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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26, 2025  
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## Community CALENDAR

### Harper Knights of Columbus Weekly Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent, 5-7:30 p.m.  
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

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Thursday April 10th 4:30 p.m. Till 6:30 p.m.  
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### 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.  
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



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## Sigourney High School Students Good At Acting Bad

By Casey James | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – On March 21, 22 and 23, Sigourney High School put on performances of “Bad Auditions by Bad Actors” by Ian McWethy. The play starred Cera Hahn as a frustrated director and Ella Bahlmann as her assistant, who deal with an endless parade of terrible actors auditioning for “Romeo and Juliet,” including an aggressive weightlifter, an escaped convict, a method actor, a guy with a puppet, and more. The play featured Chris McLennan, Jolie Wehr, Karma Coble, Isaac Jones, Gracie Gillam, Cooper Hammes and Addison Richardson playing various auditionees. The play was directed by Devin Molenburg, with Eden Hahn working as a student director and Chloe Martin working backstage.

“I think it’s so much different than the ones I’ve done the last three years,” said Molenburg. “This one’s like super funny and super modern. So it was just a good switch-up for these kids.”

“I was in this play for the last two years, but I think I enjoyed this play the most,” said Freshman Chris McLennan. “It’s really fun.”

“It seemed interesting and it was definitely different,” said



Junior Jolie Wehr.

“I think I just wanted to expand my horizons and explore new things,” said Junior Gracie Gillam.

“I tried out to try something and obviously keep going and having fun with it, because it’s really awesome,” said Sophomore Cooper Hammes.

The play’s small cast resulted in most of the cast playing multiple different characters. “I think it’s fun bouncing between characters and just pretending to be somebody else,” said Gillam.

“I feel like it’s been fairly easy,” said McLennan.

“I don’t know, I like it,” said Wehr.

“It’s been super fun seeing them do it, because you go from like, Jolie has one character who’s super into herself, and then the next one is this really sweet girl,” said Molen-

burg. “Cooper has some really ridiculous parts, and Isaac, I think he is going to be a crowd favorite, because every character Isaac Jones plays is somebody who is just crazy.”

“I think my favorite is when Cooper brings out his puppet, because it’s funny watching him backstage,” said Gillam.

“I think my favorite scene is my scene with Cooper where he yells at me a lot and basically tells me I’m doing everything wrong,” said Wehr.

“I think the biggest difficulty for this season has just been so much sickness,” said Molenburg. “We’ve had a surgery, we’ve had sickness, we’ve had a stem trip. It kinda worked out perfectly, with different roles, but it also kind of hurt us in some ways, that people weren’t all together at all times.”

“It’s been a little different



Chris McLennan

memorizing all the different parts, but I like it that way,” said Gillam.

“I’d say the biggest challenge for me is sometimes it’s kind of hard to jump into different characters and like kind of switching I guess,” said Wehr.

“I don’t think there were any troubles I really had. I think

it actually has just been really good,” said Hammes.

“My main trouble is that almost every part is absolutely hilarious and when I’m backstage, I just keep laughing, even though it’s very clear that I’m laughing,” said McLennan.

## Vicious Dogs Shot After Killing Donkey, Keota Council Continues With Fines

By Casey James | The News-Review

KEOTA – During the March 3 meeting, the Keota City Council discussed a pair of pitbulls owned by Keota resident Joel Ackerman, which ran loose and killed a dog owned by Ackerman’s neighbor Larry Wulf on March 2. At that meeting, Mayor Tony Cansler ordered the dogs be surrendered so they may be euthanized. Two weeks later, during the March 17 meeting, Cansler explained that the dogs did not need to be found and euthanized anymore, because they were already dead. He explained that, on March 15, the dogs were spotted, once again off leash, at a farm in Washington County. The vicious dogs killed a goat and a donkey before being shot. Photos of the dead dogs were sent to Cansler by the Washington County Sheriff’s Department as proof. Cansler stated that Wulf had been told about the shooting and was relieved. The council still intends to fine Ackerman for the numerous ordinances he

allegedly broke.

City Administrator Alycia Horras gave the council a copy of the letter that will be sent to Ackerman, which states he will be fined a total of \$7,500 for various offenses including first offense having a dog displaying dangerous aggressive behaviour and repeated offenses of owning a banned dog breed and having a dog running off leash, all doubled because there were two dogs. This, in addition to the unpaid \$1,000 fine Ackerman was sent in Sept. 2024, must be paid within 30 days or the city will put a lien on his property, in addition to the existing lien for his \$2,493 in unpaid utility bills. Horras explained that these fines are solely for the March 2 incident and that the city could have fined him for thousands more due to having the dogs in town for at least seven days prior to the mauling, according to eyewitnesses. The council members all gave their support for the fines. Horras stated she plans to have the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Department

serve the letter, because Ackerman refuses to pick up his mail.

“You would’ve wished he’d gotten the point after he got the \$1,000 fine, because his dogs took down and killed a donkey. That very easily could have been a human, because a donkey’s way bigger than a human, and it mauled it to death,” said Councilman Keith Conrad. “This is not a joke. There is a reason we ordered them to be put down. They’re dead now, because he didn’t get the point, and they could’ve easily killed kids. One dog’s bad enough, two creates a pack. He’s lucky he isn’t getting more than this.”

At the same meeting, the council approved changing city ordinances to allow individuals designated by the mayor to discharge a firearm within city limits to put down a vicious animal that is attacking a person or property. The second and third readings for the ordinance were waved. The council also discussed capping Ackerman’s sewer. Councilman Heath McDonald explained

that Ackerman doesn’t have any running water, but still uses the city’s sewer line, at no charge. Horras stated that she had talked to the county sanitarian, who told her that there is nothing the city can do except cap Ackerman’s property, because there is no law saying you cannot live in filth, unless there are children or the elderly staying in the house.

Conrad suggested changing city ordinances to add a minimum charge for sewer access, which will be charged even if a property’s water is shut off. He stated that Ackerman is “playing games” and “acting like he is above” the city. He noted that other utility services have a base cost. Conrad stated that this was not picking on one individual, noting that there are other homes in town that have their water turned off who would be charged. He stated that, if people want out of the minimum charge, they can cap their own sewer.

Councilman Mike Bender stated he supported capping the sewer and asked if the

other councilman wanted to back charge Ackerman for the months since his water was shut off, stating that Ackerman is obviously still using the sewer. McDonald stated he agreed with changing ordinances, capping the property, and charging Ackerman. He stated that, even if they charge, Ackerman will not pay and will continue using the sewer, and that this will only result in more money being owed against his house, because Ackerman could never pay the fines and outstanding bills.

Councilman Matt Greiner brought up the potential cost of capping the sewer line. Public Works Director Micah Harmsen explained that the line is fifteen feet deep and would need to be capped at the Y intersection. He stated he had spoken to Bill Tremmel of Tremmel Backhoe, who told him that he was booked for several months. Harmsen stated it would cost around \$5,000 to

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## Sigourney Council Discusses Problems With Dumpsters in Yards

By Casey James |  
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the March 19 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, Mayor Jimmy Morlan brought up the problem of residents keeping dumpsters in their yards. He explained that, although businesses are allowed to have dumpsters, city ordinances do not allow private citizens to keep dumpsters in their yards. Despite this, according to Code Enforcer Doug Glandon, there are 58 homes in town with dumpsters in their yards. Morlan stated that these ordinances exist because of problems with smell, health issues, and animals getting into dumpsters. He also stated that he thinks it looks bad when there are dumpsters peoples' driveways. Morlan stated that he'd spoken to a woman who has a dumpster because she believes city garbage bags are too expensive, which confused him, because the Cox dumpsters cost \$15 per month to rent and \$50 each time they are emptied, which he thinks is more expensive. Morlan noted that one resident has a trailer in his yard where he allows his neighbor to leave garbage bags, which they then take to the dump in Richland every few weeks, stating that these trailers smell bad and are also against city ordinances. Councilman Randy Schultz stated things were out of hand and that he had received multiple complaints about dumpsters in town, that dumpsters are being left in city easements and alleyways, and that the lids of these dumpsters get blown open, resulting in garbage getting everywhere. He stated the city needed to start issuing fines for these violations. The council sent the issue back to the Street and Sanitation committee to

discuss next steps.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, the council discussed sending out a survey to residents asking how they felt about carrying out major repairs at the city pool. Councilwoman Connie McLaughlin explained that the pool is heavily deteriorated and that a quote from French Reneker stated it would cost \$1,500,000 to repair. McLaughlin and Councilwoman Stephani Lentz stated they were unsure if the residents would support such a big project, which would likely be funded through grants and fundraising, and brought up the idea of sending a survey with water bills to poll if the residents would support this, or if they would prefer something else instead. Councilman Adam Clark noted that not all residents receive water bills and that a lot of them will likely throw the survey out without reading it, asking how the city could reach more people. Councilman Ed Conrad stated he was in favor of sending a survey, but that the council needed to be careful when making decisions based on a survey, because only people with really strong opinions would respond to the survey. Discussion was tabled to give the council time to put together the survey.

Councilman Gary Iosbaker stated that, during a visit from IEDA representatives, the representatives recommended that Barnwired apply for an Emergency Catalyst Grant to complete work on the upper story apartments, stating that they would likely be approved. Iosbaker stated that IEDA requires that the city be the applicant for the funds and act as a flow through for the money. Iosbaker stated that he doesn't know how much the city would have to con-

tribute and that he didn't think the amount would be zero dollars, although the city contribution would likely be much smaller than previous projects. McLaughlin stated that it was hard to approve something if they didn't know the money involved. Conrad stated he was fine with approving being a go-between, but not approving giving any money yet. The council approved supporting Barnwired owners so they can go forward with the application, but not pledging any financial contribution at this time.

The council approved spending up to \$2,700 to purchase three trash bins to be placed at Legion Park and the Town Square Park, to deal with the problem of water bottles and wrappers being left in the park. The council approved allowing high school students to create a sign for the soccer and flag football fields. The council approved paying Kerr Construction \$11,650 to add walls to an old park shelter at the city shop so it can be used for storage. The council approved paying \$4,250 to Kerr Construction to replace the roof over the garage at the city shop, which is leaking. The council approved paying the second half of the money for repairing the hail damage at the sewer lagoons, which totals \$28,962.50, contingent on the work being completed.

Iosbaker stated he had met with Representative Helena Hayes and explained to her some of the struggles rural cities and counties are facing under tighter state budgets. He stated that Hayes had told him she lacked experience with city budgets and that he had invited her to come to an educational meeting on April 2, at 2 p.m., to receive an overview of the city budget.



Pekin Students Skylar Clubb, Natalie Hamilton, Michelle Jacobs, Brinley Phillips and Brogan Spray performed with the SEISC Honor Choir on March 11

## KEOKUK COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MINUTES (MARCH 19, 2025)

By Mary Williams,  
Secretary

The Keokuk County Retired School Personnel met on Wednesday, March 19, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Seventeen members were present. President Sandy Steinke called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Guest Speaker for the program was Chip Fritz, Building Trades Instructor at the Career Academy at Sigourney High School.

Chip taught at English Valley High School for 28 years. During that time he worked with students in the Building Trades. They completed building 18 houses in the North English area. Chip has worked with students in Sigourney now for two school years. During that time he and the students have resided a house, finished a garage, built a new bathroom, built a shed, and are hoping to start on building a new house this year. The program for students that Chip is working with is focused on carpentry. Students receive credits from Indian Hills Com-

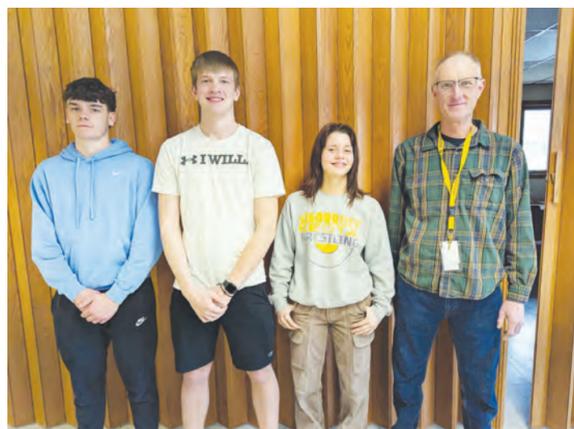
munity College for their work with Mr. Fritz.

Following the program, Sandy Steinke called the Business Meeting to order. Mary Williams read the minutes of the October meeting. Linda Fritchen moved and Linda Lee seconded to approve the minutes as read. Minutes were approved. Linda Crouse gave the Treasurer's Report. Currently there is \$1,402.08 in checking and \$470.74 in the Scholarship Fund. Sandy thanked the cooks for the wonderful treats they provided. Vicki Griner gave the Membership Report. Vicki will be contacting new retirees from the

county school districts this year about joining KCRSP. June Rice reported that she has a goal for our group to reach a total of 4,000 or more volunteer hours this year. She would like to have more than 16 members turn in their volunteer hours too.

Under Old Business, Linda Crouse reported that Paul Strid would be the speaker for our September meeting. Under New Business, it was moved by Julie Tremmel and seconded by Vicki Griner that KCRSP donate \$30.00 to the Sigourney Public Li-

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# Community CALENDAR

## American Legion Post

**Sit 'N' Stitch**  
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1st Thursday & 3rd  
Saturday of Each Month  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
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## Richland Public Library

Tuesday/Wednesday/  
Thursday: 2:30-6:00  
Friday: Noon-5:00  
Saturday: 10:00-1:00  
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## Wilson Memorial Library

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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.

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## 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  
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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.

## 615 S Jefferson St Sigourney

## Food Pantry-Sigourney

Food Pantry Community  
Outreach Center-Sigourney:  
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## 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  
Keokuk County Extension  
Office, 641-777-1653

## Grief Share

Sigourney Christian  
Church, 308 S Jefferson St  
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.,  
beginning Nov. 6  
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cap the sewer line and likely  
cost just as much if the cap-  
ping later needed to be re-  
versed.

Councilman Curt Bur-  
roughs stated he agreed they  
should fine Ackerman, but  
that they wouldn't receive  
any money. Greiner stated  
that he hated to say it, but this  
was a "delay game," where  
Ackerman's unpaid bills  
would eventually become  
worth more than his prop-  
erty. Greiner stated they had  
stopped people from digging  
wells because of worries over  
contaminated water in the  
past and asked if they could  
prove Ackerman was using  
their sewer. Horras stated  
that she had seen Facebook  
posts from Ackerman where  
he claimed to have a way to  
get water without paying the  
city, but that she was unsure  
if that would hold up in court.  
Burroughs stated he didn't  
think there was enough evi-  
dence to cap Ackerman's  
sewer line. He brought up the  
idea of looking into new nu-  
isance house ordinances. The  
council members all voted  
against capping the property.

After the discussion of  
Ackerman ended, Cansler  
stated that they had seen  
firstrand the liability issues  
vicious dogs could cause and  
that they needed to enforce  
vicious animal ordinances  
to ensure this doesn't happen  
again. He stated Ackerman  
was lucky he himself wasn't  
killed by the dogs and that  
the city was lucky a child  
wasn't killed.

Also at the Monday meet-  
ing, Chad McCleary from  
the water department gave  
an overview of the city's  
water quality. This came in  
response to a local woman  
sending city water to a testing  
service, which sent back the  
levels for various chemicals  
in the city's water supply. Mc-  
Cleary explained that most  
of the chemicals listed do not  
have state or federal primary  
maximum contaminant lev-  
el limits, meaning they are  
not health concerns, but that  
some of them have secondary  
maximum contaminant level  
limits, which can lead to aes-  
thetic problems. More specifi-  
cally, he stated that the city's  
chloride and sodium levels  
are high due to how the city  
softens water, which is usu-

ally not a problem, although  
the sodium levels can cause  
issues with people who have  
hypertension. He stated the  
city water has normal rates of  
acidity and fluoride. He stat-  
ed that the city has low levels  
of calcium and magnesium,  
which cause water hardness  
and can scale up showers, of  
iron, which can affect taste  
and stain plumbing, and of  
conductivity and total dis-  
solved solids, which affect  
taste and can be hard on wa-  
ter heaters. Levels for nitrate,  
the only chemical listed that  
is a health concern, were too  
low to be detected. Manga-  
nese was also not detected.  
McCleary stated that the city  
water does have high levels of  
sulfates, which can be a laxa-  
tive, but does not have health  
regulations limiting its al-  
lowed level.

The council discussed a  
request from the Morgans,  
who plan to open a new med-  
ical clinic in town, to help  
with the costs of replacing  
the sidewalk in front of the  
clinic. Conrad explained  
that there is money set aside  
in the Capital Improvements  
Fund for this type of thing  
and recommended the coun-  
cil help with the costs. Horras  
stated she wanted to help, but  
advised the council to be cau-  
tious, because there is only  
\$14,000 in that fund. She stat-  
ed that the sidewalks by city  
hall and the post office are  
horrendous and that, if the  
city helps with the sidewalk  
by the clinic, other businesses  
will request help. The council  
discussed several options,  
ultimately approving paying  
to tear out the old sidewalk  
in front of the clinic and pay  
for the handicap pads. The  
council members voiced sup-  
port for offering this for oth-  
er businesses in the future as  
well.

The council approved an  
agreement with Keota  
Fire Department discussed  
during the previous meet-  
ing, in which the city will  
provide an additional \$3,000  
for maintenance, which the  
department plans to use to  
replace a valve used to fill wa-  
ter trucks. The council gave  
support for sending letters to  
two other residents with dogs  
running loose, to be consis-  
tent.

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# MENUS

## Keota

Thursday, Mar 27  
Breakfast - Donut, Fresh  
Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch - Italian Pasta Bake,  
Green Pepper Strips, Fresh Baby  
Carrots, Applesauce, Wheat  
Bread  
Friday, Mar 28  
Breakfast - No School  
Lunch -  
Monday, Mar 31  
Breakfast - Breakfast Bites,  
Applesauce, Juice, Milk  
Lunch - Soft Shell Taco,  
Romaine & Tomato, Corn,  
Apples, Chips & Salsa  
Tuesday, April 1  
NA  
Wednesday, April 2  
NA

## Pekin

Thursday, Mar 27  
Breakfast - Sausage Patty, WG  
Toast, Fruit, Juice  
Lunch - Chicken Sandwich,  
California Blend, Garlic Cheese  
Mashed Potatoes, Cinnamon  
Apples, Orange Wedges  
Friday, Mar 28  
Breakfast - WG Donut Holes,  
GoGurt, Fruit, Juice  
Lunch - Toasted Cheese,  
Baked Benas, Baby Carrots,  
Diced Pears, Apple Slices, Chips  
Monday, Mar 31  
Breakfast - Cinni Minis,  
Yogurt Cup, Fruit, Juice  
Lunch - Pizza Pasta, Green  
Beans, Pineapple, Craisins, WG  
Garlic Bread  
Tuesday, April 1  
Breakfast - WG PopTart,  
String Cheese, Fruit, Juice  
Lunch - Hot Ham & Cheese  
On Bun, Baked Beans, Roasted  
Potatoes, Peaches, Blueberries  
Wednesday, April 2  
Breakfast - Egg Omelet, WG  
Toast, Fruit, Juice  
Lunch - Oven Fried Chicken,  
Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli,  
Applesauce, Raisels, WG  
Hawaiian Rolls

## English Valleys

Thursday, Mar 27  
Breakfast - Donut, Assorted  
Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Muffin  
Square, Milk  
Lunch - Bacon/Egg/Cheese  
Flatbread, Cheeseburger, Club  
Sandwich, Sub Bar, Garden  
Salad, Oven Fries, Fruit, Milk  
Friday, Mar 28  
Breakfast - Chicken Biscuit,  
Assorted Cereal, Fruit, Juice,  
Cinnamon Toast, Milk  
Lunch - Fish & Chips, Hot  
Dog, Ham & Cheese Sandwich,  
Pizza Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed  
Carrots, Seasoned Fries, Fruit,  
Sugar Cookie, Milk  
Monday, Mar 31  
Breakfast - Waffles, Assorted  
Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Toast w/  
Margarine, Milk  
Lunch - Loaded Baked Potato,  
Spicy Chicken Sandwich, BLTE  
Salad, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar,  
Garden Salad, Fruit, Combread,  
Milk  
Tuesday, April 1  
NA  
Wednesday, April 2  
NA

## Tri-County

Thursday, Mar 27  
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza  
Lunch - Hamburger, Cooked  
Carrots, Pineapple  
Friday, Mar 28  
Breakfast - Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch - Chicken Sandwich,  
Mixed Vegetables, Peaches,  
Baked Chips  
Monday, Mar 31  
Breakfast - Cereal  
Lunch - French Toast Sticks,  
Cheese Omelet, Sausage Patty,  
Tater Tots, Apple  
Tuesday, April 1  
Breakfast - Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch - Rodeo Burger,  
Cooked Carrots, Applesauce  
Wednesday, April 2  
Breakfast - Waffles  
Lunch - Famous Chicken  
Bowl, Mashed Potatoes, Corn,  
Cheese, Pineapple

## Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Thursday, Mar 27  
Grilled Tenderloin Sandwich,  
French Fries, 3 Bean Salad, Jello  
Cake  
Friday, Mar 28  
Chicken & Noodles, California  
Veggie Blend, Angel Food Cake  
& Strawberries  
Monday, Mar 31  
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic  
Bread, Fresh Fruit  
Tuesday, April 1  
NA  
Wednesday, April 2  
NA

## Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Thursday, Mar 27  
Cook's Choice w/ Dessert,  
Nutritionals not Available  
Friday, Mar 28  
Loose Meat Sandwich, Potato  
Salad, Seasoned Peas, Seasonal  
Fruit  
Monday, Mar 31  
Pot Roast, Roasted Red  
Potatoes, Buttered Carrots,  
Whole Grain Roll, Frosted Cake  
Tuesday, April 1  
Beef Patty w/ Cooked Onions,  
Mashed Potatoes, Baked  
Spinach Casserole, Cinnamon  
Baked Apples, Garlic Wheat  
Roll  
Wednesday, April 2  
Chicken Salad on WW,  
Corn Salad, Sliced Cucumbers,  
Seasonal Fruit



# Pekin Preschool Registration

Pekin Community  
School District is now  
accepting preschool reg-  
istrations for the 2025-  
26 school year. Parents  
can register their child  
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2025, from 3 to 6 p.m. in  
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tend.

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parents can complete  
enrollment materials,  
fill out required medical  
forms, and receive in-  
formation about the up-  
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certificate, current phys-  
ical documentation, and  
immunization records.

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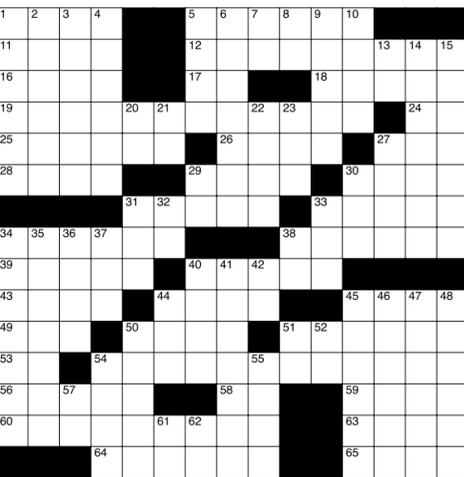
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armbisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)
50. Without covering
51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property
56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Unshaven facial hair
2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form

**CLUES ACROSS**

33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalis
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to "Pa"
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

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**THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT**

**Grover Cleveland and Comebacks**

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

This is an incredibly minor annoyance, but I dislike how presidents are numbered. Our current president, Donald Trump, was not the 47th man to be president of the United States. He was only the 44th. There have only been 45 presidents, but Trump and Grover Cleveland get counted twice each because they served multiple terms. Except, 22 different presidents served multiple terms, albeit consecutive ones. Cleveland, of course, is best remembered for being the only president to serve nonconsecutive terms, something that ceased to be true recently.

Stephen Grover Cleveland was born in New Jersey in 1837. During the Civil War, he got out of being drafted by paying a poor immigrant \$150 to fight in his place, which was a thing you could do back then. In 1863, Cleveland, then a lawyer, first entered politics, working as an assistant district attorney in Erie County, New York, followed by a three year term, from 1871-1873, as the Sheriff of Erie County. During this time, Cleveland personally carried out two hangings. After his term was up, he returned to his law practice. In 1881, local Democrats persuaded him to run for Mayor of Buffalo. He won, taking office in January, 1882, and quickly made a name for himself by going after corruption. Cleveland vetoed a street-cleaning contract that had been given to the highest bidder, rather than the lowest, due to the bidder having connections to the city council. A few months later, Cleveland left Buffalo and was elected Governor of New York, where he continued vetoing bills and butted heads with Tammany Hall, the infamous New York City political machine that acted as a kingmaker for decades.

Going into the election of 1884, the Democrats had been floundering for years, having lost the last six elections. Cleveland, generally believed to be honest and an enemy of

corruption, was chosen as the nominee. He faced off against House Speaker James Blaine, leading to a mud-flinging slugfest of an election. In 1876, Blaine had been accused of passing legislation that benefited the Union Pacific Railroad in return for the company spending \$64,000 (\$1,900,000 with inflation) to purchase worthless bonds from him. Damningly, letters between Blaine and the company arranging the deal were produced by a clerk who handled the transaction; said letters contained orders from Blaine to burn the letters after reading them to cover up the scandal. Blaine kiboshed the scandal by stealing the letters from the clerk and refusing to hand them over to congress.

Democrats attacked Blaine's history of corruption and Republicans shot back, attacking Cleveland's war record and history as an executioner. They uncovered the fact that he had a secret son, Oscar Folsom Cleveland, who had been conceived in 1873 when he was a sheriff. The boy's mother, Maria Halpin, claimed that Cleveland had raped her and threatened her to keep her silent, although Cleveland insisted the relationship was consensual. After their son was born, Cleveland paid Halpin to hand the baby over to an orphanage. When Halpin later tried to take her son back, Cleveland threw her in an insane asylum; she was released five days later for not being insane.

Cleveland and his campaign handled the scandal by admitting that he had sent child support to Halpin, but claiming that he probably wasn't the real father and that Halpin was a tramp who had slept with all of his married friends. This scandal, paradoxically, made Cleveland more popular, painting him as honest and honorable in the eyes of the public. Cleveland ultimately won the election, after a minister close to Blaine said bigoted things about Catholics, resulting in Cleveland narrowly taking New York and with it the en-

tire nation.

Grover Cleveland's first term was defined by his constant, unrelenting love for vetoing bills. Let's give some context. Joe Biden vetoed thirteen bills in four years. Donald Trump vetoed ten. Barack Obama and George W. Bush vetoed twelve each in eight years. Grover Cleveland vetoed 414 bills in his first term, the most of any president in a single term. This, combined with the 170 in his second term, gives him a total of 584, second only to Franklin Roosevelt's 635, and he had an entire extra term to get vetoes in. Most notably, Cleveland, a die-hard fiscal conservative, vetoed pensions for Civil War veterans with disabilities and a bill that would have given relief to starving farmers in Texas after a drought devastated cattle herds. Cleveland also passed the Dawes Act, which broke up Native American reservations into individual plots owned by individual natives, resulting in the weakening of tribal governments and the total land held by natives being halved, and the Interstate Commerce Act, which allowed the government to regulate railroads.

Cleveland was one of only two bachelors elected president, the other being James Buchanan. One year into his presidency, 49-year-old Cleveland married Frances Folsom, the 21-year-old daughter of his deceased former law partner who he had known since she was a baby. Frances Cleveland was married in the White House, becoming the youngest ever First Lady.

In 1888, Cleveland faced off against Benjamin Harrison, a former Indiana Senator and the grandson of William Henry Harrison, the president best known for dying after only a month. Cleveland faced backlash for his pension vetoes and for wanting to roll back tariffs, which industrialists and factory workers saw as protecting their industries. Cleveland won the popular vote by 100,000, in a large part

due to disenfranchisement of Black voters in the South, but lost his home state of New York, which gave Harrison an easy Electoral College victory. As she left the White House, Frances Cleveland told staff to take good care of the furniture, because they would be back in four years.

The election of 1892 was a rematch between two presidents. Harrison, whose wife Caroline was dying of tuberculosis, refused to campaign. When she died two weeks before the election, Cleveland and the other candidates stopped campaigning. Changes to public perception of tariffs and the emergence of the Populist third-party candidate James Weaver, who siphoned 8.6% of the vote, primarily from Harrison, gave Cleveland the White House.

Immediately, the economy imploded. The Panic of 1893, the worst depression until the great one, swept across the nation. In 1894, when railway workers went on strike, Cleveland sent in the military to break the strike through gunfire. In the midterms, Republicans won both houses in a landslide. Also during his second term, Cleveland supported racial segregation and voting disenfranchisement, but opposed the annexation of Hawaii. The final nail in Cleveland's coffin came from the Free Silver movement, who fought to print more money out of silver, in opposition of Cleveland's support of limited money backed by gold, which drove a wedge between him and his party.

Republicans took back the White House in 1896, holding onto it until the 1912 election, when another former president, Theodore Roosevelt, attempted to have a non-consecutive term by running against his successor, William Taft, which split the vote and gave an easy win to Democrat Woodrow Wilson. Other presidents to try and fail to return to the White House include Martin Van Buren in 1844, Millard Fillmore in 1856 and Ulysses Grant in 1880.

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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.

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Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop

641-622-3426  
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keotaucf@cloudburst9.net - email keotaucf.org - webpage Keota United Church of Faith official page - facebook page  
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m

**KESWICK Keswick and Webster UMC**  
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319-430-7299  
Keswick United Methodist Church  
Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Webster United Methodist Church  
Worship service: 10:00 a.m.  
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**New Life Fellowship**  
Pastor John Stringfellow  
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.

**LYNNVILLE Lynnville Heart of Worship Church**  
Pastor Tom Pool  
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**MONTEZUMA West Liberty Church Of Christ**  
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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)  
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

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**New Life Fellowship New Sharon**  
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Adult Small Group: Sunday, 10:30am (Church)  
Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)  
Chair Yoga: Wednesday, 3:00 4:00pm (McVay FC)  
G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)  
PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

**Union Mills Christian Church**  
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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:35 a.m.

**Ollie Baptist Church**  
Church Phone: 641-667-2841  
208 South 3rd St  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Thu: 9 a.m. Sewing and Quilting

**Grace Family Church**  
The Rev. Dar Eckley,  
Pastor  
24536 Hwy. 78, Box 64,  
Ollie, 52576  
Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m. Sunday school-10:15 a.m.  
Rocknowledge Youth Group is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Ollie Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Steven Lamb  
641-667-2502  
27131 Hwy 78, Ollie  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship  
Sunday School 7:50 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation/Youth Group/Family Fun Night

**Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church**  
Pastor: Steven Lamb  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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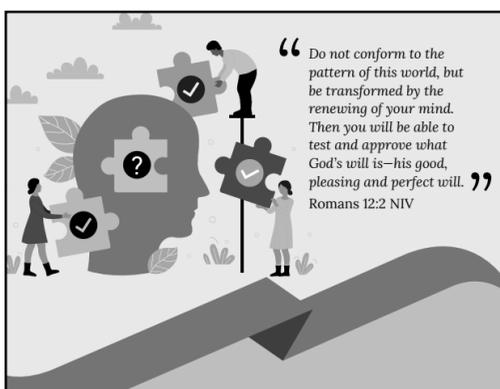
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brary in memory of Sheila Clubb who passed away this year. Motion carried. It was moved by Linda Lee and seconded by June Rice that we donate \$30.00 to the North English History Center in memory of Helen Bucher who recently passed away as well. Motion carried. At the April meeting, we

need to elect a Vice-President and a Treasurer. Those positions are currently held by Luann Eakins and Linda Crouse. The next meeting will be on April 16, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Comic artist Phil Hester will share some of his artwork. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

# Pekin Makes Iowa AP Index

The Berlin Bank Center has released the 2024 Iowa AP Index, which recognizes the top 50 high schools in terms of Advanced Placement opportunities. Schools were ranked based on the ratio of AP classes taken by stu-

dents divided by the number of graduating seniors during the 2023 school year. Pekin Community High School placed 50th out of 190 Iowa schools that offer AP classes, just barely making the list.



Hailer Pedrick of Pekin was named the SW Sub District VP for the Southeast District of the Iowa FFA Association.



Keota FFA students drove their tractors to school on March 20

## Keota Community School District Partners with Denovo Construction Solutions & Encite Architecture & Design for Annual Facility Assessment & Master Planning

KEOTA - March 12, 2025 - The Keota Community School District is pleased to announce a new partnership with Denovo Construction Solutions and Encite Architecture & Design to conduct a full-scale facilities conditions assessment and master planning for the district. This collaboration marks an important step toward ensuring the safety, functionality, and longevity of the district's buildings and infrastructure. "We are excited to work with the Denovo and Encite teams to ensure our facilities are in the best condition possible," said Lisa Brenneman, Superintendent/High School Principal of the Keota Community School District. "With their expertise and experience, we are confident that this partnership will allow us to make informed decisions and plan strategically for the future of our district." The assessment is set to

begin at the end of March 2025 and will include a site inspection, an evaluation of the assets, and reports on any necessary facility improvements, repairs, and/or upgrades. The district will use the findings to prioritize its budget and plan for upcoming construction projects. The insights will be shared with the community, and the School Board will be open for feedback as the project progresses. This partnership reinforces Keota Community School District's commitment to maintaining and enhancing its facilities for the benefit of the students, staff, and community. For more information, please contact Lisa Brenneman, Superintendent/High School Principal, at (641) 636-2189 or [lisa.brenneman@keotaeagles.org](mailto:lisa.brenneman@keotaeagles.org).

## 4-H Senior-Feature



**Izzi Chalupa**  
**Hometown:** Keota, Iowa  
**Parents:** Nate & Anne Chalupa  
**School:** Keota High School  
**4-H Club:** 76 Progressives  
**Projects:** Cattle & Goats  
**4-H Activities:** County Council, Clover Kids Goat Mentoring, Mud Volleyball, Pancake Breakfast, Spring Preview Cattle Show, and more.  
**Special 4-H memory/highlight:** Winning a class with my bottle goat, Lucy, my 1st year of 4-H.  
**Please write a few complete sentences about what you learned in 4-H, or why others should join 4-H.**  
 "People should join 4-H because it is a lot of fun. You can make a lot of new friends and spend a week at the fair with your animals or projects."  
**Other Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, FFA, Track, National Honor Society, Student Council, DARE Role Models, Speech, and Silver Cord.  
**Future plans:** Attend Kirkwood Community College.



**Martha Pekins** was 108 years old on March 4, 2025. She resides at Sylvan Woods Assisted Living in Ottumwa where she walks to each meal and events during the day. She was encouraged to join the Order of the Eastern Star when she was 18 years old. Her mother was a member and her grandfather, Allan Hawk was a prominent member of Masons and Shiners in Martinsburg, Iowa. On her 108th Birthday, she was a member of the Eastern Star for 90 years. Few people reach that accomplishment.

## Obituaries

### Paul Douglas Powell

1945-2025

Paul Douglas (Doug) Powell was born January 16, 1945 in Goshen, Indiana the son of Lewis & Rachel Byler Powell. When he was 18 months old the family moved to South English, Iowa to work in the family Powell Funeral Home and Hardware business. Doug grew up in South English until his family moved to Keota in 1955. He graduated from Keota High School in 1963 and the University of Northern Iowa in 1967. He served in the National Guard. Doug was united in marriage to Terry J. Jungbluth in Washington, Iowa August 25, 1973. They lived in Wellman most of their married life where Doug managed the Powell Furniture stores. After selling the Furniture stores, Doug traveled for 40 years as a sales representative for Chromcraft and several other furniture lines. They retired & moved to Montezuma, Iowa in 2015. Doug passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines from complications of a recent surgery at the age of 80 years.



Paul Douglas (Doug) Powell

Doug is survived by his wife T.J. of Montezuma; two sons, Aaron (Kim) Powell and Paul Powell all of Des Moines; a daughter, Taylor (Ari) Alberg of Portland, Oregon; 3 grandchildren, Nadia Powell and Morgynne Powell and Emmitt Alberg; a brother, Jared (Jacque) Powell of Williamsburg, Iowa and 3 nieces and a nephew

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Nancy Adams and a niece Leslie. Celebration of life service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. Burial will be in the Wellman Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Wellman. Messages and tributes may be directed to [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

**Celebration of Life: Mar. 27, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Visitation: Mar. 26, 4-7 p.m.**  
**POWELL FUNERAL HOME**  
**WELLMAN**

## Obituaries

### Keith Albert Wallerich

1934-2025

KEOTA—Keith Albert Wallerich, age 90, of Keota, died Monday, March 10, 2025, at the Good Samaritan Center in Ottumwa. Keith was born September 17, 1934, near Delta, to Homer and Irene (Dumont) Wallerich. He grew up in Keota and graduated from Keota High School in 1952. Keith served in the U.S. Army from 1957 until 1959, then served in the Army Reserves for a short time. On June 6, 1956, he married Jeanne Gingerich in Kinross. The couple lived in Wellman for a few years before moving to Keota in 1962, where Keith owned and operated Keith's Radio and TV. He was a member of Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church, was past president of the Keota Community Club, past member of the Isaak Walton League, where he served as president and board member, served on the Keota Police Department where he was Chief of Police for five years and the Keota Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years.



Keith Albert Wallerich

Survivors include his wife: Jeanne of Keota; five children: Jeffrey (Debra) Wallerich of Iowa City, Kim Wallerich of Keota, Melanie Mabee of Marion, Kevin Wallerich of Keota and Michelle (Heath) McDonald of Keota; five grandchildren; two sisters: Susie Shaeffer of Des Moines and Barbara Soutter of Mitchellville and two brothers: Melvin Wallerich of Burlington and Ronnie Wallerich of Fairfax. He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: Rosemary Peiffer, Jeanine Hall, Rita Harnish and Linda Foret; three brothers: Russell Wallerich, Charles Wallerich and Ted Wallerich and son-in-law: David Mabee.

Per his wishes, Keith will be cremated. A celebration of life visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Powell Funeral Home in Keota. Burial will be at a later date at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Joetown. A memorial fund has been established for Good Samaritan Society Hospice. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Keith and his family. Tributes may be made at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

**Celebration of Life: Apr. 5, 1-4 p.m.**  
**POWELL FUNERAL HOME**  
**KEOTA**

## Obituaries

### Pridipongse Vithespongse

1937-2025

SIGOURNEY—Pridipongse Vithespongse, M.D., age 87, of Sigourney, died Sunday, March 16, 2025, at the Keokuk County Health Center in Sigourney. Dr. V was born June 3, 1937, in Bangkok, Thailand, the youngest child of Jinda Vithespongse and Tab (Phothisuwan) Vithespongse. The youngest of six children, he grew up in Bangkok and graduated with honors from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok with his Medical Degree. Dr. V then moved to the United States where he served his internship, residencies and fellowships on the east coast and in the midwest. In his first year of residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, he met and married Saichol Vorshindhu in Washington, D.C. in October of 1967. After serving as Chief Resident of Surgery at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a fellowship in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, MD, he practiced as a licensed, board-certified surgeon. He then was a surgeon in the United States Navy, stationed in Florida for one enlistment, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He and his family moved to Sigourney in 1981, where he owned his own medical practice, the Hedrick Medical Clinic. Dr. V enjoyed playing rugby in his younger years, playing tennis, jogging and watching all sports.



Pridipongse Vithespongse, M.D.

Survivors include his wife: Saichol of Sigourney; daughter: Joy Vithespongse Trejo of Washington, D.C. and granddaughter: Sophia Trejo of Washington, D.C. as well as his nephews, nieces and niece-in-law in the United States and Thailand. He was preceded in death by his parents; son: John Vithespongse; son-in-law: Marcello Trejo; three sisters and two brothers.

Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Powell Funeral Home in Sigourney.

A general memorial fund has been established. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Sigourney is caring for Dr. V and his family. Tributes may be made at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

**Celebration of Life: Mar. 29, 2-5 p.m.**  
**POWELL FUNERAL HOME**  
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 Slurred speech  
 Fatigue

COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

# Spring Has Sprung

By Sheryl L. Carter

And the rest of that little ditty is: "...the grass is ris, I wonder where the flowers is?" I found this on the blackboard in my mil's kitchen one day when we went down to visit them, and I have loved it ever since, and repeat it every spring.

Yesterday Scottie came up for the day, and uncovered all the flower beds, of which there are several, and none are small. Some of the earliest of spring plants are showing their pale green heads, and more will come along as the sun gets warmer. Tons of leaves are out there now on the big burn pile by the garden, and on the garden itself. It all makes for good mulch.

I made broccoli soup for our lunch, served in my new (to me) white Dansk soup bowls. They are deeper and hold a lot more than the shallow soup bowls I have used for years. It still seems like good weather for soup as it has been chilly this week. Except for Tuesday, then it did get up in the low 70's.

I wound up going to Pella twice this week, once on Tuesday, and again on Thursday. Tuesday I met a couple of sweet young friends at Iris Coffee Shop there on Franklin for a little morning get-together. It is handy for young moms as it has a children's play corner all set up that kept the little ones entertained with new and unfamiliar toys, and we could sit right beside them.

After that I headed over to the indoor pool—something I haven't done for probably six years at least.

It was good to get back in the water, which was nice and reasonably warm that day. I didn't do any swimming, just walked back and forth with a dog paddle or two. Thursday morning I was back again, but first got a goodly assortment of groceries. The pool water was cooler than on Tuesday, so it helped to keep moving. I did try a few strokes this time, but am woefully out of practice. Still it was an improvement from Tuesday.

Today I have done some laundry, and will need to put clean sheets on the bed again here shortly. It's always nice to slide into a freshly made bed. I also made up a batch of homemade granola. Would you like the recipe? It is very good.

**Granola**  
8 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
2-3 tsp salt

1 or 2 cups of pumpkin and sunflower seeds/can also add nuts  
Stir together

In bowl mix up 1 cup oil with 1 cup maple syrup  
Pour over oats, mixing well with a big spoon.

Line a 9 x 13 baking pan with a sheet of parchment paper (to make it easier to handle, wet paper under faucet, squeeze out the water, and spread in pan)

Pour oat mixture in pan  
Bake 350 degrees for one hour, stirring every 20-30 min

Let cool and store in covered container.

This makes a tasty and nutritious breakfast or snack. Eat dry or can add milk. I also add a few dates on top for extra goodness.

How about a joke? This is

my stock joke I tell people.

A retired guy was hired on at Walmart. He came in every morning dressed neatly and well for the day, always freshly barbered, shaved, etc. He did everything that was asked of him without complaint, and did it well. All the employees loved him. All the customers loved him. Even the manager loved him, but he noticed the guy was always 10-15 minutes late. Every single morning.

The manager let it slide for some time, as the guy was such an excellent employee, and he didn't want to lose him. Time went by and finally the manager knew he must speak to the man as no one else was allowed to come in late.

He finally called the man into his office, and had him sit down. "You know," he began, "we really appreciate you around here—you always have a great appearance; well-dressed, freshly shaved, hair nicely cut, etc; you always do whatever is asked of you without complaint. All of your fellow employees just love you as do the customers. I'm always getting rave reviews. But you are always late. Every morning when you come in you are always 10-15 minutes late—every single morning!"

"Yes sir," the man replied, nodding his head.

The manager was taken aback. "Well, did you do that at your last job? Were you late there every morning, too?"

"Yes, sir, I was."

"Well, then," by this time the manager was totally flummoxed. "What did they say when you came in late every morning??"

"They said, 'Good morning, Admiral! How would you like your coffee?'"

I hope you enjoyed that. I told this to our youngest Navy son, and he laughed, so I know it's good. ha!

I finally have found a tax man to do my simple taxes. I didn't know how blessed I was with the tax man I have had here in town all these years, and he was only charging me \$70. It took him about 20 minutes to do as they don't amount to much. So our guy retired. I blithely called his main office in Grinnell figuring for sure one of them would take over. Nope. "We aren't taking on any more taxes."

Oh, boy, so the hunt was on. I took my tax forms from last year with me to town the next time I went, and visited an office that a friend had recommended. I let the CPA see my forms. You know how much they wanted? \$300! I couldn't believe it. My eyes must have popped out of my head.

I visited another well-known tax place, also right there in town; \$169, and the receptionist was guessing. Man, I had no idea. I had been getting by for peanuts. Finally another friend recommended her tax preparer in Newton, and I have an appointment there in a couple of weeks. The fee is still higher than I am used to, but not outrageous.

Hope it warms up again soon—I took the flannel sheets off my bed, now almost wishing I had them on again, but it will be warm before we know it probably.

I guess this is it for this time. Take care! And watch those Walmart employees!!

# THE SUN SPOT

## MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

### OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, March 23, 2025...

Another windy day in our area! Greg has kept busy raking leaves and corn shucks by the pickup load. Walking out on Saturday evening, I was surprised to see a touch of purple in front of the fence; it was a crocus in bloom! So, I looked a little further and found the clumps of yellow blooms which were much thicker. A good sign! I enjoyed last week, having a several days that I did not leave home, and that was a good thing! More sorting! Living in one home for well over fifty years, and being the collector I am, results in many discoveries. Paper seems to be very hard for me to part with. The photographs, news articles and magazines have been pretty important to me. I don't think we have enough local history on paper anymore, so I save it! Next, the textiles! New fabric, vintage fabric, yarn... vintage embroidered items...and many, many patterns! I tear out ideas from magazines, and save those! Some are placed in binders, some in boxes, and I wonder how many of those will be used...but they might! I have many pieces of cross stitch embroidery and embroidered dish towels. I have some great gifts I have collected, that I can pull out. Between what I have, and what I could make, I probably would not have to purchase gifts for a long time. I just hope I'm on the homeward stretch as we would like to have our other spaces back. And as Michael J. Fox wrote: "A creative mess is better than idle tidiness". I totally agree!

On Friday we went south for the Centerville Quilt Show. Before checking in there, we stopped at the PACT building (Promoting Appanoose & Centerville Together). There is a beautiful display of embroidered panels, depicting areas around their county. From what we understood, many joined forces and created the beautiful works with small quilted strips on the top and bottoms. Each piece includes the names of the designer and the needle worker. If you find yourself in Centerville, I think you should stop and take a look! The quilts were beautiful and I think they said there were well over one

hundred displayed. I prefer the traditional or scrappy quilts over the bright and almost abstract. Alicia's favorite was a "Downton Abbey" design and fabric in an almost faded purple and grays. So much talent and time!

We went across the county line Friday evening for the KC Fish Fry in Harper. They had a nice attendance, but I noticed that Mick Berg was not at his usual spot welcoming guests and taking their money. Hope you are feeling better Mick! Next I searched the kitchen to find cousin, Dan Siren, and I didn't see him there either...but then spotted him at the other end of the room, tending the bar. Mr. Green Beans was smiling from his normal station, so I was feeling better about seeing familiar faces. But in little time I began seeing folks that I could visit with and loved it! The Edmonson's and John-sons from Oskaloosa sat with us and in came two of my creative friends, Cindy and Bunny from Sit and Stitch! And finally a couple cousins, Holly and Gary! When my neighbor Dixie and I are out and about, I spot a cousin and say "There's my cousin", and she always says, "They're everywhere!" A delightful evening. On Saturday I took the same road, only a little further to Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota for the Sit and Stitch. Another four hours of stitching and visiting with the most creative bunch I have been a partof. New lunch items have been added to the menu, and I enjoyed one of the new Panini sandwiches and a yummy cookie from the bakery across the street.

One final trip across the line that evening, took us to Hedrick for BINGO. There was quite a lot of luck at our table with Dixie winning three games, Larry two and Rose Ann at least once! You may notice that the Perkins duo were total losers! There are two more game nights, April 5 and 19. The Jack Pot continues to grow and is guaranteed to be won by, or on the final night. Join the fun! It is now Monday the 24th and tomorrow is Alicia's 54th birthday...how can that be? Like my dad said, "These young people are sure getting old fast!" Happy Birthday Alicia!

# Pekin Kindergarten Round-Up

All parents with children who will be five years old by September 15, 2025, and are interested in attending kindergarten at Pekin Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to attend Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday,

March 31, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the elementary cafeteria. During this event, you will learn about kindergarten expectations, PowerSchool, and fill out the required paperwork.

Current Pekin Preschool students will visit the kin-

dergarten classrooms at the beginning of May to prepare for the upcoming school year.

If your child is not currently enrolled in Pekin Preschool but plans to attend kindergarten at Pekin Elementary in the fall, we

encourage you to participate in our classroom visit day. Please contact the Pekin Elementary office at 319-695-3707 for more details.

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# Grow Your Own Pizza (ingredients that is!)

A presentation of the Grow Your Own Pizza (ingredients that is!) from Suzette Striegel, Mahaska County Horticulture and Education Coordinator on Tuesday April 8 at 7 pm. The program will be held at the Mahaska County Extension office, 212 North I Street Oskaloosa.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required to attend but appreciated. Inclement weather will postpone the event. If in doubt, please call 641-673-5841, check local media, our website, and the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Mahaska County or Mahaska County Master Gardener Facebook pages.

Mahaska County Master Gardeners are celebrating their twenty-first year. The local program organized after the county held their first training. The educational volunteer program,

sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, provides current, research based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects. Master Gardeners receive horticulture training, and volunteer to promote a mission of education and service. The program is open to anyone 18 or older with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community.

More information about this and other horticulture events can be found at the Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaloosa Phone 641-673-5841; email [striege@iastate.edu](mailto:striege@iastate.edu) and [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm).

## Pekin brings home medals from Central College meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PELLA - Nothing seemed to really be working for her early on.

Luckily, she had the ability to get things worked out just in time, even though nothing really ever felt comfortable for her.

At the Central College indoor track meet held on March 21 Pekin senior Kayse Miller may not have ever felt comfortable in the high jump, but that didn't slow her down as she took second overall in the event.

"When I came in and set up for the jumps none of my measurements were right at all, I wasn't able to get my steps like I wanted to," Miller said. "So I am pretty proud of myself for being able to clear all the way up to five feet without a miss, especially since my measurements weren't right at all."

After passing on the first two heights, Miller needed just one jump at 4-feet-6-inches, 4-feet-8-inches and 4-feet-10-inches. She cleared the bar each time and watched as they moved the bar up to five feet.

By then, there were only five, of the original 26 jumpers that had competed, left.

Miller's first jump at five feet had her crash into the bar. For the first time she would have to jump again. On her second attempt Miller easily sailed over the bar.

The bar was raised to five-feet-two-inches. Miller was now competing one-on-one with Ankeny Centennial's Mila Badillo.

Both jumpers missed clearing the bar on the first attempt.

"I really felt like I was flying

for sure during my five-feet-two-inch attempts," Miller said. "I just have some things I need to work on so I can clear it. Especially getting my head back far enough."

Miller appeared to have cleared the bar on her second attempt at five-feet-two-inches, but the bar still fell. Badillo also missed on her second attempt.

On the third attempt Miller once again soared high, but her back just touched enough of the bar to make it fall.

Badillo's third attempt also resulted in the bar falling. Since both jumpers failed to clear the bar at five-feet-two-inches, the winner came down to whoever had the least amount of attempts up until that point.

Badillo was able to win the first place prize because she had cleared all the previous heights on one attempt. Because Miller had crashed into the bar on her first attempt at the five foot mark, Miller would place second.

"Come practice on Monday I want to work on getting the right measurements for my steps," Miller said. "I also need to work on my J a little bit, so I can clear five feet two and more."

Miller wasn't the only one to have success at the track meet on Friday.

Anna Hadley easily won the shot put event. Her best throw was measured at 40-feet-6-inches. Ella Ensminger, a Mount Pleasant junior, had a best throw of 38-feet.

Chloe Glosser was able to win the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:52.04. She was able to take the lead just prior to the last lap, and held off Lindsey Sonderman from Harlan



Pekin high jumper Kayse Miller leaps over the bar which was set at 5-feet-even during a March 21 indoor track meet held at Central College in Pella. Miller finished second overall in the event.

for the win by just over a second.

Callie Deuschle placed 35th with a time of 6:13.35 in the 1,500 meter.

Paislee Coleman was 16th overall in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 10.47. She ran a time of 10.25 in the prelim race. Reece Brisby would finish 19th overall with a time of 10.44.

The 4x800 relay team of Maddy Petrehn, Renae Eubanks, Abby Guise and Breanna Drish finished 13th overall with a time of 11:34.74.

In the 4x400 relay the Pekin team of Maddy Petrehn, Chloe Glosser, Abby Guise and Renae Eubanks finished with a time of 4:44.16 they placed 14th overall.

In the 4x200 relay race the team of Addison Smith, Coleman, Gambell and Miller finished 16th overall with a time of 2:00.45.

In the long jump Carlie Gambell was 22nd overall with a best jump of 14-feet-3.25-inches. Paislee Coleman was 24th with a jump of 14-feet-1.25-inches.

Addison Smith was able to finish 55th in the 60 meter dash with a time of 8.73. Carlie Gambell was 103rd with a time of 9.12.

Addison Smith was 90th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.88. Bree Earnest was 191st with a time of 31.95.

Breanna Drish was 76th in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:20.1. Harper Guise finished 50th in the 800 meter run with a time of 3:10.98. Breanna Drish was 67th with a time of 3:34.21 in the same event.

The Pekin boys ran at Central College on March 20.

The 4x200 relay team of

Will Adam, Riley Smith, Kasey Davis and Nolan Glick placed second overall with a time of 1:38.07. The 4x400 relay team of Will Adam, Smith, Robert Brown and Glick placed fifth with a time of 3:50.16.

Caden Bender was second in the shot put with a throw that totaled 46-feet-8-inches. He was within two feet of the winner from AHSTW.

In the 4x800 relay the team of Mason Dahlstrom, Lane Fariss, Landon Crow and Cole Millikin placed fourth overall with a time of 9:13.07.

Alijah Brock was fourth in the long jump with a best leap of 20-feet-5.75-inches. Will Adam placed fifth with a jump of 20-feet-3.75-inches.

Kasey Davis finished fourth with a time of 8.78 in the 60 meter hurdles. Robert Brown was fifth overall with a time of 8.83.

Mason Dahlstrom was 16th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.78. Lane Fariss was 24th in the same event with a time of 2:20.29.

Alijah Brock was 17th in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.46. Henry Adam was 101st with a time of 7.87. Brock was 23rd in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.58. Nolan Glick was 32nd in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.78.

Brody Sobaski finished the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.62 to place 41st.

Cole Millikin was 19th overall in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 5:15.69. William Daniels was 37th with a time of 5:46.11.

Brody Sobaski was 10th overall in the high jump with a best height of 5-feet-6-inches.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Reece Brisby of Pekin (second from the right) clears a hurdle during the running of the 60-meter hurdles event. Brisby would place 19th overall in the meet.



Members of the Pekin boys and girls track and field teams celebrate after opening their season in Pella on March 13. Photo courtesy of Pekin Community Schools Facebook.

## Pekin gets first taste of track at Pella

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PELLA - Pekin's track teams ran at an indoor track meet held in Pella on March 13.

Anna Hadley won the girls shot put event with a throw of 38-feet-11.75-inches. Taylor Moore was third with a throw of 26-feet and three-quarters of an inch.

Kayse Miller won the high jump clearing five feet. Reece Brisby finished in a tie for second after clearing 4-feet-six-inches.

Carlie Gambell was second in the long jump with a distance of 15-feet-7-inches. Paislee Coleman was third with a jump of 15-feet-6-inches. Brinley Phillips was fifth with a jump of 13-feet-11-inches.

The Pekin 4x200 team finished second with a time of 2:04.24. The Pekin girls

4x400 team finished with a time of 4:52.76. In the 4x800 the Pekin girls team recorded a time of 11:20.24.

In the boys long jump Will Adam won with a leap of 19-feet-10.5-inches. Alijah Brock was second with a jump that totaled 19-feet-6-inches. Henry Adam was third with a jump of 18-feet-3-inches.

Brody Sobaski won the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-six-inches. Jonathan Jacobs was fifth with a leap of 4-feet-10-inches.

Caden Bender won the shot put with a throw of 45-feet-2.75-inches. Alton Williams was fifth with a throw of 38-feet-11.25-inches.

The Pekin boys won the 4x200 with a time of 1:41.02. The Panthers won the 4x400 with a time of 3:44.91. The Panther boys also won the 4x800 with a time of 9:15.24.



Keota senior Billie Kindred goes up for a layup attempt during a January game against HLV played in Keota. Kindred was named to the second-team All-State list by the IPSWA in basketball. Photo by Mark Schafer.

## Keota's Kindred earns All-State honors from IPSWA

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

KEOTA - The family legacy continued to grow for the Kindred family this winter.

Keota senior Billie Kindred was able to earn All-State honors from the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association for his on-court play during the season.

Kindred was able to lead his team in scoring and rebounds this year. He also was able to set a school record and cross the 1,000 point mark in his career.

Kindred's play helped lead the Eagles to the district semifinals. They were able to finish the season with a 19-4 overall record.

Kindred led his team with 565 points scored. Among class 1A competitors he ranked 11th in most points scored.

In addition to scoring

points Kindred was also able to show off his skills rebounding the ball. This winter he brought in 326 total rebounds. That not only led his team, but it was the second-most rebounds brought in by any player in class 1A play this winter. Only Payton Policky of AC-GC had more rebounds (338).

Kindred attacked the rim on both sides of the basket this year, but defensively was where Kindred did the most damage as he brought in 230 total defensive rebounds. That put him second among class 1A competitors for most defensive rebounds this year.

Kindred had 96 total offensive rebounds, which was the 11th most among class 1A competition.

Kindred proved he was an all-around player. He also had 46 assists, 49 steals and 29 blocks recorded throughout the season.

## Sigourney's Moore named to All-State list

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - She just about did it all this winter.

Sigourney senior Josephine Moore became the seventh girl in Sigourney history (in girls 5 vs 5 play) to score over 1,000 points in her career. She set a new career rebound record for the Savages. She was a first team All-Conference player, but the senior still had one more accomplishment to add to her list.

Now she can also call herself an All-State basketball player.

At the end of the girls basketball season the Iowa Girls Coaches Association released their All-State basketball teams. Moore was named to the third team list of the IGCA basketball list.

Moore was a team leader in several categories this season.

This season Moore was able to guide the Savages to a regional final appearance and an overall record of 19-6 this season.

Among class 1A competition Moore led the entire state in free throw attempts at 209. She also led

all other 1A players in free throws made with 159 this winter.

Moore was fifth overall in offensive rebounds brought in (among class 1A players) with 124.

Overall Moore finished the season with 451 points scored which placed her ninth overall in points scored among class 1A players.

Moore had 278 total rebounds. That placed her in a tie for 12th-most rebounds of any 1A player this year (she tied with Wayne's Izzie Moore). Moore had 154 defensive rebounds which was the 17th-most in the state among class 1A players.

This season Moore also had 48 steals, 23 assists and 11 blocks.



Sigourney senior Josephine Moore was named to the All-State list for the Iowa Girls Coaches Association following her basketball season. Photo by Mark Schafer.

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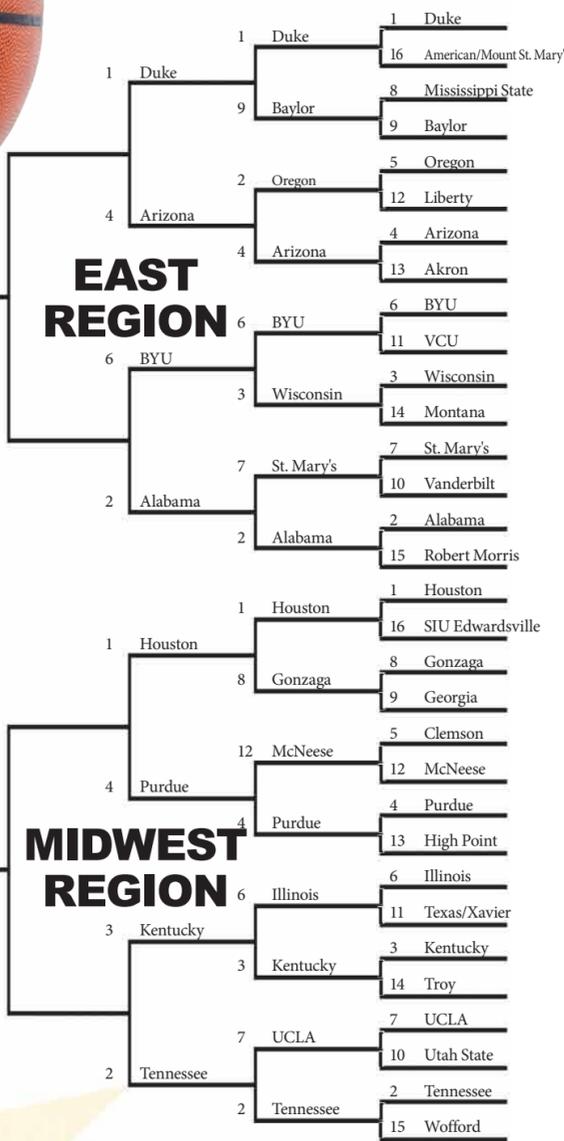
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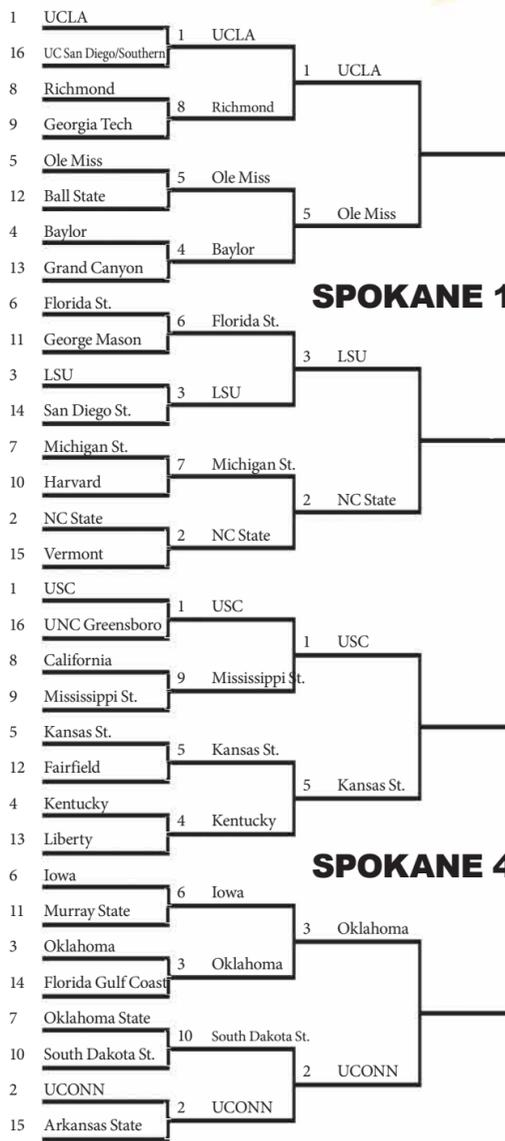
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**March 13**  
Defendant Phillip Earl Lee; Plaintiff Community 1st Credit Union: Petition Filed  
**March 14**  
Defendants Luanne Little, Lonnie Lee Stein; Plaintiff Brian Heisel: Petition Filed  
**March 17**  
Defendant Joshua James McKim; Plaintiff Greenstate Credit Union: Order for Judgment  
**March 19**  
Defendants Leanna K Collins, Leanna K Collins D/B/A Candough Redemption; Plaintiff Unique Funding Solutions LLC: Order for Judgment  
**Criminal**  
**March 13**  
Defendant Rusty Daniel Schwartz; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Order of Disposition  
**March 14**  
Defendant Jessica Lynn Brubaker; Payor Justin Don-

ald Berg; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Criminal Complaint  
Defendant Dezra Dawn De Kraai; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Order for Arraignment, Trial Information  
**March 15**  
Defendant Casey James Allison; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Criminal Complaint  
**March 16**  
Defendant Casey James Allison; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Hearing for Initial Appearance  
**March 17**  
Defendant Bradley L Mahan Jr; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Motion to Dismiss  
**March 18**  
Defendant Carroll Franklin Straube; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Criminal Complaint  
Defendant Richard William Jones; Plaintiff What Cheer City Clerks Office: Motion for Continuance  
Defendant Faye Jones; Plaintiff What Cheer City

Clerks Office: Motion for Continuance  
**March 19**  
Defendant Shawn Casey Yates; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Order for Arraignment, Trial Information  
Defendant Carroll Franklin Straube; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Hearing for Initial Appearance  
**Domestic Abuse**  
NA  
**Non-Scheduled Traffic**  
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NA  
**Scheduled Traffic**  
**March 13**  
Defendant Justin Lee Mercer; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Maximum Group Axle Weight Violation  
Defendant Trent Ross Marshall; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
**March 14**

Defendant William L Moore; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
**March 15**  
Defendant Logan Reid Goldizen; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Dark Window or Windshield  
**March 16**  
Defendant Abner Jaxson Staley; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over)  
Defendant Melissa Jo Martin; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Way  
Defendant William Adam Lee Brandt; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability  
Defendant Amy Jo McKim; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult  
Defendant Alex Rae Dix; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speed-

ing 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over)  
Defendant Rodrigo Martinez; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
Defendant Andrew James Blauvelt; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
Defendant Bradley Alan Whitmore; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
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Defendant Lavern E Ropp; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
Defendant Eric Eugene Parker; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
**March 18**  
Defendant Jonathon Daniel Utterback; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult

Defendant Victoria Ann Life; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over)  
Defendant David Alan Roster; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult  
**March 19**  
Defendant Justin Allen Ruby; Plaintiff State of Iowa: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult, Operating Non-Registered Vehicle  
**Small Claims**  
**March 13**  
Defendant Phillip Earl Lee; Plaintiff Community 1st Credit Union: Small Claims Original Notice  
**March 14**  
Defendant Daniel Ray Evans; Plaintiff Dale A Bowman: Small Claims Original Notice

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

**March 10**  
Warranty Deed: Grantor Anderson Properties LLC to grantees Mary Easter Kunce, Jimmie Gene Kunce; Sigourney Goeldners Addition Lot: 06; PT Sigourney Goeldners Addition Lot: 05; Plat B4 P346  
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ee Blake Bayliss: Undivided Three Quarter Interest In PT SE NE 14-76-10; PT SW NE 14-76-10; EXCEPT PLAT 2005-0611  
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Special Warranty Deed: Grantors Randy Conrad Flander, Cynthia D Flander to grantees Randy Conrad Flander, Cynthia D Flander: Undivided One Half Interest PT NW SE 35-76-10; PT SW SE 35-76-10; PT SW SE 35-76-10; PT SW SE 35-76-10; EXCEPT WARRANTY DEED B82 P483;

PT NE SW 35-76-10; PT NW SW 35-76-10  
Deed Quit Claim: Grantors Colt Brumbaugh, Samantha Brumbaugh to grantees Philip D Brumbaugh Jr, Ellen J Brumbaugh: PT Keswick Barnes Addition (Keswick) Lot: 06 Block: 13; PT Keswick Barnes Addition (Keswick) Lot: 07 Block: 13; PT Keswick Barnes Addition (Keswick) Lot: 08 Block: 13; Plat B2 P231; Plat 2005-0735  
**March 14**  
Warranty Deed: Grantors Patrick Daniel O'Rourke, Sarah Margaret O'Rourke to grantees Katherine E Molyneux - Trustee, Kate and Colton Molyneux Revocable Trust, Kate Molyneux Revocable Trust, Colton Molyneux Revocable Trust, Colton Molyneux - Trustee: NE NE 08-77-10 Parcel: AUD PAR D; PLAT 2024-1218; PLAT 2024-0691  
Warranty Deed: Grantor Carol D Huffman to grantee Phillip Eugene Richard: Sigourney Hogins Addition Lot: 08 Block: 02  
Deed Quit Claim: Grantors Colton M Molyneux, Katherine E Molyneux to grantee Keith E Molyneux: What Cheer Bedfords Addition Lot: 05 Block: 02; What Cheer Bedfords Addition Lot: 06 Block: 02; SD03 What Cheer Bedfords Addition Lot: 09 Block: 02; SD04 What Cheer Bedfords Addition Lot: 09 Block: 02; What Cheer Bedfords Addition Lot: 04 Block: 02

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 12.10.2024

**KEWKICK CITY COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2024, MAYOR**  
The Keswick City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll Call: R. Leer, Schmidt, Wynn. Absent: K. Leer, Sieren. Motion to Approve Agenda, Wynn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt, All Ayes. Previous Months Minutes read, motion to Approve R. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt, All Ayes. Reports and Communication: Tri County Post Prom asking for a donation. Motion was made by R. Leer to donate \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmidt, All Ayes. OLD BUSINESS. The Clerk reported the recommendations that the ICAP on building and park area. They are reaching the final plans for the South Iron St. construction. Kenny Roethler had the final paperwork to sign. We revisited the chains for the backhoe, a motion was made by R. Leer to purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wynn, All Ayes. NEW BUSINESS: A bid from LL Pelling was presented for road work. The mayor signed it and will be returned to lock in the prices. The new owner presented that the KT would be getting a new license. R. Leer made a motion to accept Resolution 214, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wynn, All Ayes. K. Leer appeared by phone to vote. A discussion about how and who would take the money for donations on the granite bench and cement work for the memorial to Veterans at the City Park. Next meeting: Monday January 6, 2025. Motion to adjourn. R. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt. All Ayes.

Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Wynn, Sieren, and K. Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Wynn.  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND  
11/04/2024, Residents, \$1,276.17  
11/20/2024, Residents, \$577.97  
11/20/2024, Residents, \$941.61  
11/20/2024, Residents, \$1,296.16  
11/20/2024, Residents, \$1,868.23  
11/20/2024, Residents, \$2,062.94  
11/25/2024, Residents, \$1,411.06  
11/12/2024, Keokuk Co. Treasurer (Oct.), \$3,095.27  
11/13/2024, State of Iowa (Liquor), \$520.00  
11/19/2024, State of Iowa (Road), \$2,001.27  
11/26/2024, State of Iowa (1%), \$1,411.06  
11/29/2024, Interest, \$30.82  
TOTAL \$16,911.93  
**DISTRIBUTIONS**  
11/01/2024, EFT, IA Dept. of Revenue, \$4.60  
11/01/2024, EFT, IA Dept. of Revenue, \$77.21  
11/01/2024, EFT, IA Dept. of Revenue, \$275.91  
11/05/2024, EFT, Ipers, \$192.30  
11/25/0224, EFT, IA Dept of Revenue, \$50.53  
11/25/2024, EFT, IA Dept of Revenue, \$303.15  
11/26/2024, 3261, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$207.50  
10/29/2024, 3235, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$144.15  
11/06/2024, 3247, Alliant Energy (street lights), \$16.00  
11/20/2024, 3248, ION (water testing), \$602.42  
11/15/2024, 3249, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$215.15  
11/15/2024, 3251, Brooke (Aubrey) (mowing), \$7,163.64  
11/18/2024, 3252, Quill, LLC (laser ink cartridge), \$2,520.00  
11/19/2024, 3253, ICAP (Insurance), \$305.00  
11/18/2024, 3254, RUSS (sewer), \$34.80  
11/15/2024, 3255, Joy Denison (Salary), \$1,700.00  
11/15/2024, 3256, Tim Garrett (Salary), \$572.90  
11/15/2024, 3257, Alliant Energy, \$237.36  
11/21/2024, 3259, City Hall \$49.02 / Park \$99.48 / City Hall \$43.47  
11/22/2024, 3259, Alliant Energy (Sept./Oct. St. Lights), \$595.00  
11/21/2024, 3260, Modern Coop. Tele. (phone), \$4,375.36  
11/29/2024, 3262, ION (testing supplies), \$105.00  
10/18/2024, 3242, Alliant Energy, \$217.76  
TOTAL \$25,106.69  
Beginning Balance: \$389,177.08  
Credits: \$16,911.93  
Debits: \$19,697.78  
Ending Balance: \$386,391.23  
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10/29/2024, 3200, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$245.27  
10/10/2024, 3225, Alliant Energy (street lights), \$535.66  
10/02/2024, 3227, ION (water testing), \$16.00  
10/29/2024, 3228, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$167.81  
10/10/2024, 3229, Brooke (Aubrey) (mowing), \$180.00  
10/03/2024, 3230, Quill, LLC (laser ink cartridge), \$109.13  
10/10/2024, 3231, ICAP (Insurance), \$8,218.00  
10/11/2024, 3232, RUSS (sewer), \$7,163.64  
10/09/2024, 3233, Joy Denison (Salary), \$602.42  
10/11/2024, 3234, Tim Garrett (Salary), \$215.15  
10/17/2024, 3236, N&N Sanitation, \$2,520.00  
10/21/2024, 3237, Alliant Energy (Sept./Oct. St. Lights), \$1,181.73  
10/11/2024, 3238, Modern Coop. Tele. (phone), \$338.60  
10/21/2024, 3239, ION (testing supplies), \$196.00  
10/22/2024, 3240, Multi County Oil (propane City Hall), \$345.79  
10/22/2024, 3241, Cox Sanitation (shop dump), \$192.60  
10/18/2024, 3242, Alliant Energy, \$217.76  
10/29/2024, 3243, Columa Software PBC (minutes), \$304.96  
10/29/2024, 3245, Wapello Rural Water, \$1,713.18  
10/30/2024, 3246, US Treasury (941 Taxes), \$589.96  
TOTAL \$34,823.91  
Beginning Balance: \$379,459.86  
Credits: \$34,823.91  
Debits: \$25,106.69  
Ending Balance: \$389,177.08  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 11.11.2024

**KEWKICK CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2024, MAYOR**  
The Keswick City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday November 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll Call: R. Leer, K. Leer, Schmidt, Wynn. Absent: None. Motion to Approve Agenda, Wynn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sieren, All Ayes. Previous Months Minutes read, motion to Approve Wynn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt, All Ayes. Financial Report, Motion to Approve R. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wynn, All Ayes. Claims were presented, Motion to Approve, Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sieren. All Ayes. Reports and Communication: None. OLD BUSINESS: Home Town Market received their FY 24-25 beer license. The Clerk reported the recommendations that the ICAP Cyber Risk Service Advisor David Balog, Discuss the options that Attorney Wehr sent for the council to consider on how to proceed on the dilapidated buildings. Proceed as recommended. They are reaching the final plans for the South Iron St. construction. NEW BUSINESS: Blake presented a quote for parts to fix the repairs on the blade to plow snow. Sieren made a motion for the repairs and see about purchasing chains. K. Leer seconded. All Ayes. The Mayor reported attending the Emergency Management meeting, Jovie Altenhofen is officially done. Wapello County will fill in until a replacement can be found. On Saturday, a flag pole was presented and placed in the Park. It was discussed about looking into a bench to be placed at the site to honor our veterans, will table till next meeting. Next meeting: Tuesday December 10, 2024. Motion to adjourn. R. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt, All Ayes.  
Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Wynn, Sieren, and K.

Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Wynn.  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND  
10/01/2024, Residents, \$292.06  
10/10/2024, Sara Wood (water deposit), \$150.00  
10/10/2024, Residents, \$300.00  
10/10/2024, Residents, \$1,969.66  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$195.24  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$211.00  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$536.89  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$1,983.60  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$2,155.88  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$2,263.01  
10/23/2024, Residents, \$2,537.56  
10/30/2024, Residents, \$1,724.65  
10/31/2024, Residents, \$977.40  
10/10/2024, Keokuk Co. Treasurer (Aug.), \$15,190.40  
10/16/2024, State of Iowa (Road), \$1,880.17  
10/29/2024, State of Iowa (1%), \$2,423.98  
10/31/2024, Interest, \$32.41  
TOTAL \$34,823.91  
**DISTRIBUTIONS**  
10/11/2024, EFT, Ipers, \$202.19  
10/01/2024, EFT, Deposit Correction, \$0.01  
10/12/2024, EFT, Deposit Correction, \$0.02  
10/29/2024, 3192, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$154.81

10/29/2024, 3200, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$245.27  
10/10/2024, 3225, Alliant Energy (street lights), \$535.66  
10/02/2024, 3227, ION (water testing), \$16.00  
10/29/2024, 3228, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$167.81  
10/10/2024, 3229, Brooke (Aubrey) (mowing), \$180.00  
10/03/2024, 3230, Quill, LLC (laser ink cartridge), \$109.13  
10/10/2024, 3231, ICAP (Insurance), \$8,218.00  
10/11/2024, 3232, RUSS (sewer), \$7,163.64  
10/09/2024, 3233, Joy Denison (Salary), \$602.42  
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10/17/2024, 3236, N&N Sanitation, \$2,520.00  
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10/30/2024, 3246, US Treasury (941 Taxes), \$589.96  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 1.6.2025

**KEWKICK CITY COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 6, 2025, MAYOR**  
The Keswick City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll Call: R. Leer, K. Leer, Schmidt, Wynn. Absent: Sieren. Motion to Approve Agenda, Wynn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, K. Leer, All Ayes. Previous Months Minutes read, motion to Approve R. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wynn, All Ayes. Financial Report, Motion to Approve Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup>, K. Leer, All Ayes. Claims were presented, Motion to Approve, K. Leer, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wynn, All Ayes. Reports and Communication: We received the signed documents from the DOT for the S. Irons St. project. Sigourney News Review, wanting to be our official paper for 2025. Motion by R. Leer to have Sigourney News Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Leer, All Ayes. OLD BUSINESS. We will be using all the Covid Funds received on the S. Irons St. project. We received bids from Davis Truck Hauling for pea gravel for Park. Bid from Slow/Mohr Monument for granite bench and cement work for Veterans Memorial at Park. Update on cars, working on eliminating. It was reported that the City Computer has fallen apart and close to crashing. We are also in need of external backup and a program for keeping books for preparing payroll. Motion was made to purchase a new computer by K. Leer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wynn. All Ayes. It was then discussed to see about 32G and 64 GB, will table to next meeting. The Mayor reported that a new Emergency Management Personnel had been hired, Richard Fortney. NEW BUSINESS: It was presented that the City is in need of new flags as this summer and fall winds were hard on them. R. Leer will check with the Legion on purchasing some. It was presented the need for new tires for the backhoe. It was decided to table till next meeting. Area 15 had sent in request for support for the FY24-25. Ike presented a motion/Resolution 215 for the FY24.25 Support to Area 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wynn, All Ayes. Next meeting: Monday February 3, 2025. Motion to adjourn. R. Leer,

2<sup>nd</sup>, Schmidt, All Ayes.  
Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Wynn, Sieren, and K. Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Wynn.  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND  
12/03/2024, Residents, \$980.77  
12/03/2024, Residents, \$2,456.90  
12/16/2024, Residents, \$66.35  
12/16/2024, Residents, \$2,056.53  
12/16/2024, Residents, \$2,432.18  
12/16/2024, Residents, \$3,224.94  
12/31/2024, Residents, \$941.91  
12/16/2024, 3270, Wapello Rural Water, \$1,767.82  
12/17/2024, 3271, Multi County Oil (Diesel), \$64.40  
12/16/2024, 3272, Martin Equipment (parts), \$153.02  
12/12/2024, 3273, Mark Zittergruen (Salary), \$378.63  
12/17/2024, 3274, The Garden Gate (Flowers), \$61.50  
12/11/2024, 3275, Rebecca Leer (Salary), \$258.18  
12/20/2024, 3278, Ross Sieren (Salary), \$184.70  
12/16/2024, 3279, Terry Wynn (Salary), \$323.22  
12/13/2024, 3280, Keswick U.S. Postal (certified Ltr.), \$9.68  
12/17/2024, 3281, Brooke Zittergruen (Aubrey mowing), \$120.00  
12/19/2024, 3282, Kyle Leer (Salary), \$161.61  
12/17/2024, 3283, Modern Coop. Tele. Co., \$34.60  
12/17/2024, 3284, Alliant Energy (Road), \$577.12  
12/17/2024, 3285, Alliant Energy, \$261.80  
12/17/2024, 3286, Garden & Associates, \$1,320.00  
12/24/2024, 3267, N&N Sanitation, \$2,520.00  
12/17/2024, 3268, RUSS (sewer), \$7,163.64  
12/16/2024, 3270, Wapello Rural Water, \$1,767.82  
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12/17/2024, 3284, Alliant Energy (Road), \$577.12  
12/17/2024, 3285, Alliant Energy, \$261.8

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keswick • Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: - CITY OF KESWICK - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
KESWICK Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 CITY #: 54-507

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: City Hall 120 South Irons St. Keswick, IA 50136
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)

City Telephone Number (319) 738-2621

Table with 5 columns: Iowa Department of Management, Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024-2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025-2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025-2026, and Percent Change. Rows include Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service, Consolidated General Fund, Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit, etc.

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 through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: The City is not raising taxes for the FY25-26.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • 2024 Water Quality Report

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR SIGOURNEY MUNI WATER WORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

Table with 7 columns: CONTAMINANT, MCL - (MCLG), Type, Value & (Range), Date, Violation, Source. Rows include Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [THM], Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5], Lead (ppb), Copper (ppm), 950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, Chlorine (ppm), Barium (ppm), Fluoride (ppm), Sodium (ppm), Nitrate (as N) (ppm).

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

- DEFINITIONS
• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
• ppb - parts per billion.
• ppm - parts per million.
• pCi/L - picocuries per liter
• N/A - Not applicable
• ND - Not detected
• RAA - Running Annual Average
• Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
• Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water

- system must follow.
• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed of drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
• SGL - Single Sample Result
• RTCR - Revised Total Coliform Rule
• NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. SIGOURNEY MUNI WATER WORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but

cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION
This water supply obtains its water from the sandstone and dolomite of the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer. The Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Cambrian-Ordovician well will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-622-3080.

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Mississippian aquifer. The Mississippian aquifer was determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide some protection from contaminants from the land surface. The Mississippian wells will be susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-622-3080.

CONTACT INFORMATION
For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact SIGOURNEY MUNI WATER WORKS at 641-622-3080.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 3.10.2025

AGENDA
DATE: March 10, at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call me at 641- 660-4072.

Call Meeting To Order. ROLL CALL: R. Leer, K. Leer, S. Sieren, Wynn

AGENDA: Motion to approve Agenda: 2nd by: Ayes Nays MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: Motion to Approve Minutes: 2nd by Ayes Nays

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to Approve Financial 2nd by Ayes Nays

CLAIMS: Motion to Approve Claims 2nd by Ayes Nays OLD BUSINESS: DOT Swap/ Swap approval of the bids. Veterans Memorial Bench at City Park. Update on Harvest Day.

NEW BUSINESS: Tax Levy Hearing, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Mowing Bids Next Meeting: April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn 2nd by Ayes Nays

Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Wynn, Sieren, and K. Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Wynn.

FINANCIAL REPORT
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND

Table with 4 columns: DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND. Rows include 02/03/2025, Residents, \$1,441.18; 02/03/2025, Residents, \$1,485.00; 02/03/2025, Residents, \$1,994.41; 02/03/2025, Residents, \$2,031.85; 02/03/2025, Residents, \$2,430.77; 02/10/2025, Residents, \$1,230.86; 02/24/2025, Residents, \$744.27; 02/24/2025, Residents, \$1,526.89; 02/24/2025, Residents, \$1,641.29; 02/24/2025, Residents, \$2,679.97; 02/24/2025, Residents, \$2,784.50; 02/24/2025, State of Iowa (Road), \$3,619.59; 02/27/2025, Residents, \$237.45; 02/27/2025, Residents, \$1,740.00; 02/11/2025, Keokuk Co. Treasurer

(May.), \$104.68..... General 02/27/2025, State of Iowa (1%), \$1,637.57..... General 02/27/2025, Interest, \$29.89..... General TOTAL..... \$27,360.17

DISTRIBUTIONS
02/14/2025, EFT, Deposit Corres/

02/25/2025, EFT, ipers, \$234.78... General 02/25/2025, EFT, IA Dept Of Revenue, \$260.58..... Water 02/25/2025, EFT, IA Dept Of Revenue, \$301.45..... Water 02/25/2025, EFT, IA Dept Of Revenue, \$564.59..... Water 02/25/2025, EFT, IA Dept Of Revenue, \$653.15..... Water 02/19/2025, 3244, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$167.41..... W/R.G 02/19/2025, 3293, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$154.91..... W/R.G 02/04/2025, 3301, N&N Sanitation, \$2,520.00..... Garbage 02/03/2025, 3303, Cox Sanitation & Recycling (shop), \$192.60..... Garbage 02/13/2025, 3311, Joy Denison (Salary), \$602.42..... General 02/25/2025, 3312, Tim Garrett (Salary), \$215.15..... Water 02/12/2025, 3314, Ethan Bair (salary), \$69.26..... Snow 02/14/2025, 3315, Municipal Supply Inc., \$51.24..... Water 02/19/2025, 3316, Modern Tele Coop Co, \$34.60..... General 02/18/2025, 3317, Multi County Oil Co. (diesel), \$59.60..... Road 02/18/2025, 3318, Alliant Energy (St. Lights), \$578.41..... Road 02/18/2025, 3319, Alliant Energy (St. Lights), \$313.36..... General (sign \$31.66 // Shop \$63.61 / Parks \$101.54/City Hall \$116.55) 02/19/2025, 3320, Blake Johnston (Salary), \$322.72..... W/R.G 02/19/2025, 3321, ION, \$16.50..... Water 02/19/2025, 3323, Column Software PBC, \$226.36..... General TOTAL..... \$19,536.93 Beginning Balance..... \$387,581.19 Credits..... \$27,360.17 Debits..... \$19,536.93 Ending Balance..... \$395,404.43 Published in The News-Review on March 26, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • February 2025 Claims

ENGLISH VALLEYS CLAIMS PAID, FEBRUARY 2025

Table with 2 columns: Activity Account, Amount. Rows include Atlantic Coca-Cola, Concessions Supplies, Rich Baker, JV Basketball Official, BGM Community Sch. District, Leadership Conferenc, BMO Harris Commercial Card, honor or choir lodging, BSN Sports, Boys Track Uniforms, Wyndell Campbell, Basketball Official, James Carlson, Basketball Official, Chance Blake, Basketball Official, Mike Christner, Basketball Official, Brandon Dufoe, Wrestling Official, Nile Dusdieker, Music supplies reimb, John Dvorak, Basketball Official, English Valleys Activity Fund, fundraiser - concess, English Valleys CSD, Boys bb fundraiser t, Julie Foglesong, Baseball/Softball Of., Joel Fopma, Basketball Official, Freeman Foods, Student Council Supp, Fred Griffiths, Basketball Official, Kim Hall, Basketball Official, Chris Heidelbauer, Basketball Official, Highland Community School Dist, Boys Wrestling Fees, ...

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**English Valleys CSD • School Budget Summary**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS School Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary Library North English Iowa	Date of Hearing: 04/09/2025	Time of Hearing: 06:30 PM			
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
	Budget 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,852,019	2,707,107	2,610,496	% 4.5
Utility Replacement Exeise Tax	2	113,933	114,863	64,695	% 32.7
Income Surtaxes	3	201,216	181,112	229,288	% -6.3
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	460,000	460,000	549,260	
Earnings on Investments	5	136,350	130,450	217,341	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	145,000	145,000	110,335	
Student Activities and Sales	7	185,750	155,400	122,037	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	442,500	441,000	412,304	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	3,431,702	3,331,886	3,266,367	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	10,093	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	754,150	714,000	712,771	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	27,661	27,661	25,659	
Title I Grants	14	84,000	84,000	103,945	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	255,000	240,000	602,621	
Total Revenues	16	9,099,374	8,732,479	9,027,119	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	385,000	385,000	0	
Transfers In	18	1,000	1,000	294,416	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	9,316	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	9,485,374	9,118,479	9,330,851	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	5,403,905	5,398,469	4,874,077	
<b>Total Resources</b>	23	14,889,279	14,516,948	14,204,928	
<b>*Instruction</b>	24	5,781,500	5,370,000	5,654,843	% 1.1
Student Support Services	25	65,000	700	0	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	165,000	195,000	87,620	
General Administration	27	210,000	231,000	173,570	
School Administration	28	317,500	305,000	272,772	
Business & Central Administration	29	420,000	300,000	289,576	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	700,000	547,000	523,412	
Student Transportation	31	605,000	660,000	338,340	
<b>* Total Support Services (lines 25-31)</b>	31A	2,482,500	2,238,700	1,685,290	% 21.4
<b>*Noninstructional Programs</b>	32	470,000	480,000	387,705	% 10.1
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	1,830,000	435,000	285,996	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	0	385,000	281,534	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	168,114	186,843	213,425	
<b>* Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)</b>	35A	1,998,114	1,006,843	780,955	% 60.0
Total Expenditures	36	10,732,114	9,095,543	8,508,793	
Transfers Out	37	11,000	10,000	294,416	
Other Uses	38	12,000	7,500	3,250	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	10,755,114	9,113,043	8,806,459	
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,134,165	5,403,905	5,398,469	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	41	14,889,279	14,516,948	14,204,928	
<b>Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)</b>			11.83992		

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**English Valleys CSD • Proposed Property Tax Levy**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary Library	Date of Public Hearing: 4/9/2025	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.		

	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026
General Fund Levy	1	1,898,992	1,924,294
Instructional Support Levy	2	176,282	189,843
Management	3	335,720	413,435
Amana Library	4	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	218,519	243,894
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	77,594	80,553
Reorganization/Equalization	7	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0	0
Debt Service	9	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	10	2,707,107	2,852,019

	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2026
<b>Grand Total Levy Rate</b>	11.64922	11.23938	11.83992

Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	540	618	14.44
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,383	2,760	15.82

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 \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.  
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:  
The increase is due to an anticipated increase in Management Fund expenses. Our increase is also due to an increase in assessed valuation.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City of Keota • Minutes and Claims 3.17.2025**

**MINUTES**  
**KEOTA CITY COUNCIL**  
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cansler  
Roll call: Councilmen McDonald, Greiner, Conrad, Burroughs and Bender were present. City employees present were Administrator Horras, PW Director Harmsen, Clerk assistant Clarke and Librarian Greiner. Public present was Rich Klein, Chad McCleary from ION and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.  
Consent Agenda: Motion to Amend the agenda to add Ordinance 2025-308 made by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conrad and all were in favor. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Conrad, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Burroughs 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.  
**Bills Paid March 3rd thru March 17th, 2025**  
**Checks**  
Mid American Publishing..... 199.12  
All American Pest Con..... 70.00  
Cox Sanitation..... 2551.00  
Misc on Main..... 29.99  
ICA..... 608.05  
IA Assoc of Municipal Util..... 73.88  
County Line Mart..... 41.85  
Windstream..... 255.47  
US Cellular..... 120.79  
Menards..... 114.90  
Semco Landfill..... 256.60  
H&M..... 4.41  
Alliant Energy..... 5891.90  
Sun and Fun..... 565.96  
UNO..... 425.00  
Mid American Publish..... 924.40  
Post Office..... 220.00  
Impressions Computers..... 303.75  
..... \$13,369.19  
**Payroll**  
Clarke, Kristen..... 462.86  
Fisher, Tabitha C..... 73.88  
GREINER, ASHLEY..... 168.89  
Greiner, Bridget M..... 167.81  
GREINER, TONIA..... 1,264.92  
HARMSEN, MICAH..... 1,836.66

Horras, Alycia A..... 1,944.66  
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L..... 1,818.45  
Public Forum: None  
Department Reports:  
Public Works -Harmsen reported that with the nicer weather we have started to do some landscaping and Spring work down at the pool and park areas. Lots of tree trimming continues to be done around town which has made the dump extremely busy. Kevin has stayed busy keeping up with that. The sewer project at County Line Mart will start this week and hopefully this will fix their issues. We brought the ranger up to Sun N Fun last week when we pulled it out of the cold storage building to have the warranty work done on it. Jerry Smithhart is lined up to do the seeding on Carpenter St water main project and work around the drive thru lane at the pool. That work will start as soon as we are safe from another frost. We have quite a bit of work to do on the railroad right of way with the recent wind. Hope to have that done before we start up mowing. We have been getting items together for shutting down the road between the pool/park are and ball field. We plan to shut that down from Mid-April to about Mid-September. Also, with that in the process of ordering new signage to reroute traffic in that area. Water Plant-The sump pump in the water plant is on the same circuit as the brine pump. It started to trip the breaker late last week which caused some issues with the regeneration on the softener. We have it isolated now. Sump pumps aren't expensive so we'll get a replacement and put everything back to normal. Lagoons-We're working with Iowa Rural Water to get that aerator fixed. Hoping to get that done this in April. Councilman Burroughs shared that a resident had some testing done on water both at their residence and at their Farm to look at water quality. There were some areas that seemed "high or out of limits" according

to the parameters that were listed on the testing forms from Midwest Laboratories. Chad from ION shared details on each data point and expressed that in several of these, he was unaware of where they were getting their parameters from. The limits didn't correlate to the "caution levels" or requirements that are in place for city water programs such as the DNR. The items that seemed to need attention were all items that would affect the cosmetics or aesthetics of the water, but not the safety of it. Some of the items could cause more cleaning needed due to staining and/or deposits, but does not affect the overall water safety and/or quality. The one area that would be an area to monitor closely due to health concerns, would be the Nitrates and that area was so low that it registered as "not detected".  
Library- Librarian Greiner shared that we had a HUGE turnout for the princess party, we had at least 54 girls. I have been working on donations and programs for the summer reading program. We are quilting this morning and have sent 7 more twin size comforters to the Sleep in Heavenly peace project and 5 more to nursing homes. Emily with Keokuk Co. Ext. will be here today for the after-school program. The next Library Board meeting is Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.  
Clerk - Horras shared that we will have the proposed property tax hearing and the proposed FY26 budget hearings on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> with the date for the budget hearing being set tonight. The LL Pelling proposal for work came in last week and appears to have the concern areas addressed as Harmsen and Slaubaugh would have ridden around and gotten them acclimated with what needed to be focused on this year for road work. Horras has signed the proposal and gotten all documentation into Pelling to ensure that we are set for the Spring work in town. There is a request that we will look

at later in the meeting to approve a change in the roadside sign and placement for Vision Ag. We have had 2 fans and a sump pump go out at the Sewer and Water plants. Horras has been working with Grainger supplies to renew our account and with Josh from ION to get parts ordered for replacement. Josh will also be ordering the chemical safety shower from Grainger as well to be installed at the water plant per our audit finding last year. We did receive an email from Lisa Breneman about the Day Care proposal and the previous meeting follow up. Horras shared information on this and stated that the next meeting is scheduled to happen the week of the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Resolutions and Ordinances:  
Resolution 2025-14 Approval for Proposed Budget Hearing Date. Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greiner, and all were in favor.  
Resolution 2025-15 Approval of Liquor License Renewal - Lagos Acres. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conrad and all were in favor.  
Resolution 2025-16 Approval of Financial Support of the Keota Fire Department for FY26. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, and all were in favor.  
Ordinance 2025-308 Amendment to City of Keota, Iowa 2017 Codebook of Ord. - Offenses  
a. First reading of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health  
b. Potential Waiving of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conrad and all were in favor.  
c. Approval of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health - Motion to approve Ordinance with the change to of wording to reflect "the code enforcer and any designee of the code enforcer or Mayor of Keota, shall be exempt from this ordinance in order to put down or euthanize any animal that is caus-

ing physical harm to other people's property, animals for to any person, within city limit", made by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bender and all were in favor.  
New Business  
Discussion/Possible Action - Sidewalk replacement & support of sidewalk work at the new Keota Clinic -Motion to approve the tear out of the old concrete in the affected area by the city staff and the cost to replace the 2 ADA compliance pads, made by Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greiner, and all were in favor.  
Discussion/Possible Action - Sign movement/placement for Vision AG - Horras shared an email from Iowa Sign Company showing the new sign and requesting approval to move the current placement of the old sign in to the property by 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greiner and all were in favor.  
Discussion/Possible Action - Update on actions to be taken from dog incident from 3/2/25 -, Mayor Cansler shared what the city was working on following the incident on 3/2/25, with the dogs being taken out of Keokuk County. He then shared the new incident that happened on 3/15/25 where the dogs attacked and fatally wounded 2 additional animals outside of city limits. The dogs were put down by residents as they were showing vicious and dangerous behavior to them as well. Washington County Sheriff's department was called out and is following up with an investigation and charges from their side.  
With the dogs no longer living or a threat, the discussion was made to move on with fining Joel Ackerman for the actions of the 3/2/25 incident that was made within city limits and having that paperwork served to him by Keokuk County Sheriff's department. A motion to approve the fine of \$7500.00 for the incident, 30 days to pay the fine or to be levied against his residence at 204 N Hamilton St and to move forward with the letter being served versus just certified with

him not signing for and picking up the certified letters now, made by McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greiner and all were in favor.  
Discussion/Possible Action - For Public Works to cap a Sewer and Water Location - The discussion continued due to the use of sewer service at locations like 204 N Hamilton St. even with water services being turned off. The question was brought up since the resident has stated that they do not intend to pay their past due bill amount, to then have the city cap the sewer access to ensure that it is not continued to be used. The cost of doing this would be substantial with having to go out to the alleyway and dig several feet to cap that service. The council discussed that there are other residences that also utilize putting water down the sewer even without water services being halted, so it was decided to look at our current Ordinance to reflect that when water service is shut off, all other services continue to be charged at a minimum due to access of service and usage. A motion not to cap the sewer service at 204 N Hamilton was made by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Conrad and all were in favor.  
Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler stated that he really appreciates everyone's extra time and work put in on the situation with the dangerous dogs. He stated that we have to take this opportunity to ensure that we are enforcing the ordinance with all residents and following up to ensure that safety of our community!  
Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Conrad, and all were in favor. Time 8:35pm.  
Next regular meeting in April 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:00 pm, with the Proposed Property Tax Hearing occurring at 6:30pm that evening.  
Attest: Mayor Anthony Cansler  
City Administrator Alycia A Horras  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**English Valleys CSD • Minutes 3.12.2025**

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 12TH, 2025.**  
English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Tom Voss, Trent Forrest, Katie Taukei, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers  
Members absent: Steve Axmear  
Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Nick Breuer, Amy Harger, Pam Nachtman, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Danielle Render, Trish Larkin, Renee Allison  
The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.  
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the agenda, deleting item #10, paint bids. Motion carried.  
Tom Voss read the Mission Statement  
Regular Business- Consent Agenda  
Approve Minutes of Meetings Held February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Approve Payment of Activity Bills  
Approve Payment of Bills  
Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 2/28/25  
Receive and Take Action on Resignations  
Chandler Sims- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Assistant Volleyball coach  
Andi Wolfe- elementary para pro  
Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts  
Tim Garrett jr football  
A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote. Schaefer aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.  
Good News: Administration discussed that Eliza Walker place 3<sup>rd</sup> in a writing contest and was awarded a large scholarship, we had students qualify for State Speech, Mr. Baker's construction class is completing their project, many student athletes were awarded all conference and academic All State. Administration also informed the board progress monitoring at the elementary is going well. The music concerts were excellent and the Spring play is this weekend.  
Danielle Render addressed the board during open forum and informed the board of her concerns with the Hot Lunch program, with cold lunches, and running out of food. She discussed getting more variety, more nutritious, less processed food for the students.  
Dr. Harger address the board and discussed mid year data. She discussed the testing process for students. She also discussed iReady data.  
Nick Breuer discussed with the board possibly purchasing vape detectors for the high school. Mr. Breuer discussed with the board that the high school building has seen an increase in vape use.  
Mr. Breuer presented two quotes: ACP for \$3,650.00 and ITS for \$3,331.12. The board discussed the two quotes. Mr. Breuer informed the board that the ACP is the one that Williamsburg Schools is currently using. Mr. Breuer also informed the board that he was informed from ACP that their detectors can also detect weapons.  
A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the ACP CreativIT quote for \$3,650. Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Voss nay, Schaefer aye. 3-1 Motion carried.  
The board discussed the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Mr. Rheingans discussed that the calendar presented is the calendar that the teacher's voted in favor of. The board discussed adding for snow days to the calendar as two is insufficient.  
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to hold the public hearing for the 2025-2026 calendar at 6pm on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.  
The board discussed bids received to refinish the Competition Gym floor. The low bid was submitted by Hillyard for \$4,885. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve the bid from Hillyard to refinish the Competition floor. Motion carried.  
Administration discussed with the board the 2025-2026 school budget. There were no changes from last meeting, the legislature has yet to set the SSA for next year. The tax rate would go up from \$11.64 to \$11.83.  
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to set the 2<sup>nd</sup> budget hearing for April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Voss aye, Taukei nay, Schaefer aye. 3-1 Motion carried.  
The board discussed the Participation Agreement for Natural Gas consortium. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei to approve participation in the Natural Gas consortium program. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.  
The board received a request from the North English Community Club to use the baseball field (outfield) for the North English Fun Days. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve the North English Community Club's request. Motion carried.  
The board received the fundraiser requests:  
Green House gift card drive  
A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the presented fundraisers. Motion carried.  
Information and Discussion Items:  
Trent Forrest spoke about the Iowa Community Foundation Grant process.  
Information and Discussion Items Board Items  
Open Enrollment Out Acknowledgements  
Camryn Henderson- K to Williamsburg  
Cailin Henderson-2 to Williamsburg  
Connor Hervey-9<sup>th</sup> to Montezuma  
Wayne Lingard-K Mid Prairie HSAP  
Logan Folkman-12 Mid Prairie HSAP  
Grayson Folkman-9 Mid Prairie HSAP  
Eliiahna Klevin- K Mid Prairie HSAP  
Hayden Swallow- 7<sup>th</sup> Williamsburg Open Enrollment Acknowledgement  
Superintendent Communications  
Legislation Update - Waiting on SSA announcement  
Projects  
Roof on bus barn complete  
LED lighting in progress  
Roof on Greenhouse complete  
Roof over Gym Complete  
Short Bus ordered  
Window Graphics on order  
Home School Meeting - Mr. Rheingans spoke that it was a good meeting with those parents. A lot of information was shared.  
Negotiations - Waiting on the SSA announcement and TSS direction.  
Insurance - Mr. Rheingans informed the board that we received notice that our increase would be 4.80%  
Next Regular Meeting - April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm.  
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to adjourn at 7:45pm. Motion carried.  
Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary  
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 3.5.2025

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2025. The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Others present were: Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Steve Shettler, Steve Shettler Media; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

McLaughlin moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items B-H: Council accounts payable claims in the amount of \$15,115.92; Approval of Resolution #2025-03-04 Temporary closing of downtown streets for Keokuk County Economic Development (Farmers Market); January 2025 financial report, payroll expenses, Miscellaneous Expense and ACH and Monthly Transfer; credit card report and prior to voting a correction was made on the agenda to switch the date from the 5 to the 19th for the next regular scheduled Council meeting is 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Lentz moved seconded by Conrad to approve the minutes from Febru-

ary 19, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 5; Abstain:1
Schultz moved seconded by Clark to approve estimate #1522 in the amount of \$64,320.00 to complete Ringgold Street patches and repairs to the western portion of Ringgold Street by Renner Construction. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Schultz moved seconded by McLaughlin to approve estimate # 1523 in the amount of \$30,150.00 to complete additional patches that were not covered under the Urban Renewal Project on Ringgold and using LOSST fund to pay for the estimate. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Schultz moved seconded by Conrad to approve Resolution # 2025-03-05 Establishing and causing to be placed and maintained appro-

priate traffic control device at the Manor House location 1200 South Stuart St Sigourney, IA 52591. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Clark moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve the 3rd reading of ordinance – Title IV – Mental and Physical Health – Chapter 1 Animal Control. Roll call vote Ayes:6
McLaughlin moved, seconded by Lentz, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes:6
The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.
Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED CALENDAR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026
The Board of Directors of English Valleys will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 calendar at the English Valleys Elementary, on April 9th, 2025, beginning at 6p.m. At the public hearing,

any resident may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed calendar. A copy of the proposed calendar will be furnished upon request.
Wendy L. Ayers
Board Secretary/Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Feb 2025 Claims

FEBRUARY 2025
Revenues:
General - \$30,538.70
Memorial Hall Restoration - \$9,369.28
Library - \$9,448.17
Road Use - \$20,219.75
Employee Benefits - \$460.74
CLG Historic Preservation - \$73.70
Local Options Sales & Services Tax - \$24,252.90
Lewis Memorial Fountain - \$139.38
Year 2044 Anniversary - \$501.37
Replacement - \$10,027.40
Restricted Gifts - \$2,306.03
Debt Service - \$960.35
Town Square Park - \$501.37
Water Utility - \$56,889.94
Water Sinking - \$6,695.00
Water Improvement - \$3,000.00
Water Project - \$10,259.39
Utility Deposit - \$700.00
Sewer Utility - \$57,014.55
Sewer Sinking - \$29,575.00
Sewer Improvement - \$1,000.00
Sewer Project - \$18,801.37
Sewer Surcharge - \$13,373.43
Sanitation - \$25,169.39
Medical Self Funding - \$1,600.00
February 2025 Revenue Total - \$332,877.21

Other Checks Issued:
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Excise Tax - \$2,641.95
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Sales Tax - \$977.07
Alliant Energy - Utilities - \$20,750.71
gWorks - Monthly Absorbed Expenses - \$157.50
Brent Gilliland - Cell Phone Reimbursement - \$40.00
Randy Hemsley - Cell Phone Reimbursement - \$25.00
Don Northup - Cell Phone Reimbursement - \$40.00
Logan Northup - Cell Phone Reimbursement - \$25.00
Jonathon Utterback - Cell Phone Reimbursement - \$50.00
US Postmaster - Utility Bills - \$452.36
Voided Check (Jonathan Utterback) - \$25.00
Transfers / Expenses - \$54,370.02
Payroll(01/20/2025 to 2/2/2025) - \$22,373.38
Payroll(2/3/2025 to 2/16/2025) - \$41,441.09
Medical Self-Funding - \$40.00
February 2025 Other Checks Issued Total - \$143,359.08
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keota CSD • School Budget Summary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed KEOTA School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: Keota Elementary School Media Center 505 N Ellis Keota, IA 52248
Date of Hearing: 04/09/2025
Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

Table with 5 columns: Item, Budget 2026, Re-est. 2025, Actual 2024, Avg % 24-26. Rows include Taxes Levied on Property, Utility Replacement Excise Tax, Income Surtaxes, Tuition/Transportation Received, Earnings on Investments, Nutrition Program Sales, Student Activities and Sales, Other Revenues from Local Sources, Revenue from Intermediary Sources, State Foundation Aid, Instructional Support State Aid, Other State Sources, Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement, Title I Grants, IDEA and Other Federal Sources, Total Revenues, General Long-Term Debt Proceeds, Transfers In, Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions, Special Items/Upward Adjustments, Total Revenues & Other Sources, Beginning Fund Balance, Total Resources, \*Instruction Support Services, Instructional Staff Support Services, General Administration, School Administration, Business & Central Administration, Plant Operation and Maintenance, Student Transportation, \*Total Support Services (lines 25-31), \*Noninstructional Programs, Facilities Acquisition and Construction, Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges), AEA Support - Direct to AEA, \*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35), Total Expenditures, Transfers Out, Other Uses, Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses, Ending Fund Balance, Total Requirements, Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KEOTA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
KEOTA
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
CITY #: 54-506

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: 225 E Washington Ave. - Community Room
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)
keotaiowa.org

City Telephone Number
(641) 636-2266

Table with 4 columns: Iowa Department of Management, Current Year Property Tax 2024 - 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026. Rows include Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service, Consolidated General Fund, Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit, Aviation Authority, Liability, Property & Self Insurance, Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm., Unified Law Enforcement, Police & Fire Retirement, FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit), Other Employee Benefits, Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve), Taxable Value for Debt Service, Debt Service, CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX, CITY REGULAR TAX RATE, Taxable Value for City Ag Land, Ag Land, CITY AG LAND TAX RATE, Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed, Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000, City Regular Residential, Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000, City Regular Commercial.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • Claims 3.12.2025

SIGOURNEY CSD BOARD BILLS-MARCH 12, 2025
GENERAL FUND
AGRILAND FS, INC. 1,926.34
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. 805.20
ALLIANT ENERGY 8,469.52
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 1,643.80
ANDERSON, LARKIN, & CO. PC. 9,250.00
ATWOOD ELECTRIC, INC. 385.00
B'S SWEET TREATS 72.00
BROTHERS MARKET 342.43
BUG MAN PEST CONTROL, THE 110.00
CAM CSD 19,689.03
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC. 3,778.00
CITY OF SIGOURNEY 2,490.66
C.J. COOPER & ASSOCIATES, INC. 160.00
CLAYTON RIDGE CSD 4,181.26
COUNTRY BANK VISA 4,252.56
CULLIGAN WATER TECH 260.45
ENGLISH VALLEYS CSD 8,362.52

FAMILY, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) 1,275.00
FILTER SHOP, INC., THE 490.60
FOX, BEN 135.00
GRAINGER 337.15
GREENLEYS CORP 220.43
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY CO 200.48
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE 18,149.86
IOWA FBLA 450.00
ISFIS, INC 12.50
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM 61.10
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC 144.98
JOHNSON CONTROLS 4,894.72
JOHNSTON CSD 11,778.30
KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY 226.83
KCII RADIO 537.72
KEOKUK COUNTY BOWL 500.00
KEOKUK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT 844.74
KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL & CLINIC 99.00
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATE-

RIALS, LLC 323.68
MAHASKA BOTTLING 117.25
MAHASKA COMMUNICATION GROUP 2,102.24
MENARDS - OTTUMWA 170.00
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORPORATION 64.00
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA 2,440.74
MULTI-COUNTY OIL COMPANY 35.31
POPLERS MUSIC, INC 530.74
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC 594.52
RED LION RENEWABLES, LLC 1,178.29
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS 3,922.53
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC 595.86
SIGOURNEY BODY SHOP INC 68.00
SINCLAIR NAPA 135.88
SOLUTION TREE INC 12,952.34
STROBEL'S INC 679.00
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC 7,397.76

TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC 465.81
TREMMELE BACKHOE SERVICE 850.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES 41.16
U.S. CELLULAR 218.80
Fund Number 10 141,420.89
ACTIVITY 4 SEASONS FUNDRAISING 25,192.30
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 190.11
BGM CSD 110.00
BROTHERS MARKET 428.93
CAPPS, RICK 85.00
COLFAX-MINGO CSD 150.00
CORRIN, CAL 125.00
COUNTRY BANK VISA 1,029.96
DAVIES, GREG 163.03
DECKER SPORTING GOODS 45.00
DEFENSE SOAP 267.00
DOERRING, BRAD 179.48
E D Y V I L L E - B L A K E S - B U R G - F R E M O N T C S D 60.00
FRESH START DISTRIBUTORS

840.00
HILLS, BRODE 125.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION 45.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION 96.00
JAMISON, SAMANTHA 95.00
JOLLY FARMER 2,837.62
KENNY, MARK 100.00
LIDDLE, ZACHARY 125.00
MAHASKA BOTTLING 597.75
MCCOMBS, DAKOTA 95.00
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA 1,556.86
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA 535.54
MURPHY, BOB 125.00
PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION ASSOCIATES, LLC 220.00
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS 1,569.00
SCHEELS ALL SPORTS 4,794.00
SIGOURNEY MUSIC BOOSTERS 5,015.04
SIGOURNEY PRIDE 227.96
THEISEN'S 811.42
TIMM, CONNOR 125.00

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT 600.00
WATTS, MARK 155.98
Fund Number 21 48,717.98
MANAGEMENT IOWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK POOL COMMISSION 1,658.22
SU INSURANCE COMPANY 6,787.75
Fund Number 22 8,445.97
SAVE RANDY'S FLOORING 15,446.97
Fund Number 33 15,446.97
PPEL ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING 957.30
Fund Number 36 957.30
NUTRITION OPAI! FOOD MANAGEMENT, INC. 45,686.36
Fund Number 61 45,686.36
TOTAL ALL FUNDS 260,675.47
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Sigourney CSD • School Budget Summary**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed SIGOURNEY School Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library 907 E Pleasant Valley St Sigourney, IA 52591		Date of Hearing: 04/09/2025	Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM		
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
	Budget 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,618,349	2,543,830	2,398,021	% 4.5
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	46,912	48,799	50,845	% -3.9
Income Surtaxes	3	64,947	27,880	34,488	% 37.2
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	663,000	650,000	695,804	
Earnings on Investments	5	157,450	187,300	312,931	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	200,000	175,000	159,600	
Student Activities and Sales	7	331,200	306,000	234,388	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	230,250	245,440	227,174	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	4,682,770	4,543,014	4,249,697	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	16,954	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	840,000	833,000	782,517	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	57,909	57,909	54,682	
Title I Grants	14	153,000	150,000	144,458	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	515,000	505,000	487,794	
Total Revenues	16	10,577,741	10,273,172	9,832,399	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	6,900,127	
Transfers In	18	734,921	741,101	401,885	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	11,312,662	11,014,273	17,134,411	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,398,577	8,654,083	4,772,909	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15,711,239</b>	<b>19,668,356</b>	<b>21,907,320</b>	
*Instruction	24	6,099,250	5,798,864	5,908,333	% 1.6
Student Support Services	25	144,200	140,000	137,811	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	531,800	517,000	484,815	
General Administration	27	265,500	257,280	276,260	
School Administration	28	360,500	350,000	368,274	
Business & Central Administration	29	231,750	225,000	140,535	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	607,000	876,000	771,006	
Student Transportation	31	365,100	365,316	447,738	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	2,505,850	2,730,596	2,626,439	% -2.3
*Noninstructional Programs	32	560,000	500,000	486,581	% 7.3
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	325,000	4,530,000	3,079,977	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	734,921	741,096	495,958	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	206,397	228,122	254,065	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,266,318	5,499,218	3,830,000	% -42.5
Total Expenditures	36	10,431,418	14,528,678	12,851,353	
Transfers Out	37	734,921	741,101	401,884	
Other Uses	38	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,166,339	15,269,779	13,253,237	
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,544,900	4,398,577	8,654,083	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15,711,239</b>	<b>19,668,356</b>	<b>21,907,320</b>	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		11.36867			

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City of What Cheer • Minutes 3.11.2025**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2025  
The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Christine Howard, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers and Rick Shafranek. Also present was Richard & Faye Jones, Michael and Melissa MacCready, Kathy Shafranek, Adam Clark, Gary Joe Van Patten and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion. Shafranek motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Howard. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Mayor Darrell Wilkening gave his mayors report. He informed the

council of a gas leak on Willow St, a sewer repair on East Porter that will cause some damage to the street that the property owner will be responsible for. He also let the council know that a good size water leak was found and the home owner may ask to be on the April agenda. No Audience Comments  
Van Patten made a motion to adopt a resolution 25-03-02 to set a special meeting and public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the max tax levy. Rogers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Aye; Shafranek, Aye; Danner, Aye; and Van Patten Aye. Motion Carried  
Van Patten made a motion to purchase a Ferris 3300 zero turn mower. Rogers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Nay, Shafranek, Nay, Danner, Nay,

and Van Patten Aye. Motion failed.  
Howard motioned to look at mowers at Wellings Power Products, collect prices and further discuss the purchase at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shafranek seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Van Patten made a motion to adopt a resolution 25-03-03 to set a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm on the 2025-2026 City Budget. Howard seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Aye; Shafranek, Danner, Aye; and Van Patten, Aye. Motion Carried.  
Dwight Danner made a motion to not approve a liquor license submitted from Grant Ranch for the Opera House. Howard seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Nay; Howard, Aye, Shafranek, abstained, Danner, Aye; Van Patten,

Nay. With a tie vote Mayor Darrell Wilkening broke the tie with a Nay vote. Motion failed to pass.  
Rogers made a motion to approve a liquor license submitted from Grant Ranch for the Opera House. Van Patten seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Nay, Shafranek, Abstained, Danner, Nay; Van Patten, Aye. With a tie vote Mayor Wilkening broke the tie with an Aye vote. Motion Carried.  
Van Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, seconded by Howard.  
Darrell Wilkening, Mayor  
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 3.10.2025**

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD**  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARCH 10, 2025**  
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 10, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.  
Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.  
Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of March 3, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Met with Engineer McGuire re-

garding the Keokuk County Highway Department update as follows: tree removal will begin next week on the Keswick pavement project and an old motorgrader will be posted on an auction site for sale. McGuire traveled to Washington DC two weeks ago on behalf of the Iowa Engineering Association and spoke with the House Transportation Committee, Director for Public Assistance (FEMA), White House Staff Government Liaison and US Department of Transportation Secretary, further noting the importance of making personal contacts and face to face communication. Later this week he will present at the ISAC Spring School on local

project traffic control.  
Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood participated in a Pathfinders meeting. Hadley attended RHTF financial meeting. Weber had no scheduled meetings last week.  
Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) webinar presentation on Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding upcoming changes for mental health was reviewed.  
Met with Jennifer McMillan, Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) regarding annual renewal was held. Jennifer reviewed the health, dental, vision and life re-

newals, as well as additional services provided by the trust. No decision was made.  
On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:20 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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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Sigourney CSD • Minutes 3.12.2025**

**SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025  
The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library. Board members present included: Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Tim Bruns, Adam Clark, and Steven Seeley. Board members not present included: Cody Branstad and Amy Wilcox. Also present were Kevin Hatfield, Angie Lamberson, Jessica Meier, Jenny Bell, Deanna Spence, Shannon Webb, Chris Shaddock, and Casey Jarmes.  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025-26 AND 2026-27 CALENDARS**  
Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: President Seeley opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM and acknowledged a quorum of the board.  
Approve/Amend Agenda: Director Bensmiller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 5-0.  
Public Hearing: Mr. Hatfield reviewed the calendar options - approval will include the option to adjust the start dates pending legislative action. No oral or written comments were received.  
Adjournment: Director Bensmiller moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:03 PM. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 5-0.

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: President Seeley called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, acknowledged a quorum of the board, and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.  
Approve/Amend Agenda: Director Clark moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 5-0.  
Good News/Commentary from the Board: Hatfield shared that the Elementary Reading Night and Art Show were a success. Joleen Louwsma, HS English teacher, will be retiring and was honored for her years of service. Hatfield also congratulated the 57 concurrent enrollment Indian Hills students who are saving a lot in tuition.  
Board Committees: The Board Finance Committee met to discuss setting of school tax levy for publication.  
Welcome Visitors: None  
Non-Action Items: Deputy Chris Shaddock, SRO at Cardinal, shared his experience being a SRO. Shannon Webb, Jenny Bell and Deanna Spence presented on the Savage Advantage Program for the 25-26 school year. The Administrative Team is very excited about this Work Based Learning opportunity. Jessica Meier an update on the School Budget and Tax Levy Notifications. Hatfield and Meier gave an update on the FY24 Audit. Administrative Reports: Spence shared the large turnout at the Art Show and Elementary Reading

Night. Spence also shared they are preparing for ISASP testing for 3-6 grade which will take place March 24-28. Webb shared the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tri Honor Roll and talked more on the 2 classes being offered next school year titled Savage Advantage and Freshman Seminar. The Athletic Director gave updates on the success all the winter sports teams had. Sigourney is 1A for Football for 25-26. Maintenance has been busy with cleaning walks as well as servicing lawn equipment for mowing season. The Tech Department has ISASP Testing all ready to go. They have also been working on audio and lighting for the play and E-rate implementation. Transportation is gearing up for vehicle inspections and the busy spring activity schedule. Jenny Bell has been working with Sinclair and KCHC on work based learning. She continues to work on the Savage Pledge and is gearing up for ISASP Testing. Nutrition has a new Kitchen Manager as of March 10.  
Consent Agenda: Director Bensmiller moved to approve the following consent agenda items:  
Minutes from Feb 14, 2025 Regular.  
Financial Reports from Feb 2025. Payment of Bills: General Fund \$141,420.89; Activity \$48,717.98; Management \$8,445.97; SAVE \$15,446.97; PPEL \$957.30; Nutrition \$45,686.36  
Open Enrollment  
OUT to Oskaaloosa HSAP - P Diment, S Diment  
IN from Keota - E Weber, K Weber,

M Weber, R Weber  
IN from Tri-County - G Primmer  
IN from Pekin - A Echelberry, E Echelberry, I Echelberry  
Personnel  
Resignations: Stephanie Beinhart, HS Wrestling Cheer Coach  
New Hires: Mackenzie Stoffer, 7-12 ELA Teacher; Josh Clubb, HS Asst Girls Track Coach  
Volunteers: Peyton Leathers, JH Boys Track; Jina Heisdorffer, JH Girls Track; Dan Streigel, Trapshooting, Chris Gehrig, Trapshooting  
Fundraisers: Baseball hats Mar 31-Apr 7 for batting cage needs  
Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 5-0.  
Board will Focus on Student Learning and School Improvement:  
Moved by Director Clark to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendar. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Director Glandon to approve the District Uniform Replacement Plan as presented. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 5-0.  
Board Will Focus on Finance, Business, and Policy:  
Moved by Director Bensmiller to approve the FY24 Audit and Audit Letter to the Board. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Director Bensmiller to approve the participation in Iowa Local Government Risk Pool (natural gas) for FY26 (July 2025-June 2026) at a cost of \$49,486.55 from Management Fund. Seconded

by Director Clark. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Clark, Bensmiller, Glandon, Seeley, Bruns; NAYS: None. Motion passes.  
Moved by Glandon to approve the option 1 bid from Phillips Flooring Commercial Flooring for the cafeteria/gym floor project in the amount of \$64,630. Seconded by Bensmiller. Motion carried 4-1 with Bruns as a NO.  
Moved by Clark to approve the bid by Sinclair for the new John Deere X750 riding mower in the amount of \$13,318. Seconded by Bruns. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Clark to approve the second reading of the Visitor Management System (VMS) Policy and Regulations as presented. Seconded by Glandon. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Clark to approve the second reading of the Visitor Management System (VMS) Policy and Regulations as presented. Seconded by Glandon. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Clark to approve the second reading of updated language regarding the issuance of a free activities pass to qualified early retirees should the Board enact an early retirement plan. Seconded by Glandon. Motion carried 5-0.  
Moved by Bensmiller to approve the second reading of Full-Term Director Service policy with spouse changed to guest. Seconded by Clark. Motion carried 5-0.  
Announcements/Suggestions

for Next Meeting: March 26, 4:30 pm, District Office-1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for Proposed District Tax Levy; Budget Hearing April 9, 2025 prior to regular meeting; Curriculum / Work-Based Learning Coordinator Presentation; Student Handbook Approvals; Staff Recognition Plans / Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10; Graduation Plans - Saturday May 17, 2025; Employee Handbook Approval; Coaches Handbook Approval; FMSC Contract Renewal for 2025-2026; Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Carry-over Plans  
The next regular meeting will be April 9, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library at 6:00 PM.  
Exempt Session - Iowa Code 21.9 - Employment Conditions  
The board went into exempt session at 8:05 PM. By general consensus the board went out of exempt session at 8:32 PM.  
Superintendent Contract  
Director Glandon moved to approve the superintendent's contract as presented. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 5-0.  
Adjournment: Director Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 5-0.  
Steven Seeley, Board President  
Angie Lamberson, Board Secretary  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Sigourney CSD • Special Session 3.12.2025**

**SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025  
The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in special session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session. Board members present included: Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Tim Bruns, Adam Clark, and Steven Seeley. Board members absent included: Cody Branstad and Amy Wilcox.

Also present were Kevin Hatfield, Jessica Meier, Deanna Spence, and Angela Villhauer  
Work Session: Angela Villhauer, Mercer, reviewed the district's health insurance plans for the board. The board asked questions and discussed the data throughout the presentation.  
Adjournment: By general consensus the board ended the work session at 6:02 PM.  
Steven Seeley, Board President  
Jessica Meier, Secretary Pro-Tem  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Keokuk Co • Notice of Hearing**

**VACATING COUNTY ROAD NOTICE OF HEARING RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS: The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, acting under the authority of Iowa Code Chapter 306, proposes to close a highway and will consider abandoning highway easement rights, described as follows:  
DESCRIPTION  
A PORTION OF COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY ON COUNTY ROAD V45(200TH AVE) AS ESTABLISHED IN BOOK 65 ON PAGE 163 IN THE KEOKUK COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.  
Section 15, Township 76N, Range 12W, VanBuren Township, 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
BEING LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 76 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA, AS SHOWN ON ROAD VACATION PLAT EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO WHICH BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 76, RANGE TWELVE

WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA LYING EAST OF 200TH AVE, EXCEPT THE WEST 50 FOOT THEREOF.  
SAID PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.  
A hearing on the proposed road closure and vacation of highway easement rights will be held in the Board Room, Keokuk County Courthouse, 101 South Main, Sigourney IA 52591 at 9:00 AM on April 07, 2025, in accordance with the Code of Iowa.  
As authorized by Iowa Code Section 306.14 Objections - claims for damages any person occupying a homestead on land adjacent to that part of the road proposed to be closed, or who owns land which will be landlocked by the proposed road closure shall have the right to file, in writing, a claim for damages at any time on or before the date and time fixed for the hearing.  
Passed and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.  
Michael C. Hadley, Chairman, Keokuk County Board of Supervisors  
ATTEST: Christy Bates, Keokuk County Auditor  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City of What Cheer • Bills 3.11.2025**

**BILLS PRESENTED AT MARCH 11TH 2025 MEETING**  
AFLAC.....\$69.03  
WHAT CHEER FIRE DEPT ..417.17  
ALLIANT ENERGY ..... 4644.74  
IPERS..... 44.19  
IPERS..... 1826.40  
WATER EX TAX.....438.63  
941 TAX.....2526.56  
MAPLE AVE SALES.....346.00  
KEOKUK CO RECORDER...29.00  
WALNUT 92..... 76.90  
HESLINGA LAW OFFICE ..160.00  
HACH COMPANY..... 731.20

H&M FARM AND HOME .... 120.84  
FAAS FEED ..... 314.58  
WAPELLO RURAL WATER ..... 3174.54  
WINDSTREAM ..... 362.41  
AUDITOR OF STATE..... 1200.00  
COLUMN - PUBLICATIONS..... 204.89  
MICROBAC LAB..... 451.25  
WASTE MANAGEMENT .. 6199.60  
CASEY'S ..... 76.00  
MCG..... 6.42  
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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.  
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  
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# English Valleys Bearometer

March 19, 2025

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## The Deadline Challenge: Mystery and Intrigue on the Stage



The English Valleys School Speech and Drama Department presented their highly anticipated spring play, *Deadline* by Don Zolidis. Directed by Carrie Burdick, who had led the department for the past 15 years, the production served as an exciting follow-up to the success of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* last fall.

*Deadline* was a gripping mystery that brought together eight writers stranded on an island. The island, however, held a dark history—it was the home of a famous deceased writer. These eight authors, each with their own unique personality and background, were given a high-stakes challenge. The writers had 24 hours to complete as much of their new novels as possible, but the catch was this: the prize for the challenge was a million dollars, and in order to win, they had to plan and execute the perfect murder—and get away with it. The eight authors came from all walks of life, each with their own quirks and writing styles.



## Showcasing Achievement: EV FFA Annual Banquet

Photo Credit: Samantha Lown

English Valleys FFA hosted its annual banquet to celebrate the hard work and dedication students have invested in their FFA journey throughout the year.



2024-2025 Officers



Senior Academic Award Winners



2025-2026 Officers



## Upcoming Activities

### March 27:

Girls Golf @ Regina 4:00

Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm

### March 29:

Boys Track @ IC West 10:30 am

### March 31:

Boys Track @ Pekin 4:00

### April 1:

Girls Track @ Belle Plaine 4:15



## Your Last Chance to Get EV's 2024 - 2025 Yearbook

When you buy a yearbook, you are buying something that will be treasured today and for years to come.

For only \$68 you or your child will have this invaluable keepsake. You can make the yearbook extra special by purchasing name stamping, icons, and even a protective plastic cover. Buy online with a credit card, debit card, or PayPal at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com).

Yearbooks can also be purchased in the high school's main office. Order now so you won't miss out when the yearbooks are distributed.



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



Issue No. 18

## Senior Spotlight

### OWEN MORRIS

Owen Morris is this week's senior spotlight. Owen's parents are Andrea Bennett and John Morris. Andrea works as a CNA at the hospital in Washington, and John works as a custodian for the University of Iowa. Owen also has a brother, Jake, who is 17 years old. Growing up, Owen wanted to be a race car driver. Some of Owen's favorite things to do in his free time are to watch YouTube or drive around and listen to music. Growing up some of Owen's favorite memories were camping and boating with his family at the Lake in Coralville or going to the Iowa State Fair. Throughout his time at KHS, Owen has been involved in bowling, cross country, speech, plays, track, and soccer. Owen's favorite activity was speech because he could hangout with his friends. After graduation Owen plans to attend AIT at Fort Benning in Georgia. After AIT Owen will attend Kirkwood for automotive technology. Some of Owen's future goals are being in the National Guard for 20 years and opening a shop of his own. Owen does not have a favorite memory at KHS; he has just "enjoyed it all." When asked what he will miss most about KHS, he said he will miss the people. Owen's biggest pet peeve is messy people. Throughout his time at Keota, Owen's favorite instructor was his autotech teacher at the Kirkwood regional center in Washington. One of Owen's favorite traditions is going to church; he likes the connection it makes with friends and family. Some advice that Owen would give to future seniors is to participate in activities. It is the last year before you have to worry about a lot of things. When asked what three words describe you, he said hard-working, logical and humble. We wish Owen the best of luck after high school.



By: Jake Morris

## THE BLOOD DRIVE

The Keota High School Blood Drive was a success with many people supporting it. Keota hit their average number of people that normally supported the Keota High School Blood Drive. The Keota High School Blood Drive is organized and put together by the Keota High School chemistry class. They have a blood drive yearly in the month of March. With the chemistry class putting the blood drive together makes a great impact on blood banks around our area. Keota's blood drive even offers snacks and drinks to help recover after you donate blood. Keota High School should encourage more donations by promoting it early and in different ways throughout the town to help with numbers. This blood drive not only will help save lives but helps bring the community together. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives. You can donate whole blood once every 8 weeks. Maybe this will help motivate you to not only help the blood drive but save lives.

By: Mison Milam



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Memphis Jaeger is this week's student of the week. Memphis is an 8th grader at Keota, and he wants to be a farmer when he grows up, so he can help out at his family farm. Memphis is an active member in FFA, and he also plays football. In his free time, Memphis likes to ride his side by side out in the country; he also likes to hunt, fish, and trap. We asked Memphis what his favorite class was, and he replied "Jamison's class because he's a good teacher, and there are not too many assignments". Memphis says he does not have a nickname, but he wants one in the future. His favorite high school memory was this year's homecoming dance because it was his first homecoming dance. Memphis has four siblings: Brylee, Gia, Evren, and Raelyn. We wish Memphis an amazing rest of the school year.



By: Luke Moeller

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER VISITS KEOTA HIGH

On March 17, 2025, motivational speaker Bob Kittel came to Keota High School and talked about how to improve your memory, depression and anxiety, and much more. Bob talked about his story and gave the students and staff some pieces of advice. He also had the students and staff do brain exercises to help improve their memory. Another exercise he had them do was having a list and remembering which item on the list came first. For example the items were a bonnet, giraffe, telephone booth, boat, snake, professor. He told them to act like they were tying a bonnet around their heads, then to imagine them tying the bonnet to the giraffe. After the bonnet was tied to the giraffe he had them imagine the giraffe was stuck in a telephone booth. He had the audience visualize and act out links between the items on the list to help people remember their order. He also explained that just because someone does something mean to you, doesn't mean that you have to do something mean back. It was awesome to have Bob come in and talk to our students and staff!

By: Dakota Dodd

## 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

ADVISER: Dr CULLETT

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is your favorite board/card game?

ANDREA STRIEGEL  
STAFF



"Yahtzee"

IZZI CHALUPA  
12TH



"Spoons"

DAKOTA DODD  
11TH



"The card game piles"

BRENNAN MCGUIRE  
10TH



"Monopoly"

HALLE HEISDORFFER  
9TH



"Clue"

HADELY CAVE  
8TH



"Monopoly"

CASSIDY MCCOID  
7TH



"Monopoly"

## Dealing with leg fractures in calves

CHARITON – Spring calving season is in full swing across the Midwest and producers are working hard to get each baby off on the right foot. Newborn calves are susceptible to various illnesses and injuries, and even the best calving seasons can be peppered with occasional health challenges. Iowa State University extension beef specialist Chris Clark said one such challenge is fracture of limbs.

“Fractures, or broken bones, in calves can occur from various types of trauma such as being stepped on by a cow, getting caught in a fence, or simply slipping or falling,” he said. “Being aware of potential risk areas can help prevent bone fractures in young calves.”

Here are some precautionary tips to keep in mind.

- Avoid overstocking pens and buildings.
- Provide creep areas where calves can rest and relax separately from cows.
- Minimize mud and slick areas that can contribute to slips and falls.
- Provide adequate bunk space/feeder space so cows are not fighting one another for access to feed.
- Maintain pens, fences, and gates to reduce opportunities for a calf to get a leg caught or pinch points in high traffic areas.

If such injuries do occur, know how to address them. This begins with consulting your veterinarian for advice and/or direct medical care to help with diagnosis, stabilization, and pain management.

“A definitive diagnosis is a key piece of information because there are many causes of lameness, including sprains, strains, bruises, infections, and limb deformities, as well as fractures,” Clark said. “Swollen joints sometimes occur secondary to navel ill and septicemia. Fractures are sometimes obvious based on deformity of the affected limb, but in some cases your veterinarian will be needed to

help identify the problem.”

Broken bones should be stabilized at the joints above and below the fracture. Sometimes this can be done with something rigid to create a splint, like a cast or PVC pipe cut in half lengthwise. Cotton wrap should be used around the leg to cushion and protect the limb, and prevent lacerations, pressure sores, strangulation, etc. Vet wrap is often used as the outer wrap with tape used as necessary to secure it. The wrap should be kept relatively clean and dry.

A simple, nondisplaced fracture of a long bone near the center of the bone length can be relatively simple to stabilize, Clark said. However, circumstances such as compound or open fractures (where the skin is open and bone exposed), displaced fractures, fractures that involve joints and/or growth plates, or fractures where bone is broken in multiple places all can be much more complicated.

Pain management is another important consideration.

“In some cases, controlled drugs for sedation may be warranted for casting or splinting, and some of these medications can help manage the pain,” Clark stated. “Most sedatives, anesthetics, and controlled pain medicines require strict veterinary oversight. There may be some other options, too, in terms of anti-inflammatories but they would likely have to be used in an extra-label manner so, again, would require veterinary oversight.”

Most fractures will heal in approximately 6 weeks, and splints and casts are often applied for 6-8 weeks. Calves grow quickly and it is sometimes necessary to change the splint/cast at approximately 3-4 weeks to maintain a good fit. Keep in mind that ill-fitted splints and/or casts or ones left on for too long can cause discomfort and secondary injury. Contact your veterinarian with any questions.

## Farm Custom Rate Survey Valuable Guide for Iowans on Custom Operations and Machinery Rent in 2025

Newly released survey includes averages and ranges for common farming tasks and machinery rent in Iowa

By: Ann Johanns

AMES – Farmers who depend on custom work or provide custom services can review rates charged by others across the state in the latest Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey.

The 2025 report was published in the March edition of Ag Decision Maker (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html>) and includes 193 responses and 3,703 custom rates provided by Iowa farmers, custom operators and farm managers.

Farm tasks in the report include everything from planting to harvest, with cost data that reflects the average, median and range for each task.

The rates in the report are expected to be charged or paid in 2025, and they include fuel and labor (unless otherwise noted). The average price for diesel fuel (highway-retail including taxes) was assumed to be \$3.66 per gallon (as projected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in early February 2025). Rental rates for some machinery items are shown in the last section of the report, along with a worksheet for estimating rental rates for other items.

**2025 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey**

Ag Decision Maker  
File A3-10

This rate schedule is intended only as a guide. Actual custom rates may vary according to availability of machinery in a given area, operator skill, field size and shape, crop conditions, and the performance characteristics of the machine being used.

All rates include fuel, repairs, depreciation, interest, labor, and all other machinery costs for the season and implement, unless otherwise noted.

More on estimating machinery costs and machinery management can be found on the Ag Decision Maker website, [www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/crops/html/a3-10.html).

The information available on the Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey is only possible due to the responses provided each year. If you are interested in joining the 2025 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey mailing list, send your mail or email address to: Ann Johanns, Iowa State University, 1520 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 515.317.2206 or [ajohann@iastate.edu](mailto:ajohann@iastate.edu)

Source of survey responses, by category, 2025

Service users	25%
Service providers	54%
Both service providers and users	15%
Unknown	6%

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### 2025 Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey.

Ann Johanns, program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and editor of Ag Decision Maker, said this report is a valuable resource for custom operators and those who hire custom work done in our state. “This survey report is heavily used by Iowans and across the Midwest, as the 170,000 downloads of the 2024 publication in the past year shows.”

said Johanns. “The survey found there was a 5% price increase across all surveyed categories. The change from 2024 to 2025 varied across categories, with complete harvesting and hauling for corn and soybeans increasing by 9% and hired labor going up by 4%.”

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given area, timeliness, operator skill, field size and shape, crop conditions and the performance characteristics of the machine being used.

“The survey is a valuable starting point in custom rate discussions, but any custom rate charged or paid should cover the operator’s cost of owning and operating the machinery being used,” she said. “If operators don’t have a good handle on their individual costs to own and operate specific machinery, there are helpful resources on Ag Decision Maker.”

There are 133 operations, rental rates and wage reports shown in the 2025 report. Additional insight into who responded to each operation is also shown. Of the 3,446 usable responses on custom operations: 54% are service providers, 25% are service users, 6% are both service providers and users, and 15% are unknown. The sources of the 92 rates reported for machinery rentals are: 56% machinery owners, 23% machinery renters, 8% machinery owners and renters, and 13% unknown. The sources of the 165 rates reported for wages are: 86% employers, 5% employees, 2% employer and employee, and 7% unknown.

Historical custom rate data is summarized in Ag Decision Maker File A3-12, and past publications of the Iowa Farm Custom Rate Survey back to 2000 are also available online.

## USDA Expediting \$10 Billion in Direct Economic Assistance to Agricultural Producers

Marking National Agriculture Day, Secretary Rollins Prioritizes Timely Support for Farmers

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, on National Agriculture Day, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing up to \$10 billion directly to agricultural producers through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) for the 2024 crop year. Administered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA), ECAP will help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices.

“Producers are facing higher costs and market uncertainty, and the Trump Administration is ensuring they get the support they need without delay,” said Secretary Rollins. “With clear direction from Congress, USDA has prioritized streamlining the process and accelerating these payments ahead of schedule, ensuring farmers have the resources necessary to manage rising expenses and secure financing for next season.”

Authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, these economic relief payments are based on planted and prevented planted crop acres for eligible commodities for the 2024 crop year. To streamline and simplify the delivery of

ECAP, FSA will begin sending pre-filled applications to producers who submitted acreage reports to FSA for 2024 eligible ECAP commodities soon after the signup period opens on March 19, 2025. Producers do not have to wait for their pre-filled ECAP application to apply. They can visit [fsa.usda.gov/ecap](http://fsa.usda.gov/ecap) to apply using a log-in.gov account or contact their local FSA office to request an application once the signup period opens.

Eligible Commodities and Payment Rates

The commodities below are eligible for these per-acre payment rates: Wheat - \$30.69; Corn - \$42.91; Sorghum - \$42.52; Barley - \$21.67; Oats - \$77.66; Upland cotton & Extra-long staple cotton - \$84.74; Long & medium grain rice - \$76.94; Peanuts - \$75.51; Dry peas - \$16.02; Lentils - \$19.30; Small Chickpeas - \$31.45; Large Chickpeas - \$24.02.

The following eligible oilseeds qualify for per-acre payments: Canola - \$31.83; Crambe - \$19.08; Flax - \$20.97; Mustard - \$11.36; Rapeseed - \$23.63; Safflower - \$26.32; Sesame - \$16.83; Soybeans - \$29.76; Sunflower - \$27.23; Lentils - \$19.30; Small Chickpeas - \$31.45; Large Chickpeas - \$24.02.

Producer Eligibility  
Eligible producers must report 2024 crop year planted and prevented planted acres to FSA on an FSA-578, Report of Acreage form. Producers who have not previously reported

2024 crop year acreage or filed a notice of loss for prevented planted crops must submit an acreage report by the Aug. 15, 2025, deadline. Eligible producers can visit [fsa.usda.gov/ecap](http://fsa.usda.gov/ecap) for eligibility and payment details.

Applying for ECAP  
Producers must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office by Aug. 15, 2025. Only one application is required for all ECAP eligible commodities nationwide. ECAP applications can be submitted to FSA in-person, electronically using Box and One-Span, by fax or by applying online at [fsa.usda.gov/ecap](http://fsa.usda.gov/ecap) utilizing a secure login.gov account.

If not already on file for the 2024 crop year, producers must have the following forms on file with FSA:

- Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet.
- Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable).
- Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity.
- Form CCC 943, 75 percent of Average Gross Income from Farming, Ranching, or Forestry Certification (if applicable).
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.
- SF-3881, Direct Deposit. Except for the new CCC-943, most producers, especial-

ly those who have previously participated in FSA programs, likely have these forms on file. However, those who are uncertain and want to confirm the status of their forms or need to submit the new Form-943, can contact their local FSA county office.

If a producer does not receive a pre-filled ECAP application, and they planted or were prevented from planting ECAP eligible commodities in 2024, they should contact their local FSA office.

ECAP Payments and Calculator

ECAP payments will be issued as applications are approved. Initial ECAP payments will be factored by 85% to ensure that total program payments do not exceed available funding. If additional funds remain, FSA may issue a second payment.

ECAP assistance will be calculated using a flat payment rate for the eligible commodity multiplied by the eligible reported acres. Payments are based on acreage and not production. For acres reported as prevented plant, ECAP assistance will be calculated at 50%.

For ECAP payment estimates, producers are encouraged to visit [fsa.usda.gov/ecap](http://fsa.usda.gov/ecap) to use the ECAP online calculator.

More Information  
To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center.

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Recipes handed down from generation to generation.

### Caramel Popcorn Balls

By Katie Phillips

The secret to making perfect popcorn balls is to cook the caramel low and slow while using high-quality ingredients. These treats are a beloved family favorite in our home! We love the gooey sweetness of the caramel paired with the salty crunch of the popcorn—a combination that’s simply irresistible. I hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

Ingredients:

3-4 bags of Extra Butter Popcorn (depending on the finished size)

1 stick of butter  
1 cup C & H light brown sugar

1 cup Light Karo Syrup  
1 can Borden’s Sweetened and Condensed Milk

Directions:

Start by preparing the popcorn. Pop each bag and pour it into a medium-sized mixing bowl. Then, using your hands, scoop the popcorn into a large mixing bowl, leaving any un-

popped kernels behind. This step helps prevent anyone from accidentally biting into a hard kernel.

Next, make the caramel. In a saucepan over low heat, melt the butter completely before adding the brown sugar, Karo syrup, and sweetened condensed milk. Stir constantly while heating the mixture to a gentle boil. Continue stirring for about four to five minutes, or until a candy thermometer reaches the softball stage (235–240°F).

Once the caramel is ready, carefully pour it over the prepared popcorn, stirring slowly and evenly to ensure an even coating. Be cautious, as the caramel is very hot! Let the mixture rest for a few minutes to cool slightly before forming it into balls. Wrap each popcorn ball in plastic wrap or place them in individual baggies for storage. Enjoy these sweet and salty treats with family and friends!

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**FACTS:**

- Over 2,500 people have been admitted to hospital due to severe lung damage from vaping devices.
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- Vape’s primary ingredient, formaldehyde, causes cancer.
- Vape liquid can have up to 5 times as much nicotine as cigarettes.

**WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING IN YOUR BODY?**

- diacetyl: chemical linked to serious lung disease
- volatile organic compounds
- metals: nickel, tin, lead

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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