. Super-

intendent Lisa Brenneman brought up previously discussed plans to add a door separating the daycare from the rest of the school. She stated that, if things at the daycare go well, it could end up being moved to a separate building, and recommended against adding in a permanent door due to the cost. Milledge brought up the idea of instead adding a locking partition.

Brenneman stated that she had met with Insight and Denovo, the companies the board plans to perform a facility assessment at the school, and told them about plans to build a separate daycare building on a city-owned patch of land across the street from the school. She suggested having Insight and Denovo also draw up basic plans for a daycare

building. Board member Pat Hammen asked if the board was jumping the gun, noting that prices would change by the time the district began building a daycare. Brenneman stated that, if the daycare has a waiting list and is turning people away like crazy, the board would need to have a bond vote in November to begin work on a daycare building next year. Milledge stated it would be good to at least have a plan in place. Board member Andy Conrad stated it didn't make sense to begin plans for a piece of land the school didn't own. Milledge stated that he had spoken to members of the city council, who told him they want

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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

Head Coverings Plus

By Sheryl L. Carter

Not a lot going on around here this week beyond the regular stuff, except for a few things. I saw my Lipedema therapist when I was in town on Tuesday. She was very encouraging, and I have made some progress, so grateful for that. I see her again in two months. Hoping to get into some more intensive exercise to slim me and my legs down, and to hopefully get some energy back plus some sleep? Oh, that would be so good.

Thursday morning was our monthly Book Club up at the Coffee Cup Café. We always have such a great time in discussing our latest book, and just enjoying one another. Such a good group. Thursday I picked up a bunch of sticks in our yard plus visited my

chiro here in town. He is very good. Takes his time, and he really helped pull my hip back in place along with a few other adjustments. How I appreciate these excellent drs!

I see I have a lot more sticks and even some bigger limbs to pick up now from the latest big wind that blew through here Friday night. We got a little rain, too.

So about head coverings. What do you wear? Most guys, and many girls, wear a ball cap. Even farmers. My dad also wore a cap, but had a wide brim straw hat for summer for better shade all the way around. Many people wear a knitted ski hat that can be really warm. I have a few knitted or crocheted hats and caps some friends made for me. I have a small head, I

guess, because they just don't look as good on me as on other people. I also have several wide brimmed straw hats for summer, and just found a new one a few weeks ago that I have been wearing for walking. It shades my eyes and fits well, too.

When I was growing up all the ladies and girls wore scarves. There were many different ones you could get with pretty patterns and colors and even heavier ones for cold weather. And I tell you, nothing will keep you warmer to my mind than a good scarf tied over your head. You know why? Because those tender exposed areas around your neck are covered! I just took a little walk a bit ago and started out with the new woven wide brimmed hat.

A cold wind was blowing in spite of the warm afternoon sun, so back in the house where I tied on my cotton scarf and clamped the woven hat right on top! Ha! I was warm and cozy.

Let's hope pray the big outpouring of the flu epidemic is nearly done around our areas as we are all ready for a break, and some spring weather. I see my tulips and hyacinths are coming up, so time to uncover the flower beds! Also the yard needs a good going over with either a rake, or the mower to get up the rest of last fall's leaves. We have an abundance with trees here and all around us.

Well, that's it for now, short, but hopefully sweet!

Until next time!

THE SUN SPOT

MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, March 16, 2025... The past week was spring break for EBF so Greg had no bus driving duties. Last year during spring break, he had pneumonia, so he enjoyed this year more. The car needed a check-up and new tires so that kept him busy a couple days. I had hoped to have at least one day trip, but I began my physical therapy so that took care of a couple days. So, I continued my sorting...and organizing. I do think I am making a little progress, even though Greg doesn't see it.

We enjoyed our trip to the What Cheer Opera House on Thursday evening. Roxanne Mosbey of Hedrick joined us, and she seemed to enjoy it as well. The Ghost Towns of Keokuk County were very interesting. Part of our neck of the woods was introduced, Cracker's Neck and Monkey Den. Mr. Baker spoke and showed pictures of many communities that are now pretty much gone. Following the presentation, I had to do a little visiting, and introduced myself to Jackie McDermit, who I enjoy watching on Facebook. I hope I got her name correct. She reports from the museum in North English, and since I recognized her, I said "hello". I also visited a little with my friend, Dixie from Delta. She introduced me to Donna McCurly and I am so happy she did! Donna said some very complimentary things to me, and hopefully we will run into each other again! Dixie told me she lives north east of Sigourney, kinda headed towards Harper. Maybe we know some of the same folks!

Friday was certainly a warm one! My car thermometer said eighty degrees as I drove home from Oskaloosa. Not surprisingly, storms were predicted. Our plans were to head back over to Keokuk County for the fish fry in Harper. It was decided that maybe we should stay home rather than get caught in the hail, tornado, and perhaps big rain...none of which happened. I certainly hope that all goes well and we can attend this coming Friday. I hope that "Mr. Green Beans"

is there. I always look forward to seeing him.

Saturday I got up and baked pies. My gooseberries didn't go as far as I had thought, so I just ended up with one big pie rather than two. So I sliced up some apples and fixed a smaller one with a crumb topping in a smaller dish. Our Legion Auxiliary was supplying the desserts for the Veteran's supper held in Hedrick on Saturday evening, sponsored by American Legion Post #83 and Carl Craft Civic Center, and I will say, what a great evening it was! The center was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue with a very nice attendance of veterans and their guests. Food was good! Thanks to all the cooks! I served the green beans (I learned from my guy in Harper...Hello there!). So I got to greet everyone that attended.

I was so pleased to meet a very special person at that event, named Raymond Dickison. I took it upon myself to introduce myself to Raymond and Mary who had traveled from Keota. Raymond is a WWII Navy Veteran, and will turn 100 years old on August 19. Growing up in Richland and graduating from there in 1943, Richard was on board ship in the Pacific. What a joy it was to visit with them, and they even invited me to their home for coffee, and I just may do that! I'm really getting to like that place called Keota. I so enjoy my Sit and Stitch time at Fiddle Dee Dee, and am impressed at the activity with the businesses there. They have a very nice library and I hope to visit their museum, and maybe even hit a time when the Malt Shop is open! They still have a grocery store, café, bar and other shops that many of our small towns have lost. I was glad to hear that the hardware was purchased and hear that some interesting things may be happening there. Support your local businesses folks!

A little thought: People with good intentions make promises, but people with good character keep them.

The Ides of March

By Sheryl L. Carter

Did you ever wonder what that phrase meant? I wondered, too. I knew it was used in conjunction with Julius Caesar's assassination on March 14, 44 B.C. but didn't know what it really meant, so looked it up. The Ides of March indicate the middle

of the month, while today, the phrase "beware the Ides of March" is used as a general warning to be cautious of danger, and to be safe.

Which applies quite handily this month already what with more rain, and storms, and just two days ago we were treated to a blizzard.

And then yesterday it was warm and sunny! God does have a sense of humor for sure.

So what's been happening around here since we last visited? Last week Tuesday, as I write this on Friday, March 7, I had a dental appointment uptown at the dental clinic. It's nice to have it here in Sully, so we don't have to drive clear to Grinnell. I had two fillings, he was done in no time, and without any discomfort. How nice! Dr. Roudabush is such a good dentist, and I appreciate him so much. His assistants are also just grand.

The next day I made an unexpected visit to the walk-in clinic in Pella, and then had to miss leading our women's Bible study that night, but thankfully, one of the other teachers was willing to fill in for me.

Thursday I did some packing for a trip out to our oldest son's and his wife for the weekend in western Iowa, and also made a double batch of buns for him. When they were back Christmas weekend, I had made buns and he loved them, so I figured to bless him good again.

Friday (I can't believe a whole week has gone by already!) I finished packing Jazzy—everything in her is so handy! All loading is waist level, no stooping down—I just love that car!! I took off mid-morning, headed out on I-80, and got to Wes' about 1:30. A good trip out. I always holler when I see the Avoca turnoff sign, as then I head south down through the country, and am soon there. That afternoon our daughter and fiancé joined us for the weekend.

Saturday, Wes and Dana treated us to a big country breakfast complete with the big brown eggs their beautiful flock of chickens keep laying. Wes made sure I had several dozen to come home with.

We girls went to the gym in nearby Malvern to work out, and that night one of Dana's daughters and her boyfriend joined us for a big supper and an evening of game playing. It was so fun! I love games!

Sunday we all took off for home, but first Wes and I had a good visit. This time I came home on 90, which is a straight shot, a very good road, and quiet. It was good to be back home and the kitties were glad, too.

Obituaries

Mary Della Ballard Allen

†2025

Mary Della Ballard Allen died February 28th, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Her body has been cremated. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

The Beatty Peterseim Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Mary Della, named after her grandmothers, was born in a house in North English that is still occupied today, welcomed into a growing extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Caroline Esther Dietrich and Cecil Dean Ballard.

The family moved to a farm near Kinross, where she attended school with her life-long best friend, Goldie.

After graduating from English Valley High School, she trained as a practical nurse, moving to the metropolis of Cedar Rapids. She rented a room in a house that sits a couple blocks from Mercy Hospital, where she worked. She ate many of her meals at what was apparently a notorious dive, unaware of its reputation, as she was always treated with respect. She was well regarded, known for patience and calmness, the Sister in charge relying upon her to care for some of the more challenging patients.

In September of 1963, she married Thomas "Tom" Allen at the Christian Church in Kinross. They were married for the better part of 45 years.

She developed an interest in cake decorating, an activity that requires technical skill, patience and creativity. She took courses, built a collection of points and pans and plates and pillars, and made cakes that towered at weddings, nestled at birthdays, launched graduates and heralded anniversaries.

Taking on new challenges in her thirties, she went to college, starting night classes at Kirkwood Community College. She earned her Associates degree at Kirkwood, then became a full-time student at Mount Mercy College, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in social work. And she learned to drive. She spent her career assisting adults and seniors.

A few stops at small town shops and fond memories of the accouterments of family events led to an interest in collecting, shared by her sisters. Many enjoyable, and sometimes frustrating, hours were spent combing shops and flea markets. Hard on the legs and back, but well worth it when an item was acquired. Not just the things, it was the many hours spent with family members that was her true prize.

When health and the arrival of grandchildren made trooping around flea markets less attractive, she focused on other interests. The adventures of grandchildren and great nieces and nephews, cooking programs and vintage cookbooks, home improvement shows, and movies.

After a few years of widowhood, she married Gerald "Joe" Allen at their minister's house in Wellman. They were married for almost a decade.

Today, her family stretches from Virginia to Montana and Korea, and many points in between. She is survived by her big gray rescue Manx, Nigel, who adopted her when his family left him behind; her children, Angie and Anthony; her grandchildren, Aurora, Juston, Kaylyn and Ambrose; her great grandchildren, Kaladin and Atticus; sisters Bonnie Bergman and Chris Ballard of Sigourney; sister-in-law Molly; brothers-in-law Benny and Mike; best friend Goldie; many wonderful nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; and dear cousins.



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the school to own the property. Milledge also brought up the idea of building a daycare as an add on for the school, instead of building it across the street, and recommended asking Insight and Denovo look into that option as well.

The board discussed whether to approve an open enrollment request for a student in the Keota district who wants to attend Sigourney. Brenneman explained that the request was turned in past the March 1 open enrollment deadline and does not meet any of the listed good causes. Brenneman stated she would not accept the request, except, instead of first accepting the request to Keota for approval, the student submitted it to Sigourney first, who accepted the request. Brenneman stated that the board can appeal this decision and that the onus is now on Keota to prove Sigourney should not have accepted the open enrollment request. Board member Billie Kindred stated that not appealing would set a precedent. The board approved appealing the open enrollment request.

Parent Chet Cave and Golf Coach Rod Hill requested the board's blessing to install a golf simulator in the weight room area. They explained that they had

ready raised \$7,000 of the \$10,000 needed to install the simulator and that it would give students a place to practice in the winter. The board was in support of the idea.

Brenneman mentioned that a bill had been proposed by Heather Hora that would force schools to go back to the 180 day requirement, which would force Keota to either abandon the current four-day week or have classes go into July. She stated the bill had been voted down in committee, but could get attached to another bill.

The board approved a \$10,500 bid from Denovo and Insight to perform a facility assessment. The board discussed having New Thoughts Therapy in Richland begin providing therapy services in the fall. The board reinstated a 28e HSAP agreement with Mid Prairie which was cancelled at a previous meeting. The board gave approval to the athletic booster to pursue a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant for softball field renovations. Business Manager Amy Greiner stated that the district had received its state audit, which noted a lack of segregation of duties but no other issues.

Five players come home with All-Conference honors from SICL

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

Both of the teams proved they were more than capable of winning.

As the end of the year rolls in the South Iowa Cedar League announced their All-Conference teams and five players made the All-Conference list this year.

Two of the area stars were able to make the first team All-Conference list this year. Billie Kindred, a senior from Keota and Isaac Bruns, a senior from Sigourney, were both named to the All-Conference list this year.

On the second-team list Keota junior Chase Haifley was named to the list. Sigourney had two players named to the second-team list as John Berg and Solon Yates, both of whom are juniors, made the list.

The Keota boys basketball team advanced to the semifinals of their district tournament and were able to finish the season at 19-4. A big reason why the Eagles had so much success was through the play of senior Billie Kindred.

The first-team All-Conference player had another outstanding basketball season. He was able to set numerous school records, while also lead-

ing his team with 565 points scored this year.

Kindred scored the 22nd most points of any player in any class this year. Only one player, Brody Boulton of Montezuma, scored more points than Kindred in the conference.

Kindred was more than just a point scorer. The senior also led his team with 326 total rebounds. That included 230 defensive rebounds and 96 offensive rebounds.

Kindred also had 29 blocks to lead his team. He added 49 steals and 46 assists throughout the season.

Joining Kindred on the first-team list was Sigourney senior Isaac Bruns. Bruns, like Kindred, was an all-around threat on the court.

The Savages also had plenty of success on the court. They made the district semifinals and were able to finish the year with an overall record of 16-7.

Bruns finished the year with 383 total points scored, to lead the Savages. Bruns also surpassed the 1,000 point mark in his career this winter.

Bruns was able to grab 106 rebounds on the year with 63 coming on the defensive side of the glass and another 43 coming on the offensive side.

Bruns led his team with 50 steals. He also added 15 blocks and 55 assists throughout the winter.

Both Keota and Sigourney had players land on the second team All-Conference list as well.

Sigourney had two players named to the second team list. Junior John Berg became a dual-threat play-

er this winter for the Savages. He was able to score 342 total points. The real threat of Berg was his rebounding ability as he led his team in rebounds with 285 on the season. Berg was always ready for a rebound this year. He recorded 133 offensive rebounds and 152 defensive rebounds on the season.

Berg led his team with 31 blocks. He added 32 steals and 13 assists throughout the year.

Solon Yates concluded his junior year with 260 points scored. Yates was an all-around player that seemed to be able to play any role that coach Mitch Eslick needed him to fill on any given night.

Yates brought in 61 total rebounds with 51 on the defensive side and 16 offensive rebounds. He had 25 assists, 22 steals and four blocks this season.

Keota junior Chae Haifley had a solid year. He scored 367 total points this winter. Haifley was a leader in the conference with 179 total assists as the junior seemed to be able to read any defense that was thrown at him.

Throughout the winter he had 74 rebounds, 71 steals and seven blocks.

Two English Valleys players were named to the honorable mention list this year.

Sophomore Everett Bender finished the season leading the Bears in scoring with 297 total points. He added 114 rebounds, 70 assists, 50 steals and 29 blocks.

Another sophomore making the honorable mention list



Isaac Bruns, a senior for Sigourney, goes up for a shot during a game at home this winter. Bruns led his team in scoring and was named to the SICL All-Conference first-team list.

from English Valleys is Kane Axmear. Axmear scored 263 points. He brought in 165 total rebounds. He had 16 assists, 16 steals and four blocks.

Keota had two players named to the honorable mention list as well. Jace Chalupa scored 253 points with 160 rebounds this year. He added 20 assists, 15 steals and 23 blocks to conclude his senior season.

Jackson Vittetoe was also named to the honorable mention list. The junior scored 166 total points. He scored 71 rebounds with 95 assists, 35 steals and six blocks.

Two Sigourney players were able to land on the honorable mention list (making the starting five players for Sigourney all named to the All-Conference list in one way).

Sophomore Ike Molyneux scored 197 points this winter. He had 120 assists to lead his team. He added 98 rebounds with 34 steals and a block.

Brayden Wood finished his junior season with 102 total points. He had 69 rebounds, 41 assists, 13 steals and six blocks. Wood missed most of the final few weeks of the season due to an injury.

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The SEC's tournament to lose

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

Unlike football where the Southeastern Conference fell flat on their face in pursuit of the National Championship, it doesn't seem the same will happen in basketball.

This year of the top 8 seeds in the tournament half of them belong to an SEC school. To me I don't think either of the No. 1 teams, Auburn or Florida will win the championship.

I think the winner will come from either the east or the Midwest regions, where Tennessee and Auburn are both the No. 2 seeds. This year I think one of those schools will take the championship.

So let's take a look at my picks for this year:

Round of 64:

South region: I have Auburn winning their first game. I expect them to play Creighton in the second round. I have Michigan and Texas A&M both advancing. I think Mississippi and Iowa State will also win their first round games. The one upset I have in the south region is New Mexico over Marquette. I have Michigan State winning.

West region: I am picking Florida and UCONN to win their first round games. Colorado State pulls off the upset to play Maryland in the next round. I think Drake will take on Texas Tech in the next round. I also have Kansas and St. John's playing.

East region: I have Duke winning the first round with Baylor also winning in the first round. Oregon and Arizona should both win their opening round. I feel VCU upsets BYU and will play Wisconsin. I also have Saint Mary's and Alabama playing.

Midwest region: Houston wins easily and will play Georgia in the first round. I have McNeese with the 12-seed upset. Purdue should also win. I think Illinois will take on Kentucky in the second round. I have UCLA and Tennessee meeting in the second round.

South region: Auburn should move past Creighton into the sweet 16. In my view Texas A&M will beat Michigan. I have Iowa State with a win over Mississippi. New Mexico keeps dancing with a win over Michigan State.

West region: UCONN takes down Florida in the biggest upset of the second round. Maryland takes down Colorado State. Texas Tech wins over Drake. Kansas takes down St. John's and just like that the top-two seeds are knocked out.

East Region: Duke wins over Baylor. Arizona advances with a win over Oregon. Wisconsin bests VCU. Alabama continues after a win over Saint Mary's.

Midwest region: Hourston wins over Georgia. Purdue stops the dream of McNeese. Illinois wins and Tennessee also advances.

Sweet 16: Auburn downs Texas A&M. Iowa State advances to the elite eight with a win over New Mexico in a close one.

West region: UCONN advances over Maryland. Kansas eliminates Texas Tech.

East Region: Duke continues to win. Alabama makes it a 1 vs 2 final.

Midwest region: Purdue ends the run of Houston. Tennessee advances to the elite eight.

Elite 8: Auburn wins for the second time this season over Iowa State.

West Region: Kansas defeats UCONN.

East Region: Alabama defeats Duke and returns to the final four.

Midwest Region: Tennessee over Purdue.

Final 4: I have Auburn winning its way into the championship. It is an All SEC championship as Tennessee takes out Alabama.

Championship: Tennessee is able to claim the title with a win over Auburn in the championship.



Keota senior Billie Kindred goes up for a shot during a game this winter against Iowa Valley. Kindred was a first-team selection to the SICL All-Conference team. He led the conference in rebounds and was second in scoring.

Three Panthers earn All-Conference recognition

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PACKWOOD - Throughout the year they turned in some of the best performances in their conference.

Although the Panthers season ended much earlier than expected, three of the Pekin players were honored by the Southeast Iowa Super Conference with a nod on the All-Conference team.

Cole Millikin was named to the first team All-Conference list. On the second team All-Conference list were Will Adam and Nolan Glick.

Millikin was one of the breakout stars for the Panthers this season. A big reason why Pekin finished the year with a record of 15-8 is because of the play of Millikin.

This winter the junior led his team in scoring with 329 total points. He pulled in 61 rebounds, had 71 assists and 35 steals.

Millikin was a sharpshooter as he finished the year shooting 41 percent from the floor. He also was a strong shot from long range as he made 40 percent of his three pointers.

Speaking of three pointers, Millikin was able to celebrate with a new school record this

year. The junior made 78 three pointers, setting a new school record in most three pointers made in a single season.

Will Adam completed his senior season as the team's third-highest scorer. Adam finished the year with 222 total points.

Adam became known as the rebounder for the Panthers this year. Over the course of the season he grabbed 148 total rebounds, leading his team. He was an effective rebounder as he grabbed 92 defensive rebounds and 56 from the offensive side.

Adam also had 74 steals, which led his team. Throughout the season he added 56 assists and 10 blocks.

Just ahead of Adam on the scoring sheet was junior Nolan Glick. Glick finished the season scoring 276 total points.

Throughout the year Glick was able to grab 102 total rebounds. He had 65 defensive rebounds and 37 offensive rebounds. Overall he added 13 steals, three assists.

He was a team leader with 11 total blocks this season.

Two Panther players were named to the All-Conference honorable mention list.

Kasey Davis concluded his

senior season with 128 total points. He had 116 rebounds, 34 assists, 28 steals and seven blocked shots.

Henry Adam had a strong sophomore year. He scored

154 total points. Overall he grabbed 96 total rebounds. He added 61 steals, two blocks. Henry Adam was the king of the assists with 122 recorded this season.



Pekin junior Cole Millikin goes up for a shot against a Columbus player during a game held Jan. 2. Millikin was named to the first-team All-Conference list.

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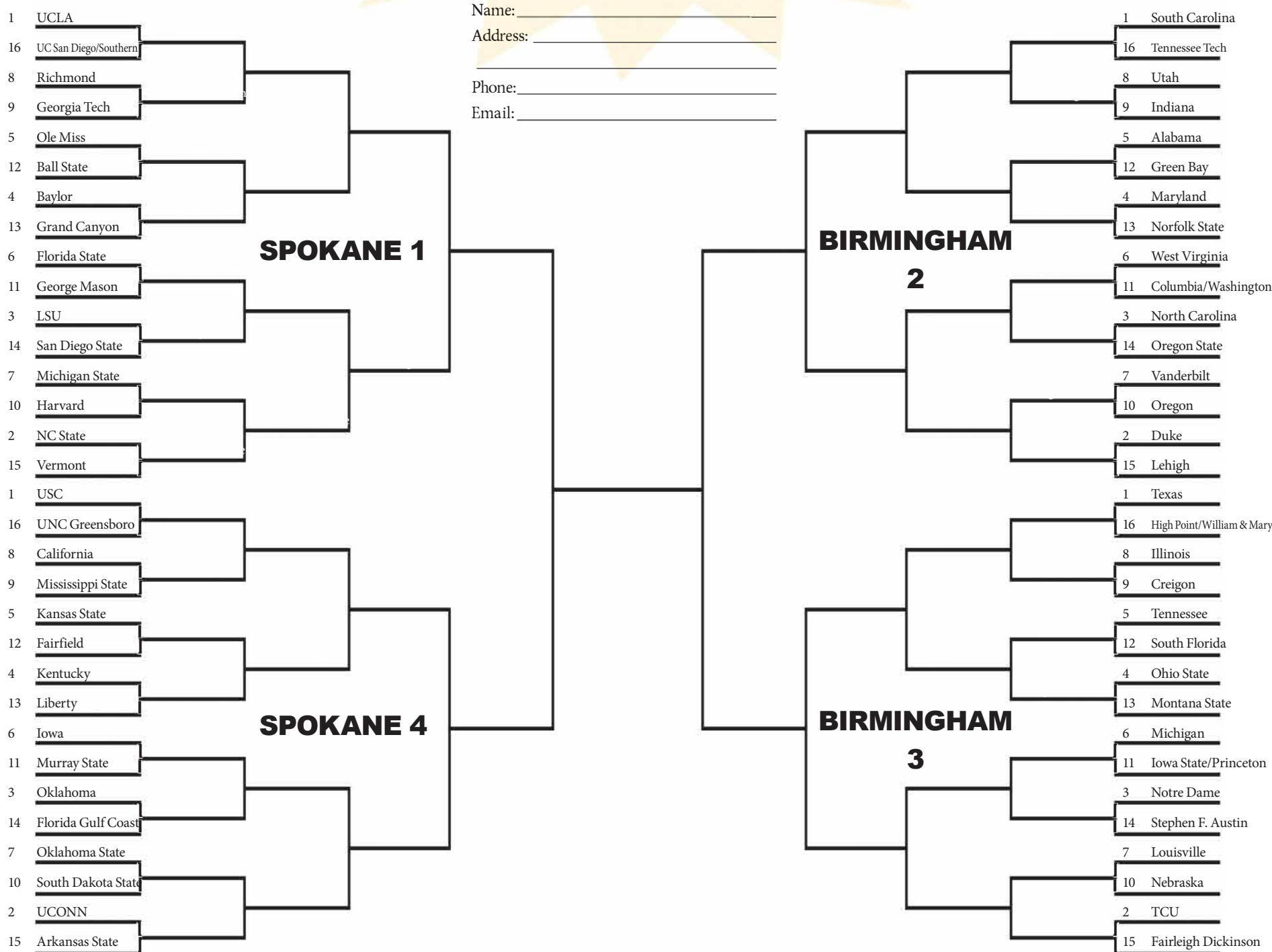
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COURT RECORDS

Civil
March 6
Counter Defendant Brandon Molyneux; Counter Plaintiffs Ben Molyneux, Brandon Molyneux, Mary Molyneux, Travis Molyneux; Defendants Lyle G Molyneux & Sons Inc, Ben Molyneux, Mary Molyneux, Travis Molyneux; Plaintiff Brandon Molyneux: Motion for Continuance
Petitioner William Kirby Mann; Respondent State of Iowa: Motion for Continuance
Criminal
March 7
Defendant David Eugene Nordyke III; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Order of Disposition
Defendant Keeley Dawn Frazier; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Written Plea of Guilty
Defendant Jeremiah Everett Woods; Plaintiff State of Iowa:

Motion for Continuance
Defendant Haley Jo Leonard; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Order of Disposition
March 10
Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Hearing for Initial Appearance
Defendant Travis Wayne Schuchert; Payee Johnson County; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Statewide Cash Bonds; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Hearing for Initial Appearance
March 12
Defendant Shawn Casey Yates; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Criminal Complaint, Hearing for Initial Appearance
Defendant Emma Louise Wyatt; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Criminal Complaint
Domestic Abuse
NA

Non-Scheduled Traffic
NA
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NA
Scheduled Traffic
March 6
Defendant Christine Marie Tripses; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Christian Daquarius Tripses; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Use Seat Belt - Minor
Defendant Ysidro Joseph Quintero; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Brandi Noel Adney; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)
March 7
Defendant Shannon June Ford; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)

Defendant Dorothy Delores Polton; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over)
Defendant Jamie Lea Edmanson; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Operation w/o Registration Card or Plate
March 9
Defendant Eric Michael St Amour; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
March 10
Defendant Alexander Wayne Lucas; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Theresa Jane Cowan; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Stephen James Olson; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure

to Use Child Restraint Device
Defendant Donald Dean Brooks; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)
Defendant Donald Dune Arduser; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Kelsey Mae Allsup; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Bryan Spencer LaRue; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult
Defendant Clinton Charles Hoffman; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over)
Defendant Lindsey Louise McCoy; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21

or Over)
March 11
Defendant Jenny Leigh Milligan; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)
Small Claims
March 7
Defendant Holly Lynn Weinhold; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC: Small Claims Original Notice
Defendant Shawna Marie Bensmiller; Plaintiff Dupaco: Small Claims Original Notice
March 10
Defendant Tracy Herb Dowell; Plaintiff BC Investments LLC: Order for Judgment
Defendants Rachael Beaman, David E Saas; Plaintiff Eric Michael Stanley: Order for Judgment

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 3
Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Donna J Hamme to grantees Donna J Hammen - Trustee, Donna J Hammen Revocable Trust: ROW RR NW NE 29-76-10; NW NE 29-76-10; SW NE 29-76-10; PT NE NW 29-76-10; PT NW NW 29-76-10

Warranty Deed: Grantors Cindy L Seaba, Brent A Seaba, Stacy A Seaba to grantees David F Seaba - Co Trustee, Suellen Seaba - Co Trustee, David F Seaba Living Trust: SW SE 02-75-11; SE SW 02-75-11; SW SW 02-75-11
Trustee Warranty Deed: Grantors Nicholas Augustine, Nancy

A Augustine - Trustee to grantee Russell B Crow: What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 01 Block: 14; What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 02 Block: 14; What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 03 Block: 14; What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 10 Block: 14; What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition

Lot: 11 Block: 14; What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 12 Block: 14; PT Alley What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Block: 14
Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Luxembourg Holdings LLC to grantee Carroll Straube: Delta Original Plat Delta Lot: 11 Block: 05; Delta Original Plat Delta Lot: 12 Block: 05
March 4
Deed Quit Claim: Grantors Carl A LeBeck, Cheryl A LeBeck to grantee Richard Jones: What Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Lot: 06 Block: 06; Alley PT What Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Block: 06
Court Officer Deed: Grantors Terrence L Scheetz, Cody Shank - Executor to grantee Morgan Davis: PT Lot: 01 NW SW 22-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT B248 P298; PT SE 21-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT B248 P297
Court Officer Deed: Grantors Terrence L Scheetz, Terry L Scheetz Estate, Cody Shank - Executor to grantee Cody H Shank: NE SE 05-76-10; NW SE 05-76-10; SW SE 05-76-10
March 5
Affidavit Transfer: Grantor Matthew J Brower to grantees Matthew J Brower Estate, Alicia M Brower - Administrator: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 03 Block: 09; PT South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 02 Block: 09
Court Officer Deed: Grantor Matthew J Brower Estate, Alicia M Brower - Administrator to grantee Chief Investments LLC: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 03 Block:

09; PT South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 02 Block: 09
Tax Deed: Grantors Keokuk County Treasurer, Michael David Elmore, Crystal Dawn Jones, Iowa Estate Recovery, City of Hedrick, Loretta Grandstaff, Keokuk County Auditor, Keokuk County Attorney, Iowa Attorney General to grantee Wolf Creek LLC: PT Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 01 Block: 12; Parcel: HD-CHP-027500; Certificate Number 20220101
Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Alicia M Brower to grantee Chief Investments LLC: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 03 Block: 09; PT South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 02 Block: 09
Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Chief Investments LLC to grantees David W Brown, Lisa M Brown: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 03 Block: 09; PT South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 02 Block: 09
March 6
Warranty Deed: Grantor Arna Kitzmann to grantees Ross Thomas Sieren, Natalie Job Sieren: NW NE 17-77-12; PT NE NE 17-77-12; PT SW NE 17-77-12
Contract Forfeiture: Grantor Kerkman Corp to grantee Sheridan Michael Duffield: Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 10 Block: 30; Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 11 Block: 30; Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 12 Block: 30
Contract Forfeiture: Grantor Kerkman Group to grantee

Sheridan Michael Duffield: Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 02 Block: 08; PT Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 01 Block: 08
Contract Forfeiture: Grantor Kerkman Group to grantee Sheridan Michael Duffield: Hedrick Hagens 1st Addition Lot: 08 Block: 02; Hedrick Hagens 1st Addition Lot: 09 Block: 02; Alley PT Hedrick Hagens 1st Addition Block: 02
Warranty Deed: Grantor Landquest Holdings LLC to grantee Kelchen Real Estate LLC: PT NW NE 22-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT 2012-1525; PT SW NE 22-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT B381 P141; PT Lot: 01 SE NE 22-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT 2024-1882; EXCEPT DEED B96 P288; SW NE 22-77-10 Parcel: AUD PAR B; SE NE 22-77-10 Parcel: AUD PAR B; PLAT B381 P141
Warranty Deed: Grantor Robert R Madison to grantee Melanice VanPatten: What Cheer J M Johnstons 2nd Addition (What Cheer) Lot: 01 Block: 07
March 7
Warranty Deed: Grantors Laurie A Krumm, Douglas C Krumm to grantees Lee A Dennis, Colleen K Dennis: Undivided 50% Interest In SE SW 02-76-13 Parcel: AUD PAR B; Plat 2025-0143
Affidavit Transfer: Grantors Jason Fisher, Jamie Fisher, Lyle Al-leyn Fisher Life Estate to grantees Jason Fisher, Jaime Fisher: PT NE SW 23-77-13; PT SE SW 23-77-13; Thornburg Johnsons 2nd Addition (Thornburg) Lot: 01; Alley PT Thornburg Johnsons 2nd Addition (Thornburg); PT NW SE 23-77-13

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RESERVE ACCOUNT, POSTAGE FOR POSTAGE MACHINE.....1,000.00

REV TRAK, FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM.....256.24
RODRIGUEZ-LEJUA, ELDA, LUNCH MONEY REFUND.....24.00
S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY, INDUS. ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL.....23.52
SCHOOL BUS SALES CO., TRANS. SUPPLIES.....81.43
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY, ELEVATOR REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE.....478.38
SEIS HEALTH CARE PLAN, HEALTH INSURANCE.....88,142.30
SINCLAIR TRACTOR, TRANSPORTATION PARTS.....68.34
SINER, PETER, GOOGLE CERTIFIED TRAINER.....427.50
STOUT, DAN, REIMB PE STUDENTS BOWLING.....80.00
WOLTERING, TOM, REIMB BUS PROPANE - ER TRIP.....320.29
WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC, NATURAL GAS.....9,471.11
WRIGHT, CRYSTAL, REIMB FOR SUPPLIES.....117.24
Vendors Listed:.....72
Total:.....206,737.79
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PUBLIC NOTICE Keota CSD • Minutes 3.13.2025

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Keota High School - Room 205
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday March 13, 2025
6:00 PM
President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.
Board members present: Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad
Board members absent: Jim Tinnes
Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Amy Greiner
Pat Hammen moved to accept the agenda as amended as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Communication and Reports
Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations - There were none.
Community Public Participation - Chet Cave and Golf Coach Rod Hill spoke on the methods and progress of the fundraising effort for the golf simulator.

Approval of Consent Items - Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes
Approval of Financial Reports
Approval of Summary List of Bills
Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
Approval of Fund-Raising Requests - Keota Golf team - Par 3 Tournament, golf shirts, vendor fair, Cinnamon rolls, pledges
Keota After Prom - t-shirt sales and Keota Fun Run for After Prom supplies
F. Approval of Resignations-Jodi Ebert - JH Track coach, Tony Baughman - HS Softball coach
G. Approval of New Hires
Dan Redlinger moved to accept the consent items as presented with the exception of an OE application which will be approved by the Keota board. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.
Non-Action Items
A. Discussion of Therapy Services - Administration presented options available.
B. Update of Day Care Progress-Administration updated the board on the day care progress.
C. Facilities Update - Discussion

was held and the board was updated.
Action Items
Approval of AEA Purchasing agreement - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the AEA Purchasing agreement for food, small wares and ware wash for the 2025-26 school year. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of 29e agreement with Kirkwood Community College- Approval of 28e agreement with Indian Hills Community College- Approval of Encite/Denovo - Pat Hammen moved to accept of facilities plan through Enrite/Denovo as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of 2025-26 school calendar - Dan Redlinger moved to approve school calendars with the start dates of August 20 and August 25 for the 2025-26 school year dependent on the action of the Legislature. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of Firewall - Andy Conrad moved to approve the purchase of the fire wall through Riverside Technologies, Inc. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of 400 Series- Andy Conrad moved to approve the 400 Series Board policy 1st reading as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval reinstatement of 28e agreement- Dan Redlinger moved to approve the reinstatement of the 28e HSAP agreement with Mid Prairie. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of Athletic Booster WCRF resolution - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the resolution submitted by Keota Athletic Boosters to the WCRF for softball field renovations. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Administrative Reports
Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report - Superintendent Brenneman gave an update on the SIAC committee meeting. Discussion was held on walkthrough data. The board was updated on the insurance claim for the boiler. An assembly was held to kick off the ISASP test and 2 more assemblies are scheduled.
Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report - Principal Milledge sited special events such

as FFA week, Kids Heart Challenge, and Book Fair happening. ISASP testing is off to a great start. The elementary staff has been focused on the latest student screening data, BLS/CPR training, and prepping for parent/teacher conferences.
Activities Director Report - Activity Director Dan Stout reported that basketball has wrapped up and spring sports have started. The conference is probably going with Bound for the sports/activity scheduling. EagleRock had a good trip to St. Louis. The spring play will be April 4 & 5. FFA is starting their spring greenhouse plantings.
Business Manager Report - Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that the FY 24 audit was completed last week. She is beginning to work on salary information for next year. The February bank statements were reconciled and board financials completed.
Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i) Superintendent/Secondary Principal Lisa Brenneman requested the Board go into closed session for the purpose of evaluation of professional competency.

Closed Session for Evaluation of Superintendent
Motion was made by Pat Hammen to go into closed session at 7:05PM for Superintendent evaluation pursuant to code #21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the competence of an individual whose performance is being considered. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.
At 8:29PM the Board adjourned the closed session.
Board Training/Board in Service
The public hearing for the FY 26 budget will be held March 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Keota Elementary Media Library.
The next Keota School board meeting will be April 10th, 2025 in the Elementary Media Library at 6:00 PM.
Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.
Board President Date
Board Secretary Date
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PROBATE LEE J. OKONES ESPR038598

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE J. OKONES, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR038598 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lee J. Okones, Deceased, who died on or about February 4, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 11, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Lee J. Okones, deceased, bearing date of May 25, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Lance Justin Okones was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 11, 2025.
Lance Justin Okones, Executor of Estate
205 S Shuffleton St
Sigourney, IA 52591
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299
Attorney for Executor
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington
PO Box 245
Sigourney, IA 52591
Date of second publication
March 26, 2025
Probate Code Section 304
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PUBLIC NOTICE Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041525

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AN FOR KEOKUK COUNTY STATE OF IOWA KEOKUK COUNTY

Iowa District Court Keokuk County Case #: EQEQ041525 Civil #: 25-00064 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS COURTNEY OSBORNE, JULIE BERGEN-OSBORNE AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION X Special Execution General Execution Other

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)

X Real Estate
Personal Property
X Described Below
On attaché sheet:
To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is
THE NORTH SIXTY FEET OF LOT TEN, AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT ELEVEN, ALL IN BLOCK ELEVEN IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF KEOTA, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
Property Address: 107 N BAKER STREET, KEOTA, IA 52248
The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Sale Date 04/22/2025

Sale Time 10:00
Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591
X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.

Redemption: After the sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within
X This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.

Judgment Amount \$201,815.11
Costs \$0.00
Accruing Costs PLUS Interest \$1,456.28
Sheriff's Fees Pending Date 02/27/2025
Casey J Hinnah
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF ATTORNEY
BENJAMIN W HOPKINS
1350 NW 138TH STREET
CLIVE, IA 50325
(515)222-9400
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PUBLIC NOTICE City of North English • Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
City of NORTH ENGLISH
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The City of NORTH ENGLISH will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Meeting Date/Time: 4/2/2025 06:35 PM Contact: Tara Heyne Phone: (319) 664-3810

Meeting Location: North English City Hall

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	184,006	0	184,006
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	184,006	0	184,006
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	169,323	0	169,323
Licenses & Permits	900	0	900
Use of Money & Property	1,900	0	1,900
Intergovernmental	886,787	0	886,787
Charges for Service	758,650	0	758,650
Special Assessments	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	8,300	0	8,300
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0
Transfers In	166,433	0	166,433
Total Revenues & Other Sources	2,176,299	0	2,176,299
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Public Safety	180,000	0	180,000
Public Works	328,875	0	328,875
Health and Social Services	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	111,400	70,300	181,700
Community and Economic Development	16,000	0	16,000
General Government	120,267	10,000	130,267
Debt Service	39,520	0	39,520
Capital Projects	855,000	0	855,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	1,651,062	80,300	1,731,362
Business Type/Enterprise	634,300	40,000	674,300
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	2,285,362	120,300	2,405,662
Transfers Out	166,433	0	166,433
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	2,451,795	120,300	2,572,095
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	-275,496	-120,300	-395,796
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	2,137,684	0	2,137,684
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	1,862,188	-120,300	1,741,888

Explanation of Changes: The library wants to get a new ramp to access the building; there may be costs associated with updating the walking trail; anticipating higher than budgeted Alliant bills; higher than anticipated costs associated with maintaining the generators.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of North English • Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 48-444
NORTH ENGLISH Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/2/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: North English City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) www.northenglishia.org City Telephone Number (319) 664-3810

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Certified 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	27,273,073		27,855,470	27,855,470
Consolidated General Fund	183,768		183,768	208,707
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0		0	0
Aviation Authority	0		0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	0		0	0
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0		0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0		0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0		0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0		0	0
Other Employee Benefits	0		0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0		0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	27,273,073		27,855,470	27,855,470
Debt Service	0		0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	183,768		183,768	208,707
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	6.73808		6.59720	7.49250
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	79,294		81,526	81,526
Ag Land	238		238	245
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00149		2.91931	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed				
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year 2025/2026	Proposed 2025/2026
City Regular Residential		312	391	25.32
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$300,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year 2025/2026	Proposed 2025/2026
City Regular Commercial		1,378	1,747	26.78

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Using the CGFL Max Rate. Last year's max rate was 7.34558. This year's max rate is 8.1.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Delta • Minutes and Claims 3.12.2025

DELTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
6PM DELTA CITY HALL
The Delta City Council met in regular session on March 12, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor Jim Ahlberg presiding.
Council present: Barb Fisher, Roma Neitzel, Jody Kleinschmidt, and Nathan Slagter.
Also present: Faye Carey, Dixie Shipley, Ron Price, and Gary McAdams
Council reviewed the agenda, February minutes, treasurer's report, bills for approval, and water billing. Slagter made a motion to approve. R. Neitzel 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
Mayor Ahlberg opened the floor for public comment. Dixie Shipley reminded the council of the next 150th Delta Days Planning meeting on March 17th at 6:15pm. Ron Price raised concerns regarding his neighbors and the state of their property and electrical. Gary McAdams raised concerns regarding loud music in early morning hours from his neighborhood.
Council reviewed Resolution 2025-4 regarding the SWAP Grant program to repair a section of pavement. Council would like to speak with the engineer and obtain more details. N. Slagter made a motion to table until next month. B. Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
Council discussed the schedule for Tax Levy Public Hearing and 25-26FY Budget. The April council meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2025 at 6pm, following the Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing at 5:45pm. J. Kleinschmidt made a motion. N. Slagter 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
Slagter made a motion to adjourn. B. Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 6:44pm.
Intuit.....\$80.00

Ipers	\$539.26
F.Carey	\$1760.37
D.Keasling	\$1028.69
BP	\$337.63
G&A	\$232.50
Kinetic	\$201.80
JDFinancial	\$561.331
N&N	\$2675.24
SOSB	\$35.00
WRWA	\$1852.66
H&M	\$39.96
PHELPS	\$501.00
J.Bringman	\$212.47
B.Gilliland	\$309.62
D.Northup	\$580.08

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PUBLIC NOTICE Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 3.3.2025

AGRI LAND FS	1,898.28
ALL AM PEST CONTROL	40.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	10,279.46
ALTORFER MACHINERY	6,755.17
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	505.31
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	1,708.81
ATWOOD ELECTRIC	983.04
BAILEY OFFICE	256.65
BOND, RICHARD	36.53
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC	2,301.25
CANTRIL TRUCK AND TRAILER	2,121.60
COLUMN SOFTWARE	80.88
COX SANITATION & RECY	123.50
CUMMINS SALES AND SERV	1,112.26
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	3,360.00
ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES	939.82
ELLIOTT OIL CO	17.33
FARMERS COOP ASSOC	272.50
GALLS LLC	281.27
GREENLEYS CORP	1,445.66
H & M FARM & HOME	274.38
HERMAN, MICHELLE	98.00
IA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD	120.00
IA PRISON IND	1,375.00
IA STATE MED EXAMINER	1,900.00
ISACA/SEAT	200.00
KEOKUK CO HEALTH CTR	3,368.25
KRAIG FORD	1,188.99
MAHASKA CO AUDITOR	2,219.83
MAHASKA CO SHERIFF	44.50
MAIL SERVICES	392.92
MARTINS FLAG CO	415.74
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CO	140.43
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	116.40
MIKE'S PARTS & SERVICE	3.61
MISC ON MAIN	1,026.09
MMIT	129.62
MOD COOP TELEPHONE	348.80
MOSE LEVY CO	193.74
MUSCO CORPORATION	191.06
NET2PHONE	1,138.98
NETSMART TECH	1,921.54
NO ENGLISH TELEPHONE	1,289.88
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN SERV	254.55
PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFETY	958.50
SANITY SOLUTIONS	3.80
SIGOURNEY LUMBER CO	103.50
SIGOURNEY TURBO WASH	480.00
SINCLAIR NAPA	2.69
STROBELS	62.98
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	66.25
T I P REC	230.16
TRUCK CENTER	34.54
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	45,861.42
UN CELLULAR	61.61
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	5,193.00
VISA (SEC RD)	1,882.23
VISA (IT)	17.39
VISA (JAIL)	195.00
WAPELLO CO SHERIFF	37.00
WELLINGTON TOOL SALES	318.50
WHITE, MISTY	235.00
WHITEHURST, JERRY	37.67
WINDSTREAM	901.50
WINDSTREAM LAKEDALE	1,268.18
TOTAL	\$111,022.35

Weber moved, Wood seconded acknowledgement of personnel report for the full-time hire of Stephanie Tusing, LPN, Public Health Department as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.
Met with Charles Kent, IT Department, regarding additional network backup/improvement was held. Also present was Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS. Chuck requested to add MCG internet fiber to the Courthouse at twice the speed, half the cost and with no contract requirement. Drew shared issues with the current provider as being extremely slow of which delays processing. Chuck informed Lisco will be cancelled once the contract is up. Board consensus was to allow moving forward with said request.
Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended BOOST, 1015 Transit, RPA and Assessor's Conference Board meetings. Hadley attended Area 15 and Assessor's Conference Board meetings. Weber attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting last week.
Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. The proposed property tax notice will be published in the March 12th News-Review and a letter will be sent out to property owners on or prior to March 15, 2025. Cunningham maintenance established a new board and motor is needed for the outdoor HVAC system two unit that will be covered by warranty. Atwood Electric electrician traced the loss of power to low voltage of the generator. Ace Electric was contacted to check the generator.
On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.
Approved _____
Disapproved _____
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber
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English Valleys Bearometer

March 19, 2025

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Issue: XXVIII

Boys Track Team Represents English Valleys at the Dickinson Relays



On March 10th, the English Valleys boys track team headed to UNI for the Dickinson Relays. The Dickinson relays are all classes combined. The running events they took were the 4x200, 4x800, 60M, 1600M, 400M, 200M, 800M, and a 4x400. The field events are the long jump and shot put.

The 4x200 finished 59th out of 73 teams with a time of 1:43.18, run by Drew Fisher, Colton Miksell, Everett Bender, and Christian Tripses. The 4x800 finished 54th out of 64 teams with a time of 9:38.29 and was run by Evan Koehn, Hunter Offerman, Isaac Frazier, and Jack Osborn. Gage Heyne had a great performance and got 6th place out of 52 with a time of 4:25.22. The boys had three athletes compete in the 60M Braydon Anderson got 92nd with a 7.46 sec, then Deshon Anderson ran a 7.70 sec and got 152nd place, and then Ben Coffman got 194th place with a time of 7.94 sec. Three boys ran the 200M and Braydon Anderson got 54th and ran a 24.26, Drew Fisher also ran the 200M he got 118th place and ran a 25.38 while Christian Tripses got 177th and ran a 26.41, For field events in the shot put Kane Axmear threw 36-09.25, while Gage Bender threw 27-11.00 and placed 196 and right behind him was Kaleb Bolinger placing 197th with a throw of 27-08.50. Long jump had three boys compete Deshon Anderson got 40th place and jumped 19-03.50, Everett Bender jumped 17-00.00 and placed 110th, Hunter Offerman was the other long jumper and jumped 16-05.25 and placed 119th. We had three compete in the open 4, Teagan Mast ran a 59.07 and placed 146, and right behind him was Colton Mikesell placing 147 with a time of 59.11, and Cael Grove placed and ran a 1:01.23. Three boys also competed in the open 8, Isaac Frazier ran a 2:23.90 and placed 121st next was Evan Koehn who ran a 2:25.56 and placed 127th. The third 800 runner was Ben Axmear who placed 141st and ran 2:29.56. The final event that the boys ran was the 4x400 with Everett Bender, Teagan Mast, Jack Osborn, and Gage Heyne with a 3:50.65 and placed 27th. The boys' track team had a great showing at the Dickinson relays.

Swinging to the Beat: An Evening with EV High School Music

An unforgettable night of incredible music and entertainment! The EV High School Music Department was beyond excited to present this year's highly anticipated annual swing show, with the theme Cabaret! On Friday, March 7, the evening was filled with a captivating mix of musical genres that had something for everyone. From the haunting melodies of Phantom of the Opera to the energetic beats of Hamilton, and from the timeless hits of Billy Joel to the unforgettable anthems of Coldplay, the concert was a musical journey that blew everyone away.

Kaylynn Caster and Anna Luers wowed the audience with a beautiful violin duet, showcasing their incredible talent. Daige Sabin and Kaylynne Holyman performed their duet "Say My Name," which had earned them a Division I rating at State Speech. The crowd favorite had to be the steel drums, which left everyone swinging to the infectious rhythm of "Sugar Bum Bum."

With performances by the EV High School Band, Jazz Band, and Choir, along with amazing solos and small group performances, it was an event you definitely didn't want to miss!

The night was packed with outstanding music and pure excitement, with friends and family enjoying every moment!



Upcoming Activities

March 20:

Boys Track @ Central College 12:00
No School - Spring Break

March 21:

No School - Spring Break

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 25 - 1:30 - 8 pm

March 27 - 3:30 - 7:30 pm



Are you ready?
STATE TESTING
ISASP TESTING IS STARTING SOON
Be Prepared!

EV ELEMENTARY
MONDAY, MARCH 31 -
THURSDAY, APRIL 3
9:15 - 10:30 AM

MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL
TUESDAY, MARCH 25 -
FRIDAY, MARCH 28



THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



Issue No. 17

Senior Spotlight GRACE CONGER

Our senior spotlight is Grace Conger. We asked Grace what her childhood dream was, and she said to become a princess when she was older. She really wanted to be Rapunzel because of her long hair. Her favorite memory when she was little is going to Disney World with her family, seeing and hugging all the princesses and walking around feeling like magic. The extracurriculars she's been involved in are volleyball, basketball, track, dance, National Honor Society, FFA, 4-H, CYM, fall and spring plays, speech, EagleRock!, and a DARE role model. We asked Grace what her favorite sport was, and she said basketball because the atmosphere pushed her to better herself. Her plan after school is to attend the University of Iowa to major in Nursing. Grace's favorite high school memory is TP-ing during homecoming week with the whole high school and being able to play sports with her sister. She says after high school she will miss hanging out with her friends, sporting events, and seeing her friends everyday. She would like people to remember her as a nice and kind person. Her biggest pet peeve is when people chew with their mouth open and make noises while eating. We asked what her favorite class was during high school. She likes all of her classes she has taken, and taking care of the greenhouse during Plant Science. Her favorite tradition to participate in is Eagle Olympics and competing against other teams. Her parents are Melinda Eakins, who graduated from University of Iowa and is an accountant and business owner at Ray-Man, and Cris Conger, who owns his own construction business. She has one sister, Emily Conger; she is 15 years old and a sophomore in high school. Her advice she would give seniors in the future is to have fun your last year and be nice to everyone. We asked what are three words that would describe Grace, and she said kind because she is nice to everyone, empathetic because she shows empathy towards people, and funny because she would consider herself funny. We wish Grace a wonderful rest of the year and good luck after high school.



By: Kennedy Jackson

JUNK OR JEWEL

This week's Junk or Jewel features Mison Milam's 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada. Mison has had this car since the end of last year. The sunroof is Mison's favorite feature of his car, and his least favorite feature is the fact that his car has no radio. Mison's Oldsmobile has 235,414 miles on it. Mison received the car from his mother, as his grandmother drove it before him. Mison has not had to put any money into repairs, how lucky! Coralville is the furthest Mison had ever driven his car before. The fastest the car can go is 102 miles per hour, with the factory settings. Mison had a Dodge Ram 150 before getting his Oldsmobile; he says he likes his truck better than his car. An incident occurred, and Mison ended up wrecking his truck.

By: Luke Moeller



ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

This week's elementary spotlight is Brooks Hahn. Brooks is seven years old and has two sisters: Izley, who is in 4th grade, and Oakley, who is in 3 year old preschool. Brooks is in first grade, and his teacher is Miss Ebert. His favorite class at school is working with the STEM bins. When Brooks grows up, he would like to be a farmer. Brooks likes to build with Legos in his free time, and his favorite color is blue. He has three pets at home: a cat named Winnie, a dog named Pig, and a pony named Sparky. We wish Brooks a great rest of the school year



By: Oliva Lyle

RUNNING INTO TRACK SEASON

With track season approaching, the Eagles had their pre-season meeting. This track season there will be 9 boys and 12 girls on the team. After interviewing senior Izzi Chalupa, she says that she would like to have a successful season with the team. A goal is to see the team improve from the beginning of the season to the end. She says that her favorite event to run in is the 100 meter dash. Her favorite track memory was winning the shuttle hurdle her freshman year. We wish Izzy and the Eagles luck as they start their track season.



By: Chase Haifley

EVENTS

- 21 No Classes - PD Day
- 24 HS Track @ SICL Indoor Meet @ Grinnell College
- 24 Nat'l Honor Society Members Mtg - Eagle Advisory
- 25 Sophomores to IHCC Career & Discovery Day w/ Mrs. Donald - 8:30 AM-12:30 PM
- 27 (B) Track @ Washington - 3:30 PM
- 27 S/K Soccer Scrimmage @ Williamsburg - 5:00 PM
- 27-28 State Science Fair @ ISU, Ames
- 28 No School
- 31 S/K Soccer @ WACO (Wayland) - 5:00 PM

EAGLE'S WING STAFF 2024-2025

- DAKOTA DODD
- GARRETT GREINER
- OLIVIA LYLE
- KENNEDY JACKSON
- MISON MILAM
- JAKE MORRIS
- LUKE MOELLER
- CHASE HAIFLEY

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your favorite childhood memory?

MR.WEEKS
STAFF



Fishing with my Dad and Grandpa

BRODY GREINER
12TH



Playing Fortnite

GAVIN SIENEN
11TH



Spending time with family

TUCKER SPROUSE
10TH



Going to Adventureland with family

ELLA GREINER
9TH



Spending time with my family

EMMA GREINER
8TH



Spending time with my brother and cousins on the farm

GREYDEN HORNING
7TH



Fishing at my pond

2024 Annual Report
Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District

3M Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP) Cost-Share

(Provided by the State of Iowa through December 31, 2024)

The Division of Soil Conservation, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) in accordance with the policies of the State Soil Conservation Committee implement the state's financial incentive program for soil erosion from funds appropriated by State legislation.

Cover Crops & No Till (7-1-2024 to 12-31-2024) 63 WQI Statewide Cover Crops paid (10,158.2 acres).... \$165,258.70
4 Cedar Creek Watershed Cover Crops paid (1416.85 acres)..... 35,421.25
6 West Fork Crooked Creek Watershed Cover crops paid (968 acres) 24,200.00
1 No till paid (129 acres)..... 1,290.00
Total WQI Statewide/SF512 Funding paid\$226,169.95
SF 512 WQI Grade Stabilization Structures (7-1-24 to 12-31-24)
4 Paid Grade Stabilization Structures.....\$176,809.50
Local Water Protection Program (LWPP & LWQP) - low interest loans
Funds for this low interest loan program are provided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources through Title VI of the Clean Water Act. The funds are administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Divi-

sion of Soil Conservation in partnership with the Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District and your local financial institution on water quality projects.
2024 - 5 completed projects..... 70,102.92
2024 - 4 completed LWQP livestock loan projects.....\$36,270.97
2023 - 6 completed projects..... 214,702.28
2020 - 2022 - 9 completed projects..... 121,747.33
2018 - 2022 - 4 completed LWQP livestock loan projects319,059.45
2015 - 2019- 35 completed loan projects605,452.67
2010 - 2014- 57 completed loan projects 822,053.17
2005 - 2009 - 77 completed loan projects 1,043,698.94
Total Loans Obligated and Completed since 2005.....\$4,033,087.73
Resource Enhancement and Protection Funds (REAP)
The Division of Soil Con-

servation, IDALS, in accordance with the policies of the State Soil Conservation Committee, implement the state's water protection practices through Water Protection Fund appropriated by State Legislation.
REAP Forestry Practices (F/NG) Cost-Share Budget:
Total Allocation F/NG (2024 - 2025)..... \$ 2,831.33
1 Carry Over Project..... + 1,600.00
1 Approved Project..... -1,600.00
Balance on 12-31-2024.....\$2,831.33
REAP Practices (P) Cost-Share Budget:
Total Allocation P (2024-2025).....\$8,565.58
0 Approved Projects.....-0.00
Balance 12-31-2024.....\$8,565.58
Total Allocation P (2023-2024).....\$1,600.00
1 Paid Projects..... - 1,600.00
Balance 6-30-2024\$ 0.00

2024 State FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes CRP Plan Written (1693 acres on 103 contracts), Cover Crop Acres Applied (11,517 acres), Tile Outlet Terraces/Basins (32,813 feet).

Commissioner/District IM Expenses

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes IM FY24 Fund Allocation (July 1, 2023) (\$2,750.00), Interest Balance (+5.69), Commissioner and Assistants Expenses (-854.50), State Association Dues Reimbursement (-1,155.00), Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Education (-740.50), Balance (June 30, 2024) (\$5.69), Commissioners Revolving Fund (\$22,403.52).

Larry Stevens Retires

Larry Stevens, District Conservationist (DC) at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Sigourney retired on December 27, 2024. Larry has worked for NRCS for almost 36 years. As Larry Stevens retired as the District Conservationist on December 27, 2024, it will end the tenure of only the third District Conservationist to serve in Keokuk County since 1943.

and there is a waiting list for state cost-share to build terraces." I have enjoyed working in the Sigourney/Keokuk County Field Office since July 1994.

The Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District thanks Larry for his 36 years of service to NRCS and the last 30 years of service to the District and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.



Since 1994, Stevens has been the voice of conservation for NRCS in Sigourney. "The conservationist ethic of our farmers makes it easy for our office in a lot of ways. We don't have a lot of problems selling the USDA or State of Iowa cost-share financial assistance programs



Hilary Lanman was hired as a new State Technician for Keokuk County NRCS Office September 2024. She will be providing conservation terrace survey assistance to the farmers in Keokuk County.

Hilary is a native of Jefferson County, graduating from Fairfield High School. Hilary went to Kirkwood Community College and Northwest Missouri State graduating in 2009 in Agriculture Business with a minor in Animal Science.

Hilary has lived in Ke-

okuk County for almost 15 years near Hedrick. Hilary, her husband, and son raise goats, chickens, and pumpkins. Most recently they have gotten into cattle with a few 4-H bottle calf projects. In her spare time, you will find her at flea markets, tractor shows, ball games or camping. Hilary enjoys working with farmers to improve their land with soil and water conservation work and looks forward to meeting you and discussing options on your farm!

Personnel

The Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to provide the 2024 annual report of conservation accomplishments. Conservation requires effort on the parts of many to improve our environment. Staff ready to assist you are:

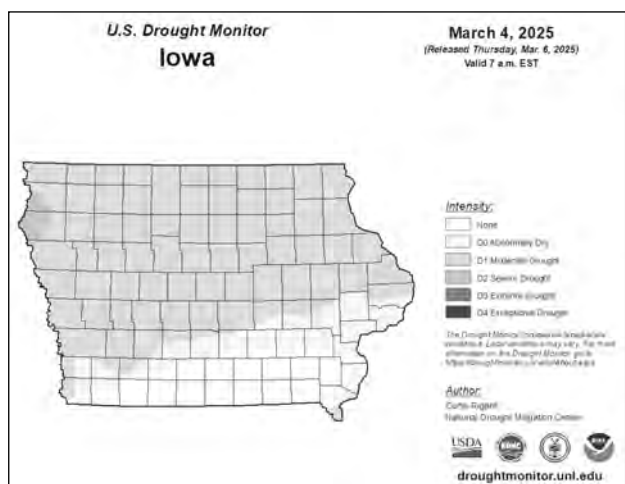
- District Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners
Clinton Mikesell, Chairperson.....English River Twp.
Andrew J. (AJ) Neff, Vice Chairperson
.....East Lancaster Twp.
Donald Millikin, Member.... Benton Twp.
Gary Bates, Member
.....Prairie Twp.
David Klein, Member
.....East Lancaster Twp.
Nick Beinhart, Assistant

- CommissionerKeota
Nick Hammes, Assistant CommissionerSigourney
Field Office Personnel
Larry Stevens (last day 12-27-2024)District Conservationist - NRCS
Sharon Fritchen.....Conservation Assistant - IDALS-DSCWQ
Brooke Eveland (last day 8-23-2024)Soil Conservationist - NRCS
Hilary Lanman (started 9-13-2024)
.....State Conservation Technician - IDALS-DSCWQ
Abbie (VanRaden) Williams (last day 2-8-2024)
.....State Conservation Technician - IDALS-DSCWQ
Jason Gritsch...Private Lands Wildlife Technician - IDNR

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U.S. Drought Monitor map showing drought conditions across Iowa

Water Summary Update: Drought conditions expand slightly due to below-average rainfall

By: Jessica Reese McIntyre | Iowa DNR

DES MOINES – Drought conditions have slightly expanded in central Iowa and a small area in eastern Iowa due to below-normal precipitation in February, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

February's preliminary statewide precipitation was 0.42 inches, or 0.75 inches below normal. The state's average snowfall for February was nearly two inches below normal, despite colder temperatures. The winter months are typically the driest in Iowa.

At the end of February, Iowa's Drought Plan showed conditions degrading in the northern three drought regions, resulting in a drought watch designation. Meanwhile, drought conditions remain stable in the two southern drought regions, with a normal drought watch designation. The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) continues to show over three-quarters of Iowa carrying abnormally dry conditions or drought conditions, with a small area of northwest Iowa in severe

drought.

Precipitation forecasts from the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center indicate a slight chance for above-average precipitation for the eastern half of the state. If the outlook holds true, that portion of Iowa could see improved conditions going into April.

"We saw an expansion of the Moderate Drought designation in central Iowa and a small part of eastern Iowa due to an unseasonably dry January and February. The rest of the state maintains stable drought conditions as we emerge from the winter months, which are typically the driest months of the year. The National Weather Service precipitation outlooks are promising for the eastern half of the state in March, which may receive slightly above-normal precipitation, while western Iowa could see average precipitation levels," said Jessica Reese McIntyre, DNR Environmental Specialist.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, visit www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.



Two lambs.

Registration Open for Lambing Basics Workshop

By: Carolyn Ihde

AMES – Registration is open for "Ewe Got This: Lambing Basics Workshop," set for Saturday, April 12, in Ames. The in-person workshop is tailored for sheep producers seeking to enhance their expertise and understanding of the lambing process and the essential care required for ewes and lambs.

The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Iowa State University Sheep Teaching Farm, 3640 520th Ave., Ames. The registration

fee is \$30, and registration is open online until April 7.

"Participants will have the unique chance to observe, discuss and engage in practical activities with spring lambing ewes and their offspring. This workshop will be an immersive and educational experience," said Carolyn Ihde, small ruminant outreach specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach and University of Wisconsin - Madison Extension.

For more information, contact Ihde at cihde@wisc.edu.

'Bear With Me,' Trump Says as Farmers Brace for Tariff Effects

The situation has some farmers stocking up on equipment and supplies in preparation for prices to go up

By JOSH FUNK and MELINA WALLING | Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Farmers and meat producers across the U.S. can expect the new tariffs on Mexico, Canada, and China and the retaliatory action from those countries to hurt their bottom lines by billions of dollars if they stay in place a while, and consumers could quickly see higher prices for produce and ground beef.

But some of the impact on farmers might not be felt until the next harvest and some products might actually get cheaper in the short run for consumers if exports suffer. And the price of corn, wheat and soybeans accounts for relatively little of the price of most products. Plus, President Donald Trump could offer farmers significant aid payments, as he did during the trade war with China during his first administration, to offset some of the losses.

In his address to Congress Tuesday night, Trump argued that agricultural imports hurt American farmers and asked them to "bear with me again" as he seeks to protect them. He didn't mention any additional aid.

"I love the farmer," he said.

If the tariffs make farmers uneasy about investing in expensive tractors and consumers worry so much about groceries that they cut other spending, that would hurt the economy overall and could even lead to a recession. And consumers were already worried about record egg prices amid a bird flu outbreak.

"Exactly how strong our economy is over time has a lot to do with U.S. consumers' comfort with continuing to go out to restaurants and continuing to buy washers and dryers and just that general activity. And a lot of what we're talking about here is probably going to slow some of that," said Glynn Tonsor, an agricultural economist at Kansas State University.

The situation has some farmers stocking up on equipment and supplies in preparation for prices to go up, but it's not like they can easily buy all their fertilizer ahead of time. And consumers might have a hard time stockpiling perishable products like avocados and ground beef.

The details of how the tariffs are implemented and whether any products are excluded will also matter.

How will farmers be hurt? Corn and soybean prices for this year's harvest already



In his address to Congress last Tuesday night, Trump argued that agricultural imports hurt American farmers and asked them to "bear with me again" as he seeks to protect them. He didn't mention any additional aid. (Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Library)

fell roughly 10% since the tariffs were first announced a couple of weeks ago.

Joe Janzen, an agricultural economist with the University of Illinois, said that has "snuffed out" any profitability in those crops. He called Trump's comments that farmers may be able to sell more of their products at home "at best tone deaf."

"There is no domestic market for the amount of corn, soybeans, wheat, and other agricultural products that we now export in significant quantities," he said.

Meanwhile, as crop prices decline, farmers might see their fertilizer bill jump because 85% of the potash American farmers use in fertilizer comes from Canada, which also supplies some nitrogen fertilizer as well. The Fertilizer Institute President and CEO Corey Rosenbusch said "An open, fair, predictable, and transparent trade environment between the U.S. and Canada is vital."

"We need potash to raise healthier crops," said Minnesota farmer Danny Lundell, who hosted Gov. Tim Walz on his corn and soybean farm near Cannon Falls on Tuesday. "And it doesn't matter if you're big, medium, or small, it's going to affect you."

But Iowa State agricultural economist Chad Hart said many farmers applied fertilizer to their fields last fall and may not have to pay the higher fertilizer bills until later.

What about meat prices? The United States imports a lot of lean beef to mix with fatter beef produced at American plants to make hamburger, and that imported beef will get more expensive because nearly half of it comes from Canada and Mexico. That's likely to show up in grocery stores in six to eight weeks.

America exported more than \$1.8 billion worth of chicken and another \$8.4 billion in red meat to Mexico,

Canada and China. These tariffs could easily lead to a 10% drop in exports, Tonsor said.

If farmers aren't able to move that much meat overseas because of tariffs, they can seek to sell more domestically — but they'll likely have to discount prices. Bad for farmers, but potentially good for consumers.

The impact will vary by product. For instance, demand for steaks and bacon may remain relatively steady because little of that is exported, but the price of hams could drop in the U.S. because Mexico is a major buyer of those. The price of specialty cuts like beef tongue that are almost entirely exported will plummet.

Livestock producers will see a bit of relief because the cost of the feed they use will decline, but Tonsor said they will still lose money overall.

How do farmers feel about this?

"Farmers are very concerned," said Steve Kuiper, a director at the Iowa Corn Growers Association. "People just aren't buying stuff," he said, which is hitting big companies like John Deere and local suppliers that sell their equipment.

That's the case for farmers who grow table crops as well as commodities. Katy Rogers, who manages an organic farm outside Indianapolis, said that as soon as Trump started talking about tariffs she bought everything she thought would see a price hike in the coming months.

Kuiper hopes that the impacts of tariffs can be mitigated and eventually lead to a more level playing field that benefits farmers. He wants to see trade open with more countries. For instance, he said that for corn, China had already been favoring trade with Brazil, so he instead sees opportunity in places like India.

But Trump has threatened

additional reciprocal tariffs on other countries on April 2, which could make it harder for farmers to shift their exports to other countries.

What is the lasting impact?

Trump can do a lot to ease farmers' pain with aid payments. He gave them more than \$22 billion in aid payments in 2019 and nearly \$46 billion in 2020, though that year also included aid related to the pandemic.

But Janzen notes that Trump is working to drastically slash spending across the federal government.

Walz, who lost his bid to become vice president last fall, said the tariffs will hurt trading relationships and prompt buyers in China, Mexico, and Canada to look elsewhere.

Some trade experts question how long Trump's tariffs will last as they boost prices for American consumers, including his base voters, who have long complained about inflation and rising food prices.

"It is going to do nothing to help with the food inflation in the U.S.," said Timothy Wise, author of "Eating Tomorrow" and expert on agricultural trade between Mexico and the U.S. "I don't see it as sustainable. I don't find it plausible that corporate folks who surround Trump are going to sit back and allow him to destroy their foreign markets."

Associated Press writers Steve Karnowski and Megan Janetsky contributed to this report. Walling reported from Chicago.

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Responsible Beef Herd Expansion: Is It in Your Future?

March 12, 2025, 8:44 am | Chris Clark

CHARITON – Is now a good time to expand your beef cow herd? Have you been thinking about how to optimize your production to capitalize on this record-high market? The new Iowa Beef Center program, "Responsible Expansion of Iowa's Cow Herd" might help provide answers to those questions.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef specialist Chris Clark will offer the same program at two locations in early April, and

said the content will help producers think about both opportunity and risk regarding herd expansion. The sessions at Moravia and Chariton also will include strategies to keep breeding females in the herd to increase profitability.

"We will go through an interactive exercise talking about cow appreciation and depreciation, and risk based on cow age and stage of production," he said. "Then we will talk through some management practices to improve reproductive success and reduce replacement rate."

Other discussion topics may include nutritional management of first-calf heifers, breeding strategies for yearling heifers, animal selection, and buying versus raising replacements. The Iowa Beef Center team developed this program with producer success in mind, and Clark said one of the take-home messages is that the better we do at keeping females in the herd, the more profitable we are.

"It's an interesting time in the beef industry," Clark said. "On one hand, we all would

like to have as many females as possible producing calves right now. On the other hand, replacement females are really valuable. Simply put, can we afford

to expand, and if we do, how do we make the most of that investment?"

Both programs will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with refreshments provided at the Chariton site and a light meal provided at the Moravia site. They're free and open to the public, and preregistration is requested to help ensure adequate supplies.

April 1: Lighthouse Church of Nazarene, 405 Myra Lane, Moravia. Call either ISU Extension and Outreach Appanoose County at 641-856-3885, ISU Extension and Outreach Monroe County at 641-932-5612, or ISU Extension and Outreach Davis County at 641-664-2730.

April 2: ISU Extension and Outreach Lucas County Office, 48293 Hy Vee Road, Chariton. Call the Lucas County office at 641-774-2016 or email Mikenzy at mcheaty@iastate.edu.

For more information about the program, contact Clark at 712-250-0070 or email at caclark@iastate.edu.



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