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Community CALENDAR

KCHC Spring Vendor Fair

April 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Hospital Lobby
For questions contact Sue Rouw, 641-622-2720

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

What Cheer Flea Market

May 1-4 at the Keokuk County Fairgrounds

Rubio Pancake Fundraiser

Saturday, May 3, 7-10 a.m. at the Rubio Community Building

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 @ 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month
At the Keswick American Legion Post

Sit 'N' Stitch

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

Richland Public Library

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:30-6:00
Friday: Noon-5:00
Saturday: 10:00-1:00
Thursdays 3 p.m. Lego & Games, all ages invited
Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library

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

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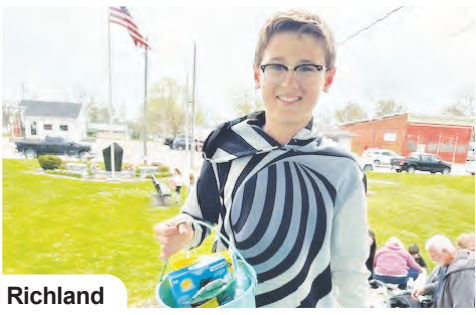
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Twenty Years, \$1.8 Million in Grants: County Endowment Holds Annual Award Night

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – In 2005, the State of Iowa created the County Endowment Fund Program, which distributes 0.8% of the state's commercial gaming tax revenue to county endowment organizations, to fund projects for non-profits and local governments. Since then, 36,884 grants have been given out statewide, totalling \$148,000,000. The Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation has given out roughly \$1,800,000, helping fund equipment for fire departments, the rebuilding of damaged community centers and town halls, the building of pools and child-care facilities, and so much more.

"We're very happy to be able to do this," said Secretary Ann Spillman. "We've been doing it twenty years, I've been on the board for twenty years, and it keeps

growing each year, and it's just a very good thing for the community, for everybody, the whole county."

On April 17, KCCEF held its annual award ceremony, where members gave out 31 grants to local organizations, totalling \$126,000.

"This is a fun night for us board members, because we get to interact with all of you guys," said Director Connie McLaughlin. "You guys are the ones who are making the impact throughout Keokuk County, and that's huge, and we are honored to be working

with you. So, thank you."

Grants distributed include:

- \$3,000 to the City of Hedrick for new swings and fall protection material at the civic center.
- \$5,000 to the City of Keswick for a new outside warning siren.

- \$4,000 to the City of Ollie for new playground equipment.
- \$4,885 to the City of Richland to add red ball dirt to the ball fields
- \$4,000 to the City of Sigourney Park and Recreation Committee to replace the buckets at the city pool splash pad.
- \$4,000 to the City of Sigourney Public Safety Committee for a digital speed sign by the high school.
- \$4,000 to the City of Thornburg for street repairs.
- \$4,000 to the City of Webster for codebook updates.
- \$3,000 to the Delta Town and County Center to remodel the gym bathrooms.
- \$4,000 to Food Bank Iowa to support local food pantries.
- \$3,000 to the Hedrick Public Library for children's



Members of the KCCEF board. L to R, Back: Todd Harbison, Kathy Davis Mike Hadley, Dawn Wheeler, Dixie Shipley, Sylvia Hadley. Front: Becky Leer, Connie McLaughlin, Ann Spillman, Sandy Van Patten, Laurie Luetjohann

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Sigourney Church Performs Passion Play

By Casey Jarmes |
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SIGOURNEY – Be The Light Ministry, an evangelical church north of Sigourney, hosted a passion play titled “The Way, The Truth, The Life” on April 18, featuring a cast consisting primarily of church members. This is the third year in a row Be The Light Outreach Coordinator Kelly Mousel directed the play, which features the twelve apostles giving monologues at the Last Supper.

“I just felt a calling, that we needed to get something meaningful out to the community, and what more meaningful than our savior’s story?” said Mousel.

This year, Mousel rewrote the script, adding in a set of framing scenes, where a group of servants discuss the events of the play around a well, and a dramatic crucifixion scene. “That is the plan, to grow it every year and just keep adding to it, so it’s not so hard on the actors, because they all have busy schedules and work conflicts,” said Mousel, who intends to add an empty tomb scene next year.

The play starred as Brys



Snakenberg as Jesus, Andrew Vandehaar as Nathaniel, Gary Jarmes as Simon the Zealot, Wyatt Wehr as James the Lesser, Kevin Redlinger as Thaddeus, Kyle Weber as Andrew, Gunner Mohs as Matthew, Jeff Hinnah as Judas Iscariot, Sean Stutzman as Philip, Terry Steinhart as Peter, Doug Webster as Thomas, Lyle Donald as John, Dustin Breckenridge as James, and Karol Roller as Mary, Mother of Jesus. Kinly Weber, Jayde Snakenberg, Brianna Raygor, Brandi Wehr, Lindy Hammes, Jaci Jarmes and Beau Snakenberg played characters during the well scenes. Dan Roller, Matt Olson, Bronson McGulley and Christopher Berg

played Roman soldiers. The play featured Pam Schwenke on piano, Beth Hanselman on keyboard, and a choir consisting of Barb Tornow, Leann Voyles, Jessica Meier and Brayden Sines. Mousel also gave praise to Bill Tremmel, who constructed the hydraulic cross, and to Mike McNurlen and Val Weber, who set up the light and sound.

“It was meaningful,” said Brys Snakenberg, who played Jesus this year after playing Nathaniel last year. “I don’t know, I guess it was an honor to do it and meant a lot to bring glory to God...I was kind of nervous because it’s a big part and you don’t want to mess it up.”

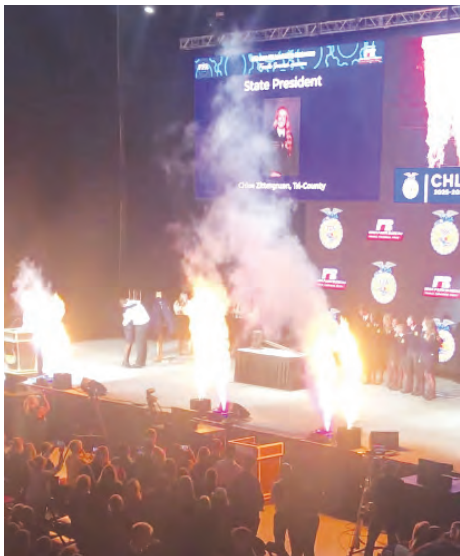
Jeff Hinnah, who played Judas, also played him in the two previous Be The Light plays and multiple plays at the Sigourney United Methodist Church. “I’ve played Judas probably a half dozen times now, and this script was a little different, but it’s a very meaningful part,” said Hinnah. “Don’t know how he could do it, after being with



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Chloe Zittergruen



Zittergruen being announced as president. Photo Credit Tri-County FFA

Tri-County FFA Member Named FFA President

By Casey Jarmes |
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AMES – Deafening cheers and blazing pyrotechnics erupted at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames as Chloe Zittergruen of the Tri-County FFA was named the 2025-2026 Iowa FFA President, as part of the 97th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.

“It still hasn’t fully hit me yet, I would say,” said Zittergruen, “but I’m excited for this upcoming year. I’m excited to see what the other eight individuals that got elected with me are going to do, and they’ve got such great potential, and I’m excited to see how they impact and serve Iowa FFA... It’s kinda a cloud nine feeling, almost. It’s almost like a pinch me moment. This doesn’t feel real and truly it still hasn’t set in fully. You hear your name being called, and it’s almost like a ‘Wait, is this actually me? Is this, did they say the right name?’ kind of situation. And, at the end of the day, you try to soak in every single moment of that, because you don’t get those feelings of the joy, of the excitement, the adrenaline, the sweaty palms, heart racing emotions very often in life. And I’m lucky to

have experienced it twice.”

Zittergruen, who was the Iowa FFA Secretary last year, took her first agriculture class in seventh grade and joined the FFA during eighth grade. She participated in conduct of meetings, chapter program, prepared public speaking and extemporaneous speaking, served as Tri-County’s chapter secretary for two years, as the Tri-County chapter president, and as the Southeast Iowa district secretary.

“My first advisor, Mike Striegel, he kinda pushed me to do it, and I was a little scared at first, but I kind of took that chance on FFA and I embraced it as much as possible,” said Zittergruen. “And I got fully immersed and kind of found my place within it, and realizing that the time that people have put into helping me. They saw my potential and they always advised me to do my best. I realized, you know, I want to do that for other people. I want to give back. I want to help these kids see their potential, show them that they can do all of these hard things, they can accomplish all of these great things, and truly be involved in all of these things all at the same

time.”

As president, Zittergruen will be responsible for guiding other state officers and planning FFA events.

“One thing that I really want to focus on is member interaction,” said Zittergruen. “Right now, we don’t have a lot of one-on-one interaction with state officers and district officers, and I would love to see that increase. Say I go to a green hand fire up, I facilitate to a classroom of kids or a chapter visit, I see those kids for maybe 30 minutes. That’s all that I may see them that year. That’s the only interaction they may have with a blue jacket, with a state officer, with FFA. So I want to ensure that those interactions are meaningful, impactful, and can make a difference in these kids’ lives.”

Zittergruen is currently a freshman at Iowa State, studying agriculture communications, which she plans to use to promote agriculture after she graduates.

“I want to work in agricultural media, advertising, marketing, anywhere within

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Community CALENDAR

Sigourney Public Library

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

Hedrick Public Library

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

What Cheer Public Library

Monday 12:00-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sigourney Kiwanis

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

Free Grace Recovery

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E Broadway St. What Cheer.

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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.

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: Call the Lord's Pantry at 641-224-2588 or contact a minister

Keokuk County Public Health

Keokuk County Public Health is here to serve you. We offer an array of services

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

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

Alzheimer's Support

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm
Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

Grief Share

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

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- books and patron computers.
- \$5,000 to the Keokuk County Childcare Network to expand childcare throughout the county.
 - \$4,000 to the Keokuk County Expo for renovating the Expo hall.
 - \$5,000 to the Keokuk County Fair for lighting at Thomas Hall.
 - \$4,000 to the Keokuk County Historical Society to digitize old newspapers.
 - \$2,745 to the Keota Athletic Boosters for weight room and locker room wall decals.
 - \$4,000 to the Keota Food Pantry for non perishables and food vouchers for low income families.
 - \$3,363 to the Keota Veterans Memorial Foundation to replace flags and rebuild a small memorial for veterans who died in service.
 - \$5,000 to the Keswick Fire Department for 16 fire helmets.
 - \$5,000 to the Richland Area Child Care Organization for playground work.
 - \$3,000 to the Richland Public Library to update computers.
 - \$5,000 out of the Disaster Fund to the Sigourney Ministerial Alliance Community Outreach Center for repairs to the kitchen wall and flooring.
 - \$1,000 to the Sigourney Public Library for seating and furniture updates.
 - \$5,000 out of the Disaster Fund to the St. Peter and Paul Clear Creek Heritage Association to repair storm damage to the steeple.
 - \$4,000 to the Tri-County Food Pantry for new amenities.
 - \$3,000 to Unleashed for three isolation banks.
 - \$3,000 to the What Cheer Betterment Committee to repair the wooden fence at city park.
 - \$4,850 to the What Cheer Brick Museum to reinforce basement window wells, coal chutes and doors.
 - \$5,000 to the What Cheer Opera House Board to put a vapor barrier on the basement floor.
 - \$1,168.99 to the What Cheer Public Library for a new computer.
 - \$4,995 to the Wilson Memorial Library to update children's computers.
- "I've been a part of this organization since its inception, for twenty years, and we were talking about it beforehand, a couple of us gals, and it seems impossible that we've been here that long," said KCCF Chair Laurie Luetjohann. "I don't know. There's something about the group of people in this room, because each of you go back to your communities and create a difference. We are just a small part of that. We know that. We know we have a lot more things behind the scenes that you do to make things go and make things work, but if we can be just a little bit of that, it's why we all do it. It's one of the funnest organizations you can be a part of, because we always get

to help people. That's what I really love about it."

KCCF also gives out a \$25,000 major grant in the fall. Last year, this grant was awarded to the City of Martinsburg, to help complete rebuilding city hall, following a devastating fire. The grant money went towards adding a handicap-accessible parking lot in front of the new building.

"Two years ago, we had a devastating fire at the old city hall and it wiped out everything," said Mayor Pro Tem and KCCF board member Todd Harbison, "All the city history that we had in the city hall, all the stuff that we had from the school, it was all gone. Through various hard work, and especially through the endowment fund, we have been able to actually rebuild that up and also put in a handicap ramp parking. It's a whole new building, and so it will always kind of keep a space in our heart, as they were one of the very first ones that contributed money to get this project rolling, and it's like a night and day difference when you come and see it in Martinsburg. We've made it so, basically, without the years it will last for generations to come."

"It's looking really nice, and we're going to be able to really finish it up, and everything is going to be really nice," said Spillman, who is also the Martinsburg city clerk.

"We also got to go to their building last month, a beautiful facility for the town to have," Luetjohann. "I mean, it's a good community center that people can go to. They really don't have anything like that in the community at all."

The News-Review also asked several board members about the past grants they were most proud of. "Unleashed just does a lot of great stuff with animal rescue, and it's all funded by donations. I mean, she just does it out of the goodness of her heart... There's just, it's hard to pick (thing most proud of)," said Luetjohann.

"You know, I've been on it for five years and stuff. The Sigourney pool was one we kinda contributed to," said Harbison. "That was actually, when I was on the board, the very first one...I mean, there's just been so much stuff that we've helped with around the community and stuff."

"We did LUCAS devices for all of the fire stations in Keokuk County, and then in Keswick, they got the major grant for their tanker truck, to be able to help the communities surrounding Keswick," said board member Becky Leer. "We had some renovation to the Legion Hall in Kewswick, and then the What Cheer Opera House, and even the Flea Market we gave some grants to the fairgrounds to do some rehabilitation to their areas and stuff. We've helped a little bit with the Keota pool, I believe we gave some of that, and the Sigourney pool, their slide and things."

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MENUS

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Thursday, Apr. 24
Ground Beef & Black Bean Burrito, Mexican Rice, Chips, Blonde Brownies
Friday, April 25
Salmon Loaf, Creamed Peas & Potatoes, Cherry Crisp
Monday, April 28
Creamed Turkey Over Biscuit, Hot Vegetable, Mixed Fresh Fruit
Tuesday, April 29
Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers Rice Krispie Treats
Wednesday, April 30
Ham Balls, Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bishops Pie

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Thursday, Apr. 24
Cook's Choice w/ Dessert
Friday, April 25
Potato Encrusted Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Carrots & Onions, Fruit, Wheat Roll
Monday, April 28
Turkey Salad Cold Plate w/ Tomato Wedges, Garden Pasta Salad, Creamy Coleslaw, Raspberry Gelatin w/ Fruit Cocktail, Wheat Roll
Tuesday, April 29
Roast Beef, Gravy, Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Wheat Roll
Wednesday, April 30
Cheese Pizza, Corn, Ambrosia, Wheat Garlic Bread Stick

Tri-County

Thursday, Apr. 24
Breakfast: Uncrustable
Lunch: Chicken Drumstick, Corn, Strawberries, Roll
Friday, April 25
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza
Lunch: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Potato Cubes, Apple
Monday, April 28
Breakfast: Toast & Pancake
Lunch: French Toast Sticks, Omelet, Sausage, Hash Brown, Strawberries
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Stick
Lunch: Orange Chicken, Rince, Peas, Roll, Banana, Cookie
Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast: Long John
Lunch: Pizza, Cooked Carrots, Apple

Keota

Thursday, Apr. 24
Breakfast: Cheese Omelet, Toast, Oranges, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cheddarwurst on a Bun, Bake Beans, Baby Carrots, Grapes, Chips, Milk
Friday, April 25
Breakfast: Donut, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Bosco Sticks, Iceberg Lettuce Blend, Green Beans, Marinara Sauce, Pear, Milk
Monday, April 28
Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pig in the Blanket, Potato Wedges, Steamed Broccoli, Cucumbers, Peaches, Milk
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: Mini Cinni, Mix Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Wrap, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slices, Steamed Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Rice Pudding, Milk
Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast: Cereal, String Cheese, Apple, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garden Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Grapes, French Garlic Bread, Milk

Pekin

Thursday, Apr. 24
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, WG Toast, Fruit, Choice
Lunch: Taco Salad, Applesauce, Banana, Blueberry Muffin
Friday, April 25
Breakfast: WG Donut Holes, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice
Lunch: Breakfast Sandwich, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Craisins, Diced Pears, WG Cheese Stick
Monday, April 28
Breakfast: Cinni Mini's, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice
Lunch: Bacon Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, WG Chips, Pineapple, Sidekicks
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: WG Cereal, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice
Lunch: Spaghetti, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Grapes, WG Garlic Knots
Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast: Egg Omelet, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice
Lunch: Baked Potato w/ Cheese Sauce, Ham Slice, California Blend, Cinnamon Apples, Orange Wedges, WG Chex Mix

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTER MOST

English Valleys

Thursday, Apr. 24
Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cuban Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Pesto Pasta Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Friday, April 25
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Biscuit, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: General Tso w/ Rice, BBQ Bacon Wrapped Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Chicken and Avocado Club Wrap, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Fruit, Snickerdoodle, Milk
Monday, April 28
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Bacon Pickle Grilled Cheese, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad w/ Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: Egg, Bacon, and Cheese Bagel, Cereal w/ Colby Jack Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Frito Pie, Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Taco Salad w/ Combread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, BBQ Bacon Beans, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast: Western Egg 'N' Bacon Sandwich, Cereal w/ Toast, Tater Tots, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Corn Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Caesar Salad w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk



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Sigourney

Thursday, Apr. 24
Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cuban Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar, Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Friday, April 25
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Monday, April 28
Breakfast: French Toast, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Bacon Pickle Grilled Cheese, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: Egg, Bacon & Cheese Bagel, Assorted Cereal w/ Colby Jack Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Frito Pie, Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Combread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, BBQ Bacon Beans, Fruit, Milk
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Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Corn Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. McCarthy acolyte Roy
 - 5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms
 - 10. Not soft
 - 14. Jai __, sport
 - 15. Philosophy
 - 16. Do what you're told
 - 17. Gaffe
 - 18. Widely known and esteemed
 - 19. Amusement park attraction
 - 20. Popular comic strip Viking
 - 22. Usually has a lid
 - 23. American sports-caster
 - 24. Lung fibrosis
 - 27. General's assistant (abbr.)
 - 30. Pouch
 - 31. Upset
 - 32. Partner to hem
 - 35. Astronomy unit of distance
 - 37. Witch
 - 38. Gradually disappear
 - 39. Regions
 - 40. Possesses
 - 41. Body parts
 - 42. A way to comprehend
 - 43. Defraud
 - 44. Sandwich type
 - 45. Expression of disappointment
 - 46. Popular Dodge truck model
 - 47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 48. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 49. Songs to a beloved
 - 52. Custom
 - 55. Partner to cheese
 - 56. West Indies trees
 - 60. Member of a Semitic people
 - 61. Plant that originated vegetatively
 - 63. Squandered one's money
 - 64. Ethiopian river
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Currency
 - 2. Ceramic jar
 - 3. Reagan's Secretary of State
 - 4. God worshipped in Kanesh
 - 5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 - 6. Semitic
 - 7. About blood
 - 8. Benign tumors
 - 9. Move one's head
 - 10. Hours (Spanish)
 - 11. Hebrew calendar month
 - 12. Advise someone
 - 13. Colors clothes
 - 21. The sun does it
 - 23. Concealed
 - 25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
 - 26. Droop
 - 27. Away from one
- another

 - 28. Challenges
 - 29. A harsh scraping sound
 - 32. Attaches to a wall
 - 33. Capital of Ethiopia: __ Ababa
 - 34. German river
 - 36. Disappointed
 - 37. Star Wars character Solo
 - 38. Supervises flying
 - 40. Not mass-produced
 - 41. Nonsense
 - 43. Automobile
 - 44. Hoghead (abbr.)
 - 46. Soak in water
 - 47. Flower cluster
 - 49. Romanian city
 - 50. A parent is often one
 - 51. Fencing sword
 - 52. Body part
 - 53. Region
 - 54. Farm building
 - 57. Ali's surname at birth
 - 58. Waxy bird beak covering
 - 59. Stiff bristles
 - 61. VCR button
 - 62. Small amount

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Easter and Hares

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

Easter was a few days ago. I spent the holiday with the classic activities of going to church, visiting my family, watching a play where they pretended to torture a man to death, and watching kids collect little plastic eggs full of candy that were ostensibly laid by a rabbit. Hey, quick question? What's the deal with the Easter Bunny? What does that have to do with a Christian holiday centered around the son of God dying and coming back from the dead?

The answer is it's complicated. There is a tendency to try and ascribe a simple, straightforward explanation for the origins of traditions, but this can often result in misinformation, because A: traditions are complicated and evolve over centuries, and B: records for anything that emerged in the middle ages or earlier are spotty. A lot of Easter traditions don't have any real religious significance, other than loose symbolic connections. Easter is a holiday centered on ideas of rebirth and renewal. It is also a holiday celebrated during the springtime, which is also heavily linked with concepts of renewal. The fact that eggs contain new life is likely why, symbolically, they began to be associated with Easter.

The dyeing of Easter eggs began in Eastern churches, where eggs are traditionally dyed red, to represent the blood of Jesus. Eastern Christians continue to dye eggs bright blood red to the modern day, while in the West softer pastel colors that lack the original meaning became more common over time. Eggs also became associated with Easter due to the holiday being the end of Lent. In medieval Europe, Christians abstained from eating eggs during Lent, due to them being an animal product. But, of course, chickens continue laying eggs. Boiling or pickling eggs allows them to last longer, keeping food from being wasted, resulting in there being a ton of eggs ready to be eaten once the holiday comes.

So that's eggs down, what about the rabbit? Well, what is the most famous trait of rabbits? That's right, their constant, unrelenting creation of more rabbits. Lagomorphs like rabbits or hares breed constantly, having multiple large litters each year, with females able to become pregnant almost immediately after giving birth. Hares are even capable of superfetation, allowing them to be pregnant with multiple litters at once. Ancient writers like Pliny and Plutarch wrote that it was widely believed that hares were hermaphrodites who self-impregnated. This is patently false, but the belief found its way into medieval Christianity, where hares became associated with the Virgin Mary. There is also the three hares symbol, an image of three hares in a circle, with their ears stuck together, which first emerged in 6th century China and spread across the Silk Road, with different cultures giving the icon different meanings. In Europe, the three hares icon became a symbol for the Holy Trinity commonly featured in Churches.

Over time, Hares became associated with Easter, and thus with eggs. Somehow, these symbols merged together into Osterhase (Easter hare), a German folk character that lays eggs on Easter. This might have stemmed from folk beliefs that hares laid eggs, because hares build and give birth in nests, but that's just speculation. Osterhase also traditionally judged if children were good or naughty before bringing eggs, similar to Santa Claus, another folk tradition with a messy origin. The oldest written mention of the Osterhase folk tradition came in 1682. In the 18th century, German immigrants to the United States brought the tradition with them, leading to modern American Easter traditions. Americans also changed it from a hare to a rabbit. In Australia, where rabbits are a destructive invasive species, they celebrate Easter not with an Easter lagomorph, but with an Easter Bilby, an endangered Australian marsupial.

There's one more aspect of Easter to discuss, and it's the aspect with the most complicated origin: the name. In most languages, the word for Easter is the same as the word for Passover. The word "Easter" is exclusive to Germanic languages like English. "Easter" is derived from Eostre, a Germanic pagan spring goddess. Maybe. In 725, English monk Bede wrote that the then Anglo-Saxon name for April, "Eosturmōnath" (Eostre's month) was derived from a long dead tradition of having a feast celebrating Eostre in April. By 725, worship of Eostre had completely died out, leaving only the name. For modern English speakers, this is comparable to how the word "Thursday" is named after the Norse god Thor, even though Norse pagan religion isn't practiced anymore.

The thing is, Bede's writings are the only historical mention of Eostre worship and describe nothing about the goddess, except that the month was named after her. It's possible that Eostre was a goddess associated with springtime or the dawn, given the time of her festival and the fact that Easter seems to be etymologically linked with the proto-germanic word for dawn, but that's just speculation. By the way, the words "Easter" and "East" share a common ancestor; "East" originally meant "toward the sunrise."

In 1835, folklorist Jacob Grimm, of fairy tale fame, theorized, without evidence, that there was a connection between Eostre and Easter eggs. One of Grimm's contemporaries, Adolf Holtzmann, expanded on this, claiming that there must be a connection between Eostre and hares, speculating that there was once a legend about Eostre turning a bird into a hare. Later unscrupulous writers added on, making up a modern day myths about the pagan spring goddess Eostre riding around on a chariot pulled by hares and turning an injured bird into a hare that brings colored eggs. But, backing up for a moment, there is only a single historical mention of Eostre, made years after worship died out, that did not mention eggs, and did not mention anything at all other than a connection to an old name for April.

Easter is not a pagan holiday, as Facebook memes claim. There isn't a clear cut legend that traditions were derived from, because Easter traditions developed over centuries, without people writing down why they developed. The Easter Bunny doesn't make sense because traditions are weird and often don't make sense.

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a.m.

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Children's Sunday
School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

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of Fremont
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Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

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Shane Jarr, Pastor
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Hedrick
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- 641-622-3426
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641-636-3883
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Wed Teaching: 6:30 p.m.:
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Pastor Tom Pool
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Of Christ
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Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening, 6 p.m.
Fourth Friday Night

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www.nsfcc.org
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Thursday:
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6:20 p.m.

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

New Sharon
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Sunday
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Sunday School, 10:45
a.m.

New Sharon Harvest
Community Church
2083 Hwy. 102
David Pinkerton, Pastor
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Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.
Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10 a.m.

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Lower Grove Church
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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, 1:30pm
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a.m.

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a.m.

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Worship, 11 a.m.

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Communion the first
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“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”
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Keota Elementary Kids Learn About Summer Safety

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
KEOTA – Keota Elementary held a Summer Safety event on April 14, with seven local organizations speaking to kids about the importance of safety.

school year, but during the summer, they need to know not to play with gasoline, not to play with guns, to wear their bike helmets, to stop at stop signs on their bicycle, sun safety for sunscreen. So we just need to make sure kids are safe all year long.” Speakers included the Keokuk County Conservation



speaking about water safety, the importance of lifejackets, and wild animals; Keokuk County Public Health speaking about the importance of sun screen; the Keota Fire Department speaking about fire safety; Megan Mwangi of Complete Care Iowa speaking about hydration and heat stroke; Keokuk County

Ambulance speaking about road safety; Jackie Morgan of the new Keota Clinic speaking about mosquitos and poisonous plants; and the Washington County Sheriff’s Department speaking about gun and ATV safety. Keokuk County Ambulance also handed out fifty bicycle helmets.

Pekin Board Discusses Yearbook Costs, AEA Costs

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
PACKWOOD – During the April 14 meeting of the Pekin School Board, while going over the bills to pay, board member Mike Davis noted that the yearbook club’s budget had gone negative and asked how long it had been like that. Superintendent Jeff Maeder stated that the yearbook club also finished negative last year and that it had been negative or breaking even for a while, but that this was the biggest deficit it had had. Board member Sherry Bemis stated that the board doesn’t let other organizations operate in the red, asking why they allow the yearbook club to do so and saying it wasn’t equitable to tell other programs they can’t do things when this one is in the red. Board President J.J. Greiner noted that there were \$2,000 in expenses for the club this month, calling it concerning and asking what they were for. Board Secretary Kaye Gilbert stated it was the deposit to Jostens to get the yearbooks printed.

book and that it isn’t a huge profit. Bemis stated they would need to keep an eye on things going forward and maybe do something different in the future. The board discussed a service agreement to give \$70,000 in flow through dollars to the AEA in return for services. Maeder noted that this year’s service agreement removed \$15,000 for providing a librarian, a position which he is looking at other options to fill, and cut the math consultant days from 17 to 9. Bemis raised concerns about the plan in the service agreement to pay for an AEA literacy consultant, stating that Pekin’s TLC instructional strategist could do the same job and already knows staff and students. She stated that the district needed to get the most bang for its buck when making cuts and that it was better to use existing Pekin staff. Baumberger asked if they should do the same with the math consultant; Bemis stated that they should not, because there is new curriculum for math this year, in contrast with literacy, where the new curriculum has been used for a year. Bemis stated this wasn’t a lot but that every penny counts and that they had to be responsible with money. Greiner stated that AEA costs are high, with many consultants costing more than \$1,000 per day. He stated that there was no doubt the AEA provided great service, but that the AEA had excessive spending and the board needed to do its due diligence and ensure those costs were not passed onto the district, due to recent legislature cuts to the AEA. Maeder stated that there are levels of expertise at the AEA

that they don’t have at Pekin, but that it was the board’s decision. Greiner asked if there were other companies that provided these services and stated they needed to get quotes. Davis stated that it was hard to accept the daily AEA costs. Bemis stated they needed to be cautious with how they used flow through dollars and that they need to build expertise, then phase out AEA positions and use their own staff. Maeder stated that, the next time the district did a service agreement, it would be good to have a few board members there to talk with the AEA. The board ultimately approved the agreement, with Ray Fear and Sherry Bemis voting against it. Maeder stated he has spoken to the district’s insurance company, who told him that, because the high school roof has a leak in it, it will have to be repaired for them to cover it. Maeder stated that, the last time there was a large storm, they had to place a five gallon bucket to catch the worst leak and that a few ceiling tiles got wet and had to be replaced. He stated that the school doesn’t have any structural problems and that the worst thing that could happen is wet floors in the hallways after a big storm. Maeder stated that it will cost the same to replace part of the roof as to replace multiple roofs and that they could delay roof repairs until they had more work to do. Baumberger asked if the damaged roof not being covered would lower insurance costs and Maeder stated he didn’t know. Greiner stated that there would be more roof work needed in two-three years, with Maeder explaining that wind damage to the elementary roof will

eventually force it to be fixed. Greiner stated that roofs are frustrating because companies put guarantees to repair them, but the board doesn’t look back and get roofs fixed under warranty. The board approved an activity agreement with Southeast Christian to allow their students to participate in Pekin activities. Bemis asked if it was in line with upcoming legislation that prevents districts from charging students from other schools more to participate and Maeder stated there is language in the agreement that will strike anything that is not compliant with the law. Greiner stated that, in the future, he would like to look into raising fees for students from other schools, if the legislation fails. Maeder explained that there are issues with the irrigation system for the football field, which is high maintenance, unreliable, and usually repaired with used parts. Dorman explained that it is 26 years old, no longer serviced by the company that builds it, and that 4/12 zones are faulty. The board approved irrigation improvements out of PPEL. The board approved giving new and veteran staff members the same cap for insurance, which will simplify things but cost the district \$21,000 more next year. The board approved purchasing new math curriculum. The board approved a contract with a medicaid filing company. The board approved a bid from Gullett Fence to install a 30 foot tall baseball backstop for safety reasons. The board approved having online secondary summer school classes to help students behind on credits.

Sigourney Council Approves Closing Street for Short Film in July

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – During the April 16 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the council met with local filmmaker Jacob Glandon, who requested permission to film scenes for his short film on the Sigourney Square in the middle of July. The short film, titled “Digitized,” is set to feature a scene filmed on Jefferson during the afternoon, where a character runs alongside a car, and a scene filmed on Washington late at night, where a character walks past the Copper Lantern. Mayor Jim Morlan asked what the purpose of the film was. Glandon stated it was a passion project that would be part of his portfolio, and also that it would promote the town, with twelve cast and crew members coming to Sigourney to film the scenes. Glandon estimated that there would be 1-2 hours of filming, twenty minutes of

which would be required for the car scene. Glandon asked the council if they thought he would need to close the road during filming. Councilman Adam Clark stated that they should close the streets just to be safe and that the sheriff’s department could send a deputy to ensure the filming was safe. After discussing a few possible times, the council approved closing parts of the two streets on Sunday, July 20, from 1-4 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. Councilman Gary Iosbaker stated he, as part of KCED, met with Keota community groups about their planned daycare, which is set to be opened in the Keota elementary school, and stated that there were financial challenges, but he was optimistic about how things were moving forward at Keota. He stated that plans for a Sigourney daycare weren’t as far along and featured more financial challenges, due to

problems with overhead, because the Sigourney daycare is currently planned to be set up in a separate building. He stated that it is desperately difficult to sustain a daycare, given the level of revenue it can generate, and that they needed to explore alternative approaches. He also stated he had reached out to other area school districts to form alliances. The council approved a budget estimate for the upcoming fiscal year featuring a tax asking of \$16.01045 per \$1,000 of taxable evaluation on regular property and \$3.00375 per \$1,000 on agriculture property. The council approved requesting Brothers Market round up in July to help pay for the band and other parts of the city 4th of July celebration. Public Works Director Don Northup stated that the updated wastewater permit reduced the frequency his department is required to sample

the town’s water from twice a week to once a week, which would save time and money. The council approved cutting the city hall office assistant hours from 32-40 per week to 16-20, while keeping dental and vision benefits; Councilman Ed Conrad explained that the position was changed from part time to full time a few years ago to work as the assistant for the police chief as well, a duty that is no longer needed, and that the office assistant’s hours could be increased again in the future if the city got a new police chief. Councilman Randy Schultz brought up the food trucks which had been parked around town recently, noting that they were competition for brick and mortar restaurants and asking if they had permits. Morlan was unsure if the ordinances require permits for food trucks and said they could discuss this at the next meeting.

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the Lord for three years, but that’s human beings...I guess I’ve been typecast. Somebody’s got to do it, I don’t mind...It’s always (a challenge) finding the time. It’s a very busy time of the year, especially for us farmers. We’re planting the fields right now. But it’s well worth the time.” “We had tons of (scheduling) troubles,” said Mousel.

“We had everybody from elementary kids to farmers in the field and high school and track and all those schedules and planting season, and so if the cast is willing to roll with the punches along with us we can pull it together with the grace of God.”

TRI-COUNTY FFA from pg. 2

that realm, to help support agriculture and support farmers in any way that’s possible,” said Zittergruen. “On social media, in the media, farmers and agriculture get the bad rep. They always are the ones who are seen in a negative light, and I can see that even

more in my classes at Iowa State; when I bring up agriculture in my non-agriculture classes, kids are always wanting to look at me weird. And I just want to help advocate and communicate what agriculture truly does for our country every single day.”

Supervisors Approve Roadwork Bid

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – During the April 21 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the board approved a \$677,000 bid for road work near Hayesville which is set to begin in October. This was significantly below the \$820,000 estimate. Supervisor Michael

Hadley asked why it was lower and Casey Clarahan of the road department speculated it was because the company is already doing work in the area. Supervisor Daryl Wood asked about the Keswick Road and Clarahan speculated it work would be completed in three months, assuming there isn’t heavy rain.

Keota Student Awarded Scholarship from Iowa Masons

Keota Jr.-Sr. High School student Kimberly Clarahan will be awarded a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. 26 Iowa high school students were selected to receive a scholarship

award from a pool of over 440 applicants. Iowa Masons award scholarships each year in recognition of a student’s academic performance, community activities, leadership, and financial need.

Keota FFA Students Compete at State

Keota FFA students competed at the 97th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on April 16. Brody Greiner and Isaac Striegel received a Gold Rating in Chapter Activity Board. Grace Conger received a Silver Rating and placed 7th in Secretary’s Book. Ava Greiner, Jake Morris, Gavin Sieren and Jackson Vittetoe received a Silver Rating in Team Ag Sales. Keota’s State Champion Soil Judging Team, consisting of Ayden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Jacob Libe and Jackson Vittetoe were recognized on stage. Six Keota members (Izzi Chalupa, Jace Chalupa, Grace Conger, Reese Conrad, Isaac Striegel and Jax Weber) received their Iowa Degrees.

Obituaries

Mary Lou Miller

1936-2025

KEOTA—Mary Lou Miller, age 88 of Keota, died Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at her home. Mary Lou was born October 8, 1936, in Washington, the daughter of William and Armorelle (McCreedy) Miller and graduated from Keota High School in 1953. Mary Lou worked for Fagen Elevator and Wilson Meats in Cedar Rapids before working as the Assistant to the Registrar at University of Iowa for 39 years. She immensely enjoyed her family, and the Iowa Hawkeyes, where she never missed a home game in many years.



Mary Lou Miller

GO HAWKS! In her younger years she enjoyed playing lots of golf. She currently played in five different card clubs and regularly went out to eat with her group of friends. Mary Lou was infamous for her lead foot. Survivors include her son: Bill (Necole) Miller of Keota; three grandchildren: Lakin Miller of Keota, Kevin (Teresa) Miller of Keota, and Maleah Miller of Cedar Rapids and three great grandchildren: Adyson, Kendryck, and Krew. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Betty Stoutner and Phyllis Lyle. Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the United Church of Faith in Keota, with Rev. Erin Kaye officiating. Burial was at the Keota Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Powell Funeral Home in Keota. A memorial fund has been established for Hospice of Washington County or the Keota Fire Department. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Mary Lou and her family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Services: Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m.
Visitation: Apr. 18, 4-7 p.m.
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COUNTRY GIRL’S CORNER

April Flowers Have Come Our Way!

By Sheryl L. Carter

Another week has flown by and it is Saturday already. I see the date for this column next week is Wednesday, April 23, which is also the birthday of our little sister, Jerelyn Lee, who was born on the 23rd in 1956. She would have been 69! Now that’s just plain hard to believe as she was always our “baby sister”. Jerelyn passed away three years ago next month from ALS. Also hard to believe she has been gone this long already.

And another thing that’s difficult to believe is that my husband, Loren Gale Carter, passed away on April 24—seven years ago already. That really doesn’t seem possible, but at least I am not sobbing my heart out any longer, which is good. It’s darn hard to say good-bye to a precious someone when you have lived most of your lives together.

I was barely 23, and he was 24 ½ when we were married in 1966, 59 years ago this August, when we were both young and dumb. We knew how to hold down a good job (he did) and how to run a home (me), but there was a whole lot we needed to learn about marriage, each other, raising kids, and the Lord. Like many folks, we struggled through, and had many good years and family times together, with an undying gratitude, as well as unconditional love for one another that surrounded us both.

Also when you get this paper next week, April 25 is another special day, as that is Petey and Pippi’s, my two cats, birthdays. They will be five years old. Thankfully, the get-into-everything stages are pretty much over, and they know what to do, and I know what to expect. They are sweet good cats, and fine companions for me.

Last Sunday, however, we had a bit of a glitch when before leaving for Sunday school I noticed Pippi had a swelling on her cheek, and she seemed a bit down. By the time I returned from church two hours later, she had already deteriorated, so I had to call the emergency vet over in Grinnell, scoop her up in the cat carrier, and run her over.

The good vet met us there, examined her, found she had a high temperature, and said the swelling on her cheek was an abscess, probably from a bite or a scratch. He gave her a shot of strong antibiotic that will last for three weeks, plus another shot for fever and pain. Gratefully, I brought her back home and a couple of hours later she had already responded by feeling much better, and continues to do so. I wish these illnesses didn’t arise on the weekends, however, as the cost is so much higher then.

My white lilac bushes are in full bloom. Those few days of

warm sun and higher temps this week did it, and they opened right out. Also the tulips, daffodils, and blue and white bells continue to be a riot out there, and just yesterday with the warm sun, and then our good inch rain two nights ago my hostas are coming up!! Oh, joy!

I’ve been able to write in my new novel, “Dark River”, quite a bit this week and very grateful to get back into it at last. You need to be able to sleep half way good at night in order to have the brain working, and the juices flowing to be able write a decent story.

Wednesday I went out to WCF at church, enjoyed the prayer time, but came back home part way through the lesson as couldn’t hear a thing that was being said. Next time I need to sit in the middle of the seating and not on the end. That afternoon I wrote some more, then went over to visit my good friend who loves just across the driveway in my Mom’s old apartment. This lady is a special buddy and we so enjoy visiting together. Later I picked her a nice bouquet of flowers and took over. She was delighted, and said, “You have brought Spring to me!”

Thursday was stuff around here, and on Friday I got in Jazzy and drove up to Costco in Ankeny to pick up the new lenses in my old frames that still look fine. It was a good



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MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, April 21, 2025...

The furnace is still running each day, but lawns have been mowed, spring flowering trees are just beautiful, and it rained all day on Easter Sunday!

Several years ago, In the early 90's, while I was working at the school, a young couple moved into our community. This was Byron and Deann Johnson who moved here for Byron to teach. We gained an amazing couple, who seemed to blend in with everyone. They loved the kids and even enjoyed being around folks that were their parents age or older! Deann worked in Ottumwa and was a wonderful caring person. She loved to cook, and most of all...loved to laugh!

Byron loved basketball, water skiing and farming. In the summer, Byron would help Paul Versteegh as they built new homes and he learned skills that he would use the rest of his life. During that time we formed a card club of eight couples, and they joined up. Each month we had a great time, having lunch together, playing cards all afternoon and visiting. It was a wonderful time, and our Hollee (from next door) and Sylvia (our exchange student from Germany) was always hopeful that someone wouldn't be able to attend so they could play with us and they could fill in.

After a few years, Byron received an opportunity to return home to Aplington and be a part of the family farm. They moved a few hours north, settled into the home Bryon had been raised in and got a dog. The dog was named "Fremont".

Over the next few years, we continued playing cards monthly and the Johnsons continued to drive down and once a year, the other seven couples would travel north. It was always fun to see the sign "You're not Dreamin', you're in Beam an!". That meant we were close!

Over the next few years, two sons joined the family, Alex and Landon. They are now both grown, and there are two little grandchildren. Greg and I have kept pretty close contact through the years and made it a point to see them at least once a year. Several years ago, at Thanksgiving time, Byron was working with the harvest, driving the semi when he was distracted, and a horrible thing happened, he was hit by a train. He spent months in low City with brain injuries, lost an eye, messed up his leg, and many other injuries to his body. Through it all, Deann was a prayer warrior by his side. She sent out regular updates, and finally a long time later, they returned to their home, to continue with therapy. The plate that replaced part of his skull became infected at least three times over the years and had to be replaced. Each time he had to wear a helmet for the time after removal until healed and replaced with the next. They were both amazing through it all! Surgeries continued on his leg as well, and eventually, he was able to get back to his love of the land, farming on the family farm.

ISU Extension in Mahaska hosts Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training on April 30

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Mahaska County is proud to announce a partnership with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) to host an Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vendor training on April 30 at 9 am. This training is for fruit and vegetable growers, as well as honey producers, who sell their products at farmers markets, and is the initial step toward FMNP certification, a requirement for farmers who wish to accept FMNP vouchers.

The Iowa FMNP, administered by IDALS with support from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, is vital in supporting local farmers and providing access to fresh, locally grown produce for eligible seniors and WIC families. In 2024, over 14,000 seniors and 30,000 mothers and

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The training will take place at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Mahaska Coounty, located at 212 North I Street, Oskaloosa,

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Sigourney boys golf picks up two wins

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
ALBIA – The weather outside isn't the only thing that seems to be warming up. Despite a busy week last week the Sigourney boys golf team picked up two wins as they participated in three meets last week. The week started off on Monday as the Savages took on both HLV and English Valleys in a triangular meet. Peyton Roth of HLV won the overall medalist honors, but Solon Yates was second on the leaderboard with a 39. Ike Molyneux was able to shoot a 40 to finish third.

Jordan Tremmel finished in a tie for fourth with 41 strokes. Isaac Bruns was seventh overall with a score of 43. That tied him with teammate Josh Wyatt. Cain Weber shot a 51 to finish 12. On April 17 the Savages were again in action as they bested Montezuma 151-201. Solon Yates continued his dominance of the course as he finished with a 34. Ike Molyneux was able to shoot a 37. Cain Weber finished with a 38. Josh Wyatt shot a 42. Jordan Tremmel and Isaac Bruns finished with a 44 and a 45 respectively. Tuesday the Savages were

in Albia for one of their first 18-hole tests of the season. Overall the Savages finished second with 326 total strokes. Albia won the meet. Yates was the leader for the Savages as he finished third overall with a 78, just one stroke behind second place, and four strokes off the pace of the overall medalist. Tremmel was sixth with 81 strokes on his score card. He was followed by Weber in ninth with 83 strokes. Molyneux was 10th with 84 strokes. Bruns shot an 87 to tie him in 15th. Wyatt finished with 89 strokes in a tie with 18th.



Keota's Ayden Galindo leaps over the bar at 6-feet during the April 17 track meet held at Pekin. Galindo would win the high jump event.

Sigourney girls golfers win twice

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – As the Savages head into the heart of their schedule they seem to just keep improving. That was evident last week as the Sigourney girls golf team won both of their meets that they took part in. On April 14 the Savages were able to best both HLV and English Valleys. They were able to collect 203 total strokes, winning the meet. On top of that, the Sigourney golfers took the top four posi-

tions in the meet. Kayla Renner led the Savages with 49 total strokes. Ella Bruns had 50 strokes to finish second. Hannah Hanselman was able to take third place with 51 total strokes. Reagan Clarahan finished fourth overall with 53 total strokes. Ellie Ireland was able to finish seventh with 55 total strokes. The Savages returned to action on April 17 when they played Montezuma at the Sigourney golf club. There

the Savages were able to win 198-0. Ella Bruns was the medalist winner with 46 total strokes. Reagan Clarahan was second with 50 strokes. Ella Fineran also had 50 strokes. Kayla Renner was fourth with 52 strokes. Adalynne Tremmel was fifth. Hannah Hanselman finished sixth with 54 strokes. This week the Savages played against Lynnville-Sully on Monday. They then played Ottumwa on Tuesday and Iowa Valley on Thursday.

Sigourney runs at Iowa Valley, EBF and Tipton last week

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
Sigourney's track and field teams ran together at Iowa Valley before splitting up to go to two different meets last Thursday. For the boys the Iowa Valley meet featured some success. Troy Klett was able to win the 1,600 meter run with a time of 4:56. The junior would go on to win the 3,200 meter race with a time of 10:46.86 as well. Carson Davis was able to tie Belle Plaine's Ty Alcott for the high jump title. Both cleared 5-feet-6-inches. Sigourney's 4x800 relay team had the fastest time of 9:54.55. John Berg was able to finish second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:21.32. Gauge Little was fifth with a time of 2:29.08.

The Savages 4x200 relay team finished fourth. Carver Russell was fifth in the 200 meter dash. Landon Conrad finished eighth. Graham Moore was seventh in the shot put. The Savage boys were back in action on April 17. They ran at Tipton where they finished in a tie for third with Tipton at 97 points. Troy Klett was the winner in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 4:52.49. He also won the 3,200 meter run with a time of 10:38.64. Klett was able to finish second in the 400 meter dash. Guage Little was fourth. Caden Clarahan placed second in the 110 hurdles. Owen Menke was fourth overall. Carson Davis was third in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-4-inches. Sigourney's 4x200 relay team placed third. Sigourney was third overall in the shuttle hurdle relay event. John Berg finished fourth in the 800 meter run. Levi Myers was fifth. Dillon Menke finished fourth in the 400 hurdles. In the 4x100 relay Sigourney placed fourth. The 4x800 relay team also brought home a fourth place finish. In the sprint medley the Sigourney team was fourth. Carver Russell was fifth in the 100 meter dash. Hunter Sellers finished sixth. Russell was sixth in the 200 meter dash. The Savages 4x400 team was fifth. Sigourney's distance medley relay team placed fifth. For the Sigourney girls they placed eighth at Iowa Valley with 14 points. Williamsburg won the meet with 176 points. Ellie Yates placed third in the 3,000 meter run. Addison Yates was fifth. Josephine Moore was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 32-feet-5-inches. She

would place eighth in the discus event. Cloee Wilson placed sixth in the 1,500 meter run. Ella Bahlman was ninth. The Savages were sixth in the 4x100 relay. Addison Yates and Ellie Yates finished eighth and ninth in the 800 meter run. Cloee Wilson was ninth in the 400 meter run. Kia Montgomery was ninth in the long jump. In the distance medley relay they placed seventh. The 4x200 relay team placed eighth. The 4x400 relay team was also eighth. Sigourney was 10th in the sprint medley relay. On Thursday the Savages ran at the EBF girls Rocket Relays. Sigourney placed sixth with 55 points. EBF won with 154 points. Ellie Yates won the 3,000 meter race with a time of 11:27.75. Addison Yates was third and Cloee Wilson was fifth. McKinley Chittick was third in the high jump after clearing 4-feet-6-inches. Josephine Moore was able to place third in the discus with a throw of 89-feet-7-inches. Moore was fourth in the shot put with a throw of 31-feet-6.5-inches. Devyn Smallwood was sixth. Sigourney's 4x200 team placed third. Another third place came from the 4x400 relay team. In the distance medley relay the Sigourney team was fourth. Kia Montgomery placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14-feet-3-inches. Becca Gretter placed sixth in the 800 meter run. Cloee Wilson was seventh in the 400 meter run. Abyl McCulley was ninth in the 400 meter run. Wilson was also ninth in the 1,500. In the 4x100 Sigourney was sixth. The sprint medley relay team placed sixth.

Pekin boys pick up Jerry Horton Relays win

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
PACKWOOD – No one could say that speed was lacking last Thursday night. At the annual Jerry Horton Relays hosted by Pekin, the Panther boys track team showed off their speed as they won the meet. The Panthers scored 186 total points, besting Centerville, who finished second, with 111 points. Keota placed fifth with 43 points. Wins came early and often for the Panthers. Henry Eubanks was able to win the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.94 for one of the early individual wins for the Panthers. Brody Sobaski would go on to win the 400 meter dash with a time of 56.18. In the 800 meter dash it was another Pekin runner, Mason Dahlstrom, who won with a time of 2:12.39. Teammate Lane Farriss was second with a time of 2:14.99. Keota's Jack Greiner was third. Cole Millikin added another win for the Panthers with a victory in the 3,200 meter run. He had a time of 4:59.37. Pekin's Riley Smith was able to win the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 58.48. The Pekin 4x200 team of Robert Brown, Smith, Nolan Glick and Will Adam won the race with a time of 1:34.07. Keota's team placed fifth.



Pekin's Brody Sobaski runs down the back straight during the running of the 400 meter run at the April 17 track meet. Sobaski won the race.

The Panthers had the fastest 4x400 team as Brody Sobaski, Landon Crow, Mason Dahlstrom and Riley Smith ran with a time of 3:32.4. In the 4x800 relay the Panther team of Mason Dahlstrom, Cole Millikin, Landon Crow and Lane Farriss won with a time of 8:58.88. In the sprint medley race the Pekin team of Kasey Davis, Robert Brown, Nolan Glick and Riley Smith won with a time of 1:39.03. Keota placed fourth with the team of Blake Baker, Brycen Horras, Ayden Galindo and Luke Moeller. The Panther distance medley team of Henry Adam, Henry Eubanks, Landon Crow and Cole Millikin won with a time of 4:04.82. Keota's team of Libe, Horras, Ayden Galindon and Jack Greiner was second. The Panthers won the shuttle hurdle relay with the team of Brown, Will Adam, Henry Adam and Kasey Davis turning in a time of 1:04.07. Keota's Ayden Galindo won the high jump after clearing 6-feet-even. Brody Sobaski of Pekin was second. Will Adam of Pekin won the long jump event with a jump totaling 19-feet-10-inches. Galindo from Keota was third with a jump of 19-feet-2-inches. Pekin's Caden Bender was second in the shot put with a throw of 43-feet-11-inches. Alton Williams was fifth. In the discus Bender was third with a best throw of 134-feet-6-inches. Williams placed fifth. In the 100 meter dash Hayden Miller from Pekin was second. Teammate Brody Sobaski was third. Dylan Sobaski was second for the Panthers in the 3,200 meter run. Jacob Libe from Keota finished third in the 110 hurdles. In the 4x100 relay the Pekin team of Will Adam, Robert Brown, Nolan Glick and Kasey Davis finished second with a time of 46.85. Keota's team of Blake Baker, Libe, Brycen Horras and Luke Moeller was sixth. Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Robert Brown prepares to hand the baton off to Nolan Glick during the running of the sprint medley relay event held April 17 in Pekin. The Panther boys were able to win the race.

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Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Solon Yates

Sigourney junior golfer Solon Yates is the Athlete of the Week for the week of April 14. Yates continued to have a strong start to the golfing season as he was a leader for the Savages at all three of the golf meets that he played in last week. It started on April 14 when Yates was able to shoot a 39 at a meet against HLV, where he was named the runner-up medalist.

On April 15 at an 18 hole meet hosted by Albia, Sigourney finished second overall, in part thanks to Yates shooting a 78 which placed him third overall. In a Thursday meet against Montezuma Yates was able to win the medalist honors once again as he shot a 34. The News-Review would like to congratulate Solon Yates on his outstanding week of play.



Ava Gehrking

English Valleys sophomore Ava Gehrking is the Athlete of the Week for the week of April 14. During two separate track meets last week Gehrking compiled an outstanding record. She was able to win the 100 meter dash as well as being a part of two separate relay winning teams at

an Iowa Valley meet held on April 14. At an April 17 meet held in Pekin, Gehrking again won the 100 meter dash. She also picked up a win in the 200 and long jump events as well. The News-Review would like to congratulate Gehrking on her outstanding week of play and for being named the Athlete of the Week.



English Valleys senior Gage Heyne runs around the Pekin track during a March 31 track meet. The senior qualified for the Drake Relays in the 1,600 meter run.



Pekin's Anna Hadley launches the discus during a track meet. Hadley qualified for the Drake Relays in both the discus and shot put events.



Chloe Glosser from Pekin runs around the track at Davis County during a track meet held earlier this month. Glosser qualified to the Drake Relays in the 3,000 meter run.



English Valleys runner Ava Gehrking (lane 4) beats all of the other runners to the finish line of the 100 meter dash during a track meet held April 17.

Area set to send four events to Drake Relays

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
It is one of the biggest challenges of the track season, and this year three athletes representing four events will try their hand against the best competition in the state. The Drake Relays, which limits their entries to only a select number of athletes, regardless of class, will have four events in which an athlete from the area will be competing. Gage Heyne will be running in the 1,600 meter run. Pekin has three events as Chloe Glosser qualified in the 3,000 meter run. Anna Hadley is returning to the Blue Oval as she qualified in both the shot put and discus events. For most events, athletes had to be in the top-24 of the state to be considered for the Drake Relays. Heyne is a senior for the Bears and he will be running at the Blue Oval again. The long distance runner is no stranger to the Drake Relays, and this year will be his last chance to conquer the Blue

Oval in high school. Heyne currently holds the 20th fastest time in the state in the 1,600 meter. His best effort came last week at a meet in Benton when he finished the mile race with a time of 4:19.82. In that race he was bested by Vinton-Shellsburg runner Alex Torres, another Drake qualifier. Des Moines Christian's Caleb Ten Pas holds the current fastest 1,600 meter time at 4:09.16, however that was set at an indoor meet. Iowa City Libery's Keegan Decker holds the state's fastest outdoor time with a time of 4:14.37. Glosser, a distance specialist herself, will prepare to run in the 3,000 meter run. The Pekin junior currently holds the state's ninth-fastest time in the 3,000 with a time of 10:14.9 set back on March 27 at a meet held in Davis County. St. Albert's Lilli Denton (who was also this year's cross country champion in class 1A) holds the fastest 3,000 meter time at 9:58.8. Anna Hadley is another

junior for Pekin. She is also the only area athlete that has qualified in two different events. Hadley qualified in the shot put and currently holds the 14th best throw in the state with an effort of 40-feet-6-inches. Burlington's Kylee Hill holds the state's best throw with a 46-feet-7-inch throw back on April 8. Hadley holds the third best throw in the state in the shot put. On April 11 the Pekin junior launched a discus 141-feet-8-inches, her best of the season. Ottumwa's Delilah Subsin is the current state leader with a best throw of 145-feet-4-inches at a Mount Pleasant meet on April 3. The girls discus event will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday April 24. Hadley will throw the shot put at 9 a.m. on Friday. The 3,000 meter run will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 24. The 1,600 meter run will start around 4:22 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Photos by Mark Schafer

English Valleys bests Pekin, Keota at Jerry Horton Relays

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
PACKWOOD – It seemed like the wins just continued to pile up. Or that is what it felt like on April 17 at the Jerry Horton Relays hosted by Pekin. All three area schools that participated had some success. The most success belonged to the English Valleys girls track team who won the meet with 169 total points. Davis County was second with 120 points. Pekin finished third with 106 points. In sixth was Keota with 20 points. Ava Gehrking was able to prove her speed as the English Valleys runner won both the 100 and 200 meter dash events. She won the 100 with a time of 13.03. In the 200 she had a fast time of 26.69. Pekin's Addison Smith was fourth in the 100. Keota's Elyse Lyle finished ninth. In the 200 meter dash, Olivia Lyle was third and Pekin's Bree Earnest was ninth. Anna Luers from English Valleys won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.99. Maddy Petrehn from Pekin finished second. Luers also won the 1,500 meter run with a time of 5:29.95. Addison Achenbach was second with a time of 5:42.73. Callie Deutschele was fifth from Pekin. In the 100 hurdles Kailor Lown, another English Valleys runner, won the event with a time of 17.68. Reece Brisby from Pekin was second with a time of 18.08. Joslyn Bender from English Valleys was third. Another English Valleys win came in the 4x800 race where

the team of Aubrey and Addison Achenbach, Kaylynn Caster and Luers had a winning time of 11:02.97. Pekin's team placed third. In the sprint medley the English Valleys team of Lown, Mallory Koehn, Gehrking and Luers won with a time of 1:59.71. The Keota team of Jaylah Redlinger, Izzi Chalupa, Emily Moeller and Olivia Lyle placed second. Pekin's team was fifth. Pekin's distance medley team of Carlie Gambell, Bree Earnest, Renae Eubanks and Maddy Petrehn won the race with a time of 4:50.28. In second was the English Valleys team. Pekin won the shuttle hurdle relay event with a time of 1:11.52. English Valleys was third. Pekin's Kayse Miller won the high jump after clearing five-feet even. Debevec from English Valleys was third. Brisby from Pekin was fourth. Gehrking from English Valleys won the long jump with a leap of 14-feet-11-inches. Brinley Phillips from Pekin was sixth.

Anna Hadley from Pekin and English Valleys' Taylor Mikesell finished first and second in both the shot put and discus throws. Hadley won the shot put with a throw of 37-feet-2.75-inches. Mikesell had a throw of 33-feet-6.5-inches. In the discus Hadley had a winning throw of 127-feet-10-inches. Mikesell had a best throw of 110-feet-10-inches. The English Valleys 4x400 team of Aubrey Achenbach, Olivia Debevec, Kaylee Frazier and Kaylynn Caster finished second. In third was the Pekin team. Keota's team placed sixth. In the 400 hurdles English Valleys teammates Bender and Kailor Lown finished second and third. Pekin's team of Addison Smith, Paislee Coleman, Renae Eubanks and Kayse Miller finished third in the 4x100. English Valleys was fifth. Keota's team was sixth. Pekin's 4x200 team was third. Keota's relay team was fourth and the English Valleys team placed sixth. Photos by Mark Schafer



Anna Luers of English Valleys strides ahead of all the other runners during the running of the 800 meter run during an April 17 track meet held at Pekin. Luers won the race and English Valleys won the meet.

SK soccer falls to Highland

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – Once again the second half was their stronger half. Thursday night the Sigourney-Keota soccer team fell to Highland 6-1. The Cobras were under attack early in the game as they gave up four goals to the Huskies in the first 40 mins

of play. The first half wasn't all about Highland's offense, however. During the first half the Cobras were able to score a goal, as they went into the second half with a three goal deficit. Highland was limited to two goals in the second half. Throughout the game the Huskies challenged the Co-

bras with 19 total shots on goal. Offensively the Cobras were able to pepper 10 shots on goal against the Huskies. The Cobras are 0-6 this season. Tuesday night they hosted Chariton (5-0-1). On Thursday they will travel to play Pella Christian (5-4). Friday night the Cobras host Wapello (0-5) to cap off the busy week.

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April 10

Defendant Shaun Donald Garman; Oblige State of Iowa; Petitioners Tina Louise Richardson, State of Iowa; Respondent Shaun Donald Garman: Dismissed w/o Prejudice.

Oblige State of Iowa; Payee State of Iowa; Petitioners Cynthia Chavez, State of Iowa; Respondent Eugenio Arturo: Dismissed w/o Prejudice.

April 11

Defendants Anita L. Frazier, Gerard Francis; Plaintiff John Joseph Frazier: Order Setting Trial.

April 16

Defendants Antone Altemueller, Elsie R. Altemueller, Laura Altemueller; Plaintiff Nate Ante: Petition Filed.

Criminal

April 10

Defendant Levi Edward Fritz; Payor Judy K. Erwin: Criminal Complaint.

Defendant Deshun Octavies Smith; Payor Derriana Johnson: Criminal Complaint

April 11

Defendant Travis Wayne Schurchert; Payees Johnson County Sheriff, Keokuk County; Payor Statewide Cash Bonds LLC: Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Cathaleen Lee Hartwig: Motion for Continuance.

Emma Louise Wyatt: Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

April 13

Defendant Jason Jonathan Hopkins; Payee Keokuk County; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

April 14

Defendant Stephanie Ellen Smith; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Dylan Jeffrey Miller: Written Plea of Guilty

Defendant Jerry Erwin Sanders Jr.: Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Lawrence Wilbur Clark: Criminal Complaint.

April 16

Interested Randy Edward Hart: Search Warrant.

Domestic Abuse

Defendant Mark Allen Jacobs; Plaintiff Katrina Colleen Jacobs.

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April 16

Defendant Cullen Everette Smith: Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Kevin Stephen King: Written Plea of Guilty.

Scheduled Traffic

April 13

Defendant Jacob Allen Doty: Failure to Maintain or

Use Safety Belts (Adult).

Defendant Kevin Daniel Jones: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts (Adult).

Defendant James Allan Lanman Sr.: Depositing or Throwing Litter on Highway.

Defendant Michele Rene Stiles: Depositing or Throwing Litter on Highway.

April 14

Defendant Jason Eugene Moody: Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability, Operating Non-Registered Vehicle.

Defendant Bruce Edward Hoeft: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Jacob Austin

Libe: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

Defendant Clifford L. Fritz: Trespass 1st Offense.

April 15

Defendant Kyra R. Biederman: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Edward Peter Hammes: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Isabella Rose Gillispie: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

April 16

Defendant Kenndra Jeanne Bunnell: Dark Window or Windshield.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

April 7

Dawn Ashley Wilson to Dalton Stine, Ray Philip Stine: Warranty Deed: Sigourney Jacksons Addition (Sigourney) Lot: 01 Block: 04; PT Sigourney Jacksons Addition (Sigourney) Lot: 03 Block: 01; PT Sigourney Jacksons Addition (Sigourney) Lot: 03 Block: 01.

Terry L. Benson, Kristen J. Beinhart Benson to Terry L. Benson, Kristen J. Beinhart Benson: Deed Quit Claim:

Sigourney Original Plat Sigourney Lot: 08 Block: 31.

Roger Little to Mariah Glandon: Warranty Deed: PT What Cheer 1ST Railroad Addition Lot: 01 Block: 03; PT What Cheer 1ST Railroad Addition Lot: 01 Block: 02.

Keokuk County to Sierra L. Davis, Wade F. Vanotegham: 200TH AVE PT NE SE 15-76-12; Highway Easement B65 P163.

Katherine S. Keeler to Josh Keeler: Deed Quit Claim:

Harper Original PLAT Harper Lot: 11 Block: 11.

April 8

Dennis D. Gent, Shirley L. Gent to Thomas J. Gent: Warranty Deed: NE NE 04-76-11; NW NW 03-76-11.

James J. Flynn to Aaron Craig Sieren, Jeri Ann Sieren: Warranty Deed: PT NW NE 19-75-10.

Dennis E Campbell to Beatrice L. Mango: Warranty Deed: PT What Cheer 1st Railroad Addition Lot: 06

Block: 08.

April 9

Samuel D. Horras Estate, Marilyn J. Horras Executor to Samuel D. Horras Living Trust, Marilyn J. Horras Trustee: Court Officer Deed: UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN ;PT SW SW 07-74-10; EXCEPT EASEMENT B37 P147; NW SW 07-74-10; PT SW SW 07-74-10.

Ashley Spaeth to Ashton J. Schrader: Deed Quit Claim: PT Hedrick Original PLAT He-

drick Lot: 05 Block 37.

Christopher L. Taylor to Taylor L. Christopher: Deed Quit Claim: Kinross Original PLAT Kinross Lot: 17 Block: 07; Kinross Original PLAT Kinross Lot: 18 Block: 07; Kinross Original PLAT Kinross Lot: 179Block: 07.

April 10

Roy Volk; Vicki Volk to Vicki Volk: Deed Quit Claim: What Cheer Daniel Caseys Addition Lot: 01 Block: 02; What Cheer Daniel Caseys Addition Lot:

02 Block: 02.

April 11

United Methodist Church Sigourney to Jeffrey W. Runnells: Warranty Deed: PT Sigourney Original PLAT Sigourney Lot: OL04.

Melody A. Jarrard Revocable Trust, Jarrard Revocable Trustee to Aaron Taggart, Sredna Kunowski: Trustee Warranty Deed: PT SW NW 22-77-12.

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Tonya Axmear, Wrestling Board/ Tick, 350.00
Bender Angie, Basketball Book work, 50.00
BGM Community Sch. District, JH Girls Wrestling F, 60.00
Angie Buckner, Shot Clock worker, 600.00
Carlin, Greenhouse Supplies, 1407.27
Ryne Christner, Basketball Official, 149.20
Elite Sports, Boys Team Track Shtr, 345.50
Fort Madison Jr/Sr High School- Student Council Conf, 225.00
Freeman Foods, FFA Breakfast Suppli, 434.69
Mason Garber, Wrestling Table work, 100.00
Jeremy Garringer, Wrestling Table Work, 150.00
Gracie Lou Photography/DJ, Prom DJ, 525.00
Ryan Haack, Basketball Official, 161.62
Mark Heddon, Basketball Official, 155.64
Hester Paige, Wrestling Table

Work, 50.00
Iowa High School Speech Assn., 10-12 Team Registrat, 463.00
Nathan Klingenberg, JH Basketball Official, 91.10
John Koehn, Basketball Official, 79.60
Louisia-Muscatine High School- Girls Wrestling Fee, 85.00
Rob Luetje, Basketball Scoreboar, 650.00
Montross Family Meats, FFA Supplies, 124.00
National FFA Organization, FFA Supplies, 564.80
Prairie High School, Girls Wrestling Fee, 175.00
Dave Shemanski, Basketball Official, 83.28
Tim Sullivan, Basketball Official, 112.42
Tiffany Thiessen, JH Basketball Official, 170.24
Walsworth Publishing Co, 2024-25 Yearbook Dep, 791.85
West Music Company, Music supplies, 329.99
Activity Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 9316.82
General Account, March ~ 2025,
Ace Hardware, custodial supplies, 95.95
AIG Retirement, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 435.00
Alliant Energy, Electricity, 2366.25
Amazon Business, Business Class Suppl, 715.03
Arnold Motor Supply, vehicle repair parts, 370.14

Baker Paper & Supply, custodial supplies, 1757.62
Black Hawk Roof Company Inc., Roof on Bus Barn, 3790.00
Carquest Auto Parts, vehicle repair parts, 89.00
Claimaid, medicaid fees, 1477.42
Clayton Ridge Schools, open enrollment, 8362.52
Collection Services Center, Other Deducts W/H, 254.27
Combustion Control Company, water heater repair, 2281.75
Command Industrial, Ind Arts Supplies, 478.50
Cox Sanitation Service, garbage collection, 781.85
Daktronics, Scoreboard Repair, 965.00
Demco INC, Nurse Supplies, 138.72
DHS Cashier 1st Fl., state share - medica, 14306.45
Doors Inc., custodial supplies, 261.00
English Valleys CSD, Medical Insurance, 128748.84
English Valleys Hot Lunch Fund, revtrack transfer to, 34867.60
Equitable, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 485.00
Kristin Fisch, Travel reimb., 94.32
Fleetside Mobile Service, vehicle repair, 162.50
Freeman Foods, FCS Supplies, 664.02
GIA Publications Inc., Music supplies, 108.30
Grant Wood AEA, sp ed fees, 30548.05

Green Top Lawn Care, Snow Removal, 2418.20
Bryan Greene, Physical reimb., 135.00
HD Supply Formerly Home Depot Pro, Custodial Supplies, 533.20
HLV Community School District, Board inservice fees, 224.84
Horace Mann, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 1925.00
Hotsy, equipment repair, 350.43
IHSADA, AD Conference fees, 125.00
Indian Hills Community College, sp ed tuition, 8057.93
Infrastructure Technology solutions, FOBS, 441.28
ING USA Annuity & Life Ins, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 1555.00
Iowa Asso Of School Boards, Convention fees, 445.00
Iowa Communications Network, ICN fees, 551.16
Iowa High School Music Assoc., Contest fees, 640.00
Iowa Public Employee Ret Sys, IPERS, 47166.56
Iowa Valley Community School, shared supt. fees, 62457.52
ISFIS, Workshop Fees, 375.50
Jostens Inc., Diplomas, 234.95
Tami Marsh, tech maintenance fee, 4000.00
MassMutual, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 1655.00
McCloud Services, Pest Control, 58.30
MCI, phone, 114.73

Midwest Alarm System, fire alarm maint. fe, 1060.21
Midwest Computer Products, projector, 515.00
Mount Vernon High School, workshop fees, 225.00
Multi County Oil, gasohol/diesel, 1306.69
New Century, LP, 2323.17
North English Co-Op Tele Co., Phone, 660.18
City Of North English, Water/Sewer, 950.14
One Less Thing, RPP - Curriculum, 750.00
Push Pedal Pull, equipment repair, 270.00
RevTrack, online fees, 252.13
Curt Rheingans, Travel Reimbursement, 1862.00
Rolling Acres Produce Supplies LLC, greenhouse roof comp, 2143.00
S & S Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning, boiler room drain re, 1987.57
School Bus Sales, Bus Repair parts, 2775.81
T I P Rural Electric Coop, electricity, 3900.10
Technology Associates Inc., Technology Supplies, 119.00
The Joy of Music, Special ed fees, 520.00
The News-Review, Legal Notices, 222.70
TK Elevator Corporation, elevator maintenance, 304.07
Tobii Dynavox, Special Ed Supplies, 104.00

Treasure State Of Iowa, State Income Tax, 7302.00
Trophies Plus Inc., Academic Bars, 73.63
U.S. Cellular, phone, 640.04
UMB Bank, bond fees, 600.00
Verizon Business, phone, 93.26
Voya, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 3180.00
Zachary L. Weibacher, IFCA Membership reim, 57.88
White State Bank, wire charges, 15.00
Woodman Controls, tech support, 274.00
General Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 436666.28
Insurance Account, March ~ 2025,
Seabury & Smith INC IA Fiduciary, insurance premiums, 67305.95
TASC, flex contributions, 1559.74
Insurance Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 68865.69
Nutrition & Food Service Acct., March ~ 2025,
Amazon, custodial supplies, 84.95
Deb Merchant, Serv Safe Class, 160.00
English Valleys General Fund, p/r transfer, 45808.71
Opaa! Food Management, January Contrat serv, 44939.28
Nutrition & Food Service Acct, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 90992.94
** DISTRICT TOTAL ** 605841.73
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • March 2025 Claims

MARCH 2025 REVENUES:	
General -	\$15,927.35
Memorial Hall Restoration-	
Library-	\$4,491.68
Road Use-	\$8,729.94
Employee Benefits-	\$3,665.00
Local Options Sales & Services	\$1,691.30
Tax-	\$20,766.16
Lewis Memorial Fountain-	\$311.64
Restricted Gifts-	\$3,665.00
Debt Service-	\$3,525.31
Water Utility-	\$47,054.15
Water Sinking-	\$6,695.00
Water Improvement-	\$3,000.00
Water Project-	\$5,605.42
Water SRF 2001-	\$243.64
Water Customer Deposit-	
	\$1,889.54
Sewer Utility-	\$56,291.36
Sewer Sinking-	\$29,575.00
Sewer Improvement-	\$1,000.00
Sewer Project-	\$4,777.26
Sewer Surcharge-	\$3,632.96
Sanitation -	\$23,689.81
Medical Self Funding-	\$1,600.00
March 2025 Revenue Total-	
	\$262,365.14
Other Checks Issued:	
VISA – Supplies	\$483.84
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Excise Tax-	\$2,455.91
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Sales	

PROBATE

IMOGENE "JEAN" PIERCE ESPR038601

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IMOGENE "JEAN" PIERCE, Deceased
PROBATE NO. ESPR038601
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Imogene "Jean" Pierce, Deceased, who died on or about March 4, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 17th, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Imogene "Jean" Pierce, deceased, bearing date of March 30, 2004, First Codicil, dated January 13, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Steven Pierce 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 thereaf-

ter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated March 17th, 2025.
s/Steven Pierce
Steven Pierce, Executor of Estate
PO Box 39
North English, IA 52316
Michael R. Horn, ICIS#: AT0003569
Attorney for Executor
Moore, McKibben,
Goodman & Lorenz, LLP
26 South 1st Ave, Suite 302
Marshalltown, IA 50158
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Special Meeting 4.8.2025

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday April 8th 2025
The What Cheer City Council met in special session at City Hall, Tuesday April 8th 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers and Rick Shafranek. Christine Howard was absent. Also present was Richard & Faye Jones, John Bacon, Kathy Shafranek, Adam Clark, Quintin McAdams, Gary Joe Van Patten and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.
Donna Rogers motioned to open the public hearing on the proposed property tax levy, seconded by Sandy Van Patten. All in favor. Mo-

tion Carried.

Sandy Van Patten motioned to close the public hearing on the proposed property tax levy, seconded by Donna Rogers. All in favor. Motion Carried.
Sandy Van Patten motioned to adopt a resolution 25-04-04 for a 16.18 percent increase of the property tax levy for fiscal year 2025-2026. Rick Shafranek seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Shafranek, Aye; Danner, Aye; and Van Patten, Aye. Motion Carried.
Rick Shafranek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm, seconded by Donna Rogers.
Darrell Wilkening, Mayor
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk
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PROBATE

BARBARA J. HART ESPR038607

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA J. HART, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038607
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara J. Hart, Deceased, who died on or about March 23, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 8, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Barbara J. Hart, deceased, bearing date of December 5, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Micaela Klein 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 for-

ever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated April 8, 2025.
Micaela Klein, Executor of Estate
32323 W County Rd V5G
Sigourney, IA 52591
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299
Attorney for Executor
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington
PO Box 245
Sigourney, IA 52591
Date of second publication
April 23, 2025
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PROBATE

JEROME H. DAMERVAL ESPR038606

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEROME H. DAMERVAL, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038606
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jerome H. Damerval, Deceased, who died on or about March 15, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Jerome H. Damerval, deceased, bearing date of September 1, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Craig Damerval and Janet A. Coppock have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all per-

sons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated April 8, 2025.
Craig Damerval, Co-Executor of Estate
107 S Walnut St
Winfield, IA 52659
Janet A. Coppock, Co-Executor of Estate
1190 Nolan Court
North Liberty, IA 52317
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299
Attorney for Executors
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington
PO Box 245
Sigourney, IA 52591
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • Claims 4.16.2025

CITY OF SIGOURNEY APRIL 16, 2025
Access Systems-Services-..... \$4,500.00
Kerr Construction-Services-..... \$9,950.00
Microbac- Services-..... \$1,124.75
Mid-America Publishing-Services-..... \$154.50
Misc on Main- Services-..... \$3,191.98
Municipal Professional Institute- Clerk Classes-..... \$496.00
One of a Kind Customs-Services-..... \$567.08
Pierce Fence Company-Services-..... \$9,163.00
Renner Construction- Services-..... \$16,754.89
SIMCO- Services-..... \$1,986.30
Sinclair Napa-Supplies-..... \$111.58
Windstream-Services-..... \$5.99
Total..... \$59,461.26
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Kelly Equipment-Supplies-..... \$4,500.00
Kerr Construction-Services-..... \$9,950.00
Microbac- Services-..... \$1,124.75
Mid-America Publishing-Services-..... \$154.50
Misc on Main- Services-..... \$3,191.98
Municipal Professional Institute- Clerk Classes-..... \$496.00
One of a Kind Customs-Services-..... \$567.08
Pierce Fence Company-Services-..... \$9,163.00
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Idaho Housing v. Deshler 250042

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF KEOKUK COUNTY
Idaho Housing and Finance Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Austin M. Deshler; Unknown spouse, if any, of Austin M. Deshler; Parties in Possession, et al.
Defendants.
EQUITY NO: EQEQ041546
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC- CATION

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on February 21, 2025, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$72,258.97, with 4.875% per annum interest thereon from April 1, 2024, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from October 29, 2018, located in Keokuk county, Iowa:
Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the North Twen-

ty-six and one-third rods of the North Half of the South two-thirds of the West Twenty-one acres of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Thirty-six, Township Seventy-four North, Range Thirteen West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Keokuk County, Iowa, thence East Twenty-one rods one and one-half feet, thence North Fourteen Rods Thirteen and Three-fourths feet, thence West Twenty-one rods one and one-half feet, thence South to the point of beginning, except the South One Hundred Twenty feet in equal width thereof., commonly known as 603 S Main St, Hedrick, IA 52563 (the "Property")

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk's office. The Plaintiffs attorney is Richard Reinblatt, of South-Law, P.C.; whose address is 10855 W Dodge Road, Suite 250, Omaha,

NE 68154.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until six months (or three months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.
You must serve a motion or answer on or before June 3, 2025, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County, at the coun-

ty courthouse in Sigourney, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 641-326-6502. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

By: CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
Keokuk County Courthouse
101 South Main Street,
Sigourney, IA 52591
IMPORTANT:
YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 4.7.2025

AMAZON CAPITAL SERV.....	5,781.03
AMERICLEAN OF IA.....	12,384.71
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY.....	
	1,001.80
AT&T MOBILITY.....	50.01
ATWOOD ELECTRIC.....	165.00
BAILEY OFFICE.....	34.80
BC INVESTMENTS.....	600.00
BEASLEY, KIRK.....	50.00
BETHLE CEM.....	116.00
BOENDER, JUSTIN.....	52.50
BOND, RICHARD.....	36.53
BRAMSCHREIBER, TYLER.....	
	53.82
BROERMAN, LINDGREN & DENNY.....	2,383.20
BROTHERS MARKET.....	31.15
BUEHNEMAN, STEVE.....	51.50
C J COOPER & ASSOC.....	10.00
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC.....	4,467.50
CENTRAL IA DIST.....	447.00
CENTRAL IA DETENTION.....	
	1,250.00
CHARM-TEX.....	418.40
CLUBB, BONNIE.....	357.44
CLUBB, MARCIA.....	169.00
CLUBB, ROBBIN.....	37.97
COMPLETE CARE OF IA.....	300.00
CONTROL SOLUTIONS.....	1,740.01
DEJONG LAWN & LANDSCAPE.....	
	240.00
DELTA, CITY OF.....	2,512.65
DESIGN HOUSE PLUS.....	331.00
DOUDS STONE.....	131,527.93
EAST CENTRAL DIST ISSA.....	
	50.00
ELLIOTT BULK SERV.....	2,769.59
ELLIOTT OIL.....	18,416.24
FARMERS COOP ASSOC.....	410.00
FRIENDS CEM.....	680.00
GARRETT CEM.....	876.00
GIBSON, CITY OF.....	923.88
GOLDMAN, DAWN.....	84.00
GREENLEYS CORP.....	77.46
H & M FARM & HOME.....	245.19
HACKERT, BO.....	59.50
HEDRICK LIB.....	5,059.22
HELMUTH, ALLIE.....	205.50
HUTCHINSON SALT CO.....	
	51,249.00
IA EM MNGT ASSOC.....	155.00
IA ST SHERIFFS & DEP ASSOC.....	
	125.00
IA LAW ENF ACADEMY.....	125.00
IA STATE UNIV.....	150.00
ISAC GROUP UNEMPLOY FUND.....	
	2,624.38
ISCSTA.....	150.00
JOHNSON CO MED EXAM DEPT.....	
	2,744.42
KENT, CHARLES.....	115.40
KEOKUK CO HWY DEPT.....	181.69
KEOTA WILSON MEM LIB.....	
	6,425.34
KESWICK, CITY OF.....	2,302.66

KINROSS, CITY OF.....	335.49
KRIER JAMES.....	61.00
LAFAYETTE TWP CLERK.....	52.00
LEE, BRYAN.....	8.00
LISCO/LTDS.....	393.49
LUERS, KEVIN.....	50.00
LYLE, DENNY.....	50.00
MAHASKA CO AUDITOR.....	
	2,219.83
MAHASKA CO ENV.....	7,950.00
MAIL SERVICES LLC.....	390.77
MAILING SERVICES INC.....	
	2,044.52
MARTELL ELECTRIC.....	327.10
MARTINS FLAG CO.....	664.51
MARTINSBURG, CITY OF.....	971.67
MCFARLAN CEM.....	296.00
MCGUIRE, ANDREW.....	40.00
MESSERSCHMITT, LAVADA.....	
	300.12
METAL CULVERTS.....	33,798.80
MID COUNTY MACHINERY.....	
	5,385.00
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING.....	
	645.93
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH.....	
	401.57
MITCHELL LAW OFFICE.....	
	154.79
MOD COOP TELEPHONE.....	349.80
MOSE LEVY CO.....	3,290.27
MUSCO CORP.....	191.06
NET2PHONE.....	1,138.98
NETSMART TECH.....	1,868.46
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING.....	
	424.05
NO ENGLISH TELEPHONE.....	
	1,289.88
OLLIE, CITY OF.....	1,195.41
PLEASANT HILL CEM.....	88.00
RICE, JUNE.....	50.00
RICHLAND LIB.....	7,243.56
SANITY SOLUTIONS.....	2,077.08
SCHROEDER FRAMEALIGN.....	
	2,969.15
SIEREN, MITCH.....	50.00
SIGOURNEY LIB.....	12,705.70
SIGOURNEY TREECARE.....	100.00
SIGOURNEY, CITY OF.....	1,089.17
SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....	59.02
SKYLINE STEEL.....	24,500.00
SLAUBAUGH, BRETT.....	59.00
SOUTH ENGLISH LIB.....	3,572.88
ST PATRICKS/LITTLE CREEK.....	
	168.00
STRIEGEL, JAMES.....	50.00
STRIEGEL, MIKE.....	50.00
TIFCO INDUSTRIES.....	1,091.67
TUSING, STEPHANIE.....	146.20
ULINE.....	1,261.21
UNIV OF IA HEALTH CARE.....	
	180.00
US CELLULAR.....	83.42
VERIZON WIRELESS.....	695.19
VISA (SEC RD).....	740.90
VISA (ASSESSOR).....	80.54
VISA (IT).....	425.00

VISA (JAIL).....	8.20
VISA (EM).....	10.00
VISA (PH).....	1,265.68
VISA (REC).....	271.04
WAPELLO CO AUDITOR.....	494.94
WEBSTER, CITY OF.....	468.51
WELLINGTON TOOL SALES.....	
	683.15
WEX BANK.....	32.36
WHAT CHEER LIB.....	4,993.30
WHITEHURST, JERRY.....	37.67
WINDSTREAM.....	901.56
WINDSTREAM LAKE DALE.....	
	1,268.18

WINGER CONTRACTING.....	
	1,640.00
WOOD, DARYL K.....	116.00
TOTAL.....	\$416,013.96

Hadley moved, Wood seconded approval of resolution appointing Tommy Smith to the Veteran's Affairs Commission to fill a vacancy as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. VA Director Herman informed Smith is very active on behalf of veterans and was appointed by the VA Commissioners in March.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a BOOST meeting. Weber attended Decat & Early Childhood meetings. Hadley had no scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. A letter was received from the City of Sigourney notifying of a public hearing request for a zoning variance regarding use of first floor buildings as dwelling units to be held on April 8, 2025 at noon. Ashton Thomas, Keota High School graduate, informed he was present due to a requirement of Ag Leadership college course to attend a county Board of Supervisors meeting. The FY26 Keokuk County budget public hearing will be held next week on April 14, 2025.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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

City of What Cheer • Minutes 4.8.2025

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 8th 2025
The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday April 8th 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers and Rick Shafranek. Christine Howard was absent. Also present was Richard & Faye Jones, Kathy Shafranek, Adam Clark, Quintin McAdams, John Bacon, Gary Joe Van Patten and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.

Shafranek motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Van Patten. All in favor. Motion Carried.
Mayor Darrell Wilkening gave his mayors report. He informed the council the trial with the Jones and the building permit issue has again been put off until April 21st. He also let the council know that City Clerk Melanie Vermillion has been asked to do a deposition for the Molyneux lawsuit, that will take place sometime after April 15th. Mayor Wilken-

ing also mentioned finding some white vinyl fencing for the park, but more information needed to be gathered before a decision for purchase.

During audience comments Kathy Shafranek brought up the problem of dust control on East Section Street that borders her property. The method the city has been using has not been working, she asked if applying more water would activate the solution, or if water can just be applied to the road periodically. City Clerk Melanie Vermillion suggested that her and her neighbor just look into regular dust control that it would be more cost effective, and last longer. She asked the council if they would be in favor of allowing her husband Rick Shafranek to use the tanker to apply the water himself. Mayor Darrell Wilkening said he could do this and use the water from their own personal water meter.

Shafranek motioned to adopt a resolution 24-04-05 to set a public hearing on April 22nd at 7:pm on the city budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Donna Rogers seconded

the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Shafranek, Aye; Danner, Aye; and Van Patten, Aye. Motion Carried.
Van Patten motioned to approve a building permit submitted by Mariah Glandon, the permit is for a dog fence. Shafranek seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Shafranek, Aye; Danner, Nay; and Van Patten, Aye. Motion Carried.

Shafranek motioned to approve a building permit submitted by the What Cheer Opera House. The permit is for extending the already existing deck to the west. Van Patten seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Nay; Shafranek, Aye; Danner, Nay; Van Patten, Aye; with a tied vote Mayor Darrell Wilkening broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion Carried.

Rogers made a motion to purchase 8 trees for the parks and lots owned by the city. Danner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Dwight Danner motioned to purchase a newer mower from McKim Tractor for the amount of \$13120.00, Donna Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion

Carried.

Quintin McAdams addressed the council about a car show that What Cheer Fire and Rescue are having on June 14th. Sandy Van Patten motioned to donate \$500.00 towards the event, seconded by Donna Rogers. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Donna Rogers motioned to have spring clean up on June 7th, Dwight Danner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Rick Shafranek motioned to charge David Campbell \$965.79 for a big water leak, the payments will be split over a 9-month period. Danner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was made on seal coating of streets, no action taken by the council at this time.

Rick Shafranek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm, seconded by Sandy Van Patten.

Darrell Wilkening, Mayor
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Special Meeting 4.9.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 9TH, 2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Tom Voss, Trent Forrest, Steve Axmear, Katie Taukei, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Amy Harger, Nick Breuer, Pam Nachtman, Carrie Burdick, Karen Sieren, Ashley Dickey, Zach Weilbacher, Renee Allison

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

The board read the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Forrest,

seconded by Taukei to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Katie Taukei read the Mission Statement.

The board held the FY26 Budget Public Hearing #1. The board entered the public hearing at 6:03pm. Board President Susan Schaefer asked if there were any attendees wanting to comment on the proposed budget. None were received. Secretary Ayers informed the board that there were no written comments received on the FY 26 School Budget. President Schaefer declared that the public hearing closed at 6:04pm.

The board held the FY26 Calendar Public Hearing. The board entered the public hearing at 6:04pm. Board President Susan Schaefer

asked if there were any attendees wanting to comment on the proposed calendar. None were received. Administration informed the board that there one written comment received from Kate Molyneux on the FY26 Calendar, asking the board to consider reverting and approving the original calendar put together by administration and teachers. President Schaefer declared that the public hearing closed at 6:05pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to adjourn at 6:05pm. Motion carried.

Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Work Session 4.9.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 9TH, 2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Trent Forrest, Steve Axmear, Tom Voss, Katie Taukei, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Nick Breuer, Amy Harger, Zach Weilbacher, Ashley Dickey, Pam Nachtman, Carrie Burdick, Renee Allison, Karen Sieren

The work session was called to order at 5:00pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The board entered discussion on a facility improvement plan and PPEL spending plan for the summer of 2025.

The board held discussion that the district has only received one paint bid. The board also went to a classroom in the building to look at how difficult it would be to demo the current chalkboards. The board discussed that classrooms have two

chalkboards/tag boards – is that what the teachers want. Administration discussed sending out a survey to see if teachers want two boards in their classrooms, or do they just want one.

The board discussed getting two bids to remove and hang whiteboards back up in classrooms.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to adjourn at 6pm. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 4.2.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of regular City Council meeting on April 2, 2025.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, with Mayor Pro tem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Others present were: Cindy Deitrich; Billy Claywell; Steve Shettler Media; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Conrad moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes:6

Conrad moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2025; Minutes of Special Council Meeting #1 of March 24, 2025; Minutes of Special Council Meeting #2 of March

24, 2025; Don and Brent to attend IAWEA Region 6 Conference in Iowa City on May 7th at the cost of \$60.00 per member; credit card report and to set time and place for the next regular scheduled Council meeting is April 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes:6

Conrad moved, seconded by Iosbaker, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Council Accounts Payable claims in the amount of \$84,642.47. Roll call vote Ayes:5 Abstain:1

The city has been approached by Duro-Last to possibly complete community service around town. Brent stated they have employees that would like to donate some time to clean up parks and etc., according to employment requirements. Council member Conrad moved seconded by Council member Iosbaker, to approve Duro-Last Employees to complete community services project or projects around town. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Lentz moved seconded by Clark to approve the Swimming Pool Policies and Procedures Handbook.

Roll call vote Ayes:6

Clark moved seconded by Lentz to approve the display ad for a flag football director, which will be placed in the News Review on April 9th and 16th. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Lentz moved seconded by Clark to approve the additional LOSST fund to cover the shipping charges on the trash receptables. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Schultz moved seconded by Lentz to approve L.L. Pelling to re-stripe the parking stalls, No parking, Handicap, curb and all crosswalks on the City Square and 1 block off the square in each direction and to re-stripe the Library parking Lot. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Lentz moved, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem.

Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk County Hospital & Clinics • 3rd Quarter Disbursements FY2025

KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL & CLINICS REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS	
3rd Quarter - Fiscal Year 2025	
VENDOR.....	Amount
ACUTE CARE INC.....	18,240.00
AED SUPERSTORE.....	2,021.00
AFLAC.....	20,655.96
AGRILAND FS INC.....	5,242.03
AHA ECC DISTRIBUTION.....	
.....	1,215.00
AIR SAFE LLC.....	1,381.25
AIRGAS USA LLC.....	4,753.79
ALADTEC.....	3,024.00
ALIMED INC.....	80.75
ALLIANT UTILITIES.....	28,228.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.....	5,151.41
AMERICAN ASSOC NURSE PRACTITIONER.....	153.00
AMERICAN BOTTLING COMPANY.....	163.80
AMERICAN MESSAGING.....	319.17
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO.....	800.78
ATWOOD ELECTRIC INC.....	
.....	9,965.01
BACKFLOW PREVENTION SERV OF IA.....	915.00
BAKER, BARB.....	2,100.00
BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP.....	
.....	5,450.77
BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.....	
.....	9,507.44
BLACK HAWK ROOF CO, INC.....	
.....	27,375.00
BLOOM PEDIATRICS.....	10,830.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC.....	
.....	1,813.93
BRACCO DIAGNOSTICS INC.....	
.....	351.00
BROTHERS MARKET.....	511.73
BROWN'S MEDICAL IMAGING.....	
.....	8,210.00
BUG MAN PEST CONTROL.....	
.....	330.00
C H MCGUINNESS CO INC.....	

.....	20,170.00
CARDINAL HEALTH MED PRODUCTS.....	34,630.61
CARE FUSION SOLUTIONS.....	
.....	5,940.00
CEPHEID.....	33,049.44
CHAMPION MASSAGE THERAPY, LLC.....	850.00
CITY OF HEDRICK.....	209.19
CITY OF SIGOURNEY.....	2,946.21
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER.....	2,215.38
COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC.....	
.....	257.57
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST.....	1,025.00
CONTROL SOLUTIONS INC.....	
.....	552.58
COPIC INSURANCE CO.....	
.....	3,463.00
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING.....	2,277.00
CUNNINGHAM INC.....	14,445.58
CURATIVE TALENT, LLC.....	
.....	18,315.72
D.I.A.L./ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREAU.....	75.00
DENMAN & COMPANY LLP.....	
.....	25,400.00
DEPT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE.....	175.00
DESIGN HOUSE PLUS LLC.....	
.....	2,710.00
DR. JOSEPH RATTENNI.....	
.....	1,820.00
DR. LINDY EATWELL.....	547.77
E.O. JOHNSON CO., INC.....	661.50
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES.....	
.....	1,836.77
EMS LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER.....	617.00
ENCHANTED EVENTS, LLC.....	
.....	250.00
ENERGAGE, LLC.....	2,980.11
ENLIVEN HEALTH INC.....	1,303.56
ESO SOLUTIONS INC.....	5,170.37
ESPY SERVICES.....	81.08
FIBER STAFFING LLC.....	46,835.00

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.....	548.00
FREDRIKSON & BYRON PA.....	
.....	1,275.00
GALL'S INC.....	433.53
GE PRECISION HEALTHCARE LLC.....	23,160.90
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC.....	1,792.39
GLOBE LIFE (LIBERTY NATIONAL).....	9,197.73
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES.....	100.10
GRAINGER.....	1,450.74
GRANT HENNING.....	11,760.00
GRAPE TREE MEDICAL STAFFING LL.....	71,500.00
GREENLEYS CORP.....	241.20
H&M FARM AND HOME SUPPLY.....	2,390.74
HD SUPPLY.....	3,529.87
HEALTH CARE LOGISTICS.....	
.....	592.53
HEALTH ENTERPRISES.....	
.....	8,794.37
HEALTH PHYSICS ASSOCIATES, LLC.....	1,200.00
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC.....	
.....	560.00
HELMUTH FORD.....	15,037.69
HENRY SCHEIN INC.....	2,071.12
HOGAN STAFFING LLC.....	8,640.00
HOLETON, RONALD K.....	455.00
IMPACT LIFE.....	1,456.00
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	164.00
IOWA CRYOGENICS.....	220.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERV.....	1,845.00
IOWA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.....	
.....	7,549.00
IOWA PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES, PC.....	3,550.00
IOWA RHTP.....	2,685.00
IOWA SPECIALTY HOSPITALS & CLI.....	2,100.00
J. EVANS NUTRITION CONSULTING.....	2,856.50

JACK R VALLANDINGHAM.....	
.....	325.00
KASEYA US LLC.....	10,604.90
KBOE RADIO.....	3,495.00
KCHC AUXILIARY.....	165.00
KCI USA.....	4,607.22
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.....	50.58
KIIC-FM.....	100.00
KINGS III OF AMERICA, LLC.....	
.....	270.75
KIWANIS CLUB.....	500.00
KLOSE TRAINING.....	3,300.00
LIFELINE SYSTEMS COMPANY.....	
.....	1,989.18
LISCO.....	5,588.40
MAHASKA HEALTH PARTNER-SHIP.....	20,438.63
MAHASKA MARKETS (IA).....	444.10
MARIE GRACE PHOTOGRAPHY.....	100.00
MARKETLAB INC.....	170.63
MARTIN BROS DIST CO INC.....	
.....	10,931.36
MCKESSON DRUG CO.....	
.....	49,076.12
MCKESSON DRUG--HOSP 340B.....	24,453.40
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL (LAB).....	3,353.74
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL (CS).....	51,594.66
MEDIACOM.....	3,260.22
MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC.....	
.....	2,596.62
MEDPRO WASTE DISPOSAL LLC.....	2,992.98
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO.....	
.....	125.41
MID-AMERICAN PUBLISHING.....	
.....	1,701.00
MIDWEST ONE BANK.....	29,300.53
MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMEN.....	3,322.56
MISC ON MAIN.....	119.51
MORLAN JIMMY L.....	110.00
ND CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION.....	
.....	783.70

NEW YORK LIFE.....	4,408.95
NIHON KOHDEN AMERICA INC.....	
.....	5,533.34
ONESTAFF MEDICAL LLC.....	
.....	9,720.00
ONNEN COMPANY INC.....	1,477.15
ONR NATION SPEECH PATHOLGY INC.....	6,187.91
OSKALOOSA HERALD.....	250.00
OTTUMWA RADIO.....	1,674.21
OUTCOMES.....	5,133.37
PERFORMANCE HEALTH.....	
.....	1,029.86
PETTY CASH.....	162.27
PHARMACY-LITE PACKAGING.....	
.....	2,731.25
PHELPS AUTO SUPPLY.....	499.00
PHYSICIAN MANAGEMENT SVC IA.....	6,305.50
PIPETTE-TEK.....	103.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL.....	450.30
PREMIER SPECIALTY NETWORK LLC.....	5,763.47
QUIDEL CORPORATION.....	
.....	1,534.00
REED OVERHEAD DOORS.....	
.....	837.90
REID'S BAKERY.....	372.00
RX CARE ASSURANCE.....	600.00
SCHROEDER GRAPHICS & SIGN LLC.....	715.00
SETPOINT MECHANICAL SRVCS LLC.....	93,744.10
SHARED MEDICAL SERVICES INC.....	3,318.00
SHELTON-DEHAAN CO.....	224.00
SHETTLER MEDIA LLC.....	1,725.00
SIGOURNEY DOLLARS.....	
.....	3,300.00
SIGOURNEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB.....	50.00
SIGOURNEY LUMBER CO.....	
.....	1,802.47
SINCLAIR NAPA.....	11.71
SMITH, LISA.....	20,206.50
SOMNITECH.....	8,030.00
STAFFING FIRST LLC.....	39,555.63

STAK TECH SOLUTIONS LLC.....	
.....	4,550.00
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY,RAS.....	1,309.44
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMER INC.....	3,105.56
STEWART'S AUTO SERVICE LLC.....	246.38
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC.....	10,700.93
SYSMEX AMERICA INC.....	2,109.75
THE COMPLIANCE TEAM.....	
.....	3,900.00
THE COUNTRY MILE.....	1,300.00
THE GARDEN GATE.....	200.00
THE STANDARD, VISION.....	
.....	3,326.04
TK ELEVATOR CORP.....	465.00
TRAVELERS INSURANCE.....	
.....	827.00
TRUBRIDGE, INC.....	35,534.58
TYPENEX MEDICAL LLC.....	59.03
UI COMMUNITY CLINICS.....	650.00
UIHC CLINICAL STAFF OFFICE.....	
.....	450.00
ULINE.....	8,552.08
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH CARE.....	6,660.00
VAPOTHERM INC.....	160.18
VERITY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC.....	4,200.00
WAPITI MEDICAL STAFFING.....	
.....	11,293.00
WAYSTAR.....	3,759.23
WINDSTREAM.....	452.85
WINGER CONTRACTING CO.....	
.....	286.00
WYATT DALE BAXTER.....	
.....	95,940.00
ZEPTO METRIX LLC.....	1,870.09
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION.....	
.....	1,474.96
TOTAL QUARTERLY DISBURSEMENTS.....	1,253,466.84

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English Valleys CSD • Minutes 4.14.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 14TH, 2025.

Individuals present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Susan Schaefer, Trent Forrest, Pam Nachtman, Chuck Nachtman, Kate Molyneux

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.

The English Valleys Board of Education presented their initial proposal with an increase in salary of 2.97%, additional compensation for the Athletic Director, and moving extra-curricular base to BA, Step

0 multiplier amount. increased pay for coaches.

Next meeting will be April 23rd at 2pm.

The meeting was concluded at 3:43pm.

Wendy Ayers
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THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 9TH, 2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Tom Voss, Trent Forrest, Steve Axmear, Katie Taukei, and Board Secretary Wendy Ayers

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Amy Harger, Nick Breuer, Pam Nachtman, Megan Knapp, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Ashley Dickey, Zach Weilbacher, Renee Allison, Karen Sieren

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve the agenda, with the addition on one resignation. Motion carried.

The board held the FY26 Budget Public Hearing #2. The board entered the public hearing at 6:32pm. Board President Susan Schaefer asked if there were any attendees wanting to comment on the proposed budget. None were received. Secretary Ayers informed the board that there were no written comments received on the FY 26 School Budget. President Schaefer declared that the public hearing closed at 6:33pm.

1. Regular Business - Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of Meetings held in March 2025

2. Approve Payment of Activity Bills

3. Approve Payment of Bills

4. Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 3/31/25

5. Receive and Take Action on Resignations

- Brittney Brecht- elementary associate

vii. Dakotah Kirkpatrick – Teacher

6. Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts

1. Sam Moraetes. 80 PE

2. Sam Moraetes assistant jr. high football

3. Sam Moraetes jr girls track

4. Kennedy Axmear assistant high school track

5. Russell Nieman assistant high school baseball

6. Chris Montross- Head Girls Basketball

7. Brennen Grimm-jr. high track

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote. Schaefer aye. Voss aye. Forrest aye, Axmear aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.

1. English Valleys Good News

Administration discussed Literacy Night activities; ISASP testing is complete; Cyrus Morrison was appointed to a student tech statewide

board; greenhouse will be open at the end of the month; Community Service day is the 23rd; Mr. Nachtman was the State Student Council Banquet MC; and Mr. Baker was honored for the student construction program from Kirkwood.

The board welcomed the visitors present. No one spoke during open forum.

Administration discussed the FY26 School Budget. Superintendent Rheingans discussed that there was a small increase of the tax rate to the budget for FY26. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the FY26 School Budget, including the \$.33 Board approved PPEL levy. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Forrest aye, Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei to approve the FY26 School Budget Guarantee Resolution in the amount of \$12,912. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the FY 26 School calendar that was reworked from last month's meeting, with a change in snow days. A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the FY26 School calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the snow day make up plan for students and employees. The last day for students will be May 23rd, waiving the make up of the snow days. Employees will make up 3 of the snow days with the 4th being waived. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei, to approve the snow make up day plan for FY25. Taukei aye, Axmear aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Voss to approve the requests from Grace Brethren Church and the Community Church, to rent EV school buses to use to run a route for their Summer Bible Schools. Motion carried.

The board review Board Policy #103 and 103r1, Facility Long Range Planning.

The board received the list of graduating seniors for 2024. A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to approve the list of graduating seniors for 2025, contingent upon successful completion of all requirements. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to leave students fees and driver's education fees the same for next year. Motion carried.

The board discussed extending the agreement to use OPAA for the

Hot Lunch services for next year. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve using OPAA for Hot Lunch services for the FY26 school year. Axmear aye, Taukei nay, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. 4-1 Motion carried.

Athletic Director Zach Weilbacher discussed with the board moving to using Bound Iowa for all scheduling, stats, official scheduling, and ticket taking. Mr. Weilbacher also discussed possibly getting advertisement donations to help to cover costs of livestreaming. The board discussed charging for the livestream.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to leave the student fees the same for the FY26 school year. Motion carried.

Steve Axmear left the meeting at 7:26pm.

The board received the fundraiser requests:

1. Information and Discussion Items

1. Board Discussion Items

2. Open Enrollment Out Acknowledgements

- Ella Aossey to Williamsburg Kindergarten

1. Stormy Cloke 6th grade to Clear Creek Amana

3. Open Enrollment In Acknowledgement

1. Raddix Dobbins-Kindergarten from Williamsburg

Superintendent/Board Communications

1. Staffing – Mr. Rheingans informed the board there will be some adjusting teachers to different classrooms with the resignations received at the elementary.

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025

The board entered Exempt Session - Iowa Code Chapter 20.17 (3) for the purpose of conducting a strategy session for those employees covered in Chapter 20 at 7:35pm. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:25pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to adjourn at 8:26pm. Motion carried.

Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary
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Issue: XXXIII

Harmony and Hard Work: EV Excels at Solo Music Contest

The EV music department had a standout day at the Solo and Small Ensemble contest, hosted this year by WACO. Both instrumental and vocal students delivered impressive performances, earning high marks and showcasing the strength of EV's music program. Instrumental students participated in 14 events, receiving a remarkable 10 Division I (Superior) ratings and 4 Division II (Excellent) ratings. On the vocal side, students performed in 8 events—6 solos and 2 duets—with 4 soloists and both duets earning Division I ratings. Clare Hart achieved a perfect score on her solo. Her outstanding performance earned her the Outstanding Performance Award, signifying that the judge considered her solo to be the best performance of the day in her center. Overall, EV students earned Division I ratings on 73% of their performances, a testament to their dedication, talent, and the hard work they've put into their craft.

Division 1 (Superior)

Kaylee Frazier - Vocal Solo

Aliza Walker - Flute Solo

Sebastian Hartwig - Low Brass Solo

Anna Luers - Low Brass Solo

Betsy Wells & Kaylynn Hoylman - Vocal Duet

Kaylynne Hoylman - Vocal Solo

Clare Hart - Vocal Solo

McKenna Rugg - Saxophone Solo

Daige Sabin - Vocal Solo

Kaylee Frazier & Daige Sabin - Vocal Duet

Roejert Patterson - Percussion Solo

Tessa Crane, Channing Stratton, Kaylee Frazier, Emerald Spence, Aliza Walker & Ambryn Hoylman - Flute Ensemble

Sarah Frederick, Ellie Patterson, Kaylynn Caster, Jack Johnson, & Daige Sabin - Clarinet Ensemble

Declan Patterson & Kaylynne Hoylman - Saxophone Ensemble

Channing Stratton & Tessa Crane - Flute Ensemble

Jon Hoylman, Emily Sieren, McKenna Rugg, Declan Patterson, Kaylynne Hoylman & Chyar McGaffee - Saxophone Ensemble

Division 2 (Excellent)

Miley Clubb - Vocal Solo

Clare Hart - Low Brass Solo

Emily Sieren - Vocal Solo

Isaac Frazier & Anna Luers - Trombone Duet

Jack Osborn, Hunter Offerman, Olivia Debevec, Betsy Wells & Sebastian Hartwig - Mixed Brass

Isaiah Baughman, Ben Sieren, Garin Schaffner, Clara Karr & Miley Clubb - Mixed Brass



Senior Spotlights - Congratulations Class of 2025



Birthday: November 18

Parents: Peggy Sue Coburn and Jordan Linder

Siblings: Cooper Linder

Pets: Cash and Luna

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Drama, Speech, FFA, NHS, Future Teachers, and Yearbook

Biggest Accomplishment: One of Stacia's most notable accomplishments is being elected and serving as President of the FFA.

Plans After Graduation: After graduation, Stacia plans to attend DMACC, where she will pursue a major in English



Birthday: July 12

Parents: Zac and Annie Schott

Siblings: Bentley and Bella Schott

Activities: Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Choir, Drama, Speech, Student Council, NHS, Chess, Trap Shooting, Boy Scouts, and Yearbook

Memorable Moment: One of his most memorable moments was being part of the trap shooting team and traveling to St. Louis and Coon Rapids, to compete in Olympic-style trap shooting.

Plans After Graduation: Forrest plans to study Finance at Iowa State University, aiming to build a strong foundation for a successful career in finance.



Birthday: February 18th, 2007

Parents: David and Amanda Smothers

Siblings: Aidan, Wyatt, and Lathan

Pets: A cat named Tallulah and a few others

Activities: Volleyball, Wrestling, Speech, Drama, NHS, FCCLA, FTA, and Yearbook

Memorable Moment: One of Lyla's most memorable moments was being in the front row of the pit at a Zach Bryan concert.

Plans After Graduation: Lyla plans to pursue the teaching program at William Penn University, with a commitment to shaping future generations.



Birthday: June 1st

Parents: Travis & Stacy Murphy

Siblings: Bradley Murphy

Pets: 2 dogs named Oakley and Hercules.

Activities: Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Golf, Drama, Speech, FCCLA, NHS, Future Teachers, and Yearbook

Memorable Moments: One of Nicole's most memorable moments was being in the front row in the pit at a Zach Bryan concert.

Plans after Graduation: Nicole plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in Elementary Education and pursue a career in teaching.

Upcoming Activities

April 24:

Drake Relays

B/G Golf @Colfax-Mingo 4:15

Boys Track @EBF 4:30

JH Track @ Belle Plaine 4:15

April 25:

Drake Relays

Boys Golf Tournament @ IV 1:00

Girls Track @BGM 4:30

JH Track @WACO 4:30

April 26:

B/G Golf (H) vs. Keota 4:15

Girls Track @ Belle Plaine 4:15

April 26:

Boys Track @ Sigourney 4:00



**GRADUATION
2025**

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 12:30 pm

English Valleys Competition Gym

Class Night is Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm



THE EAGLE'S WING

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Senior Spotlight

Jax Weber

Jax Weber is the final senior spotlight. Jax's parents are Alan Weber and Jen Weber. Alan graduated from Keota in the class of 1988. Jen graduated from Washington High School. Jax has one brother, Dylan Weber, and he is 18. Jax's childhood dream was to join the army. He also dreamed about coming back and running the family farm. After high school this summer, Jax will be attending basic training for the army. Then next fall, he will attend Kirkwood University in the field of ag science. Jax is going to serve eight years in the Iowa national guard; in his off time he will work on the family farm.

Jax's career at Keota was filled with many extracurricular activities such as football, soccer, trap shooting, and FFA. Jax's favorite sport was football because of all the hard work, dedication, and teamwork that is needed to be successful. Jax was very important to the FFA and served as the vice president this year. He was also in charge of the Landlab over the summer and helped Mr. Jamison, mow, tedder, rake, and bale every cutting of hay. Jax will miss many things about KHS but he will miss being with his friends everyday most. Of all the traditions KHS has, his favorite was Eagle Olympics. Jax's biggest pet peeve is doing homework in his off time. He will miss playing cards with Mr. Jamison. Jax's most memorable memory was senior year TP-ing for homecoming. Jax describes himself as a hard working, honest, reliable person. Jax hopes to be remembered as an honest person that was always there for his friends when they needed him most. He encourages all students to participate in lots of school activities and to enjoy every minute of high school; it goes by fast. We wish Jax well in his career and whatever he may encompass in life.



By: Garrett Greiner

SWING INTO ACTION

The Keota High School golf season has come to a start with a group of meets this past week starting with a JV Boys and Varsity Girls meet last Monday against Sigourney. Then there was a Varsity Boys and Girls meet Thursday in Marengo. The Keota Invitational was Friday with Keota Boys varsity hosting Sigourney, HLV, and EV boys varsity teams. Finally there was a meet in Montezuma the following Monday, the 14th. Our very own Billie Kindred got first place and Porter Cave got second place. Our Boys varsity won the meet although two of our varsity starters were at the FFA state convention. The Keota Golf team has been off to a good start with getting back into the swing of things. With the Keota team making it to state golf last year and having two returning varsity players, we are hoping they make an appearance again this year. We hope the Keota golf team has a great rest of the year.



By: Mison Milam



Photo credit: Jenni Swanson

STAFF OF THE WEEK

Our Teacher of the Week is Haley McCombs. Haley became a teacher because she wanted to be a positive influence and make a difference on the kids. We asked what her favorite part of teaching was, and she said building a relationship with students and witnessing the growth and achievements of her students. Haley enjoys all her classes she has throughout the day. As a kid she wanted to be a cosmetologist. We asked if she had any nicknames, and she said her students call her "Beige Mom" because her classroom is beige and she acts like their mom. Haley has been teaching at Keota for 3 years, and her favorite memory at Keota was observing students showing acts of kindness toward others. She is proud to be a part of such an amazing environment and community.



By: Kennedy Jackson

JUNK OR JEWEL?

This week's junk or jewel is Gavin Sieren's 2021 Ram 1500 classic. Gavin just recently acquired this truck from an online auction. The truck came all the way from Louisiana! Gavin's beast of a truck only has 114,000 miles. The farthest Gavin has taken his truck so far is Dubuque for a ski trip with the boys. Gavin's truck is equipped with Bluetooth where he jams out to 80s rock, country, and occasionally white girl music. On a good day Gavin's truck can get 18 miles to the gallon. Gavin claims the top speed is 55 miles an hour, but I beg to differ. The trip that Gavin takes the most is just going to school and Washington for college classes. Gavin's truck was once a pilot truck so it is equipped with some very cool construction lights. We'll let you decide: is Gavin's truck junk or a jewel?

By: Jake Morris



EVENTS

24 Gr. 3-6 Elem. Spring Concert - HS Gym - 6:30 PM
24 S/K Soccer @ Pella Christian - 5:30 PM
25 SCHOOL IN SESSION
25 (B) Golf @ Iowa Valley - 1:00 PM
25 JH Track @ WACO (Wayland) - 4:30 PM
25 S/K Soccer @ Sig. vs Wapello - 5:00 PM
26 S/K Trap @ Highland (Riverside) - TBA
26 Prom Mass @ Holy Trinity Parish - Keota - 4:00 PM
26 Grand March - HS Gym - 5:00 PM
26 Jr-Sr Prom - Wooden Wheel Vineyard - 9:00 PM-11:30 PM (Doors locked@ 9:30 PM)
26-27 After Prom Party - HS & JH Gyms
28 Golf @ English Valleys - 4:15 PM
28 JH Track @ Sigourney - 4:30 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 are you looking forward to this summer?

MRS. SWANSON
STAFF



"Doing stuff around the house and going boating"

MISON MILAM
12TH



"Golfing"

CHASE HAIFLEY
11TH



"Doing things with my buddies"

JACK GREINER
10TH



"Showing my pigs"

TYSON OSWEILER
9TH



"Practice wiffle ball"

EMMA GREINER
8TH



"Hang out with family"

SILAS PAPPAS
7TH



"Going to the pool"

Grain Indemnity Fund Assessment to Cease on September 1, 2025

DES MOINES – The Grain Indemnity Fund Board voted today to cease the assessment on grain sold to Iowa-licensed grain dealers as well as the participation fees for Iowa licensed grain dealers and warehouse operators as part of the Iowa Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund (Grain Indemnity Fund) effective September 1, 2025.

The assessment was reinstated on September 1, 2023, after the Fund fell below the statutory threshold of \$3 million due to grain facility failures in 2021 and 2022. Under existing law, the assessment must remain in effect for at least a full year and must also remain active until the Board votes to suspend the collection of fees or the Fund reaches a balance of \$8 million.

That second-year of collections started on September 1, 2024, and will continue through August 31, 2025. The balance of the Grain Indemnity Fund, as of April 16, is \$10,173,347.80. This total exceeds the \$8 million dollar threshold and does not include the final two quarters of collections, which will cover cash sales of grain made in March, April, and May, and

June, July, and August.

Created by the Iowa Legislature in 1986 during the Farm Crisis to provide financial protection to farmers, the Grain Indemnity Fund covers farmers with grain on deposit in Iowa-licensed warehouses and grain sold on a cash basis to state-licensed grain dealers. In the case of a failure of a state-licensed grain warehouse or grain dealer, the Fund will pay farmers 90 percent of a loss on grain up to a maximum of \$300,000 per claimant.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Grain Warehouse Bureau regulates and examines the financial solvency of grain dealers and grain warehouse operators to protect Iowa farmers. The Grain Warehouse Bureau is responsible for administering the Iowa Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund. Members of the Iowa Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund are appointed by the Governor and are subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate. More information can be found on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's website.

ISU Extension in Keokuk County hosts Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training on April 30, 2025

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Keokuk County is proud to announce a partnership with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) to host an Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vendor training on April 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

This training is for fruit and vegetable growers, as well as honey producers, who sell their products at

farmers markets, and is the initial step toward FMNP certification, a requirement for farmers who wish to accept FMNP vouchers.

The Iowa FMNP, administered by IDALS with support from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, is vital in supporting local farmers and providing access to fresh, locally grown produce for eligible seniors and WIC families. In 2024, over 14,000 seniors

and 30,000 mothers and children in Iowa received FMNP vouchers, contributing to the certification of more than 600 farmers at 125 farmers markets and 100 farmstands. Certified farmers saw an average increase of \$1,800 in sales through FMNP participation.

The training will take place at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Keokuk County, located at 400 220

th Ave Suite A, on April 30, 2025, at 9:00 AM. Attendance is free, but preregistration is mandatory. For registration and further details, please contact Emily Belvel at ebelvel@iastate.edu or 641-622-2680.

For inquiries regarding FMNP vendor certification, please contact IDALS at 515-725-1179 or FarmersMarket@IowaAgriculture.gov.

Five Things Farmers Need to Know About the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)

Signups are March 19-August 15

By: Texas Corn Producers

LUBBOCK, Texas — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced its planned rollout of \$10 billion in economic disaster relief for farmers, including \$42.91 per acre of corn. Signups for the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) started Wednesday, March 19, 2025, and will run through August 15, 2025.

There are four ways farmers may complete the application for the program:

- Online using a secure log-in.gov account – available March 19, 2025
- In-person at their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office
- Electronically using Box and One-span
- By mail with the pre-filled application USDA is mailing to farmers

Farmers do not need to wait to receive this pre-filled application to apply

Five key things to know about ECAP payments:

- One application submitted during the March 19-August 15 signup period will cover a farmer's entire operation.

Except for the new form CCC-943, most farmers who have previously participated in FSA programs will likely have the necessary forms on file for their application.

The complete list of required forms is available [HERE](#).

Applications will be processed as they are received. Initial payments will be factored at 85%.

Once the sign-up period ends, USDA will likely provide a second tranche of payments if funds are still available.

There are payment limits for the program:

- \$250,000 limit for individuals or entities with more than 75% of their average gross income from farming for the 2020-2022 tax years.
- \$125,000 limit for individuals or entities (other than a joint venture or general partnership) who earn less than 75% of their average gross income from farming for the 2020-2022 tax years.

USDA ECAP resources are available at [farmers.gov](#), including:

- Payment calculator
- ECAP Fact Sheet
- ECAP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Texas Corn Producers Association diligently advocated for this program alongside fellow agriculture groups. TCPA appreciates the legislators who worked to see this relief was incorporated in the American Relief Act, and the current administration's effort to rollout the program in a timely, efficient manner.



Signups for the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) started Wednesday, March 19, 2025, and will run through August 15, 2025. (Courtesy image)

Farm Wife Approved

Recipes handed down from generation to generation.

Instant Pot Penne Pasta

By Katie Phillips

With planting season upon us, it is nice to have dinner ready to go in just a few short minutes. Instant Pots are all the craze these days. Here is my family's favorite Instant Pot recipe. The cheesy goodness is sure to hit the spot with everyone. If you like your food to have a bit of a kick, all you have to do is add spicier sausage, and you're good to go. You can also double the recipe for larger families.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound smoked sausage (the rope kind), cut into bit sized slices
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- ½ pound penne pasta, uncooked
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups fresh spinach

Instructions:

Add sausage, onions, garlic, and mushrooms to the Instant Pot. Saute until there are brown bits on the bottom of the pot. Deglaze pot with chicken broth. Add in penne pasta, and spinach. Stir to combine. Cover and cook 7-9 minutes (or half the time listed on the package of the pasta) high pressure, quick release. Remove lid, add cheeses, stir until melted and serve.

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Letter to the Editor,

During this important National Volunteer Week, I cannot help but stop and be so thankful for the countless people who give to Washington County 4-H.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the village of people who volunteer their time, offer their skills and donate financial contributions to the Washington County 4-H program. My time as the 4-H/County Youth Coordinator has been extremely rewarding and in part due to the dedicated and caring volunteers in this county.

There are currently 567 youth in kindergarten-12th grade who are involved in Clover Kids/4-H in Washington County. The 4-H program would not and could not thrive in this way for so many young people without the commitment of our volunteers.

Thank you to all of our 4-H club leaders, 4-H & Youth Committee members, Extension Council members, Fair Board members, superintendents and project committees, project leaders, short-term volunteers, fair support staff, and numerous other volunteers throughout the year.

I have no doubt that our volunteers enrich the lives of

these youth in Washington County in ways they will always remember. The talents, skills and interests our volunteers share have a lasting impact on all of us. They spend numerous hours working on tasks, such as organizing special events, helping members with 4-H projects, leading community service projects, educating, having fun with and encouraging our youth. They work to make the best better for our young people.

The work of 4-H volunteers is constant and isn't always glorious with many details, deadlines, and changing needs of youth. So it is important to show our appreciation. That work is recognized and noticed. Please be sure to celebrate National Volunteer Week by recognizing those who volunteer their time and energy in our youth – our future.

Thank you, once again, to all of those who generously give of themselves to help the youth of Washington County 4-H! You are the best!

Washington County 4-H Volunteer Stats =

- Our county wide volunteer crew is made of:
- In 2024, 5716 volunteer hours were logged from Washington County 4-H volunteers. Current vol-

unteer value. The value of a volunteer in Iowa is \$28.88 per hour. That is over \$165,000 invested in to the youth of our county through volunteer's time.

- 87 4-H Club leaders and Clover Kid leaders who meet with their clubs once a month, support their members throughout the year at other events, coordinate community service learning, and social outings for their members.
- 18 Youth Committee members who meet once a month to help plan, evaluate, recruit, fundraise, supervise. They are very active in 4-H events and program development.
- 26 Livestock Superintendents who are the experts in their species. They make suggestions for class/rule changes, arrange for their volunteer crews for weigh-ins, fair livestock set up, shows, and clean up. Many of them also lead workshops, tours, and training throughout the year to those project members.
- 9 elected Extension Council members who are the governing body of all Washington County Extension & Outreach

and 4-H programs.

- 24 fair board members who meet monthly to plan the annual Washington County Fair. They maintain the grounds and facilities and work to bring entertaining and educational experiences to the fair each year.
- HUNDREDS of episodic volunteers and donors who offer support for an event or two every year. They have their specialty and interest areas and help make those things happen for our 4-H members.
- Youth volunteer as well! The 4-H program works to model for and train youth how to be giving members of their communities as well, and many of our youth do give back and volunteer for this program by assisting at day camps, teaching at workshops, serving at our events, setting up/cleaning up for fair. The list is endless!

Sincerely,

Amy Green, Washington County 4-H/Youth Coordinator

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