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WEDNESDAY, APR. 30, 2025  
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## Community CALENDAR

### Richland City Spring Clean Up

May 2nd, 5 pm-8 pm  
May 3rd, 8 am-12 pm  
Roll-offs will be at the City shed off of W. North St.  
Any appliances must be brought there and set to the side of the roll-offs.

### What Cheer Flea Market

May 1-4  
Keokuk County Fairgrounds

### Hats and More Luncheon

May 7th at 11:00 AM.  
Hosted by Dixie Knipfer at Bryant's Chill and Grill,  
1991 O'Donnell Rd. Williamsburg

### Rubio Pancake Fundraiser

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

### Blood Drive

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish  
Center Classroom, 109 N. Lincoln St.  
Thursday, May 8, 2-6 p.m.

### Delta Sesquicentennial Meeting

May 19 at 6:15 p.m.  
Delta Town and Country Center  
Volunteers need to choose their project

### The Delta Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 7, 2025.  
Social Hour will begin at 3:30 p.m.  
Meal served at 5:30 p.m.  
Honored Class: Class of 1955.  
Reservations call June Rice at 641-624-2077.

### 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



Shifflett's restored trophies



## Reunion Held for Town of Webster

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – The annual Webster town reunion was held at the Keokuk County Expo on April 26, bringing in dozens who either live in or used to live in the tiny town of Webster, Iowa. The town reunions began in 2010, when Denise Wright, formerly of Webster, moved from Florida back to Iowa. Wright, along with Shirley Glider Knight, organized a reunion for women from Webster, bringing in 60 women. The next year, they expanded it to invite anyone who ever lived in Webster. The reunions have been held ever since, although it was skipped for two years due to

COVID.

“We’ve got 71 coming today, so that’s a good number,” said Knight. “We’ve lost 106 Webster friends that we know in the last 15 years, that we just know of. I mean, there’s probably other people, but 55 of them had been to at least one reunion.”  
Among those who passed away since the town reunions began is Wright, who was me-



memorialized with a table at the Saturday reunion. Knight, who grew up on a farm in Webster, left after graduating and now lives in Solon, stated that the goal of the annual

of Webster is currently 90, down from the 150 when she was a kid, and that there used to be other businesses, but now there’s only the grain elevator. She noted that

reunion is to reconnect with people from the small town. “It’s just fun to see people get together,” she said.

Knight noted that the population

the Webster school closed in 1974. One attendee at the reunion, Webster resident Scott Shifflett, displayed a collection of old trophies from the Webster school, which he has restored and repaired over the years.

“It’d be pretty easy, if you don’t do these things, people forget pretty quickly about your hometown, and you know the history and everything,” said Shifflett.

In the past, the town reunion has brought in crowds as high as 134 people, from as far as Texas and Oregon. The 2025 town reunion featured a meal, a silent auction, door prizes, and displays of old memorabilia from the small town.

## Grassley Pressed on Tariffs, Mass Firings, Due Process During Hospital Q&A

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley held a Q&A with healthcare workers at Keokuk County Hospital and Clinics on April 22, leading to tough conversations about the state of the country as it enters the second Trump term.

One attendee, a therapist, stated she was deeply concerned about potential cuts to social security and medicare, noting that a lot of her patients rely on those programs for mental healthcare. Grassley claimed there was nothing to be concerned about regarding medicare, but did note that the House was discussing changes to the budget for medicaid. He stated that both congress and the Iowa Legislature are considering adding work requirements for “able bodied” people.

“If you’re able to work, we shouldn’t discourage people from working,” said the Senator.

“Some of my chronically mentally ill people appear very able bodied, but mentally they are not capable of holding a job. So I have concerns about that as well,” replied the therapist.

The therapist also asked about rumors that the Social Security Administration would begin communicating exclusively through X, formerly known as Twitter, the social media platform owned by billionaire presidential advisor Elon Musk. The White House has denied these rumors. The therapist stated that a lot of older people can’t access social media and stated she was concerned that Musk was still receiv-

ing government contracts while working for the White House. Grassley claimed that Musk was just an advisor to the president and can’t make decisions.

“I think he’s a little more than an advisor, in my opinion,” said one attendee.

Grassley claimed there was no possibility of Social Security benefits being cut. An attendee stated that the problem was that Social Security infrastructure was being ruined from the bottom up via mass lay-offs, resulting in the agency not having enough people to function efficiently. In February, an executive order signed by President Donald Trump forced the agency to lay off 7,000 Social Security employees, 12% of its staff. Grassley claimed that Musk was stopping fraud and trying to keep Social Security employees from working from home.

Hospital CEO Matt Ives explained that the clinic is one of only a few independent critical access hospitals in Iowa and is likely the smallest in the state. He brought up hospital networks like UnityPoint Health, saying they had come out of nowhere and were now everywhere. He claimed that corporations like UnityPoint were receiving \$120 million in subsidies from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and that it made it hard for independent hospitals like his to get by. He said Grassley should look at money going to large corporations when looking for ways to find savings. Grassley stated that UnityPoint doesn’t own hospitals, but has a working relationship with them. Ives stated that they put the cost

on hospitals, which inflates medicare costs. Ives claimed these companies were taking advantage of loopholes to have hospitals subsidize them. Grassley stated changing CMS was a double edged sword that could harm critical access hospitals as well.

An attendee asked why they couldn’t stop scams, like constant spam calls or a scam where a company tried to send her mother unneeded braces and have medicare pay for them. Another attendee stated that scammers try to force their providers to sign orders ordering treatment, then call and threaten to sue the clinic when the providers do not. Grassley stated that most prosecution under the False Claims Act used to be at defense contractors, but that most false claim fraud is now healthcare related.

An attendee asked about President Trump’s January 24th firing of more than a dozen inspectors general, the independent watchdogs that work to prevent fraud and waste within government agencies, without the legally required explanation or advanced notice. Several of the fired inspectors general were at the time of the firing actively investigating companies owned by Trump advisor Elon Musk. Following the firings, Grassley, who is the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Dick Durbin wrote to Trump, asking for an explanation. The attendee stated she had written to Grassley about this multiple times and asked for an update.

“He seems to just keep letting people go, and Elon just keeps letting people go, and there’s just generic explana-

tions like ‘they’re not doing their job,’” said the attendee.

Grassley claimed to be a protector of inspectors general and stated they were an important part of checks and balances. He noted that the president is allowed to fire inspectors general, but is required to give congress notice and explanation of why inspectors general are fired.

“This is the first president that’s said he thinks it’s an imposition on his power under the Constitution to be the chief executive,” said Grassley. “Now, if a president doesn’t enforce the law, all we did, it was Durbin and me who wrote that letter, we want to know the reasons for firing those people. They shouldn’t have been fired until 30 days after we got that notice.”

Grassley stated that every president does illegal things, noting that former President Joe Biden had attempted to find other ways to forgive student loan debt after being told his initial avenue for do-

ing so, via the HEROES Act, was unconstitutional. Grassley stated that Trump still hadn’t responded to him.

“If these laws are put in place, then who’s going to make people follow them?” asked the attendee. “There’s an awful lot of things going on that nobody is making these people be accountable.”

Grassley responded by claiming that Biden hadn’t enforced immigration law. Grassley stated that the only thing he could do is impeach the president. Another attendee brought up the bipartisan immigration bill championed by Biden in February of last year, which failed to pass after Trump pressured Republicans to vote against it, according to the attendee, because Trump didn’t want immigration to be fixed during Biden’s term. Grassley noted that Trump wasn’t even the president at the time. Grassley was one of the Republican

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Ava Fisch



Gage Heyne



Raegan Molyneux

## Local Students Named Governor's Scholars

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review  
DES MOINES – On April 27, hundreds of Iowa students were honored at the 2025 Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony. Since 2003, the Governor's Office, Iowa High School Athletic Associ-

ation and the Iowa Farm Bureau have named the highest academic achievers of every school's senior class. Chosen students received a plaque and certificate commemorating their achievement and an opportunity for a handshake and photo with the governor.

Recognized students include:

- Ava Fisch, Sigourney
- Kimberly Clarahan, Keota
- Raegan Molyneux, Tri-County
- Sarah Hamilton, Pekin
- Gage Heyne, English Valleys

## Neighbors Magazine Founders Discuss Their History

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review  
NORTH ENGLISH – On April 27, the English Valleys History Center featured a presentation from Rhonda and C.C. Hoffman, the creators of local monthly publication Neighbors Magazine. The Hoffmans also own the Design House and Happy Hutch. Rhonda Hoffman explained that, in 2005, she moved to Sigourney to be with Sigourney native C.C. Hoffman. Rhonda, a graphic designer, wanted to work in town so she could be around for her children and began doing freelance design work. Customers repeatedly asked them if they could do print work, leading the Hoffmans to open the Design House.



"We've been going for about twenty years now, and it still amazes us that, in a small rural community, we were able to build a business that allowed us to raise our children, have a good quality of life, and do things for our community," Rhonda said.

C.C. explained that, at the time, he was working as a career counselor and anthropol-

ogy professor at Central College, which ended up helping when they eventually began the magazine. "The one thing that I did

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# Keota Prom



Seniors



Photos Courtesy of Casey Jarmes



Juniors

# Garage Sale Weekend

**FRIDAY, MAY 30 • SATURDAY, MAY 31**

The Sigourney News-Review invites you to join our **GARAGE SALE WEEKEND** Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31 Place your ad at the News-Review office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or call 641-622-3110 to make an appointment Ad deadline - Wednesday, May 15 at Noon Plan your garage sale for May 30 and May 31! We'll publish your ad on our "Garage Sale" page on Wednesday, May 28



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**The News-Review** 120 East Washington, Sigourney or call us at 641-622-3110 \*ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BY 4 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 In the event of rain/snow, we will re-run the ad on June 4 and garage sale weekend will be June 6 & 7

## Home Base Iowa Discusses Attracting Veterans

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review  
SIGOURNEY – On April 24, Zachary Nelson of Home Base Iowa, an organization that helps veterans find employment and connects them with resources in the state of Iowa, met with KCED and local veterans at Barnwired in Sigourney. Nelson stated that veterans help build communities and that Home Base Iowa's goal is to make the state a top choice for current and former service members,

by getting local governments to offer incentives like gift baskets and free hotel stays to veterans in town for job interviews. He pointed out that the state of Iowa has a \$5,000 homeownership grant and reduced interest rates for veterans. Nelson stated that there are just shy of 159,000 veterans in Iowa, 65,000 of whom are employed, and that they bring \$1.6 billion into the state. Sigourney Mayor and Sigourney American Legion

Commander Jimmy Morlan asked about mental health for veterans, noting that a lot of veterans have problems functioning or molding into society, and asked if Nelson sees a lot of that. Nelson stated he did, calling veteran mental health issues a crisis. He stated that Home Base Iowa has a secluded room for veterans to get away from the noise, contact information for mental health counselors, and helps coordinate veterans with VA clinics. He stated that veterans need to be educated on what resources are available and often don't know about what is.

A veteran in attendance asked about veterans having to leave for appointments, stating that employers may not want to hire veterans. Nelson stated that is unfortunately a factor with a lot of veterans. Morlan asked if Nelson knew any veterans



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## The News-Review

a newspaper located in Keokuk County is currently seeking a part-time front desk administrative assistant for **immediate hire**. Duties would include answering phones, greeting customers, and providing administrative support for the sales, editorial and design staff. You will assist the staff with composition and billing of the News-Review and possibly other publications as well as perform similar administrative tasks as necessary. Approximately 6 hours a day, 5 days a week up to 32 hours. Computer proficiency and customer service skills will be required and can train applicants with aptitude as shown by skills and a willing attitude.

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# Community CALENDAR

## 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.

## Sigourney Public Library

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

## Hedrick Public Library

Monday/Thursday/Friday  
2 - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday 2 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday 12 - 4 p.m.  
Saturday/Sunday Closed

## What Cheer Public Library

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

## Sigourney Kiwanis

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

## Free Grace Recovery

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

## Old Keota Business

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

## Keota Food Pantry

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

## Richland Community Food Bank

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

## City of Keota Public Meeting

Public meetings will be  
held on the First and Third  
Monday of each month. at  
7 p.m. at Keota City Hall.  
Special Meetings will be  
posted at City Hall.

## Keota School Board

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

## Keota VFW Auxiliary

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

## Keokuk County Historical Society

Open Wednesdays and  
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3  
p.m.

## Keokuk County Supervisors

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

## Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

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

## Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

## Food Pantry-

## Sigourney

Food Pantry Community  
Outreach Center-Sigourney:  
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641-224-2588 or contact a  
minister

## Keokuk County Public Health

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We offer an array of services  
such as: home health services,  
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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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senators that voted against  
the bill in 2024. The attendee  
asked if Grassley was staying  
on the inspectors general issue.  
Grassley said he was, but  
that Biden had ignored 158  
letters sent to him during his  
term and that it was typical  
for Senators to not receive re-  
sponses.

An attendee raised con-  
cerns about the "dismantling  
of everything," stating she  
knows that government pro-  
grams are broken and need  
attention, but not all at once.  
She stated she never wanted  
to be political, but has to now  
for the sake of her grandchild-  
ren and their children.

"It's like just so chaotic, we  
don't even know what to be  
concerned about, or which  
thing to address first or  
question...We're so confused  
about what to prioritize, and  
it seems like it's been intend-  
ed to be that way," said the  
woman. "That we're sup-  
posed to be up in arms about  
everything and nothing gets  
done, or nothing gets ad-  
dressed...We don't have the  
checks and balances in place,  
or we're not seeing it utilized,  
and so anybody can do any-  
thing. They lose their jobs by  
the thousands, that's not the  
way to operate government,  
and I know you know that."

"I think you've got to back  
up on saying the checks and  
balances aren't working,"  
said Grassley. "Every day  
you read in the paper about  
the courts saying Trump can  
do this, or he shouldn't have  
done that, or he can do it. The  
courts are stepping in all the  
time, and they should."

Another attendee asked if  
Grassley thought everything  
Trump was doing was fine.  
He stated that "of course"  
he didn't, stating he didn't  
approve of firing inspectors  
general or putting tariffs in  
place, because he believes in  
free trade. An attendee com-  
plained about tariffs chang-  
ing from day to day, calling it  
ridiculous.

"Well, it's ridiculous if it  
doesn't work out, but it's a  
little early to say whether  
or not it will work out," said  
Grassley.

Grassley was asked if he  
had ever seen a mess like this  
before.

"During the last two years  
of the Nixon administra-  
tion," said the senator.

The woman who raised  
concerns about the dismant-  
ling of everything also raised  
concerns about the volatility  
Trump's tariffs are bringing,  
their effect on the stock mar-  
ket and on the U.S.'s interna-  
tional relationships.

"I feel like our relationship  
with our allies, it's going to  
take years to repair that dam-  
age...This is a world economy,  
you know? You can't live in  
a bubble, and for years we've  
said we can't," she said. "And  
I think that we're just strip-  
ping down relationships that  
I don't know how many gen-  
erations it's going to take to  
build trust again...We need  
the steel, we need resources  
from other countries. We  
don't rely on ourselves. And  
we're not going to build fac-  
tories in two years to be self

reliant, and I don't think we  
should. I think we need to be  
a global economy and help  
the world survive too."

Grassley claimed that  
Trump had successfully sold  
the country on tariffs, be-  
cause he received the most  
votes since Reagan was  
re-elected, both popular and  
electoral. This is untrue.  
Trump received 77,302,580  
votes in 2024, less than the  
81,283,501 Biden received  
in 2020. The 312 electoral  
votes he received in 2024 are  
also less than the number  
received by both of Barack  
Obama campaigns, both of  
Bill Clinton campaigns, and  
George Bush's 1988 cam-  
paign.

"He sold the country on  
the fact that we've been taken  
advantage of, and he's going  
to make sure we aren't taken  
advantage of anymore, and  
that's why he's going down  
this route," continued Grass-  
ley. "I wish I could satisfy  
you that it's going to work,  
because I don't know any-  
body really knows it's going  
to work, but he's got Japan  
and India now, big econo-  
mies coming to negotiate, but  
100 countries indicated that  
they want to negotiate tariffs  
down. And if he's successful  
in doing it, and that could be  
a big if, but if he is success-  
ful he'd be more successful  
than what we've been doing  
through the World Trade Or-  
ganization."

The News-Review brought  
up the imprisonment of hun-  
dreds of people, most of them  
Venezuelan immigrants,  
without trial, at CECTOT, a  
maximum security prison in  
El Salvador, at the hands of  
the Trump administration,  
who has claimed that these  
men are gang members. The  
imprisonment of these  
people was justified by the  
Trump administration under  
the Alien Enemies Act,  
which gives the president the  
ability to arrest citizens of na-  
tions that are at war with the  
United States, despite the fact  
that the United States is not  
at war with Venezuela or any  
other country currently. The  
Trump administration has  
repeatedly been ordered by  
judges to halt the flights to El  
Salvador.

On March 15, District  
Court Judge James Boasberg  
ordered the U.S. government  
to bring back people sent to  
El Salvador, even if it meant  
turning planes around mid-  
air; ten minutes later, another  
flight containing prisoners  
took off, bringing more im-  
migrants to the prison. The  
next morning, El Salvador-  
an dictator Nayib Bukele,  
who is being paid millions  
by the Trump administra-  
tion to keep these prisoners,  
mockingly tweeted "Opsie...  
Too late," accompanied by a  
laughing emoji, which was  
then shared by White House  
Communications Director  
Steven Cheung, who added  
a meme of Denzel Wash-  
ington saying "Boom!" from  
the movie "Training Day,"

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## Births, Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries

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# MENUS

## Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Thursday, May 1  
Pizza, Lettuce Salad  
Friday, May 2  
Brats, Sauerkraut, Macaroni  
Salad, Sunshine Cake  
Monday, May 5  
Beef Tacos, Mexican Rice,  
Butterscotch Cream, Cheese Bars  
Wednesday, May 7  
Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans,  
Garlic Bread, Pumpkin Dessert

## Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Thursday, May 1  
Baked Chicken, Creamy  
Noodles, Seasoned Spinach,  
Fruit, Wheat Roll  
Friday, May 2  
Baked Ham, California Blend  
Vegetables, Scalloped Pineapple,  
Cornbread Muffin  
Monday, May 5  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,  
Gravy, Broccoli w/ Cheese  
Sauce, Cinnamon Apple Slices,  
Garlic Wheat Roll  
Tuesday, May 6  
Cook's Choice w/ Dessert  
Wednesday, May 7  
Baked Chicken, Sweet  
Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruited  
Pudding, Garlic French Bread

## Pekin

Thursday, May 1  
Breakfast: Not Available  
Lunch: Not Available  
Friday, May 2  
Breakfast: Not Available  
Lunch: Not Available  
Monday, May 5  
Breakfast: Not Available  
Lunch: Not Available  
Tuesday, May 6  
Breakfast: Not Available  
Lunch: Not Available  
Wednesday, May 7  
Breakfast: Not Available  
Lunch: Not Available

## Keota

Thursday, May 1  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar,  
Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Taco Salad, Romaine  
and Tomatoes, Refried Beans,  
Pineapple, Chip and Salsa,  
Cinnamon Puff, Milk  
Monday, May 5  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza,  
Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Hamburger on a  
Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato  
Slice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit  
Cocktail, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk  
Tuesday, May 6  
Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup,  
Peaches, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Macaroni and Cheese,  
Meatballs, Peas, Fresh Baby  
Carrots, Apples, Wheat Bread &  
Jelly, Milk  
Wednesday, May 7  
Breakfast: Cheese Omelet,  
Toast & Jelly, Oranges, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Chili Cauliflower,  
Cucumbers, Oranges, Chips,  
Cinnamon Roll, Milk

## Tri-County

Thursday, May 1  
Breakfast: Long John  
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Onion  
Rings, Peaches, Rice Krispies  
Treat  
Friday, May 2  
Breakfast: Hot Ham & Cheese  
Sandwich, Tater Tots, Peas  
Lunch: Breakfast Pizza  
Monday, May 5  
Breakfast: Cereal & Poptart  
Lunch: Mac & Cheese,  
Lil Smokies, Winter Blend,  
Mandarin Oranges  
Tuesday, May 6  
Breakfast: Sausage & Cheese  
McGriddle  
Lunch: Popcorn Chicken,  
Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peaches  
Wednesday, May 7  
Breakfast: Uncrustable  
Lunch: Chicken Sandwich,  
Carrots, Peas, Baked Chips

## English Valleys

Thursday, May 1  
Breakfast: Lemon Strawberry  
French Toast Casserole, Cereal  
w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Tenders w/ Garlic Toast and  
Seasoned Fries, Sweet N Sour  
Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza  
Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad,  
Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn,  
Fruit, Milk  
Friday, May 2  
Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper  
Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Cereal  
w/ Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Honey Bacon Glazed  
Tender Sandwich, Taco Joe on  
a Bun w/ Seasoned Fries, Big  
Mack Salad w/ Fruit Muffin,  
Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden  
Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit,  
Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk  
Monday, May 5  
Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast  
Pizza, Cereal w/ Cinnamon  
Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Nashville Hot  
Chicken, Mozzarella Dunkers  
w/ Seasoned Fries, Peanut Butter  
and Jelly Sandwich w/ Colby  
Jack Cheese Stick, Pizza Bar,  
Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed  
Broccoli, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday, May 6  
Breakfast: S'More Sweet Roll,  
Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Super Nachos, Spicy  
Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned  
Fries, Buffalo Wrap, Pizza Bar,  
Garden Salad, Refried Beans,  
Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday, May 7  
Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal w/  
Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot  
Roll, Ham and Cheddar Melt w/  
Seasoned Fries, Cheesy Caesar  
Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Fruit, Milk

## Sigourney

Breakfast: Lemon Strawberry  
French Toast Casserole, Cereal  
w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Tenders w/ Garlic Toast and  
Seasoned Fries, Garden Fresh  
Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza  
Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad,  
Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn,  
Fruit, Milk  
Friday, May 2  
Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper  
Gravy, Cereal w/ Toast, Fruit,  
Juice, Milk, Sausage Patty  
Lunch: Honey Bacon Glazed  
Tender Sandwich, Taco Joe on  
a Bun w/ Seasoned Fries, Garden  
Fresh Salad w/ Fruit Muffin,  
Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden  
Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit,  
Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk  
Monday, May 5  
Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast  
Pizza, Cereal w/ Cinnamon  
Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Nashville Hot  
Chicken, Mozzarella Dunkers w/  
Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub  
Bar, Garden Salad w/ Focaccia  
Bread, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit,  
Milk  
Tuesday, May 6  
Breakfast: Maple Bacon  
Sweet Roll, Cereal w/ Yogurt,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Super Nachos, Spicy  
Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned  
Fries, Pizza Bar, Garden Salad  
w/ Focaccia Bread, Refried  
Beans, Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday, May 7  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bowl,  
Cereal w/ Toast, Fruit, Juice,  
Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot  
Roll, Ham and Cheddar Melt w/  
Seasoned Fries, Garden Salad  
w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Fruit, Milk



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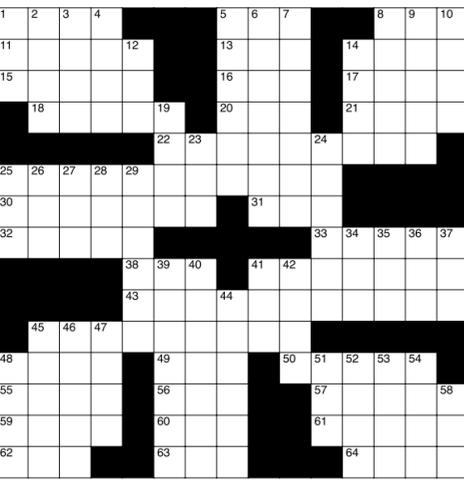
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**CROSSWORD**



**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Herring-like fish
5. Perform on stage
8. Soda
11. Small growth
13. In support of
14. Step taken when walking
15. Hollyhocks
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Feel pain
18. San Diego ball-player
20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
22. Create again
25. Honors once more
30. Thin coating of gold
31. Welsh river
32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn
38. Green vegetable
41. Showing guilt
43. Soldier
45. Photographers
48. Language spoken in Nigeria
49. Mimic
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Beverage container
57. Night monkey genus
59. Lace bugs
60. Hoghead (abbr.)
61. Frameworks
62. Keyboard key
63. Greek goddess of the dawn
64. Influential Korean independence figure

**CLUES DOWN**

1. A place to unwind
2. Helped (archaic)
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bleached
5. Continent
6. Fruit preserved in syrup
7. Impediment to one's freedom
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Earthy pigment
10. Relieved oneself
12. Golf score
14. Tech hub \_\_\_ Alto
19. Sportscaster Andrews
23. Records electric currents
24. Popular Hitchcock film
25. Revolutions per minute
26. NY Giants legend
27. Sports radio host Patrick
28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport

34. Thai river
35. Rocker's accessory
36. Extra charge
37. Influential American president
39. Pain in the head
40. Great Plains people
41. Consumed
42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
44. Improves
45. Secret clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fallow deer
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. College's Blue Devils
58. Midway between south and southeast

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**THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT**

**Douglas Corrigan and Transatlantic Flights**

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

The year was 1927. The Spirit of St. Louis, piloted by Charles Lindbergh, landed at the Le Bourget Aerodrome, after spending more than thirty hours in the air. Lindbergh, barely conscious from fatigue, stepped out of his plane, having completed the first solo transatlantic flight in history. This was an agonizing feat of endurance, with Lindbergh starving himself and keeping the window open, in hopes that the hunger and the cold would keep him from drifting to sleep. He flew through thick fog, with wings covered in ice, and hallucinated that the ghosts of dead pilots who had been lost over the Atlantic were whispering to him. In spite of all this, Lindbergh completed his flight, earning him worldwide fame he would later leverage into becoming the leader of a fascist movement. This is speculation, but I think it is likely that, when Charles Lindbergh took off from an airfield in New York, he was aware that he was travelling east, over the Atlantic, towards Europe. And, if that sounds like a given, then you haven't heard the story of Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan.

Clyde Groce Corrigan was born in Texas in 1907. He later changed his name to Douglas as an adult. In 1925, when he was 18, Corrigan stumbled upon an airfield offering ten-minute sightseeing flights in a small biplane for \$2.50 (\$45 with inflation). Corrigan flew for the first time, falling in love with it, and began taking flying lessons at the airfield a week later. He made his first solo flight six months later.

The same year, the owners of the airfield, B.P. Mahoney and T.C. Ryan, offered Corrigan a job at Ryan Aeronautical Company, a new aircraft factory they were

opening in San Diego. Soon after, Ryan Aeronautical was paid \$10,000 by Charles Lindbergh to construct his famous plane. The young Corrigan assembled the Spirit of St. Louis's wings and installed its fuel tanks and instrument panel. The workers at Ryan Aeronautical cheered when news reached them that Lindbergh had touched down in Paris. Then and there, Corrigan made a vow: he too would cross the Atlantic.

Corrigan spent a few years working as a mechanic and pilot, doing stunt flights in his spare time. In 1930, he moved to the East Coast and opened his own passenger service, promoting it through barnstorming (airplane stunts). In 1933, Corrigan decided to move back to California. He bought a used Curtiss Robin OX-5 monoplane for \$310 (\$7,500) and flew it across the country, stopping every hundred miles to sell flights to pay for the trip. Once in San Diego, Corrigan began refurbishing his plane, intent on using it to fly across the ocean. In 1935, after installing extra gas tanks and a new engine, he asked aviation authorities for permission to make a transatlantic flight, from New York to Dublin, Ireland. The inspectors, deeming his plane to be unsound for such a journey, told him no, although they did give him a license for cross-country flights. Corrigan asked again in 1936 and was told to wait another year. He was also told he would need to get a radio operator's license for the flight, despite the plane not having a radio.

In 1937, after installing two extra gas tanks for good measure, Corrigan requested permission for the third time. Unfortunately, this was right after the disappearance of Amelia Earhart, and authorities worried about another disappearance

not only turned Corrigan down, but refused to renew his cross-country license, grounding the plane for six months. Angered, Corrigan began plotting to take off from New York and fly to Dublin in the middle of the night, ultimately deciding against it at the last minute, due to bad weather.

In July, 1938, after naming his plane Sunshine, Corrigan received an experimental license, allowing him to fly from California to New York, then back again. Corrigan took off, developing a small gas tank leak mid-flight, which forced him to stick his head out the window as he flew due to the fumes. He landed at Roosevelt Field in New York with only four gallons of fuel remaining.

Corrigan made rudimentary repairs, but did not repair the leak, because it would have taken more than a week to repair it. On the morning of July 17, 1938, Corrigan took off from the airfield, heading east, ostensibly to avoid some buildings on the west side of the airfield before turning around and flying to California. Except, instead of turning around and heading towards California, Corrigan just kept flying east, disappearing into the fog.

After ten hours of flying, Corrigan noticed that his feet were cold. Remember that leak that he didn't fix? Yeah, turns out it was still an issue, leading to a solid inch of gasoline to pool on the cockpit floor. This was an issue, both because it meant he could run out of fuel and because the gasoline was dangerously close to leaking out onto the exhaust pipe, where it would catch fire. Corrigan stabbed a hole in the floor of the cockpit with a screwdriver, causing the gasoline to drain away from the exhaust pipe, keeping it from exploding.

Initially, Corrigan consid-

ered flying slowly to conserve fuel. But, realizing that would just give more time for the fuel to leak, Corrigan flew as fast as possible. It was a race against time. After 28 hours of continuous flying, Corrigan touched down at the Baldonnel Aerodrome, southwest of Dublin.

Corrigan was of course asked about why he blatantly defied orders preventing him from flying across the Atlantic. His response? It was an accident. He got lost in the fog and didn't realize he was flying east because his compass was broken. He hadn't realized he was flying over the ocean until 26 hours into the flight.

Douglas Corrigan stuck by the story for the rest of his life, despite no one else ever believing it. The authorities grounded Corrigan for 14 days, giving him time to return to New York via ocean liner, where he was welcomed by a ticker-tape parade that attracted more than a million people. Corrigan's "accidental" flight made international headlines. I'm particularly fond of the headline from the New York Post, which wrote "NAGIROC YAW GNORW LIAH" on the front page. Corrigan quickly cashed in on his fame, selling wristwatches that ran counter-clockwise, writing an autobiography titled "That's My Story," and playing himself in the biopic about his flight "The Flying Irishman." Said film ends with a scene where Corrigan attempts to use his fame to become an airline pilot, but is turned down, because passengers are afraid of him flying the wrong way.

Corrigan test flew bombers and flew in the Ferry Command during WWII. In 1946, he ran for the U.S. Senate as a Prohibition Party candidate, getting less than 2% of the vote. In 1950, he retired from aviation and bought an orange grove.

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Rev. Marvin Freeborn  
Sunday  
Adult Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m./ Children's Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Holy Trinity Parish**  
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Keota, IA 52248  
Pastor Cathy Nutting (641) 636-3825  
keotaucf@cloudburst9.net - email  
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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**New Sharon Harvest Community Church**  
2083 Hwy. 102  
David Pinkerton, Pastor  
Phone: 641-295-0109  
Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.  
Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10 a.m.

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

**New Life Fellowship New Sharon**  
Lead Pastor Rick Baarda  
www.newlifefellowshippns.org  
Ph. 641-637-2561  
Email: newlifefellowshippns@gmail.com  
Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:15am (Church)  
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Adult Small Group: Sunday, 10:30am (Church)  
Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)  
Chair Yoga: Wednesday, 3:00 4:00pm (McVay FC)  
G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)  
PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

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

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

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

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

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10:30 a.m. Worship

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www.peoriacr.org

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**KEOKUK COUNTY Information Technology Director**

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Ideal candidate may possess an associate's degree in networking, computer science, or a related field, with a minimum of 2-3 years of related job experience. A list of essential job functions will be discussed during the interview with applicant finalists.

Salary is dependent on qualifications, background and experience, plus generous benefit package. Successful applicant must be willing to relocate to Keokuk County or reside within a 30-minute response time to Sigourney, IA. A pre-employment physical will be required in connection with a conditional offer of employment.

Application form and job description are available in the Keokuk County Auditor's Office, located on 2nd floor of the Courthouse / 101 South Main St., Sigourney, IA 52591 and also on the county website: [www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov) - click on Full-time IT Director under Job, then click on HERE.

Application must be submitted to the Auditor's Office by 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2025 or until the position is filled. Interviews of applicant finalists will be held by appointment the week of May 12, 2025 with decision soon thereafter.

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**NEIGHBORS from pg. 2**

bring, that eventually comes to be useful, is the whole idea of peoples and cultures and the stories that people tell that isn't necessarily formal history...I've always been interested in the oral history type things, I've always been interested in the stories of people that don't get told, or don't get written about, or don't get put in the big books or anything like that," said C.C.

After several years building their client base and running the Design House, the Hoffmans began putting out calendars featuring old photos and the history of Keokuk County. This led them to begin discussing creating a magazine.

azine. "It didn't take us long to arrive at the idea of this focussing on these stories that people can tell that are local," said C.C. "Our philosophy is that everybody's got an interesting story to tell. And I can just about talk to anybody and we can find something that they've done or happened in their life that would be interesting for people to read."

C.C. stated that, at the time, there was no single media source covering the entire area. He stated didn't want to be subscription based or have the magazine be difficult to obtain. In 2012, after the Every Door Direct Mail

Program was established, the Hoffmans found a way to easily get the magazine out to the entire community.

"I remember C asking me, in addition to the history and just stories of local interest, he said, 'What do you want the magazine to be about? What do you want it to look like?' from the design perspective and content," Rhonda said. "I said, 'You know, I want people to be able to sit down with it, I want it to be easy to read, and I want it to feel good. I don't want any stories that tell bad things about people, I want it to all be good. If we know anything, everybody has good things they've done, and bad

things they've done, and we're going to focus on the good that exists in our area."

Rhonda explained that the first issue, which came out in January, 2013, left them \$100 in the red, but every issue since has been profitable. She noted that there are five advertisers that are still with them, 13 years later, and that the magazine had helped promote local businesses.

"I mean, we want to see businesses succeed," said Rhonda. "It's not about just making sure our business succeeds, because if other businesses didn't succeed, we have no business. We're only as healthy as the next business."

**GRASSLEY from pg. 3**

by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and by Elon Musk, who added his own smiling emoji. Rubio also responded to a video of the plane arriving posted by Bukele with "Thank you for your assistance and friendship, President Bukele."

The deportations to El Salvador have gained nationwide attention in particular due to the case of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, the Maryland man sent to El Salvador by accident following an administrative error. Abrego Garcia illegally immigrated to the U.S. in 2011, when he was 16, to escape gang threats. In 2019, an immigration judge granted Withholding of Removal status to Abrego Garcia, giving him the ability to live and work legally in the United States. On April 10, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that Abrego Garcia's removal to El Salvador was illegal and ordered the Trump administration to facilitate his return. Despite this, Abrego Garcia remains imprisoned in El Salvador, and the White House has repeatedly claimed, through press conferences and memes posted on X, that he will never return to the United States.

was asked about the other hundreds of people imprisoned in CECTOT. "That's playing out in the Supreme Court now," Grassley said. "We'll have to wait until the Supreme Court decision is done."

Grassley was asked, regardless of what the court says, if he thought people should be sent to CECTOT without trial. "They're entitled to due process, but the courts are dealing with that and have, well, they're waiting for the fifth circuit court of appeals in Texas to make a final decision," Grassley said. "That'll probably be appealed to the Supreme Court. Now that's in regard to the Venezuelans that the administration were trying to move right away, so due process is playing out in the fifth circuit court of appeals."

**VETERANS from pg. 2**

who were looking for work in law enforcement, explaining that Sigourney was in need of police officers. Nelson stated he would let Morlan know, but that he didn't see many veterans in law enforcement. He noted that he has a state trooper friend who has ongoing issues and is worried he'll be fired if he says anything about them.

Another veteran in attendance asked about government cuts to Veterans Affairs. Nelson stated that the Iowa VA will receive cuts, but the amount hasn't been published yet. The veteran stated

he hopes there aren't cuts, because his brother, who was wounded in Vietnam, relies on the full VA benefits he receives.

Holly Ellis of KCED stated that they are working on an incentive program right now, but that it is a challenge to put together. Nelson stated that that was understandable and that there was no rush. He stated that a lot of counties have funding issues but that Home Base Iowa still works with them. Ellis stated that they wanted to put together something meaningful, not just a gift basket. Nelson stated

ed that a gift basket would probably not be the make or break and that employers are what makes the difference. He stated that different counties had offered incentives like free hunting and fishing, tax incentives for veterans, or tax incentives for companies that employ veterans. Nelson was asked what he recommended Keokuk County focus on. He stated the county should emphasize recreational activities like hunting and fishing and the employers in the area.

Nelson stated that a lot of veterans come back to Iowa because they grew up in the

area and that a big thing was bringing them back after they leave the service. He stated that the county should focus on its standard of life. Morlan stated that he lived for 45 years in Omaha and that people here don't realize what they have. He stated that rural Iowa is totally different, with people being more relaxed and helpful. Nelson stated it was hard for Home Base Iowa to sell to neighboring midwestern states, so they were focussing on marketing to congested metropolitan areas in New York, California and Florida.

# Keota Council Approves Pool Wages

**By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review**  
 KEOTA - During the April 21 meeting of the Keota City Council, the council approved hiring staff for the upcoming pool season at the city pool. Hourly wages for pool employees include: \$11 for returning lifeguards, \$10 for new lifeguards, \$9 for returning concessions employees, \$8 for new concession

employees, and \$14 for the pool's two assistant managers. Councilman Curt Burroughs asked how lifeguards pay compared to other pools and City Administrator Alycia Horras stated it was in line with other pools in the area. Horras explained that the pool board had decided the assistant managers, Briley Gearhart and Ava Greiner, would handle the day to day management of the pool,

with the pool board acting as a management team and meeting with the assistant managers weekly to ensure they are on the same page.

The council also approved giving Assistant City Clerk Kristen Clarke a \$2 raise, from \$14 per hour to \$16, in part due to her new duties helping manage the pool. The council approved giving pool employees \$3 an hour when working pool rentals

or vacuuming the pool, with increases to rental costs to compensate. The council approved hiring a summer intern for the public works department at a rate of \$14 per hour. The council approved the fiscal year 2026 budget, centered on a tax levy rate of \$16.25716 per \$1,000 valuation on regular property and \$2.86998 for agricultural property.

# Supervisors Discuss Future Road Work

**By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review**  
 SIGOURNEY - During the April 28 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the supervisors approved the FY2026 DOT and FY2026 County Five-Year Program budgets. County Engineer Andy McGuire explained the Five-Year Program only contains three projects in the coming year: bridge rehabilitation on Iowa County Line north of Pigeon Road, which they may not have funds to do; box culvert work on V5G south of Ollie,

which he will need to work with the City of Ollie to complete; and a concrete overlay on Pigeon Road, possibly funded through the community project fund from Congresswoman Miller-Meeks, although these funds have not been appropriated yet and need to be run through committees for approval. McGuire stated that, with the current administration, there is no guarantee that the Pigeon Road project will live and that he wouldn't be surprised if it got cut, but that he would do what he could to stay at the front of the line and get fund-

ing.

McGuire noted that a lot of projects on the Five-Year Plan are illustrative and not funded, because in the past, he has had projects need to be on the Five-Year Plan to receive funding, so he puts a lot of projects that may or may not be completed at the end of the Five-Year Plan to receive funding. Supervisor Daryl Wood noted that work on V5G was on the Five-Year Plan fifteen years ago when he began as supervisor and on the Five-Year Plan fifteen years before that, making it actually a Thirty-Year Plan before it got done.

Also at the Monday morning meeting, Wood noted that 10-15 Transit, which he sits on the board for, had been waiting for three years for the Iowa DOT to send them contracts to purchase new vans. He explained that 10-15 had been reprimanded in the past for purchasing vans without contracts, but that, because they had waited for so long, the price of vans had increased from \$40,000 to \$80,000. He noted that they need new vans soon, because some of the current handicap vans have 300,000 miles and need frequent repairs to keep running.



**Ayla Banes - Solo Mime**



**Brinley Phillips - Musical Theatre**



**Tatum Harbison - Solo Acting**



**Natalie Hamilton - Public Address**

# Pekin's Night of Theatre Celebrates Performing Arts Talent

**By Katie Phillips | The News-Review**  
 PACKWOOD - Pekin High School hosted its annual Night of Theatre on April 26, 2025, celebrating the theme "Looking Toward the Harvest"—a tribute to the hard work students and coaches invest throughout the year.

The evening began with televised presentations, featuring the short film *The Stop Watch* created by Conor Cloyd, Hayden Miller, and Ayla Banes, followed by Rannen Harbison's inventive storytelling performance of Angler Fish and adaptation of a podcast story.

Live performances commenced with Michelle Jacobs showcasing her growth in musical theatre with *On My Own* from *Les Misérables*.

Natalie Hamilton followed with a compelling Public Address presentation of the SMU Graduation Speech by Condoleezza Rice.

The audience enjoyed improvisational acting sets by Bo Latchum, Hayden Miller, and Anna Hadley, as well as by Jaxon Medford, Landon York, Liam Guise, and Gabe Gentry.

Brinley Phillips captivated

the crowd with her solo musical theatre performance of *Calm* from the musical, *Ordinary Days*, highlighting her strong vocal technique, meeting the challenges of musical theatre's acting and singing demands.

After a brief intermission, the program resumed with a special recognition of the night's only senior performer, Ayla Banes, who presented

her solo mime piece *On Safari*.

Natalie Hamilton and Michelle Jacobs returned to the stage together to perform *Some Things Are Meant to Be from Little Women*.

Tatum Harbison delivered a dramatic performance in the acting category, emphasizing character development in her rendition of *Mercurio's Queen Mab Speech* from *Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*.

Another round of improvisation entertained the crowd, with Jaxon Medford, Landon York, Liam Guise, Gabe Gentry, and special guest Tom Hadley taking the stage.

Ian Gentry brought energy



**Anna Hadley, Bo Latchum, Robert Brown, Hayden Miller - Group Improv. Photos by Katie Phillips**

## Obituaries

### John O'Rourke

1946-2025

John Edward O'Rourke, 79, of North English, Iowa, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on April 22, 2025.

John was born on March 31, 1946, the son of Leo and Theresa (Agnew) O'Rourke. He graduated from English Valleys High School in 1964 and spent his life rooted in the community he loved. On February 1, 1969, John was united in marriage to Kathy Keiser. He farmed and worked in the cattle business for several years until owning and operating a feed store in North English. He later worked at the University of Iowa until his retirement. John was known for his strong work ethic, generous spirit, and deep devotion to family and faith.



**John Edward O'Rourke**

He was a longtime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in North English, where his presence and service were a constant for many years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, checking on the farm and riding his John Deere Gator around town.

John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Kathy; his son, Jason O'Rourke (Valerie), Milan, Illinois; his daughter, Kim Schleusner (Jake), Pine Island, Minnesota; and five cherished grandchildren Trey, Michael, Allyson, Lauryn and Jenna; his brothers Joe (Joyce) O'Rourke, Jerry (Sherri) O'Rourke, Jeff (Cindy) O'Rourke and Jay (Gail) O'Rourke. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. John was preceded in death by his son Christopher John, parents, brother Jim, father and mother in law Jim and Grace Keiser and brothers in law Stan Keiser and Gary Keiser.

A visitation was held Friday, April 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in North English. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday morning, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with a private burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's honor to the North English QRS or the English Valleys Food Bank. Messages and tributes may be left at [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

**Services: Apr. 26, 10:30 a.m.**  
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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

# Dryer Sheets & Fun With Feets

By Sheryl L. Carter

Boy, you just never know where I am going to go with these titles, do you? Ha! Gives y'all something to think about. I'm eating a bit of lunch here with a sandwich, carrot, and apple to much on, plus a cup of Yogi Energy Tea. Because I need it.

So what's been going on this week? For one thing, since yesterday we have had 3.2" of rain in the last week! So wonderful and so needed! The ground is just drinking it in.

On Monday of this past week, I did the normal routine, then grabbed the old butcher knife out in the garage, and dug out dandelions in the English garden. I have already sprayed the walk and patio with the vinegar/Epsom salt/Dawn mix, but need to go over it again. Unfortunately, I can't pry the lid off of the sprayer, so it will have to wait for stronger hands.

That afternoon, a couple from the Oskaloosa area that read my column got ahold of me asking if they could come up and get bluebells? For sure, as it looks like an acre of them out there. They came and dug up a few plants. "Is that all you want?" I questioned. "Oh, yes," they said, "this is enough." Then we sat on my patio and chatted for awhile. I was so glad they contacted me and came up.

On Tuesday I got busy and raked the leaves out of the lodge, and from around the maple tree, piling them in the cook pit, after I had dug it out so we can build a nice fire next time we want to cook out. I swept down the rustic shelves, taking a few of the garden ornaments out to be placed around. It felt really good to get that job done. Then a sweet young friend drove in to see if I was home. I was so glad to see her and we sat on the patio for a good visit.

Wednesday was Dr. appointment day, so went to the Pella Medical Center early to get my blood test. That young lab tech man sat me down, tightened up a band around my arm, and in no time had two vials of blood ready to

test, with no pain to speak of. Piece of cake. Then I went out to the Thrift to drop some stuff off, look around a little, then got the week's groceries. I tell you, I don't know what people do when buying their week's groceries these days—my cart was about one-fourth full, but still my bill was way high. Amazing. It was time for my appointment; my blood pressure was unremarkable, which is good, and the visit went very well. She was happy, so I was happy.

After that I got on 163, and drove back up to Costco in Ankeny to get a refund on the lenses I had got last week. I couldn't read worth a hoot with them. My eyesight is not good anyway, so just assumed this is the way it was, until I had compared the readers with the new lenses, and was amazed at the difference! Sooo another trip. I had the option of sending them back to the lab in California, but what if they still didn't work? Then another trip. So got my refund and came on home. I am just glad I have the reader glasses to tide me over until I can get new lenses in my good frames.

Thursday morning it had rained, and I was just finishing up my stretching workout when I thought I heard voices. Checked my phone and the tree man was there! By the time I got outside, he was in the bucket of his cherry picker with a little chain saw lopping off those three dead limbs in the top of the big maple beside the lodge. In 45 minutes the job was done and with grateful handshakes all around, the crew was off to their next chore. Mid-afternoon, Jazzy and I went out to Many Treasures for their monthly hunt and pick. I found a few things, too.

I also stopped in at Dr. Fikse, our Chiro here in town, for a second tune-up. I had been up there early Wednesday morning, as the night before my back locked up something fierce as I tried to get out of bed or even turn over. Sure my mattress layer needs another switch-out, but boy,

I was way out in the bones in my lower back and pelvis area. He is very good. Very gentle, and takes his time. Then he plugged in the muscle vibrator and went over those sore areas to further loosen things up. He did it all over again Thursday, but it was not nearly so out as a few days previous.

Friday, yesterday, I wasn't worth a thing all day. Tried to do my work out, but shut it off. We had two visitations that afternoon late, but I didn't feel like changing clothes to go, so went out to Many Treasures again for a few minutes to see if what I missed the day before was still there, and one was! The bottom sheet of the soft flannel sheet set I had got on Thursday. I also found a pair of lovely wide Dutch lace curtains that I hadn't even seen the day before.

And therein lies the dryer sheet part of today's column title.

Folks love dryer sheets and fabric softeners. They think they must use them in every wash. When I was growing up, and helping Mom do the wash, our laundry was whipped up by the wind out on the six long clotheslines out in the yard. By the time you brought in those sheets and towels everything smelled fresh and good, filled with sunlight. In the winter, Mom hung the wash in the house, and it smelled good in there too, while adding humidity to the indoor air. Even today I love to hang my sheets on the clotheslines in my back yard. Every time I take them off the lines, I bury my nose in the bundle to breathe in the freshness of sun and breeze—oh, so good!

So out at Many Treasures I had found that set of nice soft flannel sheets, just right for my bed during these still chilly spring nights. I brought them home, and stuffed them in my washer, noticing that, yes, they were impregnated with fabric softener. I say that reservedly, as to me it smelled more like sheep dip—strong and not pleasant at all. They went through the whole wash cycle and a good spin out in

the dryer. I noticed the "fragrance" was rather pungent, but figured it would be fine having been washed, happily spread those nice flannels on my bed, threw the top quilts over, and was ready to hop in later in the evening.

Hop in I did, but a few hours later I was awake, aware the rash on my neck and chest was also awake, plus now my back was itching. A quick check in the bathroom mirror showed more breaking out on my back. What was going on? Then "light bulb"! Fabric softener and my skin do not mix at all, and even though I had put those sheets through the whole wash cycle, there was still plenty of residue left—hence the smell.

I jerked the offending sheets off the bed, filled the washer tub, and an extremely generous helping of vinegar, plus a bit more detergent, stuffed the sheets in, and just let them soak for the rest of the night. Then I put a whole other set of mismatched flannels on the bed, and took a shower. It helped.

This morning I ran the batch through the whole cycle again, but this time I hauled them out to my clotheslines. The north wind was blowing briskly, and they whipped out there for the rest of the morning. Finally I went out, and began taking down the clothespins and piling the sheets in my basket. Cautiously, I took a sniff from the first sheet—well, how about that?? Fresh and clean, and filled with sun and wind. "Just the checker", as my Dad used to say. Every trace of that awful sheep dip odor was gone.

People need to look up the ingredients in dryer sheets and fabric softeners. It's not good. Some of the chemicals used are outright dangerous for us. Hence my skin's reaction.

Until next time!  
OH, I forgot to tell you about the "feets"—I took a walk barefoot out in my back yard the other afternoon. Walking on ground, the earth, is good for us, and it sure felt good to me.

# THE SUN SPOT

## MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS



## Christan Vos — Shining Star for Pella Regional

PELLA – Christan Vos, Environmental Services, was selected as Pella Regional Health Center's Shining Star for her high-performance standards.

Vos, resident of Pella, was nominated based on attitude, commitment, etiquette and ownership.

*Excerpt from her nomination:*

"Christan is always ready to brighten someone's day with her warm smile, cheerful attitude, and enthusiastic greetings. She goes out of her way to help anyone in need—

whether it's a coworker or a patient looking for directions around the facility. Her dedication and hard work are clearly reflected in the cleanliness and comfort she brings to Pella Regional and the Comfort House. A true joy to work with, Christan's genuine care for others shines through in everything she does."

Vos will receive a \$100 gift, a plaque, and will automatically be included in the nominations for the Shining Star of the Year award.

## Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine at Pella Regional Receives Center of Distinction and Clinical Excellence Awards

PELLA – Pella Regional's Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center has been nationally recognized for outstanding patient care and wound healing results. The Center received two prestigious awards from Healogics®: the Center of Distinction and the Clinical Excellence Award.

These awards are given to wound care centers that score

in the top 10 percent nationwide. Pella Regional stood out for its high patient satisfaction and excellent healing rates, consistently achieving strong clinical outcomes for twelve straight months.

"This award reflects the dedication and compassion of our entire team," said Lesa Maring, Director of Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine at Pella Regional. "We know

how hard it can be for patients to manage wounds. Our team supports them every step of the way, which helps them feel confident and involved in their healing process. That commitment has helped us earn this recognition every year since we opened in 2019."

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  - Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which helps wounds heal faster by using 100% oxygen
- To learn more, visit Pella-Health.org or call 641-628-6615.



## Karla Berg Receives Quarterly DAISY Award

PELLA -- Pella Regional Health Center is proud to announce that Karla Berg, MSN, in the Medical Surgical Unit is the recipient. The DAISY program is a national award, given at the local level, to registered nurses who exemplify extraordinary nursing. The focus is on the special touches and human consideration these nurses give to their patients.

*Excerpt from Karla's nomination:*

"I'd like to recognize Karla for her incredible support and dedication. She not only took prompt care of my needs but also stepped up to

help with tasks beyond her usual responsibilities. On a particularly discouraging day in my recovery, her kind words and encouragement made all the difference. Her positivity and constant smile truly helped me get back on track."

Berg received a certificate that reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." She was also given a sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

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to the night with *Pirate King* from *The Pirates of Penzance*, followed by Harper Guise's engaging storytelling of *Blue Nose* by Margaret Embry.

The final round of improv included Bo Latcham, Hayden Miller, Anna Hadley, and special guest Robert Brown.

Closing the evening, Tay-tum Hixson delighted the audience with a lively rendition of *Take a Chance on Me* from *Mamma Mia!*

The night served as a heartfelt showcase of Pekin's talented young performers, supported by their coaches, families, and community.

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The Sigourney boys golf team (from L to R): Ike Molyneux, Isaac Bruns, Solon Yates, Josh Wyatt, Jordan Tremmel and Cain Weber hold up their plaque for winning the Sigourney Invite on April 25.

## Sigourney golf caps off successful week with win at home invite

By Mark Schafer |  
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Home course advantage wasn't the only reason why they won. Although it certainly didn't hurt.

Friday afternoon the Sigourney boys golf team won their home invitational. They did it in fashion too, with three of the top-4 scores coming from a Sigourney golfer. The Savages shot a 295 as a team, they bested Solon who was second with a 315. BGM was third with a 326. Don Bosco was fourth with a 335 and Grand View Christian finished fifth with a 343. "I think the guys definitely took advantage of the home course, but you still have to take and make the shots that are given to them," said Sigourney golf coach, Zach Tremmel. "We had some guys step up with some really good rounds today."

Leading the way through the course was Solon Yates, the junior golfer who has been putting together great round after great round recently. Friday afternoon was no exception as he was able to shoot a 68 which earned him

the overall medalist honors. Yates' round started off on a blistering pace as he had three birdies in the first four holes.

"It felt pretty good out there on the course," Yates said after his round. "I was very happy with my score and obviously happy for the team score as well."

The front nine for Yates concluded with two birdies and a bogie. He finished with 34 strokes on the front of the course.

Yates started off the back nine (in reality just the front nine again) with an eagle. He then had a par on the next five holes.

"I felt really in control throughout the entire round," Yates said. "I was hitting my driver really good. If I can hit my driver really well out here I usually have a pretty low score."

Yates shot another 34 on the back nine to finish with his score of a 68.

"We had one, two and four in the whole tournament, that shows a lot of dominance," Coach Tremmel said. "Hopefully we can keep that going as we head into the final few weeks of the season."

Freshman Jordan Tremmel finished as the runner-up medalist with a 73. Isaac Bruns was fourth with a 76. Ike Molyneux was fifth with a 78. Josh Wyatt finished eighth with an 83 and Cain Weber shot an 85 to finish 11th.

The tournament on Friday capped off a week of wins for the Sigourney golf team.

In a dual meet on April 21 they were able to best Lynnville-Sully 150-218.

Yates led the team with a 34. Bruns and Ike Molyneux both shot a 38. Weber, Wyatt and Tremmel all shot a 40.

On April 24 the Savages bested Iowa Valley 148-0 (Iowa Valley didn't have enough members to compete as a team). Yates led that round with a 35. Weber and Tremmel were both second with 37s. Wyatt shot a 39. Molyneux finished with a 41 and Bruns shot a 46.

"We all know that we are good and we can compete at the state level," Yates said. "I think the wins just kind of reinforces the fact that we can play and put together some really good rounds."

Photos by Mark Schafer

## Yates sets new school record in 3,000 meter run

By Mark Schafer |  
The News-Review

EDDYVILLE – When the record was last set the song 'Rock Me Amadeus' was near the top of the charts and John Mellencamp's, 'R.O.C.K. In the USA' was a close second.

Back then Sigourney runner Susie Snook was able to set a school record in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:23.

No one at Sigourney had touched that record until last week, when Ellie Yates was able to run a time of 11:21.06 at the Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont meet held April 22. That broke the nearly 40-year old school record.

Yates was able to win the race, and the Sigourney girls finished fourth overall with 95 points. Davis County won the meet with a score of 178 points.

**Other results for the Sigourney girls on April 22:**

Addison Yates was second

in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 5:35.45. Cloee Wilson was fourth. Addison Yates also finished second in the 3,000 meter run.

Brynn Clarahan was second in the 400 hurdles.

Kia Montgomery was third in the long jump with a leap of 13-feet-2.5-inches. McKinley Chittick was fifth in the high jump after clearing 4-feet-6-inches.

Josephine Moore finished third in the shot put with a throw of 32-feet-9-inches. Devyn Smallwood placed seventh.

Moore was fifth in the discus with a throw of 88-feet-6-inches.

The Sigourney 4x200 team placed third. In the 4x400 the girls relay team finished third.

In the 4x800 the Sigourney girls placed fourth. The sprint medley relay team was fourth. Camalita Cave was fourth in the 100 meter dash. Cloee

Wilson finished eighth and Abyl McCulley finished ninth in the 400 meter dash. Becca Gretter was ninth in the 800. Ella Bahlman was 10th.

In the 4x100 the Sigourney girls placed fifth. In the distance medley relay the Sigourney team was sixth.

At the BGM meet on Friday night the Sigourney girls placed sixth overall with 50 points. East Marshall won the meet with 123 points.

Results for Sigourney from BGM:

Ellie Yates finished third in the 1,500 meter run. Addison Yates was fourth in the same race.

Brynn Clarahan was third in the 400 hurdles.

McKinley Chittick was fourth in the high jump after clearing 4-feet-8-inches.

Josephine Moore was fourth in the shot put with a throw of 33-feet-half-an-inch. Moore finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 82-feet.

The Savages finished third in the 4x800 relay. They also finished third in the sprint medley relay.

Sigourney finished fourth in the 4x100 relay. They also finished fourth in the 4x200 relay. Another fourth place finish came to the Savages in the 4x400 relay.

McKinley Chittick was 10th in the 100 meter dash. Kia Montgomery was ninth in the 200 meter dash.

Becca Gretter and Bailey Gretter finished ninth and 10th in the 400 meter run. Cloee Wilson was seventh in the 800 meter run. Sigourney was eighth in the distance medley.



Sigourney runners Ellie and Addy Yates run on the outside of the pack during a run in the 3,000 meter event of a track meet held in Eddyville. Ellie was able to set a new school record in the 3,000 during a meet held last week. Photo by Kim Moore.

## Sigourney girls pick up two wins on the links

By Mark Schafer |  
The News Review

OTTUMWA – Sometimes it is all about learning from your competition.

During a busy week last week the Savages were able to pick up two wins, but maybe, more importantly, some lessons in a narrow defeat against Ottumwa.

The Sigourney girls golf team started off the week with a 214-231 win over Lynnville-Sully.

Ella Bruns led the way in that win as she and Adalynne Tremmel both shot a 52. Kayla Renner, Reagan Clarahan and Ella Fineran all shot a 55. Hannah Hanselman finished with a 58.

On Thursday the Sigourney golfers were back in action as they bested Iowa Valley 201-0.

Once again, Bruns was at the top of the leaderboard as she shot a 48. Ella Fineran finished with a 50.

Renner finished with 51 strokes, Clarahan had 52 strokes. Tremmel shot a 54 and Hanselman finished with a 55.

Tuesday afternoon the Savages had challenged themselves with a triangular against two 4A schools, Ottumwa and Des Moines East, who were playing in Ottumwa. The Savages finished second overall with 212 strokes.



Sigourney's Ella Bruns drives a ball down the course during an April 22 meet held at the Cedar Creek Golf Course in Ottumwa. Bruns had two medalist wins last week during her round of golf.

Ottumwa won the meet with a 199.

Renner led the Savages with a 48, finishing in third place overall. Hanselman shot a 51. Tremmel finished with a 56. Bruns shot a 57. Clarahan had a 58. Fineran shot a 59.

"Coming to a harder course and playing on bigger greens is only going to make our team better," said Sigourney head golf coach Zach Tremmel after the April 22 meet. "These are quicker greens than what we are playing on. I think we gave up some strokes there. Hopefully that is an eye opener for them."

Coach Tremmel said the

decision to play two 4A schools was to help give the Sigourney players some experience on playing on a longer course and against players that are used to playing should help down the road.

"Whenever you step up to play against bigger schools it is only natural to want to play better," Tremmel said. "The Ottumwa and East girls are used to playing on these longer and quicker greens. I thought our girls really represented well against these bigger schools. Our goal is to be playing our best golf at the end of the season, and this should help with that."

Photos by Mark Schafer

## Sigourney boys finish second at Warrior Relays

By Mark Schafer |  
The News-Review

WAYLAND – Coming into Tuesday night's races the Savages had seemed to be able to gain some speed.

That extra boost of speed helped as the Savages finished second overall at the Warrior Relays. They compiled 142.5 points. WACO won their home meet with 157 total points.

The hurdles proved to be a strong point for the Savages once again. Caden Clarahan finished second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.38. Owen Menke was third and Chase Clarahan was fourth.

Carson Davis won the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:04.06. He bested teammate Dillon Menke who was second with a time of 1:04.74.

Davis was also second in

the high jump after clearing 5-feet-6-inches.

In the 4x400 relay the Savages had a winning time of 3:50.86. Another win was in the shuttle hurdle relay where Sigourney won with a time of 1:05.02, besting WACO who finished second by over a second.

Troy Klett was able to finish second in the 800 meter run. John Berg was fourth in the same event. Klett was able to add a third place finish in the 400 meter dash.

Klett also was able to finish second in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 10:33.37.

Levi Myers was third in the 1,600 meter run. Jordan Anderson finished seventh.

Landon Conrad was third in the long jump. Landon Fisch was fifth overall.

Jayden Thompson was third in the shot put with a throw

of 43-feet-1.5-inches. Graham Moore was sixth.

Thompson also finished second in the discus with a throw of 134-feet. Ashton Schwab was sixth.

In the 4x100 relay the Savages placed sixth. They were able to place fourth in the 4x200 relay.

Overall the Savages placed second in the 4x800 relay. The Savages were also second in the distance medley relay.

Carson O'Rourke was fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.19. Landon Fisch was seventh in the 200 meter dash. O'Rourke was eighth.

Sigourney was fifth in the sprint medley relay.

The Savages also ran at a meet in Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont on April 24, but results from that meet were not available at press time.

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## Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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### Ava Gherking

The Athlete of the Week for the week of April 21 is English Valleys sophomore Ava Gherking. For the second week in a row Gherking was able to pile up the victories. At a meet in Eddyville on April 22 Gherking was able to win the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash events. Gherking continued her

strong week of runs at a Friday meet held in Brooklyn. There Gherking was able to once again win the 100 meter and 200 meter dash events. The News-Review would like to congratulate English Valleys runner Ava Gherking on her outstanding runs at the track meets and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



### Chloe Glosser

The Athlete of the Week for the Week of April 21 is Pekin junior distance runner Chloe Glosser. At the Drake Relays 3,000 meter run event Glosser was able to test her limits with a fast start. Despite a quick pace to the race Glosser settled into the top-10 of runners early on. On the bell lap Glosser was able to pass three runners and

eventually finish third overall with a time of 9:57.37. Currently Glosser holds the second-fastest time in the entire state in the 3,000 meter run. The News-Review would like to congratulate Glosser on her outstanding run at the Blue Oval, and for being named the Athlete of the Week.



Runners from English Valleys, Pekin and Sigourney round the track during the running of an event at a track meet held in Pekin earlier this year. Photo by Mark Schafer

## Glosser gains spots with last lap passes

### Pekin's Anna Hadley finishes top-6 in discus

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
DES MOINES – Coming down to the final 400 meters it was time to see just how strong her foot was feeling. For most of April an achilles injury had limited the runs of Pekin junior Chloe Glosser. She had run some distance races, but nothing to the competition she was seeing at the Blue Oval during her run in the 3,000 meter race during the Drake Relays. When the bell for the final lap rang the Pekin runner, sporting green sunglasses had settled into the top pack. While she didn't want to injure herself more, she also knew that the only way to test how strong her healing had been was to run at full speed. So that's exactly what she did. "I always try to take about 10 hard steps with about 500 meters left in the race," Glosser explained after her run on Thursday. "Those 10 hard steps gets me in the mindset a little earlier for the last lap, and that's what I needed. I was able to catch two of the girls in front of me during those steps. Then I saw the third place girl and I chased her down until about 200 to go, I was able to pass her on the home stretch. I just felt like I was dying, but I was going as fast as I could that final lap. My legs are jello now."

Despite having jello-like legs at the end of the race Glosser was able to hold her head up. Not only had her foot and ankle held up, Glosser was able to finish third overall in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 9:57.37. "I am so happy with that time," Glosser said. "I have had a minor injury with my achilles for a while, so I've had to cross train with lower distances a lot. That has been hard mentally. I was happy I qualified. I knew that whatever I did in the race, I just had to be patient and whatever God had planned for me he would provide, but being patient isn't easy for me to do." While it may not be easy for her to be patient, the patience paid off for Glosser. With the third place finish she was the second-fastest runner in class 1A competition. Second place finisher, Lili Denton of St. Albert was the only faster 1A girl. Cedar Falls runner Charlie Gall was the winner of the race. "This finish makes me excited to see where I will end up in May," Glosser said as she prepares to qualify for the State meet later on in the season. Glosser's teammate, and another Pekin junior, Anna Hadley overcame her own obstacles as she finished sixth in the discus event. The very first throw of Hadley was an almost perfect arch that landed 135-feet-10-



Pekin's Chloe Glosser runs down the back straight of the Drake Relays during her run in the 3,000 meter run on April 24. Glosser would finish third overall in the race.

## Track qualifiers to be decided at WACO

All four area schools to have district track in Wayland  
By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
BOONE – In order to test themselves against the rest of the state, they'll first have to test themselves against each other. The district track qualifying assignments were released last week and all four area schools were given the same assignment. Sigourney, Keota, English Valleys and Pekin will all travel to WACO on May 15 for the State qualifying track meet. A total of 14 different schools will compete at the district track meet. In order to qualify for the

State meet the winner in each event will gain an automatic berth into the State meet. The IHSAA and IGHSAA will then compile all the times from all of the State qualifying meets. The 14 best non winning times will qualify for the State track meet. Joining the four area schools at the WACO state qualifying meet will be: Columbus, Danville, Highland, Hillcrest Academy, HLV-TC, Lone Tree, New London, WACO, Wapello and Winfield-Mt. Union. Field events will start the meet at 4 p.m. Then running events will start at 4:45 p.m. The State track and field meet will take place May 22-24 in Des Moines at Drake Stadium.

inches away from the launch site. For Hadley that would be her best throw of the competition, and it also helped her get out of a rut she had felt herself be in for the last few weeks. "I have been in a slump lately with discus, I just haven't seemed to get to the 135-foot mark lately, so it was nice to have a first throw go that far," Hadley said after her eventual sixth-place finish. "That was a good start because it proved to me that I could hit where I wanted to hit and it got me ready for the next throws. Sadly, I wasn't able to get throws that good for the rest of the meet." After her first throw Hadley was in third place. Her second throw was 128-feet her best mark kept her in fourth place after the second round of throws were done. Her third throw landed 132-feet away from the launch site, she slid back to sixth, but that was still good enough to qualify her for the finals. The first throw of the final round seemed to get Hadley back into the thick of things. A launch of 134-feet-3-inches didn't improve her position, or on her best throw, but it seemed to be a step in the right direction. However, her next two throws landed out of bounds. She had to settle for sixth place overall in the competition. Delilah Subsin of Ottum-

was the discus champion with a throw of 156-feet-9-inches. While Hadley's discus throw landed her in sixth place in the Drake Relays, among class 1A competition she still has the longest throw of the year. She also beat out all the other 1A competition at the Drake Relays event. "For 1A girls, even though I was at the top of the standings, it is still great to see that us smaller schools can compete with even the 4A schools," Hadley said. "We can show them that we can compete with them at their level." Friday morning Hadley returned to the Drake Relays to throw in the shot put. She would finish 15th overall with a best throw of 36-feet-9.75-inches. Charlee Morton of Hampton-Dumont-CAL won the shot put event with a throw of 46-feet-9.25-inches. Saturday English Valleys senior Gage Heyne ran at the Drake Relays in the 1,600 meter run. He finished 21st overall with a time of 4:41.72. After the first lap Heyne was in third, and seemed primed to have a good run, but from the second lap on he started to drift back in the pack. He finished 11 seconds off the 20th place finisher. Quentin Nauman of Western Dubuque won the race with a time of 4:05.17. Photos by Mark Schafer

## Eagles boys track turns in fast times at BGM meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
BROOKLYN – Keota ran at the BGM meet on April 22. Overall the Eagles finished with 29 points to finish 13th overall. Iowa Valley won the meet with 183 points. Ayden Galindo cleared 6-feet even to help him place second in the high jump event. Galindo was fourth in the long jump with a best leap of 19-feet-one-half-inch. Blake Baker was fifth overall in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.76. Jacob Libe led

the way in the 110 hurdles with a time of 18.01 to finish fifth. He also finished seventh in the 400 hurdles. Keota finished second in the distance medley relay with a time of 4:00.41. In the 4x400 relay the Keota team placed fifth. Jack Greiner was sixth overall in the 800 meter run. In the 100 meter dash Brycen Horras was eighth overall. Keota was sixth overall in the 4x200 relay. They added another sixth place finish in the sprint medley relay.



Anna Hadley from Pekin launches the discus during a throw in the Drake Relays held April 24 at Drake Stadium. Hadley finished sixth overall.

## Keota boys win meet at Iowa Valley

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
MARENGO – It could be a preview of what is yet to come. Last week the Keota boys golf team capped off the week by winning a golf meet hosted by Iowa Valley in what was essentially a miniature SICL conference meet. The Eagles were able to sit a top of the standings with 324 total strokes. They bested HLV/TC who finished second

with 351 total strokes. English Valleys was fifth with 401 total strokes. Brennan McGuire was able to win the overall medalist honors for Keota with 73 total strokes. Porter Cave was fourth overall after shooting a 79. Billie Kindred was able to finish sixth with 81 strokes. Cooper Strand was 10th overall with 91 strokes. Jake Morris placed 20th with 105 strokes.

English Valleys was led by Gage Heyne who shot a 76 to finish second overall. Tyler Lortz was fifth overall with an 80. Owen Mather was able to finish with a 114. Jackson Overy was 26th with 131 strokes. Cyrus Morrison shot a 132 to place 27th. Garin Schaffner turned in a score card with 146 total strokes. On April 23 the Keota boys golfed at a Williamsburg meet. Despite being the smallest school in terms of enroll-

ment the Eagles finished fifth with 342 total strokes. Like he would later in the week, Brennan McGuire was able to show off his skills. He shot a round-leading 76. That gave him overall medalist honors. Billie Kindred was seventh with an 82. Porter Cave was 17th with an 86. Jake Morris was 29th with a 98. Cooper Strand shot a 100 and Trucker Sprouse finished with a 101.

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SECTION B, NUMBER 18, 164<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

## COURT RECORDS

**Civil**  
**April 21**  
Petitioner Joseph Lewis Tarrence; Respondent Bridget Reed Murphy; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant Naomi Sellers; Plaintiff Credit Union of Den-

ver: Petition Filed.  
**Criminal**  
**April 18**  
Defendant Passion Matia Collins; Payee Keokuk County; Hearing for Initial Appearance.  
**April 19**

Defendant Paige Lynette Kiefer; Criminal Complaint; Hearing for Initial Appearance.  
Defendant Keeper Mason Grooms; Criminal Complaint; Hearing for Initial Appearance.  
Defendant Frank Gifford Kahler; Criminal Complaint.

**April 21**  
Defendant Adam Phillip Kopp; Order of Arraignment.  
Defendant Michael James Stoner; Order of Arraignment.  
Defendant Max John Thomas Dotson; Payee Keokuk County; Payor John T. Dotson:

Written Plea of Guilty (April 18), Order of Disposition.  
Defendant Dezra Dawn De Kraai; Order of Arraignment.  
Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons; Trial Information.  
Interested Paige Lynette Kiefer; Search Warrant.

(6-10 Over).  
**April 21**  
Defendant Seth Allen Dick-ey; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).  
Defendant Steven Duane Grant; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).  
Defendant Isaac Nava; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

### PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET  
ENGLISH VALLEYS School District  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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

Meeting Date/Time: 5/14/2025 06:00 PM Contact: Wendy Ayers Phone: (319) 664-3634

Meeting Location: English Valleys Elementary Library  
North English IA 52316

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

EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Instruction	5,369,000	0	5,369,000	
Total Support Services	1,957,700	2,500,000	4,457,700	Increases in insurance, non certified staff
Noninstructional Programs	454,000	800,000	1,254,000	Increases in hot lunch services
Total Other Expenditures	1,548,921	1,900,000	3,448,921	Increases in building projects
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,329,621</b>	<b>5,200,000</b>	<b>14,529,621</b>	

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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of What Cheer • 2024 Water Quality Report

## 2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR WHAT CHEER WATER SUPPLY

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Wapello Rural Water Assoc. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance	Date	Violation	Source	
Type	Value & (Range)	Yes/No				
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	2.10 (ND-7)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.0419 (0.0028-0.0444)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
<b>950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM</b>						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.2 (1.1-1.4)	12/31/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	37.00 (37-37)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	23.00 (23-23)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
<b>951 - DIST SYS 951 SURFACE WATER</b>						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.2 (0.5-3.16)	03/31/2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	SGL	37.00	10/24/2023	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	SGL	14.00	10/24/2023	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
<b>05- S/EP FROM WELLS 1-7 9000742 - WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOC.</b>						
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	0.9	07/08/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	12	10/10/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits Added To water during treatment process
fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.63	10/10/2022	No	Water additive which promotes Strong teeth
Dalapon (ppb)	200 (200)	SGL	0.30	11/02/2022	No	Runoff from herbicide used on Rights of way

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

**DEFINITIONS**

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L -- picocuries per liter
- N/A - Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA - Running Annual Average
- LRAA - Locational Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL - Single Sample Result
- TCR - Total Coliform Rule

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

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

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

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. WHAT CHEER WATER SUPPLY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**  
This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.  
Original Supply ID: IA9000742  
Original Supply Name: Wapello Rural Water Assoc.  
**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact WHAT CHEER CITY CLERK MELANIE VERMILLION at 641-634-2590.  
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## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

**April 14**  
Jeffrey A. Wolcott Estate, Jeb Wolcott Executor to Bridger Wilcott; Court Officer Deed: PT Lot: 02 SE NE 13-27-74; PT SW NE 13-27-74; PLAT B2 P145-149.  
Lynn Woodruff, Carol Woodruff to Leasing Solutions LLC; Warranty Deed: Keota J M Chesneys Addition Lot: 04.  
Joan Towns to Larry A. Towns; Survivor Spouse: PT Lot: 01 NW SW 04-76-13.  
**April 15**  
Melvin M. Burtlow Jr, Eva Marie Burtlow to Joshua Ingle, Bridget Ingle; Deed Quit Claim: NW SW 18-74-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT B294 P62.  
**April 16**  
Chales L. Kessler Family Trust, Washington Stake Bank TR to Richard L. Kessler; Court Officer Deed: PT NW SW 25-74-10; PT SW SW 25-74-10 SE NE 25-74-10.  
Washington State Bank TR, Chales L. Kessler Family Trust to Mercedes Z. Kessler; Court Officer Deed: NE NW 27-74-11.  
Sigourney Builders Inc to Leland Heisdorffer, Bonnie Heisdorffer; Deed Quit Claim: PT ROW RR SE SW 35-76-10.  
**April 17**  
Irene Cassens to Heaven L. Johnson; Warranty Deed: PT Sigourney Hogins Addition Lot: 04 Block: 12.  
**April 18**  
Jerome D. Weber to Jerome D. Weber Trustee, Jerome D. Weber Revocable Trust; Warranty Deed: NW SE 13-75-12; Lot: 02 SW NE 13-75-12; PLAT MISCELLANEOUS RECORD B31 P250 NW 24-75-12; SE SW 13-75-12; SW SW 13-75-12; PT NE SE 13-75-12; PT NW SE 13-75-12; EXCEPT PLAT 2012-2151.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Keota CSD • Minutes 4.24.2025**

**KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
Keota Community School Media Center  
Keota, Iowa 52248  
Thursday April 24, 2025  
5:00 PM  
"Preparing learners for an ever changing society"  
Board members present: Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad  
Board members absent:

Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Business Manager Amy Greiner, Elementary Principal Seth Millidge  
Andy Conrad moved to accept the agenda as amended as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.  
A. Roll Call and Acknowledgement of quorum  
B. Reading of Mission statement  
C. Approve/Amend Agenda Action Items

Appointment of School Board Vacancy— Introductions were made by each of the 4 people who showed interest serving on the board. A ballot vote was taken of the present board members and Erin McGuire was appointed to fill the vacancy. Board secretary Gina Bennett administered the oath of office to Erin.  
Approval of New Hires- Andy Conrad moved to approve the new hires as presented pending background and reference checks and licensure. Seconded by Dan Redlinger.

Motion carried 5-0.  
Approval Teacher/Staff salaries for 2024-25 school year - Dan Redlinger moved to approve salaries as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.  
Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.  
Board President Date  
Board Secretary Date  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Sigourney CSD • Amendment of Current Budget**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET  
SIGOURNEY School District  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The SIGOURNEY School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Meeting Date/Time: 5/14/2025 06:00 PM	Contact: Jessica Meier	Phone: (641) 622-2025
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Meeting Location: Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library  
907 E Pleasant Valley St, Sigourney, IA 52591

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

EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Instruction	6,195,000	173,966	6,368,966	Additional staff and final ESSER expenditures
Total Support Services	2,987,000	117,519	3,104,519	Additional maintenance expenditures
Noninstructional Programs	500,000	15,000	515,000	Increased nutrition program expenses
Total Other Expenditures	5,493,178	171,017	5,664,195	Additional facilities expenditures
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,175,178</b>	<b>477,502</b>	<b>15,652,680</b>	

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Sigourney CSD • Claims 4.9.2025**

SIGOURNEY CSD BOARD BILLS-APRIL 9, 2025 GENERAL FUND	IOWA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, THE	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	FLORIDA FRUIT ASSOCIATION INC.
ADA SPORTS.....163.00	.....72.00	.....500.00	.....3,225.00
AGRILAND FS, INC.....2,371.95	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.....4,109.25	RED LION RENEWABLES, LLC.....3,158.56	JET PHYSICAL THERAPY.....1,692.87
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.....725.00	IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS.....1,620.00	RENNER CONSTRUCTION LLC.....1,325.00	JP PARTY RENTALS.....1,021.75
ALLIANT ENERGY.....6,399.31	ISFIS, INC.....73.00	SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY, INC.....266.58	MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....145.60
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....450.83	ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES WDM.....61.10	SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC.....613.67	OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.....315.00
ATWOOD ELECTRIC, INC.....2,764.16	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.....156.99	SIGOURNEY TREE CARE.....4,600.00	PIZZA RANCH.....81.95
AUDITOR OF STATE.....625.00	KCII RADIO.....599.52	SINCLAIR NAPA.....464.32	SHEELS ALL SPORTS.....4,794.00
BROTHERS MARKET.....32.16	KEOKUK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.....495.75	STEWART'S AUTO SERVICE LLC.....211.28	SCHROEDER BASEBALL.....280.00
BUG MAN PEST CONTROL, THE.....110.00	MAHASKA COMMUNICATION GROUP.....1,980.71	SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC.....8,231.46	SCHROEDER GRAPHICS & SIGNS.....195.00
CITY OF SIGOURNEY.....2,790.58	MENARDS - OTTUMWA.....95.68	TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC.....565.82	SICL CONFERENCE.....207.00
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES, INC.....80.00	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL.....3,714.75	U.S. CELLULAR.....97.30	THEISEN'S.....1,825.74
CORAL RIDGE MALL LLC.....70.00	MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....548.48	WALSH SECURITY, LLC.....210.00	Fund Number 21.....15,988.66
CULLIGAN WATER TECH.....66.99	MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....479.14	WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY.....5,602.91	PEEL SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....13,318.00
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES, LLC.....76.05	OTTUMWA CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC.....100.00	Fund Number 10.....70,891.00	Fund Number 36.....13,318.00
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY CO.....94.68	OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY.....159.50	ACTIVITY FUND	NUTRITION
HOGLUND BUS COMPANY.....114.96	PHELPS AUTO SUPPLY.....1,950.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....1,429.75	ARCTIC FOOD EQUIPMENT.....3,146.44
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....1,740.21	POPPLERS MUSIC, INC.....17.95	BROTHERS MARKET.....555.00	OPAA! FOOD MANAGEMENT, INC.....51,722.05
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....80.00		CASTER, MARK.....220.00	Fund Number 61.....54,868.49
			TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....155,066.15

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Sigourney CSD • Minutes 4.9.2025**

**SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025  
The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library. Board members present included: Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Tim Bruns, Adam Clark (left 6:33), Cody Branstad (arrived 6:07), Amy Wilcox and Steven Seeley. Also present were Kevin Hatfield, Angie Lamberson, Jessica Meier, Jenny Bell, Deanna Spence, Shannon Webb, Missy Sellers, Jenny Gay, Casey James, Bronson McCulley, Aidyn Parker, Addie Tremmel, Ashlyn Tish, Alley Tish, Mindy Jensen, Dani Aller, Abyl McCulley, and Pat Westby.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY26 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**  
Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: President Seeley opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM and acknowledged a quorum of the board.  
Approve/Amend Agenda: Director Wilcox moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 6-0.  
Public Hearing: No oral or written comments were received.  
Adjournment: Director Clark moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:03 PM. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 6-0.

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: President Seeley called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM, acknowledged a quorum of the board, and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.  
Approve/Amend Agenda: Director Clark moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 6-0.  
Non-Action Items: STEM Students and Teachers presented on their trip to Boston/New York in March. Pat Westby, from SitelogIQ, gave an update on Jr. Sr. High School Facility. The Elementary shared their Standard Response Protocol. 2025 Legislative Updates were given. The District Career and Academic Career Plan (DCAP) was presented. The AEA Service Delivery plan was discussed.  
Administrative Reports: Spence shared some upcoming field trips and ISASP testing updates. Webb shared ISASP testing went well and she mentioned dates for prom and graduation. The Athletic Director gave an update on the AD Convention and mentioned April will be busy with many activities. Maintenance has been busy with setting up for events, cleaning outside bathrooms and branch clean up. They are working on getting the fields ready for practices and games. The Tech Department gave an update on the ISASP testing and how everything went great. Transportation is having a smooth year with all trips covered and no issues with equipment. Jenny Bell has been working on grants and Savage Pledge. Nutrition has a new reach in cooler and it has helped a lot. The new Kitchen Manager Ashten has taken on the role very well.  
Consent Agenda: Director Wilcox moved to approve the following consent agenda items:  
Minutes from March 12 Work Session, Calendar Hearing/Regular Meeting March 12 and Public Hearing March 26  
Financial Reports from March 2025.  
Payment of Bills: General Fund \$70,891; Activity \$15,988.66; PPEL \$13,318.00; Nutrition \$54,868.49  
Open Enrollment  
IN from Washington - C Strand  
IN from Tri-County - R Phillips  
Personnel  
Resignations: Leane Stutzman, 7-8 Math Teacher/JH Student Council  
New Hires: Peyton Leathers, JH Girls Track Coach  
Volunteers: Tim Schneider, Soccer Coach; Jina Heisdorffer, JH Boys Track; Alan Sellers, JH Girls Track  
Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 6-0.  
Board will Focus on Student Learning and School Improvement:  
1. Moved by Director Bensmiller to approve the FFA travel to Oklahoma April 28-May 2 for State Soil Competition. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 6-0.  
Board Will Focus on Finance, Business, and Policy:  
1. Moved by Director Branstad to approve the FY26 School Budget at a levy rate of \$11.36867. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 6-0.  
2. Moved by Director Glandon to approve the budget guarantee resolution as presented. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 6-0.  
3. Moved by Bensmiller to set the public hearing for FY25 Budget Amendment for May 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 6-0.  
4. Moved by Director Branstad to approve the service agreement with Timberline for three years (FY26, FY27, & FY28). Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 6-0.  
5. Moved by Director Glandon to approve the agreement for Girls Wrestling and Bowling Cooperative Sharing Agreement with Keota CSD. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 6-0.  
Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting: Board Appreciation Month-May; Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10/Day May 7; Thomas Watson, the Impact and Use of AI in schools; Activities Event-Ticket prices 25-26; Salary and wage approval; TLC Staff positions; Coaching contracts; Prom/graduation/staff recognition plans for August  
The next regular meeting will be May 14, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library at 6:00 PM.  
Adjournment: Director Bensmiller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 6-0.  
Steven Seeley, Board President  
Angie Lamberson, Board Secretary  
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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 HEARING**  
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 Twenty-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 Plaintiff's 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 deficiency of 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 county 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  
City of What Cheer • Special Meeting 4.22.2025**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING**  
Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025  
The What Cheer City Council met in special session at City Hall, Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers, Rick Shafraneck and Christine Howard. Also present was Richard & Faye Jones, Kathy Shafraneck, and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.  
Sandy Van Patten motioned to open the public hearing at 7:pm on the proposed 2025-2026 city Budget, seconded by Donna Rogers. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Donna Rogers motioned to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting at 7:28pm on the proposed 2025-2026 city Budget, seconded by Christine Howard. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Christine Howard motioned to adopt a resolution 25-04-05 to approve the 2025-2026 Budget. Rick Shafraneck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Shafraneck, Aye; Danner, Aye; Van Patten, Aye; and Rogers Aye. Motion Carried.  
Rick Shafraneck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm, seconded by Dwight Danner.  
Darrell Wilkening, Mayor  
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
City of North English • Special Meeting 4.21.2025**

**CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
6:30 p.m.  
- The North English City Council met in special session at City Hall on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohm, Garringer, Carter, Custer, Haugland and O'Rourke were absent. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee.  
- Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, absent; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, absent.  
- Custer, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve LL Pelling's 2025 Seacoat proposal. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, abs; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, abs.  
- Discussion regarding 2025 Summer Help pay rate. Decided to keep the \$10/hr rate that was used last summer, can raise accordingly later if necessary.  
- Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.  
Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 4.14.2025**

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS APRIL 14, 2025**  
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.  
Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Casey James, News Review, was present.  
Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of April 7, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of quarterly report of fees collected by the County Auditor & Sheriff and monthly report of fees collected by the County Recorder and Clerk of Court as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of the Topsy Traveler's LLC Class C - 5-day retail alcohol license application as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of resolution regarding Keokuk County Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant appointment through elected term of December 31, 2028. All ayes and motion carried.  
Public hearing regarding Keokuk County FY2026 Budget was held. No oral or written objections were received. Also present was Conservation Director Reighard. Wood moved, Weber seconded to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. All ayes and motion carried.  
Weber moved, Wood seconded adoption of Keokuk County FY 2025-2026 budget / certification of taxes as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of FY 2026 salary increase of 3% for Keokuk County elected officials as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of updated custodial/maintenance job description as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a RUSS meeting. Neither Weber or Hadley had scheduled meetings last week.  
Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics.  
On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:31 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](http://www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov).  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber  
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**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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 thereafter 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite 302  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
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# New report cites ‘harmful effects’ of private equity firms buying nursing homes

One such sale involved a firm buying 29 Iowa nursing homes

By Clark Kauffman, Iowa Capital Dispatch

A new national study has found that private equity firms continue to purchase and then bankrupt nursing homes around the nation.

According to a report issued this week by the Private Equity Stakeholder Project, a nonprofit organization that focuses on the impact of the private equity industry on people and the planet, the percentage of American nursing homes now owned by private equity firms ranges from 5 to 13%, with the upper range of that estimate more likely due to the complex manner in which a facility’s true ownership is sometimes camouflaged.

That finding is consistent with a 2023 report from the Government Accountability Office, which reported that while federal data shows at least 5% of nursing homes nationwide are owned by private equity firms, the data is flawed and the true number is likely higher.

In recent years, the acquisition of nursing homes by private equity investors has come under scrutiny by regulators, the media and members of Congress, with critics suggesting too many profit-minded investors are targeting care facilities for acquisition, starving them of cash while collecting a reliable stream of income from Medicare, and then cashing out, in some cases by filing for bankruptcy protection.

In its report, PESP examines six private equity-backed nursing home deals that occurred within the past three years. PESP found that at least three nursing home companies owned directly or indirectly by private equity firms have filed for bankruptcy in recent years: LaVie Care Centers/Consulate Health Care in 2024, Golder Capital Management in 2024, and Gulf Coast Health Care in 2022.

One private equity firm buys 29 Iowa homes

One acquisition detailed in the report involves the private equity firm Cascade Capital Group, which in September 2024 acquired one of Iowa’s largest nursing home chains, ABCM Corp., for \$85 million. The deal included 326 assisted living units as well as 29 nursing homes with 2,346 skilled-nursing beds.

The sale led to 7% of Iowa’s 410 nursing homes being handed over to a private equity firm. A Cascade Capital affiliate, Legacy Healthcare, now manages the homes.

Last year, the non-profit Center for Medicare Advocacy compared federal data from the Iowa homes with data on other Legacy-managed nursing homes and found that the Cascade/Leg-

acy facilities had, on average, considerably lower ratings for overall performance and for their inspection outcomes. They also had lower nurse-staffing ratings, more abuse citations, higher federal civil money penalties, and more denials of payment for new admissions, the center found.

The federal data indicates the Cascade Capital facilities performed more poorly than homes under ABCM’s management, with the Cascade Capital facilities being fined 17 times as much as their ABCM counterparts.

Each ABCM facility had, on average, incurred \$4,815 in federal fines over the past three years, while the Legacy-managed facilities averaged \$83,994 in federal fines.

In October 2024, a month after Cascade acquired the Iowa nursing homes, a 45-year-old resident of the chain’s Harmony House Health Care Center in Waterloo died. Inspectors reported that the resident, who had special dietary restrictions that limited her food intake to soft, bite-sized items, choked after “stuffing an entire peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her mouth.”

The state alleged that “staff at Harmony House failed to develop and put in place an effective behavioral intervention plan that might have discouraged such behavior” and on Nov. 6, 2024, it imposed a \$10,000 fine on the facility. State records show that fine has yet to be paid, with the full amount still owed.

Ownership not always revealed to regulators

The new report also highlights Gulf Coast Health Care’s acquisition of a nursing home chain that operated 28 skilled nursing facilities in Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. In 2021, Gulf Coast was facing 167 personal injury or wrongful death claims and filed for bankruptcy.

“Multiple studies confirm the harmful effects that private equity ownership has on nursing homes, and the increased risk placed on residents and workers,” the report states. It cautions that the Trump administration may do little to address the issue, noting that during the president’s first term, federal protocols were revised “to discourage regulators from levying fines against nursing homes,” even in cases of resident deaths.

According to the New York Times, that effort was part of a broader plan to relax regulations and reduce bureaucracy and government oversight of business. For example, a requirement that every care facility employ at least one specialist in preventing infections was replaced with a requirement that an anti-infection specialist spend “sufficient time” at the facility.

The report recommends that federal and state agencies be given the authority

to approve or reject mergers and sales involving nursing homes based on factors that include the potential impact on quality of care.

The report also calls for greater transparency in nursing home ownership. While homes are now required to report information about their owners, including private equity firms and real estate investment trusts, government authorities should be coordinating efforts to ensure that all facilities comply fully with such requirements.

Some ownership data kept secret by State of Iowa

The report also recommends that nursing homes be required to file public, consolidated cost reports that would detail the owners’ payments to themselves through affiliates and related parties, an amount now thought to be in the billions of dollars.

Under a state law that was approved in 2023, nursing home buyers in Iowa must submit to the state documentation of relationships to any related corporations and provide details of their projected revenue and expenses.

When asked whether the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing imposed such requirements on the buyers of the ABCM facilities, a department spokesperson said only that it followed the requirements of Iowa law, “which includes a robust financial analysis.”

The spokesperson noted that under state law, all of the information a buyer provides to the state that is related to their business relationships and compliance with the new financial regulations are treated as confidential and are not subject to public disclosure through the state’s Open Records Law.

Earlier this year, Sen. Claire Celsi, a West Des Moines Democrat, introduced Senate File 533, which would have barred the state from approving any change of ownership that results in a nursing home being acquired by a private equity fund or real estate investment trust.

That bill, as well as Senate File 536, which would have required the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman to prioritize on-site visits to homes taken over by private equity firms, failed to advance.

The nursing home industry’s main lobbying organization, the American Health Care Association, has argued that with private equity firms owning as few as 5% of all homes, the issue is “distraction” from the real threats faced by facilities and their residents, such as workforce shortages.

In a written statement to McKnight’s Long-Term Care News, the AHCA said “the reality is that owners of long-term care facilities are extremely diverse and are often run by Main Street, not Wall Street.”

# Summary of Notable Criminal Judgment Entries: January through March 2025

By Keokuk County Attorney Amber Thompson

Please note, any charges filed against a defendant for which there is no conviction are merely allegations unless or until a conviction is entered on the charge.

**Brett Little**, 43, of What Cheer, Iowa, was sentenced to two years in prison with all time suspended contingent upon his successful completion of probation to the Iowa Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to Non-Compliance with Registration Requirements as a Sex Offender, an Aggravated Misdemeanor. Little’s charges were filed by the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Department after the Iowa Department of Public Safety informed the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Department that Little had been convicted of Criminal Sex Conduct Fourth Degree in the State of Minnesota on February 26, 2024 and was required to register as a sex offender in the State of Iowa within five business days and had still not registered his Keokuk County home address as of March 28, 2024.

**Robert Andrews**, 44, of Sigourney, Iowa, was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Third or Subsequent Offense, a Class D Felony, and further sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to Unauthorized Use of Credit Card under \$1500, an Aggravated Misdemeanor. Andrews’ sentences ran

concurrently with each other and with sentences imposed in pending criminal cases in Marion and Wapello Counties. Andrews was first charged in January 2024 by the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Department with Unauthorized Use of Credit Card and Burglary in the Third Degree – Motor Vehicle by alleging he had stolen a credit card out of a vehicle and used the credit card to purchase cigarettes and lottery tickets at the BP gas station in Hedrick and then, after the victim had reported the card as stolen, Andrews attempted to use the stolen credit card at Dollar General in Hedrick and Casey’s General Store in Sigourney. In October 2024, the vehicle Andrews was driving was stopped by the Iowa State Patrol for speeding in Keokuk County. After a search of the vehicle, the Iowa State Patrol charged Andrews with Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Possession of Controlled Substance (Marijuana).

**Eric Stanley**, 46, of What Cheer, Iowa, was sentenced to five years in prison with all time suspended contingent upon his successful completion of probation to the Iowa Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to three counts of Dominion/Control of Firearm/Offensive Weapon by Domestic Abuser, Class D Felonies. The Keokuk County Sheriff’s Office charged Stanley with multiple counts of Dominion/Control of Firearm/Offensive Weapon by Domestic Abuser after executing a search warrant on his properties in

September 2023 alleging that Stanley possessed firearms/ammunition/offensive weapons while being subject to a protective no contact order.

**Samuel Dereus**, 32, of Prairie City, Iowa, was sentenced to ten years in prison after pleading guilty to Homicide by Vehicle – Reckless Driving, a Class C Felony, and Operating While Intoxicated, First Offense, a Serious Misdemeanor. These charges were filed by the Iowa State Patrol after investigating an automobile wreck in which Dereus’ vehicle collided with another vehicle, killing the driver of the other vehicle in August 2023.

In total, thirty-six convictions were entered (excluding scheduled traffic violations) including two Operating While Intoxicated Second Offenses, one Operating While Intoxicated First offense, four Driving While Barred offenses, one Possession of a Controlled Substance – Marijuana First offense, three Bodily Injury Assault offenses, one Sex Offender Registry Violation offense, one Criminal Mischief Third Degree offense, one Assault Causing Bodily Injury offense, two Child Endangerment offenses, one Possession of a Controlled Substance – Marijuana Second offense, one Unauthorized Use of Credit Card offense, six Violation of No Contact Order offenses, five Simple Assault offenses, one Public Intoxication offense, two Driving Under Suspension offenses, and three Contempt/Revocation of probation findings.



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## Senior Spotlights - Congratulations Class of 2025



Drake Axmear

**Birthday:** September 6th

**Parents:** Jesse & Anne Axmear

**Siblings:** Kaeley, Natalie, Edie, and Abe

**Pets:** Four dogs – Max, Ben, Oscar, and Dottie

**Activities:** Baseball, Football, Basketball, Golf, FFA

**Memorable Moments:** One of Drake's favorite high school memories is cooking with friends during food class.

**Plans after Graduation:** After graduation, Drake plans to continue working on the farm, pursuing his passion for agriculture and hard work.



Korbyn Brecht

**Birthday:** September 22

**Parents:** Grant & Brittany

**Siblings:** Addi, Kadi, Taylie & Karter

**Pets:** Mox, Oliver, Marly, and Maple

**Activities:** Football, Basketball, FFA, Drama, SkillsUSA, Band, and 4-H

**Memorable Moments:** One of Korbyn's favorite memories is building a shed during construction class and hanging out with his buddies.

**Plans after Graduation:** Korbyn plans to attend a trade school in the future.



Kyedan Geiger

**Birthday:** June 29th

**Parents:** Nathan & DiAnna Geiger

**Siblings:** 3 brothers: Alex, Brennick, and Tayem

**Pets:** A yellow lab named Remi, a Great Pyrenees named Cleetus, and a cat named Milo

**Activities:** Football and Track

**Memorable Moments:** His sophomore year football season, along with the student sections for volleyball and basketball, were some of Kyedan's favorite memories

**Plans after Graduation:** Kyedan plans to attend Kirkwood Community College to earn his ASE certifications and become certified as a diesel mechanic.



Andrew Hanna

**Birthday:** December 1st

**Parent:** Lola

**Favorite Movie:** The Classic Spider-Man

**Pets:** Two dogs and one cat

**Favorite School Subject:** Andrew's favorite subject in school is Art, where he enjoys expressing his creativity.

**Proud Moment:** Andrew is especially proud of graduating from high school, a meaningful accomplishment that marks the start of his next chapter.

**Plans After Graduation:** Andrew plans to either enter the workforce or attend college as he explores his future path.



Hallie Heasty

**Birthday:** July 16th

**Parent:** Malissa Larson

**Siblings:** McKinzy, Ricky, Wyatt, Lucas, Natalie

**Pets:** Five cats—Maple, Pyne, George, Sara, Storm—and one kitten named Milo

**Activities:** Drama, Student Council, FCCLA, Chess, Future Teachers, and Yearbook

**Memorable Moment:** One of the most memorable moments was participating in the School Fair, which brought the entire community together.

**Plans After Graduation:** After graduation, she plans to attend Kirkwood Community College to study Interior Design and Interior Architecture.



Dylan Kleine

**Birthday:** February 14th

**Parents:** John & April Kleine

**Siblings:** Eli Grimm and Jade Kleine

**Activities:** Cheer, Dance, Choir, Drama, Speech, Student Council, FCCLA, Future Teachers, Chess, and Yearbook

**Memorable Moments:** Some of her most cherished memories are from Speech and Drama, particularly the friendships she made through the productions.

**Plans after Graduation:** After graduation, Dylan plans to explore the world through travel and gain valuable experiences. She also plans on pursuing a career in nursing.



Garin Schaffner

**Birthday:** December 5th

**Parents:** Chris & Trista Schaffner

**Pets:** A Shih Tzu/Pomeranian mix named Hank

**Activities:** Football, FFA, Band, Trapshooting, SkillsUSA, Golf, and Yearbook

**Memorable Moments:** One of Garin's most memorable experiences was building a shed during construction class. It was a hands-on project that not only challenged his skills but also gave him a real sense of accomplishment and pride.

**Plans After Graduation:** Garin plans to attend Indian Hills Community College, where he will study Diesel Mechanics. He's excited to pursue a career in a high-demand, hands-on field that aligns with his passion for working with engines and machinery.



Christy Knapp

**Birthday:** April 12th

**Parents:** Cody & Megan Knapp

**Sibling:** Mariah Knapp

**Pets:** A Golden Retriever named Willie

**Activities:** Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Dance, Drama, FFA, FCCLA, NHS, Future Teachers, Youth Salute, and Yearbook

**Memorable Moments:** One of Christy's most memorable moments was during her sophomore year when she became close with a group of seniors. Together, they took a special trip for FCCLA that she'll never forget.

**Plans After Graduation:** After graduation, Christy plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to study Early Childhood Education.



# GRADUATION 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 12:30 pm

English Valleys Competition Gym

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

## Upcoming Activities

**May 2:**

Music Trip

B/G Golf Meet @ BP 2:00

**May 3:**

Music Trip

**May 5:**

JH Track @Lynnville Sully 4:30

SICL Boys Golf Tournament @9:00 am

**May 6:**

Gr. 5-8 End of Year Concert 6:30

SICL Conference Track @Colfax-Mingo 4:00

**May 7:**

Baccalaureate 7:00

Drivers Ed Parent Meeting 6:00

HS Community Service Day





# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## FFA GOES TO STATE CONVENTION

The Keota FFA took 15 members to the State Convention. Jake Morris, Gavin Sieren, Jackson Vittetoe, and Ava Greiner all participated in Team Ag Sales where they received a silver rating. Grace Conger took the chapter's Secretary Book and won 7th place. Brody Greiner and Issac Streigel took the Chapter activity board and got a gold rating. The State Champion Soil Judgers consisted of Jacob Libe, Jackson Vittetoe, Jack Greiner, and Ayden Galindo. 6 members also received their Iowa Degrees: Izzi and Jace Chalupa, Grace Conger, Reese Conrad, Isaac Striegel, and Jax Weber.

By: Jake Morris



## STRIKING THROUGH THE SEASON

The Sigourney-Keota Soccer team has played 5 games so far this season. They have played exceptionally well, even though their record doesn't show that. They played a hard-fought game against Highland on Tuesday, April 8. SK held Highland scoreless for most of the first half. Highland was awarded a penalty kick in the first half that pushed Highland through. Ty Goldman was in the goal the entire game and had some great saves. The game went in favor of Highland winning 4-0. On Friday April 11, Sigourney-Keota played Central Lee and played exceptionally. Central Lee is an undefeated team, but SK played exceptionally. Aydin Flowers scored a goal but Central Lee was too much for SK to handle, winning 6-1. SK has had to face a lot of adversity this season with injuries happening. Even though there are injuries, SK has done a great job with working with what they can to compete on the field.



## EVENTS

30 EagleRock! 29th Spring Awards Concert - HS Gym - 7:30 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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By: Dakota Dodd

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's your favorite spring activity?

MRS. JAEGAR  
STAFF



"Ranger Riding"

JAX WEBER  
12TH



"Working In The Field"

GAVIN SIENEN  
11TH



"Enjoy Nice Weather"

CALI MCCOID  
10TH



"Getting Garden Ready"

AIDAN GREINER  
9TH



"Playing Soccer"

MEMPHIS JAEGAR  
8TH



"Mushroom Hunting"

BRENDEN LAWSON  
7TH



"Playing Basketball"

## Help Pick Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin—Nominations Now Open

CLIVE — Is the breaded pork tenderloin your go-to when eating out? If so, it's that time of year again and we need your help to uncover the 2025 Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin! The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) is on the hunt for the tastiest, juiciest, most mouth-watering breaded pork tenderloin sandwich in the state. Nominations for the 23rd annual Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin Contest are officially open from April 17 to June 1, and you can throw your favorite restaurant into the ring. Whether it's a small-town café or a local go-to spot, now's your chance to give them the recognition they deserve.

Each person can nominate one restaurant, and if your pick takes the crown, you could win \$100 just for showing your love! New restaurants pop up around the state all the time, each with their own take on the breaded pork tenderloin. So, tell us, do you have one you're loyal to or do you have a newfound love?

"Restaurants should definitely be paying attention to this contest and encouraging nominations from their customers if they haven't in the past", says Denise Wiley, chairwoman of the Restaurant & Foodservice Committee at Iowa Pork. "Testimonials from past restaurant winners and even Top 5 qualifiers have proven Iowans' love for breaded pork tenderloins and have reported selling 5-10x more tenderloins than their average."

The breaded pork tenderloin sandwich is a quintessential Iowa dish, enjoyed by Iowans and visitors alike. It's an extremely popular item on the menu in small-town diners and restaurants across the state.

Iowa leads the nation in pork production, and this contest is a fun, flavorful way to celebrate both culinary pride and local agriculture.

Here's How It Works: To qualify, a restaurant must serve hand-breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches as a regular menu item and have consistent, year-round hours that are open to the public. Sorry, no food trucks, seasonal spots, or catering-only businesses are eligible.

After the nomination period, IPPA will narrow entries down to the top 40 restaurants, including the top five from each of its eight districts. Then, undercover judges will hit the road to taste and score the finalists based on pork quality, flavor, appearance, and overall deliciousness.

The top five will be revealed in October during National Pork Month, and the winner will snag \$500, a plaque, and some serious bragging rights. The runner-up gets \$250 and a plaque too!

Just how big is this thing? In 2023 alone, more than 9,000 nominations came in for 774 different restaurants. So yeah—this contest is a pretty big deal.

Recent Winners:  
2024 — Dairy Sweet in Dunlap  
2023 — Cliff's Place in Manning  
2022 — Lid's Bar & Grill in Waukon  
2021 — Victoria Station in Harlan, which has since closed  
2020 — PrairieMoon On Main in Prairieburg

Click here for the full list of past winners dating back to 2003. IPPA also invites food lovers to conquer the Iowa Tenderloin Trail by June 1 and win a T-shirt.

## New Resource Describes Feed Mixing Uniformity Test Equipment and Procedure

By IPIC Student Communications Assistant  
**Lauren Beyer**

AMES — Uniform feed ensures animals receive consistent nutrients, supporting their health and performance. A new publication from the Iowa Pork Industry Center at Iowa State University helps producers evaluate feed uniformity and identify ingredients that may affect herd outcomes.

"Mixer Uniformity Test Procedure" IPIC 210 outlines proper sampling procedures and testing methods for trace substances, and helps in analyzing and interpreting results. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach swine specialist Mark Storlie is the author of this publication.

"The mixer design will direct your sampling procedure," Storlie said. "Samples should be taken at, or as close to, the mixer discharge as



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possible."

The publication explains sampling techniques for both horizontal and vertical mixers. Horizontal mixers use a grain probe to collect 10 samples from set locations inside the mixer. For vertical or continuous proportioning mixers, samples should be collected as the feed is discharged, with careful timing.

Salt, trace minerals and synthetic amino acids are

commonly used as tracers to test uniformity. Samples can be sent to a lab or sometimes are tested onsite.

"A mixer uniformity test should be conducted within 90 days of installation of a new or replacement mixer, or periodically (minimum once every one to three years)," Storlie said.

The publication also has guidance on interpreting test results and includes a link

to the Feed Uniformity Test Tracker Excel spreadsheet, created by Storlie for calculating results. Consistent testing establishes a routine for producers, which in turn helps their animals maintain a healthy status and continued growth.

The two-page publication is available at no charge from the ISU Extension Store.

## Time to Check and Treat Your Herd for Ticks

Tickborne disease can impact performance, death loss

By Sherry Hoyer,  
**Beth Reynolds**

AMES — Temperatures are warmer, grass is greening up nicely, and yes, it's time for ticks. But are ticks on cattle a concern? Absolutely, said Iowa Beef Center program specialist Beth Reynolds, be-

cause of disease transmission opportunities.

For example, anaplasmosis is a tickborne disease with an estimated U.S. beef industry impact over \$300 million per year. The cost is realized in poor performance, abortions and death loss.

"For infected cattle that recover without medication, these animals remain carriers for life without showing

clinical signs, which increases the likelihood for the disease to spread within the herd," she said. "Anaplasmosis is in Iowa with cases trending higher in recent years."

There are various methods available to control tick populations on livestock, with use dependent on individual circumstances. "Treating with chemical acaricides, like a pour-on, is the most common strategy," Reynolds said. "To prevent ticks from developing resistance, rotate the class of chemical used annually. When treating, treat all animals in the herd at the same time, and reapply product according to label directions for best results."

Burning pastures in the spring can reduce tick populations in that pasture, although she cautions farmers to be aware of brush areas, etc., that can serve as tick ref-

uges.

She said a recent BEEF magazine article titled "Dangerous hitchhikers" does a great job of describing and explaining cattle health threats caused by ticks, and encourages producers to take a look at it.

The three most common species encountered in Iowa are the blacklegged (deer) tick, American dog (wood) tick, and the lone star tick. All three are effective vectors for different diseases and pose a risk to humans as well as livestock and pets. In addition, lone star tick bites pose the risk of alpha-gal syndrome (red meat allergy). Awareness and prevention are crucial in keeping yourself and your livestock healthy.

For more information, check out this Iowa State resource available online, <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12612>



Deer tick

## Are Drones the Future of Tree Fruit Production? Researchers Investigate

Project will include a series of trials and demonstrations to optimize drone-based spraying for high-density fruit orchards

By Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — A team of researchers in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences is addressing the growing interest among tree fruit growers in Pennsylvania and the Northeast in adopting drone-based spraying systems for high-density apple and peach orchards. The Northeast Region of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently awarded the team two grants to support the work.

"Many farmers are seeking alternatives to traditional air-blast sprayers, which experience frequent breakdowns and inefficiencies," said team leader Shanthanu Krishna Kumar, assistant professor of tree fruit. "A survey of growers last year revealed that 95% were eager to explore drone spraying technology, citing increased efficiency, labor savings and improved soil health as key benefits."

Pennsylvania ranks among the top producers of apples in the U.S., with over 14 million bushels harvested annually, highlighting the significance of efficient spraying in this sector, Kumar noted. He explained that growers like the ability of drones to spray at night, which offers advantages such as reduced wind speeds and lower risk to pollinators. Additionally, they see drone spraying as a more viable option for irregularly shaped and steep orchard sites that are less accessible to traditional equipment.

Despite the potential benefits, farmers have expressed concerns about drones main-

taining optimal water volumes and spray coverage, as well as whether drone-applied growth-regulating chemicals crucial for managing crop loads in orchards will be as effective, Kumar added. The research team will focus on those aspects in the study.

"Farmers also seek more information on maintenance, troubleshooting and the cost-effectiveness of drone technology," Kumar said. "This project aims to bridge these knowledge gaps and support growers of all sizes, in adopting sustainable and efficient spraying."

The project will include a series of field trials and demonstrations to optimize drone-based spraying systems for high-density fruit orchards. High-density apple orchards, for example, have many fruit trees per acre, typically exceeding 180 trees, to maximize yield and production. These orchards use dwarf trees, specialized pruning and tree-training systems to achieve early fruit bearing.

These trials will focus on determining appropriate water volumes, flight parameters and the efficacy of plant

growth regulators applied with low water volumes. A side-by-side comparison of drone spraying with traditional air-blast sprayers will provide critical data on spray coverage and economic viability.

The re-

searchers aim to produce best-practice guidelines for drone applications from their work, helping farmers adopt this technology while reducing chemical use, labor costs and environmental impact, Kumar said. Eight growers across Pennsylvania will host on-farm trials, providing real-world insights into the technology's effectiveness.

Outreach efforts by the researchers will include workshops, field days, webinars and video tutorials, as well as Spanish-language programming. The team will share their findings through industry publications, presentations at conferences and local meetings. The project also will offer guidance on securing funding opportunities for farmers interested in adopting drone spraying systems.

"By addressing farmers' concerns and providing accessible, practical solutions, our project aims to promote widespread adoption of drone-based spraying technology, leading to more efficient, sustainable and economically viable fruit production in the Northeast," Kumar said.

Long He, associate profes-

or of agricultural and biological engineering, is co-principal investigator on the project, and Penn State Extension educators Daniel Weber and Maria Gorgo-Simcox are team members.

The grant from the Northeast Region of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program is \$200,000. The PA Ag Innovation Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for purchase of a drone to use in the research is \$19,000. The researchers also will use the drone to experiment with scanning fruit trees for precision nutrient management.

This research is part of the College of Agricultural Sciences' Technologies for Agriculture and Living Systems (TALiS) initiative, a unique, holistic approach that balances the need for increased food productivity and efficiency with a dedication to conserving vital living systems. It envisions a future where advanced technologies help create sustainable, resilient agricultural systems interconnected with the living systems that sustain them.



The project will include a series of field trials and demonstrations to optimize drone-based spraying systems for high-density fruit orchards. (Courtesy Photo / Credit: Penn State. Creative Commons)

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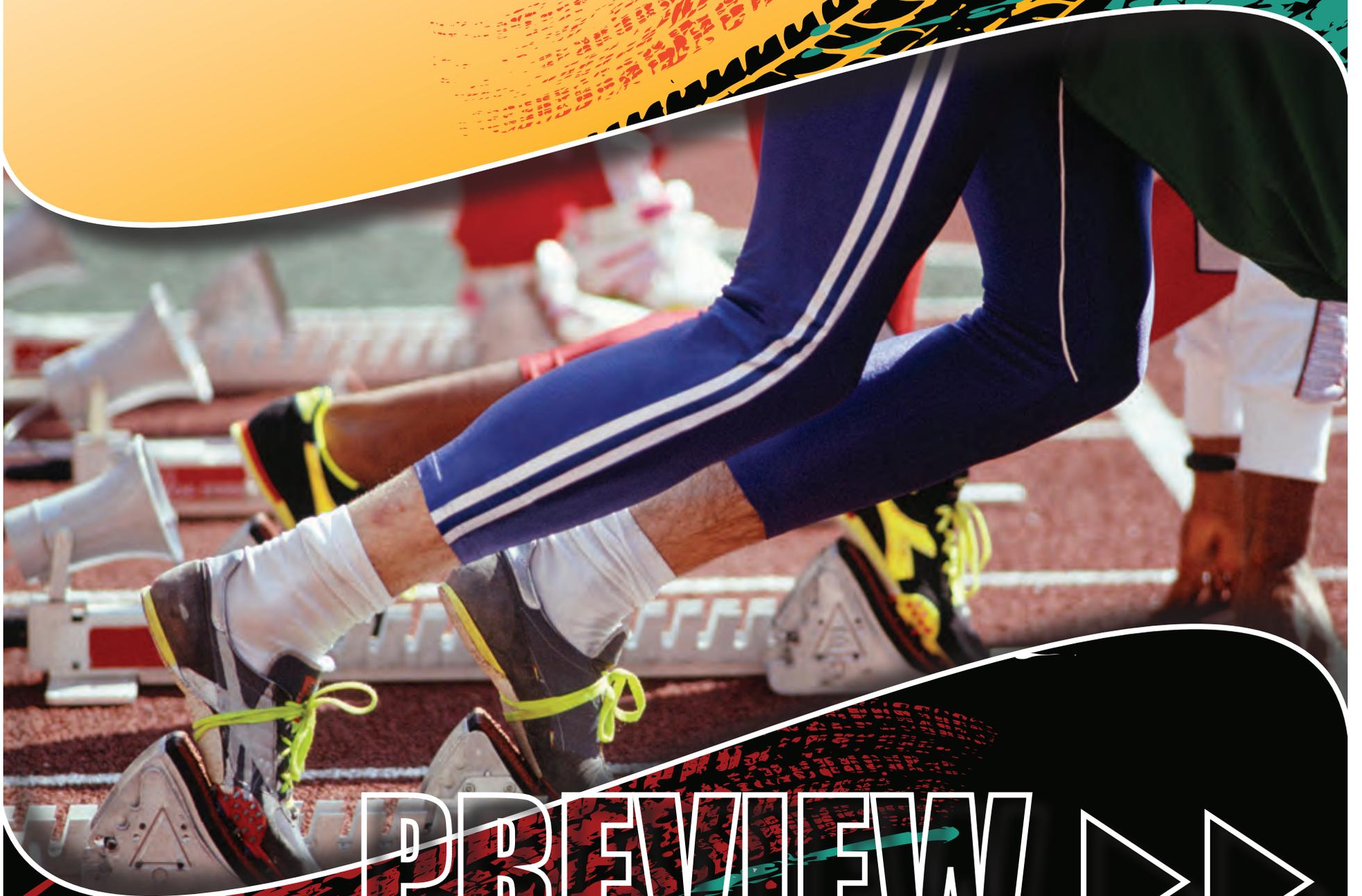
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## Field events promising to be a bright spot for Savages

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – She has excelled in just about everything she has ever done.

So, naturally, it is of little surprise that one of the bright spots for the Sigourney girls track team this year will be from senior Josephine Moore.

The senior is leading the team with her ability to excel in the throws so far. Moore has a best shot put distance in the early season of 32-feet-5-inches which has her on the verge of competing with some of the best throwers in class 1A competition.

In the discus throw Moore has a best throw of 89-feet-6-inches, which also puts her towards the top of the conference leaders in that event. With Moore's throws leading the team the Savages are proving to have a strong year in field events.

Backing the field event excellence up are the jumpers of McKinley Chittick and Kia Montgomery.

Chittick is a high jumper who has cleared four-feet-four inches already this year. As her season continues the expectation is that she will continue to be able to improve her jumps.

Montgomery is having a solid sophomore season. She has a best long jump of 13-feet-10-inches so far. That helps put Montgomery towards the front of the conference standings.

The relay runs, especially in the 4x100 and 4x200 are also proving to be a strong suit for the Savages through the early part of the season.

The Savages are primed to have a strong run as they gear up for their conference and district meets.

## Cobra soccer ready to make strides in 2025 season

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – There is no question about the heart they have.

This year's Sigourney-Keota soccer team is one that isn't short on heart. They will have to prove that as they play through a tough schedule that includes some of the best teams in southeast Iowa.

The Cobras feature several weapons that they will use to work through the schedule.

Among some of the teams that are featured on the Cobra schedule this year are Chariton and Pella Christian, two teams, that in recent years have had success when it comes to district play.

While the schedule may seem daunting on first look, the Sigourney-Keota team isn't going to let

the schedule hold them back.

Overall this year the Cobras have a mix of experience and fresh faces on their team which should help them navigate the tricky schedule.

Among the strengths of the team will be their defense as the final third of the field will help the Cobras fend off some of the sharp shooters of the teams that they will face.

Goalie Ty Goldman is new in goal this year, but he has athleticism and an instinct to go after the ball which should be a benefit for the team as they move forward on the season.

Developing a multi-faceted attack that can strike from anywhere will be one of the things that the Cobras are trying to develop as the schedule goes on.



**SIGOURNEY BOYS TRACK**  
Roster: Aidyn Parker, Gauge Little, Landon Fisch, Lance Walden, Carver Russell, Carson Davis, Aathan Kitzman, Levi Myers and Isaac Jones, Chase Clarahan, Dillon Menke, Ashton Schwab, Jayden Thompson, Troy Klett, Wyatt Wehr and Graham Moore. Caden Clarahan, Jordan Anderson, John Berg, Owen Menke, Aiden Knepper, Hunter Sellers, Levi Jaeger and Jaxon Khali, Ike Molyneux, Carson O'Rourke, Landon Conrad and Brayden Wood. Coach Jensen, Coach Hahn. Photo by Mark Schafer

## Distance running, hurdles helping lead Sigourney

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the fall he proved that he was fast running across a variety of terrain. So far this spring, he's keeping up the pace he set in the fall.

Sigourney's Troy Klett is continuing to develop a strong junior track season as he has been a nearly unstoppable force in the middle and long distance runs for the Savages. Klett's legs are one of the bright spots for the Savages as the season will go on.

Klett is a force for the Savages as he has an ability to run in multiple different distances, and still turn in fast times.

The junior currently has the fastest time on the team in the 400 meter dash, the fastest time in the 800 meter run, the fastest time in the mile and the 3,200 meter run as well.

Klett's ability to run the mid and long distance

races are certainly a big impact for the Savages, but he is far from the only runner on the Savages that is making an impact.

The Savages have a bounty on hurdlers who seem to be able to carry speed with them.

Senior hurdler Caden Clarahan has the current fastest time on the team in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.77. Sophomore Chase Clarahan has also been fast in the same event with a time of 17.46 so far this spring.

Freshman Dillon Menke has had one of the faster times in the 400 meter hurdle event. He leads a trio of distance hurdlers that seem to be able to carry speed around with them.

Jayden Thompson, the senior thrower has had success at several meets so far. He holds a best shot put throw of 41-feet-10.75-inches already this year. In the discus he has been able to record a best throw of 127-feet.

Roster: Wells Clark, Gavin Khali, Kaylie Montgomery, Jackson Vittetoe, Isabella McCullough, Addison Purkeypile, Isabelle Haines, Aiden Greiner, Sophie Young, Dakota Dodd, Aydin Flowers, Dominic Vega, Sadie Clarahan, Reannah Utterback, Ty Goldman, Liam Van Voltenburg, Caden Meyer, Chase Haifley, Landyn Greiner, Owen Clark

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## Sigourney boys golfers ready to take next steps

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**SIGOURNEY** – Last year everything seemed to fall in place, right until the end of the season.

The Sigourney boys golf team were able to claim the SICL championship, and won the sectional meet. However, at the district meet everything seemed to come apart.

None of the Sigourney golfers would wind up making the State tournament. This year coach Zach Tremmel expects that to change.

A big reason why the Savages are expected to make it to the State meet is all of the experience they have returning to the team.

“The boys return five of six of the golfers from last season,” Tremmel said. “We will also have Jordan Tremmel adding depth to a very strong varsity boys team. We are the de-

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## Sophomores expected to lead Keota this spring

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**KEOTA** – With just one senior and three sophomores on the team every score is going to count.

This year the small numbers for the Keota girls golf team isn't expected to hold them back. Although they may not have a full six-member team, the four Keota golfers are all expected to have standout seasons.

Senior Lainey Swanson has played in three nine-hole rounds so far this season and she is proving to have a strong senior year. Her nine-hole low score is 47 strokes already.

She is averaging 50 strokes per nine-hole course which is a leader for the Eagles already.

Emily Conger is

a sophomore for the Eagles. Although she has played in one fewer nine-hole round than the rest of her team she is proving to be a strong asset.

Conger's nine-hole low score is a 54. She is

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Roster: Emily Conger, Brynn Conrad, Kaylee Kindred and Lainey Swanson.  
Photo courtesy of Keota Community School District



Keota boys golf roster (not in order of photo): Steve Bird, Porter Cave, Brody Greiner, Brycen Horras, Billie Kindred, Jacob Libe, Brennan McGuire, Mison Milam, Jake Morris, Gavin Sieren, Tucker Sprouse and Cooper Strand. Photo courtesy of Keota Community School District.

## Returning to state a goal for Keota boys

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**KEOTA** – A return trip to the State tournament is the biggest focus.

Last year, everything all seemed to come together at the right time for the Eagles. Keota was

able to move their way through the district and sectional tournaments to make the State tournament.

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## Core group of golfers to lead Sigourney in 2025

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**SIGOURNEY** – Although the Savages lost three of their golfers from last season, there is still a lot of talent returning to the team.

Sigourney had three seniors graduate from last year's team. That included their lowest average golfer in Emma Hammes.

However, the Savages do have a strong group of returning golfers that could make a big impact on the season.

“Adalynne Tremmel, Clara Hanselman and

Hanna Hanselman are all returning golfers that I think could make a big impact for us this season,” Zach Tremmel, the head golf coach for Sigourney said.

Adalynne Tremmel averaged 60 strokes per nine holes and 124 strokes in 18-hole rounds to lead the group of returning golfers for the Savages this spring. The experience that she gained from last spring should make a big impact for her as she starts this season.

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## Keota girls ready to make most of 2025 season

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

KEOTA – It isn't always about the victories, but rather information gained.

For the Keota girls track team this season they are focused on being able to build information from one track meet to the next.

Through the early part of the season the Eagles seem to have been able to gain success through their middle relay lengths. The Eagles have been able to run the 4x200 and 4x400 relay races well.

For most of the spring the girls will continue to work on getting more consistent times in the sprints and middle distance solo races. They will also work on having consistent throws in the shot put and discus events as well.

With a mostly young team the Eagles are focused on gaining as much experience as they can throughout the month of April, before making noise during the conference and district track meets held in the month of May.

## Gaining experience a goal for Eagles this spring

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

KEOTA – Youth, they say, may be wasted on the young.

The youth movement that the Keota boys track team is facing though could help them prepare for future seasons.

Keota's boys track team isn't one that has a lot of experience this year, but that isn't going to hold them back as they navigate throughout the season. The Eagles are going to run just as hard as they can throughout the season. Along

the way the young Eagles team will be able to build up some ways on how to better prepare for the next track meet.

Getting points and climbing in the points standings at track meets is always a goal, but gaining valuable experience in how to navigate throughout the track season. The wins that the Eagles are sure to pick up will only be an added bonus to the experience that they are sure to gain.

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fending conference champs and also won sectionals before losing at the district meet."

Those types of numbers should certainly boost the confidence of the Savages as they hit the links in 2025.

Last year Isaac Bruns and Solon Yates emerged as two of the stars for the Savages. Yates recorded a nine-hole low score of 36. Bruns was able to record a nine-hole low score of 39, helping the Savages keep the scores low.

As a team the Savages averaged 166 strokes

on nine holes, which helped lift them to their eventual conference championship.

With five of their six golfers returning depth will be a big benefit of the Savages as they work their way through the spring season.

The one thing coach Tremmel wants the team to work on is moving on from bad holes.

"We just have to keep from letting one blow up hole carry over to the rest of the round," Tremmel said.

## Panthers ready to show contender status in 2025

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PACKWOOD – At times the roster seems almost too good to be true.

However, the reality is that this year's Pekin girls track team is ready to add to the long history of stellar track teams that Pekin has produced throughout the years.

For starters the Panthers have one of the best 1A throwers on their team. As a sophomore Anna Hadley was able to finish in the top two of both her events at the State meet. So far her junior season is proving to be just as dominant. As the season has gone on, Hadley has only seemed to get better, which is bad news for the rest of the state.

Hadley is far from the only dominant member of the Pekin track team this year though.

In the hurdles events Pekin has two dominant hurdlers that have made noise throughout the early part of the season.

Sophomores Reece Brisby and Paislee Coleman have usually finished within the top two of the races they run in. Both hurdlers have been able to turn in consistent times

under 18 seconds, among some of the best in class 1A.

Chloe Glosser, who finished in the top-3 at the State cross country meet in November, has only seemed to have gotten faster. Glosser has been a consistent runner near the top of the standings in both the 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs. She has also been an almost unbeatable anchor leg on the distance medley, 4x800 and 4x400 runs.

Sophomore Addison Smith has also proved to be a constant threat up front in the sprinting events. She has a best time under 13.5 in the 100 meter dash. In the 200 meter dash she has been able to turn in a time under 28.5 seconds.

As if that all wasn't enough the Panthers have a consistent threat in the high jump event. Senior Kayse Miller has focused most of the offseason on getting her goal to leap over 5-feet-4-inches this season.

Only time will tell how far up the State standings the Pekin girls will climb this spring.

**Girls Roster: Zoey Atkinson, Reece Brisby, Paislee Coleman, Callie Deutschle, Breanna Drish, Bree Earnest, Renae Eubanks, Rylee Frye, Carlie Gambell, Ryleigh Garr, Ava Gillam, Chloe Glosser, Harper Guise, Abby Guise, Anna Hadley, Kayse Miller, Taylor Moore, Ava Owens, Maddy Petrehn, Grace Phillips, Brinley Phillips, Emerson Porter and Addison Smith.**

## Weapons are plentiful on deep Pekin track team

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PACKWOOD – There is no such thing as too many weapons.

If anything the Pekin boys track team is set out to prove that this spring as they bring a myriad of weapons into almost every single meet that they will be competing in.

The Panthers are deep on speed and can also show off their field events if they need to.

In the sprinting events the Panthers can rely on

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the legs of Brody Sobaski or Jaxon Mefford to carry them in the 100 or 200 meter dashes.

Junior Cole Millikin has been a constant threat in the 1,600 meter run adding another weapon in the distance races for the Panthers throughout the spring.

In the long jump the Adam brothers of Will and Henry have been able to turn in good efforts with Will Adam continually able to land in the top-10 distances at most of the meets he has participated in.

Caden Bender and Alton Williams have both taken turns throwing for long distances in the shot put and discus events adding yet another

weapon for the Panthers.

The hurdle events have featured some of the strongest weapons for the Panthers. As Kasey Davis has regularly been able to turn in fast times. The 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay team has featured some different members, but it has remained consistently fast.

The bottom line is that the Panthers will enter most of the meets they compete in this spring ready to climb the overall standings. The ultimate goal is, of course, being able to bring a large contingent of Panther runners to the Blue Oval at Drake Stadium during the State track meet.

**Boys Roster:** Will Adam, Henry Adam, Caden Bender, Jonah Breon, Alijah Brock, Robert Brown, Conor Cloyd, Landon Crow, Mason Dahlstrom, William Daniels, Kasey Davis, Jonathan Delaney, Henry Eubanks, Lane Fariss, Gabe Gentry, Nolan Glick, Liam Guise, Ryann Hammes, Jonathan Jacobs, Jaxon Mefford, Hayden Miller, Cole Millikin, Aiden Porter, Brantyn Sieren, Cael Silvers, Cody Silvers, Riley Smith, Dylan Sobaski, Brody Sobaski and Alton Williams.

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averaging 61.5 strokes per nine hole courses this year.

Brynn Conrad is another sophomore for the Eagles. She has a nine-hole low score of 63 on the spring already. She is averaging 67.67 shots per nine-hole rounds on average.

Kaylee Kindred is another sophomore for the Eagles. She already has a nine-hole low score of 75 this year. On nine-hole courses she is averaging 77 shots to complete the course.

As the spring continues the Eagles are expected to continue to make improvements.

## Bears relying on Heyne's leadership for season

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH – Just about everyone knows him for his ability to run.

This spring senior Gage Heyne is proving that he is also able to golf as well as he can run. The senior has already proven to be a team leader on both the nine and 18-hole courses for the Bears this season.

Heyne has played in two nine-hole rounds where he has been able to record a round low score of a 39. His average on nine holes is a 40. That leads the Bears.

Heyne also leads the Bears in the 18 hole rounds. In his one 18-hole round that he has had so far this year Heyne finished with a team-best of 77.

Sophomore Tyler Lortz is also proving to be a strong golfer on both the nine and 18-hole courses. Lortz has been able to shoot a nine-hole low round of a 40 so far this season. In three nine hole courses he is averaging 42 shots per nine holes.

The Bears will build their season around both Heyne and Lortz as they prepare for the district and possibly sectional tournament.

**Boys Roster:** Brodey Flander, Gage Heyne, Tyler Lortz, Teagan Mast, Owen Mather, Cyrus Morrison, Jackson Overy, Garin Schaffner.



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## Small Bears team focusing on round to round improvements

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH – Their strength may not be in their numbers, but the Bears are wanting to

prove that they are all about quality, not quantity

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## Bears ready to leave their mark at Southeast Iowa track meets

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**NORTH ENGLISH** – They're fast, they can run a long distance and they have the strength to throw great distances.

On the surface there doesn't seem to be much that the English Valleys girls track team won't be able to excel in this year.

The sprints events are expected to be largely dominated by sophomore Ava Gehrking. Last year as a freshman, Gehrking was able to turn heads with her speed. Throughout the early part of the season Gehrking has continued to turn heads as she has turned in some of the fastest times in class 1A in the 100 and 200 meter races already.

The short sprints are the only area that the

Bears have a strength. Anna Luers, a freshman, has been able to turn in consistently fast times in the distance runs so far this season. Add in sophomore Addison Achenbach and the Bears have a good shot at being able to have a strong shot at being competitive in most of the single running events that they will take part in this year.

Senior Taylor Mikesell has long established herself as one of the best throwers in the state. She has been able to continue to throw well in both the shot put and discus events. With points coming from Mikesell's long throws the sky seems like the limit for the Bears girls track team this year.

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ment.

Weather limited the State tournament to just one round and the Eagles were not able to show their complete power.

This year the Eagles are gunning for a return trip to the State tournament.

With the help of senior golfer Billie Kindred, the Eagles could be well on their way to a return trip to the State tournament.

Kindred currently ranks as one of the State's top-12 golfers for a nine hole low score. The senior has been able to shoot a 36 for his low score

so far on a 9-hole course. He has shot an 82 on the one 18-hole course he has played on, helping the Eagles gain confidence as they work their way towards a possible return trip to the State tournament.

Sophomore Brennan McGuire was able to produce a nine hole low score of 38 so far this year. Porter Cave has been able to shoot a 40 in a nine hole course.

All these are stacking up for a potential return trip to the State tournament.

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this spring.

With two seniors on the Bears this year the English Valleys girls golf team is relying on their leadership, as well as the excellent play of a pair of juniors to lead them this year.

Seniors Taylor Mikesell and Nicole Murphy have been able to lead the Bears at several meets this season.

Mikesell has played in two nine-hole rounds this season. She has a best score of 59 already.

She is also averaging 59 on nine-hole courses early on this season.

Murphy, has played in four nine-hole courses this year and she also has a best score of 59. On

average she is averaging 62.25 strokes to finish a nine hole course.

Kaylee Frazier, a junior, is the current team leader in nine-hole low scores as well as an average.

Frazier has been able to shoot a nine-hole low score of 53 so far. She is averaging about 55 strokes per nine-hole rounds.

Sarah Frederick is another junior for the Bears. She has shot a nine-hole score of 54 so far this season. She is averaging 61.75 strokes per nine-hole rounds.

Those four golfers are expected to lead the Bears throughout the 2025 golf season.

**Girls Roster:** Kaylee Frazier, Sarah Frederick, Taylor Mikesell, Nicole Murphy and McKenna Rugg.

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## Bears expected to excel in distances this spring

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

**NORTH ENGLISH** – He is known throughout the state as one of the premier distance runners. This spring the rest of the Bears plan to show that he is more than a one person show.

No discussion of the English Valleys boys track and field team would be complete without talking about senior Gage Heyne.

The senior, who finished in the top-5 in the cross country meet this year, is already showing his strength in the distance events.

Heyne, to no one's surprise, is the current class 1A leader for the fastest time in the 1,600 meter run. Currently the senior has a best time of 4:25.64 running the mile. That is more than four seconds better than the next best runner in the same event.

Heyne currently ranks third in the fastest time in class 1A competition for the 3,200 meter run. His time of 9:49.63 is a little more than six seconds off the current state leader

(in class 1A).

Additionally, Heyne also has the third best time among the state class 1A competition in the 800 meter run. His best time is 1:55.24.

Sophomore Everett Bender is proving himself to be an excellent athlete in several events as well. Bender currently leads his team in the 110 hurdles with a best effort of 18.23.

The sophomore jumper has also been able to lead the team with a high jump that has cleared 5-feet-8-inches.

Kane Axmear, another sophomore for the Bears is proving himself to be a good thrower. He has a best shot put throw of 39-feet-9.75-inches already this year. In the discus he has been able to throw it 106-feet-1-inch.

The Bears also have a few good relays. The team of Deshon Anderson, Ben Coffman, Braydon Anderson and Heyne have a best time of 1:38.39 in the sprint medley, which is just four seconds off the fastest time in the state in terms of class 1A competition.

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**EV BOYS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ BGM
APRIL 11	@ KEOTA
APRIL 14	@ BGM
APRIL 15	HOME TRIANGULAR
APRIL 21	VS NORTH MAHASKA
APRIL 24	@ COLFAX-MINGO
APRIL 25	@ MARENGO
APRIL 28	VS SIGOURNEY, KEOTA
MAY 5	@ OSKALOOSA

**SK SOCCER**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 11	VS CENTRAL LEE
APRIL 17	VS HIGHLAND
APRIL 22	VS CHARITON
APRIL 24	@ PELLA CHRISTIAN
APRIL 25	VS WAPELLO
APRIL 29	@ HILLCREST ACADEMY
MAY 2	VS PCM
MAY 6	VS WACO
MAY 9	@ ALBIA

**KEOTA GIRLS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ MARENGO
APRIL 14	@ MONTEZUMA
APRIL 17	VS HLIV
APRIL 21	VS HOME TRIANGULAR
APRIL 28	@ ENGLISH VALLEYS
APRIL 29	@ BELLE PLAINE
MAY 1	VS LYNNVILLE-SULLY
MAY 2	@ MARENGO
MAY 12	@ OSKALOOSA

**SIGOURNEY BOYS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ NORTH MAHASKA
APRIL 15	@ IOWA VALLEY
APRIL 17	@ TIPTON
APRIL 22	@ WACO
APRIL 24	@ EBF
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 1	@ WACO
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO

**EV GIRLS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ BGM
APRIL 15	HOME TRIANGULAR
APRIL 18	HOME MEET
APRIL 21	VS NORTH MAHASKA
APRIL 24	@ COLFAX-MINGO
APRIL 28	VS SIGOURNEY, KEOTA
MAY 8	@ NORTH MAHASKA
MAY 12	@ OSKALOOSA

**PEKIN BOYS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ PEKIN
APRIL 15	@ FAIRFIELD
APRIL 17	@ PEKIN
APRIL 22	@ MOUNT PLEASANT
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 2	@ CARDINAL
MAY 5	@ VAN BUREN CO.
MAY 8	@ WACO
MAY 12	@ LYNNVILLE-SULLY

**KEOTA BOYS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ MARENGO
APRIL 11	VS SIGOURNEY, EV
APRIL 14	@ MONTEZUMA
APRIL 17	VS HLIV
APRIL 21	VS HOME
APRIL 23	@ WILLIAMSBURG
APRIL 28	@ ENGLISH VALLEYS
APRIL 29	@ BELLE PLAINE
MAY 1	VS LYNNVILLE-SULLY
MAY 5	@ OSKALOOSA

**SIGOURNEY GIRLS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ NORTH MAHASKA
APRIL 14	@ IOWA VALLEY
APRIL 17	@ EBF
APRIL 22	@ EBF
APRIL 25	@ BGM
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 1	@ WACO
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO

**EV BOYS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 12	@ IOWA CITY WEST
APRIL 14	@ EAST MARSHALL
APRIL 17	@ BENTON
APRIL 22	@ BGM
APRIL 24	@ DRAKE RELAYS
APRIL 24	@ EBF
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 5	@ HIGHLAND
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO

**PEKIN GIRLS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 11	@ CLEAR CREEK AMANA
APRIL 17	@ PEKIN
APRIL 22	@ MT. PLEASANT
APRIL 24	@ MID-PRAIRIE
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 2	@ CARDINAL
MAY 5	@ VAN BUREN COUNTY
MAY 8	@ WACO
MAY 12	@ LYNNVILLE-SULLY

**KEOTA BOYS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	@ PEKIN
APRIL 17	@ PEKIN
APRIL 22	@ BGM
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO
MAY 8	@ IOWA VALLEY

**KEOTA GIRLS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 14	@ LONE TREE
APRIL 17	@ PEKIN
APRIL 29	@ SIGOURNEY
MAY 1	@ WAPELLO
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO
MAY 8	@ IOWA VALLEY

**SIGOURNEY BOYS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	VS BELLE PLAINE
APRIL 11	@ KEOTA TOURNAMENT
APRIL 14	@ BROOKLYN COUNTRY CLUB
APRIL 17	VS MONTEZUMA
APRIL 24	@ IOWA VALLEY
APRIL 25	SIGOURNEY INVITE
APRIL 28	VS NORTH MAHASKA
APRIL 29	@ OSKALOOSA
MAY 1	VS BGM
MAY 5	@ OSKALOOSA (SIGI MEET)

**EV GIRLS TRACK**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 11	@ CLEAR CREEK-AMANA
APRIL 12	@ IOWA CITY WEST
APRIL 14	@ IOWA VALLEY
APRIL 17	@ PEKIN
APRIL 22	@ EBF
APRIL 24	@ DRAKE RELAYS
APRIL 25	@ BGM
APRIL 28	@ BELLE PLAINE
MAY 6	@ COLFAX-MINGO

**SIGOURNEY GIRLS GOLF**

DATE	LOCATION
APRIL 10	VS BELLE PLAINE
APRIL 14	@ BROOKLYN
APRIL 17	VS MONTEZUMA
APRIL 22	@ OTTUMWA (CEDAR CREEK)
APRIL 24	@ IOWA VALLEY
APRIL 28	VS NORTH MAHASKA
MAY 1	VS BGM
MAY 2	@ IOWA VALLEY
MAY 12	@ OSKALOOSA (SIGI TOURNAMENT)

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