



Keota student council students cleaning ditches.

“The Gates” Wins Gold at Film Festival

“The Gates,” an indie film directed by Keota graduate Tiffany Ketcham, was one of the 62 films shown at the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival from April 4-6. “The Gates” was awarded gold in the category of Hobbyist Feature



The North Keokuk County Fire Department hosted a fundraiser breakfast on April 13, drawing a crowd of hundreds.

Coming to the EV History Center

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Keota Council Puts Fee on Houses Without Water

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – During the April 7 meeting of the Keota City Council, the council amended city ordinances to add a minimum fee for water, even at houses that have had their water shut off. City Administrator Alycia Horras explained that the previous city ordinances did state that the city should charge a minimum fee of \$46.61 for water service, but that the city had not been charging properties that had their water service shut off. Under the new ordinances, all properties, including those that have had their water shut off, either voluntarily or involuntarily, will be required to pay a minimum of \$75 each month. Horras stated this would not affect any residents that have active water service. Councilman Curt Burroughs stated that a lot of houses in town had been bought by people who kicked out residents then shut the water off, resulting in properties that formerly paid a water bill now not paying. He estimated that there were 20 vacant houses in town that met this description, which is an issue, because those properties are no longer contributing to paying off the loan the city took out to build the lagoon. He stated that the city has had to levy more on other residents to generate revenue. Burroughs stated that, in his perspective, this change was not directed at any individual and was aimed at all the houses the city was not getting revenue from. The amended water ordinances also change the fee to temporarily shut off water to a property or restore water to a property from \$7.50 to \$50. Horras stated this would not apply to people who need to turn their water off for a few days while doing renovations and was aimed at people who leave town for six months. The council approved these amendments and waved the second and third readings. The council also approved amending waste ordinances to change the recycling fee from \$8 to \$10. Although these ordinance changes apply to all Keota residents with their water shut off, discussion of changing the ordinances at the previous city council meeting on March 15 emerged from discussion of one particular resident who had been feuding with the city. Joel Ackerman, a local man who the city council had discussed extensively during the March 3 and March 17 meetings, following a pair of incidents involving Ackerman’s dogs killing other animals, used the public forum time at the beginning of the Monday meeting to air his grievances with the council. In a profanity-filled rant, Ackerman called the city council a “kangaroo court” and claimed they had stepped on his civil rights. He asserted that the council meetings, where the mayor and council discussed the incidents and approved issuing fines, which Ackerman has the right to contest in municipal court, had effectively acted as municipal court. He claimed he had been denied due process, because he had not been notified of the “hearing” or given legal counsel prior to the city council meeting. Ackerman claimed that Councilman Mike Bender’s dog had run loose the previous Saturday and said that Bender needed to be fined as well. Bender interjected to say that he had already requested he be fined by the city. Ackerman claimed that he had been harassed in pub-

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Sigourney STEM Students Show Photos of Trip to Board

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the April 9 meeting of the Sigourney School Board, the board talked to Mindy Jensen, Bronson McCulley and some of their STEM students about their March STEM trip. 22 students went on the six-day trip to New York and Boston. The students shared photos and talked about their experiences. McCulley stated that he polled the students after the trip and that all of them loved it, felt safe, and would do it again if they could. Jensen stated she would like to do another similar trip, possibly to DC and New York, in 2027 and every two years after that. “It is a great learning experience,” said Jensen. “Many of them hadn’t even been out of Iowa, let alone seen the diversity out there, tried the different foods, learned about all the historical places we went.” The board also met with Pat Westby from SitelogIQ, who gave an update on the status of the Community Facility Advisory Committee which will advise the school board on what priorities to focus on during the planned secondary infrastructure renovations. He explained that the committee had toured the elementary, to see the work done in the first stage of the project, the jr/sr high school, to see what work needed to be done, and Central Lee high school, who had done similar renovations. He stated that, the day after the meeting, he would be meeting with staff and students to receive their input. Westby explained that the committee was drilling down their priorities prior to the May 14 school board meeting, where they will make their recommendation. He stressed that the committee would just give recommendations for priorities, not projects, and that final decision would be up to the board. Hatfield brought up the recently announced 2% increase in State Supplemental Aid, the funding schools receive from the state, saying “It’s about two months too late for it. They said the SSA is going to be 2%, which is not really enough for our public school kids. Inflation alone is 3.9%. It bothers me, but it’s the trend we’ve been on. We try to make it work.” He also spoke out against the increases in state money for Educational Savings Accounts, which pay taxpayer dollars towards private schools, saying “I don’t feel comfortable giving public dollars to places that don’t have to follow the same rules we do. Just my personal opinion. I’m not opposed to choice, I’m not opposed to anything, but I personally believe it’s creating a huge issue, and will end up creating huge issues down the road to fund this stuff.” Work Based Learning Coordinator Jenny Bell gave a brief overview of the district’s District Career Academic Plan, which gives students information on career paths and helps them decide what they want to do before paying to attend college. Hatfield stated that it is his goal next year to establish a new position that spends half its time teaching STEM and half teaching Work Based Learning; he noted that this position will likely also coordinate with special education, allowing special ed dollars to go towards the cost. Hatfield presented the board with a service agree-

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Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturdays 8-12.

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Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Fridays 12-1:30 p.m. Family Movie Matinee

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Tuesday 2 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday 12 - 4 p.m.
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Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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Richland Community Food Bank
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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.

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

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The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors meets weekly on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.
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NA Meetings Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Thursdays at 6 p.m.
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Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota
AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

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

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

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

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intervene and treat residents with changing conditions, and failure to provide residents with their prescribed diets.
Inspectors allege the home failed to adequately assess and treat a resident who fell at the home on Sept. 7, 2024. Two weeks later, on Sept. 22, the resident was admitted to a hospital with stroke-like symptoms. State records show that two days later the

resident died, with the cause of death listed as complications from a head injury caused by a fall. CMS fined the home \$203,060, according to federal records.
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lic and by Councilman Keith Conrad, calling comments by Conrad “abuse of the first ammendment.” Cornad interjected to ask what abuse he had done. Ackerman stated it was public record. Conrad began to say that he had just told the public about Ackerman’s dogs killing things, before being reminded by Burroughs that council members are not supposed to respond to the public forum. Ackerman said he was initially angry at coverage by the News-Review about the March council meetings, but was now glad that it recorded word for word “the trash that comes out of your mouths.”
At this point, Mayor Tony Cansler cut Ackerman off, informing him his two minutes were up. The Keota City Council has notably been less strict about the two-minute time limit in the past. According to the audio tapes recorded by the News-Review, Ackerman began speaking

at 3:01 and was cut off at 5:13, after 132 seconds of speaking. During the March 3 meeting, when the Wulf brothers described how Ackerman’s dogs attacked and killed their father’s dog, one brother spoke from 1:30 to 6:14, 284 seconds, and the other spoke from 6:25 to 10:12, 227 seconds. Neither Wulf was cut off. At the end of the April 7 meeting, Cansler told Ackerman he was free to put his concerns in writing and send it to the city and that he would respond to it.
Also at the Monday meeting, the council approved purchasing a \$50,661 work truck from Vaughn Automotive, with a snowplow and five-year warranty. Public works director Micah Harmsen explained that the current city work truck is 22-years-old and doesn’t need more hard years and that having two trucks will allow the city to clear snow quicker.

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ment for the Great Prairie AEA for \$99,000 of service that the district will need this year, to help the AEA plan its budget. He stated that the district can purchase more service from the AEA as needed with the remaining \$100,000 in service money the district has left. He stated he felt bad for the AEA, because they do great work for the district and the district isn’t sending

as much money this year, but that the state had forced their hand. He noted that, if Sigourney didn’t have the AEA to provide service for autistic children, for example, they would have to pay heavy fees to other organizations. He noted that the service agreement features AI training, library, science and mental health services.

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County, and portions of Iowa, Jefferson, Mahaska, Poweshiek, Washington, and Wapello. In its 13th year of publication, the magazine has been well received and continues to grow.
On Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m., the Hoffmans will be at the English Valleys History Center to tell about their popular community magazine.
Rhonda Hoffman obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from Iowa State in 1987. She is an experienced graphic designer with over 40+ years of experience working for full-service commercial printers and the corporate industry in the Des Moines area.
C.C. Hoffman is a native of Keokuk County. He completed his undergraduate work in Anthropology at the University of Iowa (started at Central College) in 1993. He went on to graduate studies in Archaeology at the University

of Nevada Reno where he completed his Masters and ABD PhD. He worked there as Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator until moving back to Iowa in 2002 where he became Assistant Director of the Career Center and Professor of Anthropology at Central College.
Rhonda and C.C. opened The Design House in Sigourney in 2006 offering a full range of products to include marketing, graphic design, copies, printing, mailings, vinyl, publishing, and promotional. They are also an authorized FedEx Shipper.
Neighbors Magazine is established in 2013. It is distributed free of charge locally and is fully supported by advertisers.
Everyone is invited to attend this program at no charge. The EV History Center is at 108 N Main Street, North English, Iowa. Donations are accepted.

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MENUS

English Valleys
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Lunch: Cheesy BBQ Beef on a Bun, Pig in a Blanket w/ Seasoned Fries, Popcorn Chicken Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Friday, April 18
Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Cereal w/ Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Sausage Egg & Cheese Calzone, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Mandarin Orange Chicken Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Monday, April 21
Breakfast: Sausage Pancake on a Stick, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken & Waffles, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Club Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Corn, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast: Strawberry Cheesecake Parfait, Cereal, Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Beef Enchiladas, Buffalo Chicken Bites w/ Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Turkey Jack Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Texas Pintos, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal w/ Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)
Thursday, Apr. 17
Chef Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake
Friday, April 18
Cheeseburger, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Apple Snicker Salad
Monday, April 21
Chicken & Noodles, Hot Mixed Vegetables, Pudding
Tuesday, April 22
Cheese Stuffed Manicotti w/ Meat Sauce, 7 Layer Salad, Garlic Bread, Texas Sheet Cake
Wednesday, April 23
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Cole Slaw, Peanut Butter Cookie

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)
Thursday, Apr. 17
Cheese Tortellini in Red Sauce, California Blend Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, Wheat Roll
Friday, April 18 (Closed)
Monday, April 21
Honey Glazed Ham. Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Steamed Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Peach Pie
Tuesday, April 22
Baked Pork Chop, Rice, Beet Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Wheat Roll
Wednesday, April 23
Swiss Steak, Broccoli Slaw, Baked Potato, Strawberry Shortcake, Wheat Roll

Keota
Thursday, Apr. 17
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Tetrizzini, Iceberg Lettuce Blend, Steamed Carrots, Strawberries, Garlic Bread, Milk
Monday, April 21 (No School)
Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Garden Spinach Salad, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk
Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mash Potato & Gravy, Broccoli, Grape Juice, Wheat Roll, Milk

Sigourney
Thursday, Apr. 17 (No School)
Friday, April 18 (No School)
Monday, April 21 (No School)
Tuesday, April 22 (No School)
Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: Tot N Egg Casserole, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Milk

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Pekin
Thursday, Apr. 17 (No School)
Friday, April 18 (No School)
Monday, April 21 (No School)
Tuesday, April 22 (No School)
Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: WG PopTart, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
Lunch: WG Chicken Wrap, Steamed Corn, Pepper Slices, Peaches, Apple Slices

Tri-County
Thursday, Apr. 17 (No School)
Friday, April 18 (No School)
Monday, April 21 (No School)
Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch: Chili w/ Cheese, Peas, Crackers, Pears, Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: Omelet & Toast
Lunch: Walking Taco, Applesauce, Goldfish Graham

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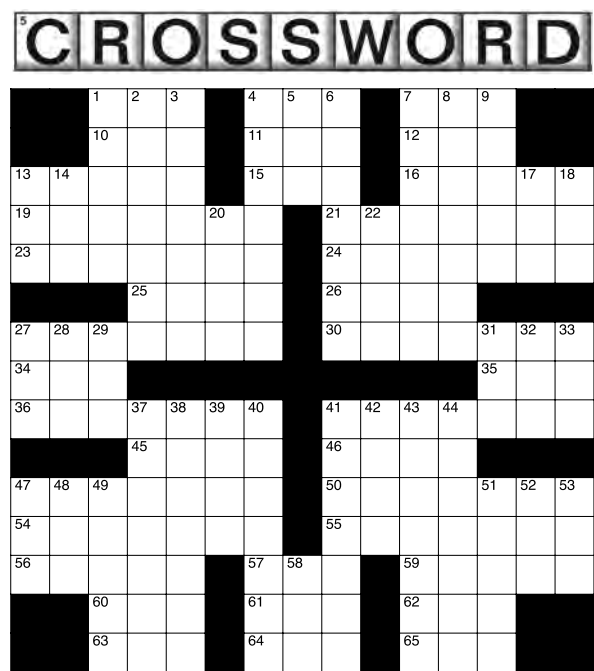
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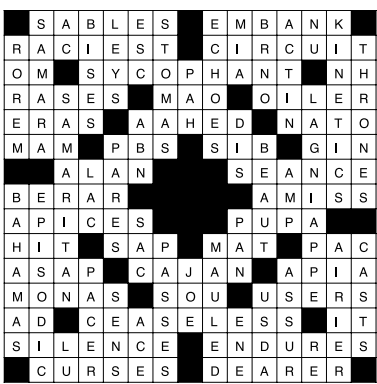


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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. English TV station
 - 4. It fuels cars
 - 7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
 - 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
 - 11. Midway between northeast and east
 - 12. Small Milky Way constellation
 - 13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
 - 15. A Brit's grandmother
 - 16. Colombian city
 - 19. Visualize
 - 21. Charged
 - 23. People's assets
 - 24. Informative books
 - 25. Jeer
 - 26. You can do it with your horn
 - 27. Agents of your downfall
 - 30. Central Uganda city
 - 34. Supervises flying
 - 35. Type of tree
 - 36. Alfalfa
 - 41. Dishwasher soap brand
 - 45. Hall where military eats
 - 46. Ancient Greek City
 - 47. Speaks incessantly
 - 50. Discuss again
 - 54. Extreme greed
 - 55. Adopt or support
 - 56. Fantasy writer Russell
 - 57. Seize
 - 59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
 - 60. Noted pet detective Ventura
 - 61. Automobile
 - 62. Georgia rockers
 - 63. Color opposite green
 - 64. Amount of time
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sheep sound
 - 2. Some can be emotional
 - 3. Inflammation of colon lining
 - 4. Origins
 - 5. Comedienne
 - 6. Perceived by the senses
 - 7. A place to play ball
 - 8. Occur before
 - 9. Animal body parts
 - 13. Thanksgiving dessert
 - 14. Root mean square (abbr.)
 - 17. 1960s teen idol
 - 18. Promotional materials
 - 20. One point east of northeast
 - 22. Piers Anthony protagonist
 - 27. Popular sports league
 - 28. Cologne
 - 29. Partner to cheese
 - 31. Constrictor snake
 - 32. Not good
 - 33. Supplement with difficulty
 - 37. Hug with fondness
 - 38. Enforced again
 - 39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
 - 40. Substance
 - 41. Anterior parts of the brain
 - 42. Brews
 - 43. Where ships load cargo
 - 44. Holiday season singer
 - 47. "___ humbug!"
 - 48. Monetary unit of Macao
 - 49. Popular children's book elephant
 - 51. Glutinous
 - 52. Function
 - 53. Old world, new
 - 58. Swiss river

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Blackbeard and Piracy

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

Imagine you're the captain of a merchant ship in the early eighteenth century. A flotilla of ships covered in canons approaches your boat, waving a black flag with a skull on it. The pirates board your vessel. Their leader is a massive man with a long, thick black beard braided into pigtails with small ribbons. He wears a dark coat, over which three pistols are hung on a bandolier. Sitting in his beard are lit fuses. The smoke covers his face and the embers make his eyes look red. The most infamous pirate in history, Blackbeard, stands before you. It looks like the devil himself has come to end your life. What would you do?

You would surrender. That's the point of the black flag and the burning beard, to be so intimidating that merchants gave up without a fight. For smart pirate captains, gun-fights were a foolish way to end the lives of yourself or your crew. Making sure everyone knows that, if they fight back, they will be tortured and killed, was the key to a successful career of piracy. Blackbeard understood this well. He was so good at appearing fearsome that he is remembered as the quintessential brutal pirate, despite the fact that there is no evidence he ever actually killed someone. That's not to say that he didn't kill anyone; Blackbeard was a violent criminal, but contemporary reports are scarce.

Blackbeard was born around 1680. Different contemporary sources disagree about his real name, usually listing it as Edward Teach or Edward Thatch, although it is entirely possible that too was an alias. Blackbeard probably grew up in Bristol, England, maybe from a wealthy family, but information about his early life is sparse.

It's likely that Blackbeard served as a privateer during the War of the Spanish Succession, a massive European war

that lasted from 1701-1714. During this war, the English government paid privateers to attack and rob Spanish ships as part of the war effort. When the war ended, thousands of newly unemployed privateers kept doing what they had been doing, now preying on English ships as well.

One of the most prominent privateers turned pirates, Benjamin Hornigold, helped seize control of Nassau in the Bahamas, transforming it into a stronghold for piracy. Blackbeard first enters the historical record in 1716, working as Hornigold's righthand man and commanding a captured sloop (a smaller, single mast boat) as part of his fleet. Together, Hornigold and Blackbeard raided ship after ship.

In September, 1717, Blackbeard and Hornigold met Stede Bonnet, a wealthy plantation owner who dealt with a midlife crisis by buying a ship, hiring a crew, and becoming a pirate. Bonnet was bumbling and incompetent, which Blackbeard exploited, convincing Bonnet's crew to get rid of Bonnet and put Blackbeard in charge of his ship, the Revenge, which was added to Hornigold's fleet. Bonnet remained aboard Blackbeard's ship, as a spectator.

This is a good segway into how 18th century pirate crews actually worked. Pirate crews were democratic, with the captain elected, and the crew able to vote out any captain that was cowardly or cruel. This, like the tendency to avoid battle through intimidation, was less a sign of morality, and more an inevitability of pragmatism. On British military vessels, if you overthrew a terrible captain, another British ship would chase down, court martial and likely hang you for your crime. Pirate captains had to accept the votes of their crews, because otherwise, their crews would kill them.

Captains were not the sole authority aboard ships. Captains were in charge of leading battles, while quartermasters

managed the day-to-day operations and the crew. Pirate crews began their voyages by writing out pirate codes which listed the rules of the ship and what shares of loot were allotted to each crew member, with captains and quartermasters generally given a double share.

In November, 1717, the fleet attacked a captured French slave ship, La Concorde, making it their flagship. Around the same time, Hornigold was overthrown as captain, leading him to retire. Blackbeard, now in charge, rechristened La Concorde as Queen Anne's Revenge and continued piracy, raiding ships and expanding his flotilla.

In May, 1718, Blackbeard blockaded the port of Charleston, stopping and ransacking every ship that sailed in or out of the harbor and taking members of their crew hostage. Blackbeard sent a message to the government of South Carolina, telling them that, if they didn't send a chest full of expensive medicine, the prisoners would be decapitated and their ships would be burnt. The medicine was handed over and Blackbeard held up his side of the bargain, releasing the hostages and sailing away. One month later, Blackbeard was forced to abandon Queen Anne's Revenge and switch to a smaller ship, the Adventure, after it ran aground.

In September, 1717, British King George I proclaimed the Act of Grace, a pardon for any pirate who surrendered before September of the following year. Hornigold, Bonnet and Blackbeard all accepted this pardon. Hornigold ended up becoming a pirate hunter, sent to take out his former comrades; he died in a shipwreck in 1719. When Bonnet left to go get his pardon, Blackbeard looted the Revenge and marooned crew members loyal to Bonnet on an island without food or water. Furious, Bonnet rescued his crew and set out for revenge, calling himself Captain Thomas and the Revenge the Royal James to

hide the fact he'd returned to piracy. He was captured and hanged before he could get his revenge.

Blackbeard accepted a pardon, retired to a life of leisure, and then went back to piracy a few weeks later. British naval Lieutenant Robert Maynard was sent by the governor of Virginia to put an end to Blackbeard. Maynard tracked Blackbeard to Ocracoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina, and approached the Adventure with two ships, the Jane and the Ranger. Maynard spoke with Blackbeard, telling him he would be taken, either dead or alive. Blackbeard responded by asking his crew for a glass of wine, saying he would be damned if he either took or gave quarter, and opening fire with the Adventure's canons.

The cannonballs tore apart the Ranger, killing its commander and wounding its crew, causing it to fall behind as the Jane and the Adventure sailed down the channel. As Blackbeard's cannonballs ripped through them, the crew of the Jane managed to get in a lucky shot, severing the line holding the Adventure's sail up, causing it to crash into a sandbar.

The gunfire stopped. The smoke cleared. Blackbeard gazed over at the deck of the Jane and saw no movement. Assuming his enemies were dead, Blackbeard boarded the Jane, falling right into Maynard's trap.

Maynard had ordered his men to hide below decks and play dead, hoping to catch the infamous pirate by surprise. Maynard and the crew burst from the hold, attacking Blackbeard. Blackbeard almost killed Maynard, but was shot five times and slashed twenty as the crew of the Jane ganged up on him. Blackbeard died, less than two years after his career of piracy began. The crew cut off Blackbeard's head and mounted it on a pole in Chesapeake Bay, as a warning to other pirates.

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Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

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Shane Jarr, Pastor
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206 Park St. Hedrick
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Michael Elrod, Pastor
203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick
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KEOTA
Good Neighbor Fellowship
126 E Broadway
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109 N Lincoln St.
Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
641-622-3426
Parish Office Phone - 641-636-3883
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Sundays in January - Rel Ed. 9:30- 10:45 a.m.

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

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

New Life Fellowship
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

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West Liberty Church Of Christ
7 miles west of Montezuma on Diamond Trail
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
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The Lighthouse Church
641-637-2251
www.nsfcc.org
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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.newlifefellowships.org
Ph. 641-637-2561
Email : newlifefellowships@gmail.com
Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:15am (Church)
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Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)
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PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

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Worship, 10:35 a.m.

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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.

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Church Phone: 641-667-2841
208 South 3rd St
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Steven Lamb
641-667-2502
27131 Hwy 78, Ollie
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Pastor George Den Oudsten
10 miles west of New Sharon
office@peoriacr.org
www.peoriacr.org

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Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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2011 Main St.
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Worship, 11 a.m.

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Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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Pulpit supply for Pastor 641-622-2247
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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308 S. Jefferson, 641-622-2151
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Adult Bible Study: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, LCMS
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22934 W. County Rd. V5G
641-541-0609
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Worship Service: 10 a.m.

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“ Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.’ ”
John 12:23-24 NIV

Reflections on the Meaning of Easter

As Easter approaches I am always drawn to the parallels between Jesus' resurrection and the rebirth that we see in nature during the Spring season. In the same way that trees and other plants enter a state of suspended animation or apparent death in the winter, only to re-animate in the Spring, Jesus died in order to be reborn or resurrected three days after his death. This is a great mystery which cannot be explained scientifically, any more than science can really explain how life keeps coming back every Spring. But just as the buds on the trees and the flowers starting to peak out gives us hope that life goes on, so too does Easter give us hope that our lives go on. Easter reminds us that there is a springtime of the soul. Death is not the end for us, but merely a new beginning where we are transformed into something greater. Jesus lives, and so do we.

-Christopher Simon

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A list of essential job functions will be discussed during the interview with applicant finalists. Salary is negotiable based on experience and qualification. A pre-employment physical will be required in connection with a conditional offer of employment.
Applications are available in the Keokuk County Auditor's Office located on the second floor of the Courthouse and also on the county website: <https://keokukcounty.iowa.gov/jobs/full-time-custodialmaintenance>.
Applications must be submitted to the Auditor's Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 18, 2025. Interviews of applicant finalists will be held by appointment the week of April 21, 2025 with employment decision soon thereafter.
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District Judge Vacancy

The Bar and public are hereby notified that there will be a District Judge vacancy as a result of Judge Myron Gookin submitting his letter of retirement effective July 7, 2025. Judge Gookin was appointed to the district bench in 2011 and was selected as Chief Judge in 2022.

The District 8A Judicial Nominating Commission, comprised of five elected attorneys and five Governor appointed citizens and the senior Judge in the District, will be interviewing candidates to fill this vacancy.

The Judicial Sub-District Nominating Commission for 8A met on April 1, 2025, to outline procedures and timelines to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted from Wednesday, April 2, 2025, until Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 4:00PM. Any interested and eligible attorney (as defined by Sections 1 and 7 of 2022 Iowa Acts chapter 1033) is encouraged to apply.

The following are the commission members:

District Judge Joel Yates – Chairperson

Elected Attorneys: Commissioners appointed by the Governor:

Diane Crookham-Johnson - Oskaloosa Steve Berger – Wellman dcj@oskaloosalaw.com berger@netins.net

Bryan Goldsmith - Ottumwa Vacant position

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The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the position of District Court Judge in Judicial District 8A and the Supreme Court of Iowa has adopted an application to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a District Court Judge.

Copies of the application can be obtained from the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501, by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, by calling 1-641-684-6502, ext. 610, or by going to the Commission website at <https://www.iowa-jnc.gov/district-commissions>.

Applicants are directed to send their completed applications and writing samples by email to cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, by regular mail, or personally deliver to the District Court Adminis-

trator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501.

All applications must be received by the Court Administrator's office no later than Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 4:00PM. No late applications will be accepted. The names of the applicants will be made available to the public AFTER the deadline for filing applications.

Applicants who wish to be considered for an appointment to fill this vacancy shall complete an application as described above. Applicants for this position must be members of the Iowa Bar, must be a resident of the Judicial Election District 8A or in a contiguous county to Judicial Election District 8A, but if nominated and before assuming office must be or otherwise remain a resident of Judicial Election District 8A during the entire term of office, and shall be of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office before reaching the age of seventy-two years.

The person appointed to fill this vacancy will be expected to carry out any assignment made by the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District that is within the jurisdiction of a District Judge.

All valid applications which meet the statutory

requirements will be considered. However, if there are more applicants than can be effectively interviewed, the commission may elect to screen the applicants and interview less than all. The selected applicants will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Judicial Nominating Commission for a personal interview on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Keokuk County Courthouse in Sigourney, Iowa. The applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Applicant interviews shall also be open to the public. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact. Commission deliberations and voting will not be open to the public.

Prior to the interviews, the public will be permitted to submit comments or recommendations regarding the qualifications of an applicant to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov. Comments and recommendations must be received by Friday, April 25, 2025, at 4:30PM.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Reynolds who will then appoint one to fill the vacancy.

Obituaries

James Ray Woodard 1946-2025

James "Jim" Ray Woodard, age 78 of Hedrick, Iowa passed away Friday, April 11, 2025 at Mahaska Health Hospital in Oskaloosa Iowa following his battle with cancer. Jim was born August 30, 1946, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Norlan E. and Dorothy (Wey) Woodard. He attended Hedrick High School and graduated with the Class of 1964. After high school, he served his country in the United States Army from 1965-1967 serving overseas in Germany. He married Rachel Northrup Breen in 1967 to this union two children were born Beth Ann and Tom, they later divorced. Several years later in 1993 he was united with Barb Sterling Hayworth, they remained married until her passing in 2017. With their union Jim gained two stepdaughters, Shellie and Sonya. After Barb's passing Jim enjoyed spending time with his longtime friend-enemy (as she jokingly referred to herself as), Becki Schramm.

Jim retired from Windstream Communications after 43 years of dedication. Jim enjoyed his love of fishing & boating on the Skunk River, his yearly trips to Canada and Minnesota, shooting pool, playing cards (when winning of course), bowling, slot machines, watching sports and had a love for cooking especially his Blue Ribbon Chili and Chicken and Noodles. Jim had a quick wit and didn't know a stranger. He was known by everyone either by name or most commonly as Woody.

Jim is survived by his daughter Beth Ann (Edmond) Winn, stepdaughters Shellie (Bryan) Long, Sonya (Todd) Mutchler; Grandchildren Dana (Jacob) Hammond, Cody Brodeur, Brody (Ashley) Long, Bryce and Brock Long, Ethan Cooksey, Braxton Cooksey, Nora and Chale Mutchler and 6 great grandchildren. His brother Jack (Sue) Woodard and sisters Di (Donnie) Demarse, Lois (Kim) Kehe and several nieces and nephews. He was proceeded in death by his loving wife Barb, his son Tom Woodard, his parents; siblings Ralph Woodard, Jerry Woodard, Lawrence "Jeep" Woodard, Norlan "Cork" Woodard, Lloyd Woodard; Grandchildren Bethanne Cooksey, Colbie Cooksey.

To honor Jim's wishes he was cremated, and no funeral services are planned. We invite you to please privately celebrate Jim's memory in your own ways.



James "Jim" Ray Woodard

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Landon Beinhart, Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Gia Jaeger

Eight Grade

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cin Redlinger, Zoey Sieren, Grayson Sprouse*

High School (Required 3.2 HPA* Denotes 4.0)

Ninth Grade

Blake Baker*, Keegan Clarke, Aubrey Galindo, Aidan Greiner, Ella Greiner, Karley Greiner, Marlee Greiner, Cameron Haifley

Tenth Grade

Porter Cave, Emily Conger, Brynn Conrad, Maya Dalton, Lexus Detweiler,

Ayden Galindo*, Jack Greiner, Brycen Horras, Brennan McGuire, Jaylah Redlinger, Tucker Sprouse

Eleventh Grade

Reese Conrad*, Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, Emily Mahan, Emily Moeller, Luke Moeller, Addison Purkeypille, Gavin Sieren*, Jackson Vitte-

Twelfth Grade

Pierce Bimson, Elizabeth Chalupa*, Jace Chalupa, Kimberly Clarahan*, Grace Conger*, Wyatt Donald*, Ashton Galindo*, Ava Greiner*, Brody Greiner*, Landyn Greiner, Niveah Gutierrez*, Billie Kindred, Madelynn McDonald, Mison Milam, Owen Morris, Willow Schutte, Isaac Striegel, Alainna Swanson*, Jax Weber*

Proposed constitutional amendment would require supermajority to raise income tax

By Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch

A Senate subcommittee moved forward with the second step in amending the state constitution on April 9 to require a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislature for income tax increases.

Senate Study Bill 1221 is a follow-up from House Joint Resolution 2006, passed in 2024 with the same language. To amend the Iowa Constitution, lawmakers must pass the amendment language in two consecutive general assemblies, before the measure goes before voters on a general election ballot for final approval. If the measure is approved in the 2025 or 2026 legislative session, the amendment will appear on Iowans' ballots in the Nov. 5, 2026 election.

Several advocates spoke in favor of the legislation at the subcommittee meeting, saying that it will provide more certainty to individuals and businesses that their taxes will not increase. Opponents argued the measure will limit state lawmakers' ability to respond to financial crises.

Mike Owen with Common Good Iowa, a progressive policy organization, said he was opposed to the measure not only because "it puts the thumb on the scale for bad tax policy," but because it violates the "basic principle of one person, one vote," giving significantly more power to lawmakers who oppose tax increases.

"That 17 senators could block the will of 133 other legislators and the governor is absurd," Owen said. "That would be the case if the two-thirds requirement were made the other way, to lower taxes, or for any other policy matter to come before you. Locking in decisions now by representatives and senators who are elected for only two- and four-year terms disrespects future legislators and future voters who choose them, for years to come."

Sen. Cindy Winckler, D-Davenport, who did not sign off on the bill, said the Iowa Legislature has always been "very judicious" in making tax policy decisions since she took office. However, she said Iowa, alongside the rest of the country, is in "uncharted waters" with cuts to federal aid and economic volatility caused by tariffs. Federal financial uncertainties, combined with Gov. Kim Reynolds' budget proposal for fiscal year 2026 being higher than projected state revenues, show the need for Iowa lawmakers to have the ability to make the best tax decisions for Iowa.

"This causes me great concern, and I don't necessarily think this is the time that we would pass something like this, that would take away one of the tools that we currently have," Winckler said. "Always, we are very careful in increasing any kind of cost to Iowans. But we need to have the tools in the event

that we need them."

Tyler Raygor with Americans for Prosperity, a conservative organization, said the measure was a "prudent safeguard" for Iowa taxpayers. He said when tax increases may be necessary, he believed Iowa lawmakers would be able to reach a consensus, pointing to the deal reached in March 2020 to keep the state government funded during COVID-related shutdowns.

"In emergencies, we believe the Legislature can work together if it ever was necessary to raise taxes," he said. "But in the event that it is, we think having a broad consensus requiring two-thirds is prudent."

Raygor also pushed back against comments that the proposed constitutional amendment would unfairly restrict future lawmakers' actions.

Jake Highfill with Iowans for Tax Relief was among other supporters of the measure who said amending Iowa's constitution is a difficult process when compared to other states like California that allow ballot initiatives, meaning the measure will be difficult to reverse in the future.

"Something like this will outlive all of us," Highfill said, calling the proposed constitutional amendment "one of the best policies you guys are going to pass this General Assembly."

Sens. Jason Schultz,

R-Schleswig, and Rocky De Witt, R-Lawton, voted to advance the bill. It will need approval by the full Ways and Means Committee before it advances to the Senate floor.

"I think people are waiting to vote on this, and it's our job to get it to them on a ballot," Schultz said.

In 2024, the original version of the amendment also included language that would have enshrined a flat income tax rate in the state constitution — preventing future lawmakers from returning to a graduated tax rate system that places a higher income tax rate on people with higher incomes. This proposal gained approval last year as a separate measure, Senate Joint Resolution 2004. Sen. Dan Dawson, R-Council Bluffs, said in 2024 these measures were separated so Iowans would have the opportunity to weigh in on both proposals as independent items on a ballot.

The proposed amendment requiring Iowa to have a single rate income tax has not been filed so far this session — it would also have to be passed by the lawmakers during the current general assembly to make it on to the ballot.

Read more from Robin Opsahl online at [IowaCapitalDispatch.com](https://www.iowacapitaldispatch.com)

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Obituaries

Marcella Kapple

Marcella Kapple, 92, formerly of Delta, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Arbor Springs of West Des Moines, Iowa. Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the Garrett Cemetery near Delta beginning at 2:30 p.m. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer beginning at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the What Cheer Fire and Rescue. Holland-Coble of What Cheer is in charge of the arrangements.

Marcella Jean Kapple was born on October 14, 1932 at rural What Cheer, Iowa to Frank and Margaret Wickenkamp Thomas. Jean graduated from What Cheer High School in 1950. She was united in marriage to Don Kapple in August of 1950 in Des Moines, Iowa. They were the parents of four children, Larry, Terry, Randy and Nancy. Jean was a private lady and enjoyed all of her time on the farm. She loved to sew, garden and was an amazing seamstress. She loved and enjoyed her family.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don; son, Randi; daughter-in-law, Connie; infant twin grandsons; and granddaughter, Randi Jo O'Leary.

She is survived by her sons, Larry (Joy) Kapple, Terry (Pam), and daughter, Nancy (Dante) Rebori, multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, as well as many other friends and relatives.



Marcella Jean Kapple

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COUNTRY GIRL’S CORNER

Tulips & Daffodils

By Sheryl L. Carter

Isn't "daffodil" such a lovely word? "Tulips" are, too. And we are seeing them! The last couple of days of warm sun have made each of those plants plus the myriad of blue bells and white bells come out of their dwarf state, and shoot right up in full-leaved and flowered splendor. They are tons of them out there in my yard and they spread every year. If you would like a start, I can supply that need. We dug a couple of plants out many years ago on a family woods walk, and they have proliferated.

This week, as I write this on Sunday afternoon, April 13, began cloudy and chilly. Monday I wrote out the bills, then drove over to Knoxville to see my holistic provider. I was only going to grab a bottle of meds, and get back home, but she unexpectedly could take me in for a consult, so it wasn't until sometime later I was headed back home with a little bag of different holistic meds—herbals, biologics, and homeopathic. I will start slow and see how my body reacts. I knew things were going on, plus have gained some unexpected weight, and have honestly been feeling like a slug.

On Tuesday I ate carefully all day. No gluten, no sugar, do my Classical Stretch workout faithfully, which is so good to move lymph to where it should be, and get some of this to change in the right direction. I can do it. That afternoon I made a big pot of delicious meaty chili, and instead of crackers (gluten) had celery sticks and cheese slices. Pretty good stuff.

On Wednesday I cleaned up the house—all in one day! So guess I am feeling some better, eh? That evening was our last Women of Grace Bible Study at church for this season, and we had a full table of wonderful girls.

Thursday I drove to Newton to see my eye dr. for my regular check up. I was all ready to say, yes, let's take off the cataract in my right eye, but his response was that I actually needed a lens change.

After that, I met two good friends at Uncle Nancy's for lunch and a good visit, picked up a few groceries and home.

Friday I drove to Pella to check out Vision for Less, but their price for new lenses with my prescription was quite high, so I got on I63 and headed up to Costco in Ankeny. Their cost with everything I need? \$220. I left my glasses there to have new lenses put in the existing frames, as I still love that frame, and will pick them up in a week or so. I drove home without glasses, but took the country way, so it was quieter and better for me than interstate.

As I drove into Sully, I noticed a few garage sale signs—then it hit me—this was garage sale weekend! I had been tired after traveling over a 100 miles, but was suddenly revived, got a little cash at the ATM, and began to shop around. I did find some nifty stuff here and there. Garage sales are so fun.

The next morning was more sales, but I was on the road back to Pella early to get a spare pair of glasses with new lenses so I could see! Man, I couldn't read a thing. The kind young lab tech put just the basic prescription in a cheap pair of frames and I was good to go. At least I can see!

When I returned home, Fremont friends Greg and Jackie Perkins, were parked beside my driveway, and I soon had a pot of coffee on so we could sit around the kitchen table and chat. After they left, I checked my directions that I had written a couple days ago, and headed Jazzy out NW of town to the new Farmer's Wife, which Bonnie Terpstra has set up on her family farm out in the country. Not far away at all, and I must bring my friends!

Bonnie and her family have done a really wonderful job building a beautiful party barn for events and family gatherings, and just a few steps away is another large building that houses the new country Farmer's Wife. Bonnie had her city Farmer's Wife in Newton for many years, but has now moved to the family homestead. I walked in and was amazed—it's her store all over again in a great new venue. You have to get over there and see it!

Get on Facebook and find her page, more information is there. Her address is 7198 E. 36th St. South. The farm is just a few miles NE of Reasnor, and only about 12 miles from Sully. Bonnie is open the second and last week

ends of every month, Thursday-Saturday, 10-4 p.m. The place is just packed with lovely and interesting things for our homes, and the spacious party barn features a grouping of comfy chairs and a sofa just inside the door for visiting, plus a coffee bar that serves lattes from 11 to 1 p.m. Doesn't this whet your appetite? It does mine, and I want to go back soon with some good buddies.

So today, being Sunday, I was up and ready to leave for 9 a.m. Sunday school, when I noticed Pippi wasn't her usual spiffy little self. A closer look revealed a swollen infected cheek. By the time I got home two hours later, she had declined that quick. I contemplated waiting until Monday to see our local vet, but she was not doing so well, so I took her over to Grinnell for an emergency visit. These two clinics work hand and hand, and I was very grateful there was a vet on call.

The vet checked her over, found the swollen area was an abscess, and her temp was 104 degrees. She wouldn't have done well to wait 24 hours. He gave her two shots, one for comfort and fever, and a strong, long-acting antibiotic. Several hours later I checked her, and she was feeling so much better already. Wow. Very glad I took her in, even though you pay extra through the nose, er, paw, with weekend visits.

Well, that about wraps it up for now, see you next time! Enjoy the spring!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, April 14, 2025...1:16 a.m. I don't think sleep is going to come soon, so might as well give this writing a try. I went to Larry and Dixie's, just a few doors up from us, this evening for a little visit. Also to return a few things I borrowed from her last week. It is really wonderful to have neighbors like this. I had committed gooseberry pies to the Blakesburg Historical Society, and I could not believe that I needed sugar! I thought I had at least another bag, but no I did not. Sent Greg to borrow three cups. Later in the evening when I got ready to make the crusts, I was also out of vinegar, and I don't think this has ever happened before, but I also needed salt! So back to the Maudlins Greg went. I was quite glad when that project was completed!

There was no school on Friday and Greg's been itching to get his radish seed and several other things for the garden, so off we went to Contrail to the Dutchman's Store. Whenever I have thoughts of the store over there, I always relate it to the old store. I was thinking about going to that little corner with the seeds and filling the envelopes with teaspoons of seed and then writing the variety on the envelope. Dad always loved that, and one time we were busy packaging up the seed, and when we turned around...our cart with the bagged envelopes in it was gone! So now what? Do it all over again? One of the workers came by and we told him of our situation. He said that he would look around, and within a few minutes, he came back with our cart AND the seeds! Picked up a few other items before lunch at the Great Day Café in Keosauqua, and then on to Fairfield. Visited my Aunt Betty and took her some of her favorite coconut bon-bons. Remember them? Coconut covered by a coating in chocolate, white, lemon and strawberry...wonderful things! Grandma Beinhart loved coconut as well, so I can't help but thinking of her when I see them. It was a good day and the drive was very enjoyable.

Saturday was the day we traveled to Sully to check out their city wide garage sales. We went a couple years ago and found wonderful things...this year not so much. But the highlight was visiting with "The Country Girl", Sheryl Carter at her cozy cottage style home. I just love that look and so enjoyed sitting at her kitchen table, chatting. Her home reminds me of a face book post I have been following. I so enjoy Grandfluencer, Diane Shiffer. She has a vintage "cottagey" home and films what she is up to. I love seeing her textiles, dishes, flowers while she tells of what she is up to. On Sunday she was featured on television, maybe CBS Sunday something. I missed it, but did see it on facebook later in the day. In Lynnvile we stopped by a garage sale and met Jim and Marilyn. They were in the process of tearing down, but we had a look and had a very nice visit. Through conversation, we found that they play BINGO at the VFW on Wednesdays. We had been thinking about taking in some games, so maybe we will see them again in coming weeks. By the way, Hedrick will have their final BINGO night on Saturday, the 19th.

We ended the big day at the steak night at the VFW with friends meeting us there. It was yummy, and again the visiting was great.

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

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Keokuk County is proud to announce a partnership with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) to host an Iowa Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vendor training on April 30, 2025 at 9:00 AM. This training is for fruit and vegetable growers, as well as honey producers, who sell their products at farmers markets, and is the initial step toward FMNP certification, a requirement for farmers who wish to accept FMNP vouchers.

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

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

The training will take place at the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office in Keokuk County, located at 400 220th Ave Suite A, on April 30, 2025, at 9:00 AM. Attendance is free, but preregistration is mandatory. For registration and further details, please contact Emily Belvel at ebelvel@iastate.edu or 641-622-2680.

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March Mania winners

Sigourney track runs at two meets



March Mania men's bracket winner - Larry Utterback won the March Mania men's bracket. As the winner of the men's bracket Utterback was able to win a free oil change and a sweatshirt from Helmuth Ford. Utterback finished with 170 points.



March Mania women's bracket winner - Zach Tremmel was able to win the women's March Mania bracket with a score of 166. By winning the women's bracket Tremmel was able to win a gift certificate and a shirt from Grant Ranch Grub and Pub.

Pekin, Keota boys run at Pekin

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PACKWOOD – Some breezy weather didn't blow the Keota or Pekin runners off course during an April 10 track meet hosted by Pekin.

Brody Sobaski was able to win the 100 meter dash event. The Pekin sophomore had a time of 12.10. Ayden Galindo from Keota was second with a time of 12.24. Henry Adam from Pekin was third. Sobaski would also win the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.45. Landon Crow was third with a time of 59.04.

Henry Adam, the Pekin sophomore was second in the 200 meter dash. Brycen Horras from Keota was third.

Pekin won the 4x100 relay with a time of 45.59. Keota was second with a time of 52.77.

Pekin took the top time in the 4x200 meter relay race with a time of 1:36.01. Keota

was second with a time of 1:53.01.

Keota's Jack Greiner won the 800 meter race with a time of 2:14.58. Lane Fariss was second with a time of 2:18.34. Landon Crow was third.

Pekin won the 4x400 with a time of 3:50.1. They also won the 4x800 relay with a time of 9:05.41.

Pekin's Cole Millikin won the 1,600 meter run with a time of 5:03.63.

In the sprint medley relay Pekin won with a time of 1:39.88. Keota was second with a time of 1:51.92. The Panthers won the distance medley relay race with a time of 4:05.7. Keota was second with a time of 4:29.69.

Pekin's Riley Smith won the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:00.59. Jacob Libe was second with a time of 1:08.43.

Jacob Libe from Keota finished third in the 110 hurdles

with a time of 18.05.

Pekin won the shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:05.48. Dylan Sobaski was the winner in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 11:54.84.

Will Adam won the long jump with a leap of 19-feet-5-inches. Ayden Galindo from Keota was second with a leap of 19-feet-1-inch. Henry Adam from Pekin placed third.

Galindo won the high jump event clearing 5-feet-10-inches. Brody Sobaski from Pekin was second and Jaxon Mefford was third.

Caden Bender was the winner of the shot put event with a throw of 44-feet-11.5-inches. Pekin teammate Alton Williams was second with a throw of 36-feet-4-inches.

Bender also won the discus throw with an effort of 124-feet-1-inch. Williams was second with a throw of 123-feet-4-inches.

English Valleys, Pekin girls pile up wins at Clear Creek Amana meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

TIFFIN – Two teams proved how fast they could be as they ran at the Clear Creek Amana meet held April 11.

English Valleys and Pekin both tested themselves at the track meet as both schools came away with several top finishers.

Ava Gehrking from English Valleys claimed the top spot in the 100 meter dash event with a time of 12.78. Pekin's Addison Smith was ninth.

Gehrking also won the 200 meter dash as she finished in a time of 26.7. Kaylynn Caster, another EV runner, finished seventh.

Gehrking was the winner of the long jump event with a leap of 16-feet-2.5-inches.

Pekin's Chloe Glosser won the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:47.35. She beat Anna Luers of English Valleys who was second with a time of 5:33.32.

Pekin also won the 100 meter hurdles event with Reece Brisby running a time of 17.81. Kailor Lown of English Valleys was third with a time of 17.89.

English Valleys runners Emily Sieren and Kaylee Frazier finished first and second in the 3,000 meter run.

Anna Hadley of Pekin won the shot put event with a throw of 39-feet-10-inches. Taylor Mikesell from English Valleys was third with a throw of 33-feet-6-inches.

Hadley won the discus with a throw of 141-feet-8-inches. Mikesell was third with a throw of 107-feet-3-inches.

In the 4x800 race English Valleys won the race with a time of 10:38.13. Pekin was third.

The speedy Pekin hurdlers were able to win the shuttle hurdle relay event with a time of 1:13.27. English Valleys placed fifth.

In the distance medley race Pekin finished second with a

time of 4:42.1. English Valleys was fourth.

Anna Luers from English Valleys was second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.98. Pekin's Callie Deutschele was fourth with a time of 2:45.51. English Valley's runner Addison Achenbach was sixth while Harper Guise from Pekin was seventh.

Pekin's Kayse Miller was second in the high jump with a leap that cleared 5-feet.

English Valleys 4x400 team finished third. Pekin's team placed fifth. English Valleys placed third in the sprint medley relay. Pekin finished seventh.

Abby Guise from Pekin finished fifth in the 400 meter dash. Brisby from Pekin was fifth in the 400 hurdles.

English Valleys was fourth in the 4x100 meter relay. Pekin finished 10th. In the 4x200 it was English Valleys finishing sixth and Pekin's team finishing ninth.

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

The legs were stretched out for the first time last week as Sigourney's track teams ran in two meets last week.

On April 8 the Savages ran at Lynville-Sully where the boys were able to finish fourth with 105 total points. Lynville-Sully won the boys meet with 150 points. The girls placed sixth with 60 total points. EBF won that meet with 160 points.

On Thursday the Savages ran at the Steve Ehret Relays in New Sharon, a track meet hosted by North Mahaska. There the boys finished third with 110 points. Pella Christian won with 144 points. In the girls points the Savages finished fifth with 68 total points. Pella Christian also won that meet, finishing with 143.

Boys results from Lynville-Sully:

Jayden Thompson was able to win the discus event with a throw that sliced through 127-total feet. He was more than 10 feet better than the second place finisher, Nathan Oliver from Pleasantville. Thompson was second in the shot put with a best throw of 41-feet.

The boys had a strong start to the meet as the distance medley relay team finished second overall with a time of 4:09.04, a little off a second from the meet winner from HLV/TC.

Caden Clarahan kept the fast pace as he finished second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.01. Owen Menke was fourth with a time of 18.25.

The Savages used the hurdles to anchor them in the 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay as they finished second.

Troy Klett was able to finish third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 54.8. Klett also finished third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:13.8.

The Sigourney 4x400 team finished third overall with a time of 3:49.69.

Klett kept the quick times coming as he finished fourth in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 10:50.08.

Aiden Knepper finished third in the long jump with a best leap of 18-feet-6.25 inches. Landon Fisch was sixth overall.

In the 4x800 relay the Sigourney boys finished fifth overall. Levi Myers led the Savages in the 1,600 meter run with a sixth place finish.

Carson O'Rourke led Sigourney in the 100 meter dash with an eighth place finish. Lance Walden finished ninth in the 200 meter dash to lead the Savages.

The Sigourney 4x100 relay team finished sixth overall. The 4x200 team of Sigourney also finished sixth overall. The Savages were sixth over-

all in the sprint medley relay. Dillon Menke was seventh overall in the 400 hurdles.

Carson Davis was sixth in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-4-inches.

Boys results from North Mahaska:

Ashton Schwab won the discus event with a throw of 133-feet-10-inches. Thompson finished third with a throw of 115-feet-9-inches.

Thompson would win the shot put event with a throw of 40-feet-5.5-inches.

Another Savage win came from Klett in the 1,600 meter run with a time of 4:58.02.

Klett was second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 54.72.

Another second place finish came from Caden Clarahan in the 110 hurdles. He had a time of 16.81. Chase Clarahan was fourth overall. Owen Menke finished sixth.

The Sigourney 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay team finished second with a time of 1:05.22.

Carson Davis was third in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-4-inches.

Dillon Menke was fifth in the 400 hurdles.

Sigourney finished fifth in the 4x100 meter relay. The Savages finished seventh in the 4x200 meter relay. In the 4x400 meter relay the Savages finished fourth overall. Sigourney was third in the 4x800 meter relay event.

Landon Fisch finished sixth in the 100 meter dash. Chase Clarahan was 13th in the 200 meter dash. Levi Myers finished seventh in the 800 meter run.

The Savages finished eighth in the sprint medley relay. In the distance medley relay the Savages were sixth.

Levi Myers was eighth overall in the 3,200 meter run.

Aiden Knepper was sixth in the long jump. Fisch finished eighth.

Girls results from Lynville-Sully:

Ellie Yates was second in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:36.48. Addison Yates was fourth in the same race.

Josephine Moore was second in the shot put with a throw of 32-feet-5-inches. She finished third in the discus throw with an effort of 89-feet-1-inch.

Brynn Clarahan turned in

a fourth place finish in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 5:43.87. Cloee Wilson was ninth in the same race.

Ellie Yates finished fifth in the 800 meter run.

Kia Montgomery was sixth in the long jump with a leap of 13-feet.

Carmalita Cave finished 11th in the 100 meter dash. Josephine Moore was 15th in the 200 meter dash.

Bailey Gretter led the Savages in the 400 meter run with an 11th place finish. McKinley Chittick was ninth in the high jump.

The Savages placed third in the 4x200 relay. Sigourney was sixth in the 4x100 meter relay. In the 4x400 the Sigourney girls were seventh overall. Overall the Savages finished fifth in the 4x800 meter relay.

The Savages were fifth in the sprint medley relay. They finished eighth in the distance medley relay.

Girls results from North Mahaska:

Josephine Moore was second in the shot put with a throw of 30-feet-6-inches. Moore was fourth in the discus throw with an effort of 89-feet-6-inches.

Cloee Wilson was fourth in the 800 meter run. Becca Gretter would finish sixth.

Addison Yates bested Ellie Yates to the finish line in the 1,500 meter run as they finished third and fourth respectively. In the 3,000 meter run Ellie Yates was second while Addison finished third.

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

Kaylie Montgomery was seventh in the 400 meter run. Bailey Gretter placed eighth.

Dani Aller led the Savages in the 100 meter dash with a 15th place finish. Ella Bahlman was 18th in the 200 meter dash.

The Savages finished fifth in the 4x200 relay. Sigourney placed eighth in the 4x100 meter relay. In the 4x400 meter relay the Savages were fifth. The 4x800 meter relay had the Savages finish sixth.

Sigourney finished seventh in the sprint medley relay. They were ninth overall in the distance medley relay.

Kia Montgomery was 17th in the long jump with a leap of 12-feet.



Becca Gretter from Sigourney (left) prepares to run in the 800 meter run event. Gretter placed sixth in the April 10 race held at North Mahaska. Photos by RD Keep / MAP Photos

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Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Anna Hadley


Pekin junior Anna Hadley has been named the Athlete of the Week for the week of April 7.

Hadley continued to throw well during a pair of track meets last week. On April 8 Hadley was able to win both the girls discus and girls shot put events at a track meet held in Davis County. Her win-

ning discus throw of 126-feet bested her closest competition by over 12 feet.

On Friday at a meet hosted by Clear Creek-Amana Hadley again won both the shot put and discus events.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Hadley on her four wins.



Solon Yates


Sigourney junior golfer Solon Yates is the Athlete of the Week for the week of April 7.

In his season opening golf meet held on April 10, Solon Yates was able to golf a complete round of 37.

With last Thursday's meet being the first meet of the sea-

son for the year, Yates was able to come out and knock any rust off his clubs for a terrific first round of golf on the year.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Yates on being named the Athlete of the Week, and for his great opening round of play.





Solon Yates from Sigourney taps in a putt on the first green of the Sigourney Golf Club during an April 10 meet. Yates finished the round with a 37. Photo by Mark Schafer

Sigourney takes down Belle Plaine in season-opening golf meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Home course advantage seemed to come in handy in the season opening meet.

Knowledge of the Sigourney Golf Club course wasn't the sole reason why Sigourney bested Belle Plaine, but it did play a factor. The Savages were able to win by nearly 100 strokes in the season opening meet taking the dual 157-249.

The top six scores all belonged to the Savages.

Solon Yates started off his

season well, shooting a 37 at the meet to take the top medalist honors. Jordan Tremmel was able to finish as the runner-up medalist with a 39.

Josh Wyatt recorded a 40. Cain Weber finished with a 41. Ike Molyneux and Isaac Bruns shot a 44 and a 47 respectively.

Belle Plaine's top golfer was Cooper Hoey who shot a 49.

The Savages had a golf meet on Monday and Tuesday. Thursday they return home to host Montezuma in a dual.

Pekin girls take second, boys third at Davis County meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

BLOOMFIELD – Continued improvements has been the focus of the Pekin track teams, and it seems to be paying off.

On April 8 the Pekin track teams traveled to Davis County to test themselves against bigger schools. The Panthers held their own and finished with top-three finishes in both point races.

In the girls events the Panthers were second with 130 total points. Davis County won with 178 points.

On the boys side the Panthers finished third with 101 total points. Fairfield won the boys meet with 141 points.

One of the first wins in the meet for Pekin came in the girls distance medley relay where the team of Addison Smith, Renae Eubanks, Maddy Petrehn and Chloe Glosser won with a time of 4:34.24.

Another win came in the discus throw where Anna Hadley won with a throw of 126-feet, more than 12-feet beyond her next closest competitor.

Hadley also won the shot put throw with a throw of 38-feet-5.5-inches.

The Pekin girls shuttle hurdle relay team of Reece Brisby, Paislee Coleman, Carlie Gambell and Kayse Miller won the

race with a time of 1:12.52.

Another win for the Panthers was in the 4x800 relay where the team of Maddy Petrehn, Reanae Eubanks, Abby Guise and Chloe Glosser won with a time of 10:57.89.

Reece Brisby was second in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.46. Paislee Coleman was third with a time of 17.68.

Kayse Miller was second in the high jump after clearing 4-feet-10-inches. Brisby finished fifth.

Carlie Gambell was third in the long jump.

The boys had a number of second place finishes. In the 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay event the team of Robert Brown, Will Adam, Henry Adam and Kasey Davis was second with a time of 1:06.54.

The 4x200 relay team of No-

lan Glick, Brown, Riley Smith and Will Adam was also second with a time of 1:33.68.

In the 4x800 relay the team of Mason Dahlstrom, Cole Millikin, Landon Crow and Lane Fariss finished second with a time of 8:46.74.

In the sprint medley relay the team of Davis, Smith, Brown and Glick finished second with a time of 1:38.43.

Caden Bender was second in the shot put with a best throw of 45-feet-10-inches.

Riley Smith was second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 58.84. Kasey Davis finished second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.74.

The boys 4x400 relay team of Riley Smith, Dahlstrom, Crow and Glick finished third with a time of 3:42.92.

The 4x100 relay team of

Davis, Brown Glick and Will Adam finished third with a time of 45.36.

Will Adam finished third in the long jump with a leap of 20-feet-5-inches. Henry Adam was fifth.

Cole Millikin was third in the 1,600 meter race with a time of 4:58.92.

Dylan Sobaski was fourth in the 3,200 meter run.

Addison Smith finished fifth in the 100 meter dash. Harper Guise was sixth in the 400 meter dash. Brinley Phillips was sixth in the 400 hurdles. Phillips was also fifth in the 3,000 meter run.

Pekin's girls sprint medley team was fifth overall.

Callie Deutsche and Cam-bree Earnest finished 7th and 8th in the 800 meter run. Deutsche was seventh in the 1,500 meter run. The 4x100 team finished fifth. In the 4x200 the team finished third overall.

In the 4x400 relay the Pekin girls team finished fourth.

Brody Sobaski was sixth in the boys high jump. He also finished fourth in the 400 meter run. He led his teammates with a 12th place finish in the 100 meter run.

Alton Williams finished fifth in the discus throw. Bender was seventh. Lane Fariss was sixth in the 800 meter run.

Photos by Mark Schafer



The Pekin girls 4x800 team of Maddy Petrehn, Renae Eubanks, Abby Guise and Chloe Glosser hold up a plaque they received for winning the 4x800 meter race at the Davis County track meet held April 8.

Sigourney girls golf claims victories over Keota, Belle Plaine

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Blustery winds and a threat of rain only seemed to help the Savage girls play better last week.

The Savages were able to win both of their meets last week. On Tuesday the Savages bested Keota 218-252 in a meet held in Keota.

At that event the medalist honor went to Keota's Lainey Swanson who returned to the clubhouse with 49 strokes needed to finish the course. Runner-up medalist honors belonged to Sigourney's Adalynne Tremmel. She finished with a total of 50 strokes on her scorecard.

Emily Conger of Keota finished third with 54 strokes. Kayla Renner from Sigourney recorded a 55. Hannah Hanselman finished with 56 strokes. Ella Bruns had 57 strokes, while Reagan Clarahan recorded 60 strokes.

Keota's Brynn Conrad and Kaylee Kindred had a 70 and a 79 respectively on their scorecards.

Thursday, the Savages were golfing at home where they faced blustery winds and a constant threat of rain.

Although wind seemed to blow the rain away it didn't slow down the Savages as they won the top medalist honors, and the meet 216-0 (Belle Plaine didn't have enough golfers to have a team score).

Tremmel once again had the best score for the Savages as she finished with 47 strokes. Ella Bruns was second with 56 strokes. Ella Fineran also recorded 56 strokes.

Reagan Clarahan was fourth with 57 strokes. Kayla Renner and Hannah Hanselman both recorded 60 strokes each.

Sigourney will host Montezuma on Thursday afternoon.

S-K soccer falls in back-to-back games

Cobras still finding footing in early part of the season

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – A gauntlet would be a lot easier than the schedule they've faced.

Excuses would be easy to make for the Sigourney-Keota soccer team, especially after the week of games they faced.

On April 8 the Cobras fell 4-0 to an undefeated Highland team. April 11 the Cobras came home for the first time this season, but fell 6-1 to an undefeated Central Lee team.

It'd be easy for the Cobras to point at their schedule and blame the short comings in those games on their undefeated opponents. But that's not what head coach Alex Holt and the rest of the team is doing. Instead, they are using the games to work out

what they need to be successful.

"We are showing a lot of heart in the games," Holt said after the 6-1 defeat on Friday night. "We are playing really good defense, we just need to find ways to generate some good offense."

In both games last week the Cobras were able to have some great defensive efforts.

Junior goalie Ty Goldman was challenged with 18 shots in the game against Highland. He was faced with 23 shots on Friday night.

"We are getting great play out of Ty Goldman in the goal," Holt said. "Central Lee is really good at finishing around the shots, but Goldman was able to take them out of their shots early on and we've seen a lot of great growth from Goldman early on in the season."

The one thing that has been absent from the Cobras early on in the season is their abil-

ity to generate offense. That changed early on against Central Lee.

After the Hawks scored two goals to get the lead the Savages went on the attack late in the first half.

"Addison Purkeypyle really set up the goal by Aydin Flowers," Holt said. "She was able to get a great touch off a header and sent a nearly perfect pass to Aydin who had to dribble around a couple of defenders before he fired it in. He took his time and understood the situation and was able to gather the ball and shoot it in. We've been coaching him on that, so it was great to see that he was listening."

Flowers was able to score the goal midway through the first half and cut the deficit down to just one goal with a little more than one half of the game remaining.

Central Lee responded by scoring two more goals in the

first half to hold a 4-1 half-time lead. The Cobras held Central Lee to just two goals in the second half.

"Our defense really did a great job throughout the second half and Ty really anchored us in goal. Both of those were huge things we can improve on as we prepare for even tougher games ahead of us."

Strong defensive second halves have become the norm for the Cobras over the last few games. In their April 8 game the Cobras gave up three goals in the first half, but just one in the second half.

Although they gave up two goals in the second half against Central Lee the Cobras continued to show strength defensively by stopping many Central Lee shots.

The Cobras fall to 0-5 this season. Thursday they will be home again as they host Highland for a rematch.

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Defendant Stephen Rodney Elwood Jr.; Discover Bank: Petition Filed.

Petitioner Ross Edward Thornton; Respondent State of Iowa: Motion for Continuance.

April 8

Defendant Joshua James McKin; Plaintiff Greenstate Credit Union: Order for Judgment.

April 9

Plaintiff State of Iowa; Respondent Jesse Monroe Milikin: Motion for Continuance.

Criminal

April 4

Defendant Brent James Nelson: Order of Arraignment.

Defendant Michael James Stoner: Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Jeffery John Gautreaux; Obligee Victim's Heirs or Estate; Payee Keokuk County: Order of Disposition.

Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Cathaleen Lee Hartwig: Hearing for Initial Ap-

pearance.

April 6

Defendant Eduard Clemente Calderon; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Joyce Ellen Bender: Criminal Complaint.

April 7

Defendant Carroll Franklin Straube: Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Wendy Ann Mondon; Obligee Mahaska County Sheriff: Order of Disposition, Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Eduard Clemente Calderon; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Joyce Ellen Bender: Hearing for Initial Ap-

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April 4

Defendant Cullen Everette Smith: Motion for Continuance.

Scheduled Traffic

April 4

Defendant Elizabeth D. Walraven: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over).

April 6

Defendant Abner Jaxson Staley: Open Container (Driver 21 Years Old and Older)

Defendant Carrie Elizabeth Good: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant: Tony Lee Deutsche Jr.: Dark Window or

Windshield.

Defendant Paul Joseph Gent: Operation Without Registration Card or Plate, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

April 7

Mason Jo Garber: Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Way.

Defendant Ricky Shafranek: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

Defendant Octavio L. Rodriguez: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Agustín Diego Lucas: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over), No Valid

Drivers License.

April 8

Defendant Adam Michael Hammes: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over). Defendant Brandon Alexander Markus: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

April 9

Defendant Emily Joann Bass: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

Defendant Christopher David Gragg: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 31

David A. Briney, Rae Briney to Jasmine Vanpatten, Dalton Hansen: Warranty Deed: Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 01; Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 02 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 03 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 07 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 08 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 09 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 10 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 11 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 12 Block: 01; PT Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 04 Block: 01; PT STREET Delta Vernons Addition Block: 01; D01; Lot: 02 SE SE 03-75-13; D02 Lot: 02 SE SE 03-75-13; D03 Lot: 02 SE SE 03-75-13.

John C. Custer to Robin

R. Custer: Survivor Spouse: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 15 Block: 07; South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 16 Block: 07; South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 17 Block: 07.

April 1

Elmer Creek LLC, Stearns Bank NA Custodian to I A T 11 LLC: Special Warranty Deed: South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 18 Block: 07; South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 19 Block: 07; South English J F Whites Addition (South English) Lot: 20 Block: 07.

Plum Grove Investments Inc, Stearns Bank NA Custodian to I A T 41 LLC: Special Warranty Deed: PT What

Cheer Kings Addition Lot: 07 Block 02.

April 2

Pilot Grove Savings Bank to Rebecca D. Schramm: Warranty Deed: PT Hedrick Original Play Hedrick Lot: 14 Block: 29; PT Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Lot: 15 Block 29.

Eric Michael Stanler to Beatrice L. Mango: Deed Quit Claim: PT Alley What Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Block: 04; PT Alley What Cheer Lortschers 1st Addition Block: 06; Warrant Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Lot: 05 Block: 04; Warrant Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Lot: 06 Block: 04; Warrant Cheer Lortschers 2nd Addition Lot: 07 Block: 04.

Carrie A. Cranston Stephens, Brenden L. Stephens to Carrie A. Cranston Ste-

phens, Brenden L. Stephens: Deed Quit Claim: Lot: 10 SE NE 19-75-12; Lot: 10 SW NE 19-75-12; PT Lot: 07 SE NE 19-75-12; PT Lot: 07 SW NE 19-75-12; PT Lot: 04 SE NE 19-75-12; PT Lot: 04 SW NE 19-75-12; PLAT B2 P128; Lot: 09 SE NE 19-75-12; Lot: 09 SW NE 19-75-12; PLAT B2 P128.

April 3

Roy A. Hauschilt to Alfretta S. Hauschilt: Survivor Spouse: What Cheere Orvilles Addition Lot: 01 Block 03; What Cheer Orvilles Addition Lot: 02 Block 03.

Alfretta S. Hauschilt, Steven L. Hauschilt In Fact to Jason G. McKay: Warranty Deed: What Cheer Orvilles Addition Lot: 01 Block: 03; What Cheer Orvilles Addition Lot: 02 Block: 03.

Trevor Birkmeier, Valerie Birkmeier to Clifford Martin, Bonita Martin: Special Warranty Deed: PT Lot: 01 SE SW 35-76-13; Lot: 05 SE SW 35-76-13; PLAT B4 P61; EXCEPT PLAT B423 P1; EXCEPT PLAT 2022-1961.

April 4

Elaine Bates Estate to Marie Moore: Court Officer Deed: 23-77-13 Parcel: AUD PAR C; PLAT 2025-0403.

Elaine Bates Estate to Gloria Strohman: Court Officer Deed: Undivided One Half Interest: PT SE 23-77-13; EXCEPT PLAT 2025-0403.

Donald L. Bates Estate to Marie Moore: Court Officer Deed: PT NE NW 23-77-13; PT NW NE 23-77-13; EXCEPT PLAT 2025-0401; 23-77-13 Parcel: AUD PAR C; PLAT 2025-0403.

Donald L. Bates Estate to Gloria Strohman: Court Officer Deed: Undivided One Half Interest: PT SE 23-77-13; EXCEPT PLAT 2025-0403.

Donald L. Estate Bates to Gary Bates: Court Officer Deed: SE SW 14-77-13 23-77-13; Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT 2025-0401.

Robert Conner to Jerry Conner: Survivor Spouse: SDL05 Lot: 07 SE NW 02-75-12; PT Sigourney Original Plat Sigourney Lot: OL35; PT Sigourney Original Plat

Sigourney Lot: OL36.

Glenda H. Okones to Lee J. Okones: Survivor Spouse: UNIT 100 A Sigourney Prairie View Subdivision Lot: 01; PLAT 2006-2685.

Lee K. Okones Estate to Carol A. Stutzman: Court Officer Deed: UNIT 100 A Sigourney Prairie View Subdivision Lot: 01; PLAT 2006-2685.

David Alan Briney, Rae Briney to Jasmine Vanpatten, Dalton Hansen: Deed Quit Claim: PT Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 04 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 05 Block: 01; Delta Vernons Addition Lot: 06 Block: 01.

Gary R. Wagamon to Dixie L. Wagamon: PT NW SW 23-74-13; SE NW 23-74-13 ;PT NW SW 23-74-13; PT SW NW 23-74-13; NW NE 23-74-13; NE NW 23-74-13; PT SW NW 23-74-13; PT NW SE 22-74-13; PT NE SE 22-74-13; PT NW SE 22-74-13; PT NE SE 22-74-13; PLAT 2005-1815; QUIT CLAIM DEED 2018-0844.

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North English Celebrates Fun Days
By Casey Jentzen
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Photos by Casey Jentzen

Local 4H'ers Participate in Best of the Best Show
The 2022 Best of the Best show was held on July 30, 2022 in Maquokette, Iowa. The 15th Annual Best of the Best show...
Photos by Casey Jentzen

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keota CSD • Board Vacancy

KEOTA SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the Keota School Board publishes this notice on its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board. Eligible electors of the Keota School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacan-

cy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice (4-10-25). For details and signatory requirements, contact the board secretary. *Published in The News-Review on April 16, 2025*

PROBATE

BARBARA J. HART ESPR038607

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

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

You are hereby notified that on April 8, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Barbara J. Hart, deceased, bearing date of December 5, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Micaela Klein was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated April 8, 2025,
Micaela Klein, Executor of Estate
23223 W County Rd V5G
Sigourney, IA 52591
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299
Attorney for Executor
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington
PO Box 245
Sigourney, IA 52591
Date of second publication
April 23, 2025
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PROBATE

JEROME H. DAMERVAL ESPR038606

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

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

You are hereby notified that on April 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Jerome H. Damerval, deceased, bearing date of September 1, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Craig Damerval and Janet A. Coppock have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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

Dated April 8, 2025,
Craig Damerval, Co-Executor of Estate
107 S Walnut St
Winfield, IA 52659
Janet A. Coppock, Co-Executor of Estate
1190 Nolan Court
North Liberty, IA 52317
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 3.31.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS MARCH 31, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 31, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of March 24, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Weber inquired of rock cost and tonnage comparison for the last few years. McGuire responded the tonnage has remained consistent, costs continue to increase, and continual maintenance parallels with better roads. Hadley interjected there have been 14 years of rebuilding during their tenure, although maintenance is constant with related costs.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to award Iowa Bridge & Culvert (only bid) the contract for bridge replacement project on 123rd Street in Section 14, Township 77N, Range 11W, project number L-711435 – 73-54 in the amount of \$271,540.80. All ayes and motion carried. The county will supply the majority of materials from the county yard stockpile.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of quarterly interfund operating transfer from Rural Ser-

vices Fund (\$455,000) and LOST Fund (\$50,000) to Secondary Road Fund totaling \$505,000 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended 1015 Transit and Martinsburg City Council meetings, listened to a Public Health/Health & Human Services (HHS) realignment webinar, visited Central Lee School on behalf of the Community Facility Advisory Committee and attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting. Hadley attended Sieda, Area 15 and Assessor's Conference Board meetings. Weber attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Wood provided a sample solar farm ordinance from another county for review. Tom Sereg entered the Boardroom to share a letter received from Cox Sanitation regarding the Keokuk County Recycling Center.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved _____
Disapproved _____
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber
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PROBATE

PRIDIPONGSE VITHES- PONGSE ESPR038605

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PRIDIPONGSE VITHES- PONGSE, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038605
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Pridipongse Vithes-pongse, Deceased, who died on or about March 16, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 4, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Pridipongse Vithes-pongse, deceased, bearing date of April 11, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Joy R. Vithespongse Trejo was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereaf-

ter be forever barred.

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

Dated April 4, 2025,
Joy R. Vithespongse Trejo, Executor of Estate
10349 Twin Leaf Dr
Bristow, VA 20136
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299
Attorney for Executor
John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law
116 E Washington
PO Box 245
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Keota • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: KEOTA

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: 225 E Broadway Ave, Keota, Ia 52248 Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets 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-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		16.25716		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is		2.86998		
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (641) 636-2266		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Alycia A Horras		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	475,184	464,958	467,764
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	475,184	464,958	467,764
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	113,095	113,090	100,123
Licenses & Permits	7	825	825	1,979
Use of Money and Property	8	22,308	13,555	12,084
Intergovernmental	9	137,729	136,225	1,027,060
Charges for Fees & Service	10	872,976	860,300	718,396
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	1,750	1,750	53,382
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	414,915	454,585	529,290
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	2,038,782	2,045,288	2,910,078
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	96,550	109,250	61,944
Public Works	17	243,475	237,660	213,111
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	298,743	308,293	1,078,017
Community and Economic Development	20	50,000	100,000	56,833
General Government	21	187,885	173,275	131,097
Debt Service	22	14,840	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	891,493	928,478	1,541,002
Business Type / Enterprises	25	553,328	827,068	508,045
Total ALL Expenditures	26	1,444,821	1,755,546	2,049,047
Transfers Out	27	414,915	454,585	529,290
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	1,859,736	2,210,131	2,578,337
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	179,046	-164,843	331,741
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	166,898	331,741	0
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	345,944	166,898	331,741

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Keswick • Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES
The City of: KESWICK County Name: KEOKUK COUNTY
Adopted On: 4/21/2025 Resolution: 219

The below-signed certifies that the City Council, on the date stated above, lawfully approved the named resolution adopting a budget for next fiscal year; as summarized on this and the supporting pages.

Attached is Long Term Debt Schedule Form 703 which lists any and all of the debt service obligations of the City.

Regular	2a	With Gas & Electric	2b	Without Gas & Electric	City Number: 54-507
DEBT SERVICE	3a	5,037,594	3b	4,911,718	Last Official Census: 242
Ag Land	4a	150,384			

Consolidated General Fund Levy Calculation				
	CGFL Rate	CGFL Dollars	Non-TIF Taxable w/ G&E	Taxable Growth %
FY 2025 Budget Data	7.27107	36,410	5,007,516	0.60
	Limitation Percentage			
	0			
	CGFL Max Rate	CGFL Max Dollars	Revenue Growth %	
Max Allowed CGFL for FY 2026	8.10000	40,805	12.07	

TAXES LEVIED									
Code Sec.	Dollar Limit	Purpose	ENTER FIRE DISTRICT RATE BELOW			(A) Request with Utility Replacement	(B) Property Taxes Levied		(C) Rate
384.1	8.10000	Consolidated General Fund			5	36,628	35,713	43	7.27093
		Non-Voted Other Permissible Levies							
384.12(1)	0.95000	Op & Maint publicly owned Transit			7	0	0	45	0.00000
384.12(2)	0.27000	Aviation Authority (under sec.330A.15)			11	0	0	49	0.00000
384.12(3)	Amnt Nee	Liability, property & self insurance costs			14	0	0	52	0.00000
384.12(5)	Amnt Nee	Support of a Local Emerg.Mgmt.Comm.			462	0	0	465	0.00000
		Voted Other Permissible Levies							
28E.22	1.50000	Unified Law Enforcement			24	0	0	62	0.00000
		Total General Fund Regular Levies (5 thru 24)			25	36,628	35,713		
384.1	3.00375	Ag Land			26	432	432	63	2.87265
		Total General Fund Tax Levies (25 + 26)			27	37,060	36,145		Do Not Add
		Special Revenue Levies							
384.6	Amnt Nee	Police & Fire Retirement			29	0	0	0	0.00000
	Amnt Nee	FICA & IPERS (if general fund at levy limit)			30	0	0	0	0.00000
Rules	Amnt Nee	Other Employee Benefits			31	0	0	0	0.00000
		Subtotal Employee Benefit Levy (29,30,31)			32	0	0	65	0.00000
		Valuation							
386	As Req	With Gas & Elec		Without Gas & Elec					
	SSMID 1 (A)	0 (B)	0	34	0	0	0	66	0.00000
	SSMID 2 (A)	0 (B)	0	35	0	0	0	67	0.00000
	SSMID 3 (A)	0 (B)	0	36	0	0	0	68	0.00000
	SSMID 4 (A)	0 (B)	0	37	0	0	0	69	0.00000
	SSMID 5 (A)	0 (B)	0	555	0	0	0	565	0.00000
	SSMID 6 (A)	0 (B)	0	556	0	0	0	566	0.00000
	SSMID 7 (A)	0 (B)	0	1177	0	0	0	1179	0.00000
	SSMID 8 (A)	0 (B)	0	1185	0	0	0	1187	0.00000
		Total Special Revenue Levies			39	0	0		
384.4	Amnt Nee	Debt Service Levy 76.10(6)			40	0	0	70	0.00000
384.7	0.67500	Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)			41	0	0	71	0.00000
		Total Property Taxes (27+39+40+41)			42	37,060	36,145	72	7.27093

COUNTY AUDITOR - I certify the budget is in compliance with ALL the following: Budgets that DO NOT meet ALL the criteria below are not statutorily compliant & must be returned to the city for correction.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041528

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
STATE OF IOWA
KEOKUK COUNTY
Iowa District Court Keokuk County
Case #: EQEQ041528
Civil #: 25-000123
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER OF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND VS
NANCY M REIGHARD, A/K/A NANCY M WINEGARDEN, AS HEIR OF ANTHONY B WINEGARDEN; SPOUSE OF NANCY M REIGHARD, A/K/A NANCY M WINEGARDEN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANTHONY B WINEGARDEN; CREDITORS OF ANTHONY B WINEGARDEN; STATE OF IOWA, BY AND THROUGH AND THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST AND ALL OF THEIR HEIRS, SPOUSES, ASSIGNS, GRANTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND ALL BENEFICIARIES OF EACH AND ALL THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS; STATE OF IOWA; BETH ANN LANE; AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION

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

X Real Estate
Personal Property
X Described Below
On attached sheet:
To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is
THE EAST HALF OF LOT TWELVE IN BLOCK THIRTEEN IN J.F. WHITE'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SOUTH ENGLISH, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
Property Address: 606 LYMAN STREET, SOUTH ENGLISH, IA 52335

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Sale Date 05/20/2025
Sale Time 10:00
Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591
X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.
Redemption: After the sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within
X This sale not subject to Redemption.
Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.
Judgment Amount \$30,133.27
Costs \$0.00
Accruing Costs PLUS
Interest \$555.12
Sheriff's Fees Pending
Date 03/26/2025
Casey J Hinnah
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF
Attorney
DONALD J PAVELKA JR
421 WEST BROADWAY
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51503
(712) 256-5566
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of What Cheer • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: WHAT CHEER

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: What Cheer City Hall 308 S. Barnes St. What Cheer, IA. 50268 Meeting Date: 4/22/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets 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-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property				11.41883
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00274
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (641) 634-2590		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME MELANIE VERMILLION		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	95,390	97,000	95,290
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	95,390	97,000	95,290
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	68,811	76,500	75,658
Licenses & Permits	7	0	800	796
Use of Money and Property	8	0	13,000	12,772
Intergovernmental	9	85,900	95,000	97,765
Charges for Fees & Service	10	231,000	227,000	251,943
Special Assessments	11	0	2,500	2,147
Miscellaneous	12	0	5,000	2,887
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	0	0	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	481,101	516,800	539,258
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	10,040	12,100	5,006
Public Works	17	95,500	181,000	289,169
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	23,500	25,500	30,887
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0	0
General Government	21	68,300	74,200	89,020
Debt Service	22	0	0	37,075
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	195,340	292,800	451,157
Business Type / Enterprises	25	230,000	231,000	229,753
Total ALL Expenditures	26	425,340	523,800	680,910
Transfers Out	27	0	0	0
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	425,340	523,800	680,910
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	55,761	-7,000	-141,652
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	355,157	362,157	503,809
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	410,918	355,157	362,157

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 4.7.2025

KESWICK CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2025, MAYOR

The Keswick City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll Call: R. Leer, K. Leer, Wynn. Absent: Schmidt, Sieren. The Mayor opened the Tax Levy Hearing for the FY25-26 Budget. No one was present. The Mayor closed the hearing at 6:30 pm. The Mayor called the Meeting to Order. Motion to Approve Agenda, Wynn, 2nd, K. Leer, All Ayes. Previous Months Minutes read, Motion to Approve K. Leer, 2nd, Wynn. All Ayes. Financial Report, Motion to Approve R. Leer, 2nd K. Leer, All Ayes. Claims were presented, Motion to Approve, K. Leer, 2nd, Wynn All Ayes. Reports and Communication. None. OLD BUSINESS. It was reported that Compliance Reports were done. The Mayor reported that all paperwork had been signed for the S. Iron Street Project. Mowing Bids were opened, they are as follows: Brooke/Aubrey Zittergruen, \$40.00/time; Cole's Outdoor Improvements (Cole McKay), \$80/

time, JR Rugg, \$125/time. Motion to accept Brooke/Aubrey Zittergruen bid for \$40/time, 2nd by Wynn, All Ayes. NEW BUSINESS: The Library contract for the FY25-26 was presented for support of \$331.54, Motion by K. Leer to pay, 2nd by Wynn, All Ayes. Motions were presented to pay the Keswick Fire Department Support for FY25-26 by Wynn, 2nd by R. Leer. Motion was made by Wynn to pay the QRS FY25-26 support, 2nd R. Leer, All Ayes. A motion to pay dues to Iowa Leagues of Cities for \$398.00, FY25-2y R. Leer, 2nd by Wynn, All Ayes. R. Leer stated that the Keokuk County Endowment will be having the awards banquet on April 17 with social hour starting at 6:30 and Awards Banquet starting at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall in Keota. We will be awarded \$5,000.00 for a new emergency siren. The Mega Grant was discussed and apply for the siren. Blake had requested the need for trash removal at the shop. It was decided to use the regular trash container. It was discussed the is-

sues that will come up with the S. Irons St. Project and the road being closed and the need to draft a letter and send to the residents that will be affected by the S. Irons St. project and the need for instructions on parking. A letter will be drafted and sent so that the residents can prepare. Garbage Clean Up Day will be held on Friday May 23, 2025. Notices will be posted. The notice was presented there will be a Hearing to approve the FY25-26 Budget on April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: Monday May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn. K. Leer, 2nd, Wynn. All Ayes. Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Wynn, Sieren, and K. Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Wynn.

FINANCIAL REPORT
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION,
AMOUNT, FUND
03/03/2025, Residents, \$325.49 ...
..... W/S/G

03/10/2025, Residents, \$384.00 ...
..... W/S/G
03/10/2025, Residents, \$1,855.73
..... W/S/G
03/10/2025, Residents, \$2,151.73 .
..... W/S/G
03/17/2025, Residents, \$85.03
..... W/S/G
03/17/2025, Residents, \$150.00
..... Water
03/17/2025, Residents, \$276.00
..... W/S/G
03/17/2025, Residents, \$1,514.40 .
..... W/S/G
03/17/205, Residents, \$4,027.33...
..... W/S/G
03/20/2025, Residents, \$727.44 ...
..... W/S/G
03/24/2025, Residents, \$1,788.94
..... W/S/G
03/24/2025, Residents, \$1,919.14 .
..... W/S/G
03/25/2025, Residents, \$500.00 ...
..... W/S/G
03/25/2025, Residents, \$550.66...
..... W/S/G
03/25/2025, Residents, \$647.52 ...
..... W/S/G
03/31/2025, Residents, \$1,411.52.
..... W/S/G
03/18/2025, State of Iowa (Road),

\$1,524.62 Road
03/10/2025, Keokuk Co. Treasurer
(May), \$798.74 General
03/27/2025, State of Iowa (1%),
\$2,277.22 General
03/31/2025, Interest, \$33.52
..... General
TOTAL \$22,949.03
DISTRIBUTIONS
03/24/2025, EFT, Deposit Correction,
\$2.00 W/S/G
03/18/2025, EFT, pers, \$206.47 ...
..... General
03/10/2025, 3292, Denise Fry (Salary),
\$144.15 Water
03/03/2025, 3308, Farmers Lumber Co.,
\$3.59 Water
03/10/2025, 3313, Denise Fry (Salary),
\$144.15 Water
03/13/2025, 3322, N&N Sanitation,
\$2,520.00 Garbage
03/14/2025, 3326, Joy Denison (Salary),
\$602.42 General
03/14/2025, 3327, Tim Garrett (Salary),
\$215.15 Water
03/14/2025, 3329, RUSS, \$7163.64
..... Sewer
03/18/2025, 3330, N&N Sanitation,
\$2,520.00 Garbage
03/14/2025, 3331, Wapello Rural
Water, \$1,742.70 Water

03/19/2025, 3335, Multi County Oil Co.
(diesel), \$855.12 Road
03/19/2025, 3336, ION, \$16.50
..... Water
03/18/2025, 3337, Column Software
PBC, \$23.58 Road
03/18/2025, 3338, Column Software
PBC, \$74.41 General
03/26/2025, 3139, Office of Auditor
of State, \$550.00 General
03/14/2025, 3340, Garden & Associates
LTD, \$430.50 Road
03/20/2025, 3341, Modern Tele
Coop Co, \$34.60 General
3342 VOID
03/17/2025, 3343, Alliant Energy,
\$289.53 General
(sign \$ 2 8 . 6 3 // Shop \$ 5 8 . 4 0 /
Park \$96.61/City Hall \$106.09)
03/17/2025, 3244, Alliant Energy
(street lights), \$565.97 Road
03/17/2025, 3345, USPS, \$353.00
..... Water
TOTAL \$18,457.68
Beginning Balance: ... \$395,404.43
Credits: \$22,949.03
Debits: \$18,895.78
Ending Balance: ... \$399,457.68
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keota CSD • Minutes 4.9.2025

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

Keota Community School Media Center – Budget Public Hearing
Keota, Iowa 52248
Wednesday April 9, 2025
6:00 PM
President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.
Board members present: Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad
Board members absent:
Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brennenman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge,
Dan Redlinger 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
Discussion: Public Hearing for FY 26 school budget – The public was invited to comment on the proposed budget for the next school year. No one spoke.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.
Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Community School Media Center – Regular Monthly Meeting
Keota, Iowa 52248
Wednesday April 9, 2025
6:05PM
Communication and Reports
President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.
Board members present: Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad
Board members absent:
Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brennenman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge,
Pat Hammen moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – EagleRock! students Emily Moeller and Emily Mahan along with director Jane Edwards reported on the group's recent trip to St. Louis.
Community Public Participation – No one spoke

Approval of Consent Items -
Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes – March 13, 2025 and Public Hearing March 20, 2025
Approval of Financial Reports
Approval of Summary List of Bills
Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
Approval of Fund-Raising Requests
Approval of Personnel Report
Andy Conrad moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.
Non-Action Discussion Items
A. Discussion of filling board vacancy - Mrs. Brennenman explained the procedure to fill the board seat that is currently vacant.
Action Items
Approval of FY 2026 Budget – Dan Redlinger moved to accept the FY 2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of 400 Series- Pat Hammen moved to approve the 400 Series Board policy 2nd reading as presented and waive the 3rd reading. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Leets Refrigeration quote - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the Leets Refrigeration quote for the kitchen walkin cooler. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of VIPS quote- Andy Conrad moved to approve the VIPS quote for 3 elementary classrooms renovations; Art room, After School Program room and S. Vogel room. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval Timberline Billing Service Agreement - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the renewal of the Timberline Service Agreement. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of daycare furniture and supplies- Pat Hammen moved to approve the proposal for daycare furniture and supplies from School Specialty. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of 28E agreement with Kirkwood Community College - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the renewal of the 28E agreement with Kirkwood Community College, Washington County. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Great Prairie AEA service agreement - Pat Hammen moved to approve the renewal of the Great Prairie AEA service agreement. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
Approval of EagleRock! trip request - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the EagleRock! out of state trip request to Orlando Florida March 11, 2025 through March 14, 2025. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.
Administrative Reports
Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report – Superintendent Brennenman updated the board on the 2025-26 school calendar. She also gave a hiring update. The SSA will be for 2% which equals \$7988.00 per student, up by \$162.00. A facilities update was included.
Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Principal Milledge reported finishing ISASP testing. PD has been focusing on motivation and goal setting for students for the end of the year. Safety drills were conducted including tornado and fire drills.
Activities Director Report – Activ-

ity Director Dan Stout reported the high school play "The President's New Clothes" was presented last weekend. Junior/Senior Prom is coming up on April 26th. The FFA is sending 4 students to the National Soil Judging, held in Oklahoma next month. Stout also updated the board on the SICL decision to go with Bound as an activity scheduling platform.
Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that March bank statements were reconciled and financials were prepared. She will be attending IASBO next week.
Board Training/Board In Service
The next Keota School board meeting will be May 8, 2025 in the Elementary Media Library at 6:00 PM.
Employee and Student handbooks will be reviewed.
Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.
Board President Date
Board Secretary Date
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keota CSD • Claims 4.9.2025

VENDOR TOTALS REPORT BY
VENDOR

03/14/2025 - 04/09/2025
Beginning Date 03/14/2025;
Ending Date 04/09/2025

Vendor Name, Description, Total
AAA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, IN, BOILER IN ELEM/ TRANE HEATER WEIGHT RM4,248.30
AHLERS & COONEY P.C., LEGAL COUNSEL443.00
ALLIANT ENERGY COMPANY, ELECTRICITY4,852.66
AMERICAN CARPET WHOLESALE, ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM FLOORING9,150.47
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, A, PURCHASED FOOD1,474.91
AWARD EMBLEM MFG. CO., INC., AWARDS432.72
B & L CONCRETE INC., SNOW REMOVAL - 15.50 HRS FEB 12,132,247.50
BAIN ELECTRIC, BALLAST REPLACEMENTS218.45
BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FEES90.00

BENNETT, GINA, REIMB POST-AGE22.32
BESCH, STACY, PUBLIC SPEAKING - HUMAN TRAFFICING500.00
BROOKLYN HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES500.67
BUREAU OF EDUCATION AND RESEAR, REGISTRATION FEE295.00
CAPPER AUTO CENTER INC., SERVICE ON BUS76.30
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., TECHNOLOGY PARTS85.14
CITY OF KEOTA, WATER/GARBAGE436.25
CLAYTON RIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, OE SP ED TUITION - 3 STUDENTS LEVEL I7,378.56
CLOUDBURST 9, FIBER INTERNET309.99
COUNTY LINE MART, LLC, SUPPLIES FOR FFA159.92
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, IN, GARBAGE COLLECTION625.00
ELDRIDGE PLAYS AND MUSICALS, SCRIPTS - DRAMA262.50

ELITE AWARDS, GOLF TOURNAMENT MEDALS288.00
ELITE SPORTS, GOLF SHIRTS832.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, FUEL/SUPPLIES3,287.44
FLEETSIDE MOBILE SERVICE, TRANSPORTATION PARTS/ SERVICE5,387.84
GE MONEYBANK/AMAZON, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES185.06
GOLF USA OF CORALVILLE, GOLF SUPPLIES588.94
GRANT WOOD AEA, IT SUPPORT SERVICES-APRIL3,333.33
GRAPHIC EDGE, FB STATE QUALIFIER BANNERS178.00
GREINER, TRENT, TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL - FB FIELD2,200.00
GRELL, ROY, CPR TRAINING - STAFF/STUDENTS456.40
INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE, BUS DRIVER IN SERVICE - COTTRELL268.56
IOWA ASSOC. OF SCHOOL BOARDS, CONSULTATION

WITH T. DRAWBAUGH800.00
IOWA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP162.00
JAMISON, ZACH, REIMB FOR FFA SUPPLIES164.12
JOSTEN'S, INC, COMMENCEMENT AWARDS197.14
KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, TELEPHONE SYSTEM1,469.70
KEOTA COMM. SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUNCH ACCOUNT, REIMB GF FOR COOKS HRS STATE SHOW CHOIR160.60
KEOTA PTO, CONCESSION STAND WORK 2 DATES800.00
LEET'S REFRIGERATION, REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE ICE MACHINE380.68
MARCO, INC., DISTRICT METER READS2,166.70
MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO., PURCHASED FOOD5,618.74
MCNURLEN, MICHAEL, REIMB FOR SPEECH SHIPPING35.00
MENARD, INC., FFA MATERIALS134.74
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING

CORPORATION, PUBLISH BOARD MINUTES371.52
MILLEDGE, SETH, REIMB BRAG TRIP - BOWLING156.16
MISC. ON MAIN, DRAMA - SHIRT AND BANNER42.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE214.89
PRAIRIE FLOWER BAKERY, SUPPLIES FOR ISASP TESTING499.05
REV TRAK, FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM137.39
RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC, FIREWALL - 5 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION8,806.40
S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY, INDUS ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL26.04
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS, FALL BOOK FAIR1,347.29
SCHOOL BUS SALES CO., TRANS. SUPPLIES402.98
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY, ELEVATOR REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE239.19
SEIS HEALTH CARE PLAN, HEALTH INSURANCE44,508.15
STOUT, DAN, REIMB BASKET-

BALL TOURNEY PARKING24.00
TRANE U.S. INC., YEARLY AGREEMENT CONTROLS/ MECH. 3,582.00
UNPLUGGED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS LLC, EMERGENCY ACTIVATION SYSTEM RADIOS500.00
WASHINGTON CO. EXTENSION, CATTLE SHOW SPONSOR100.00
WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOYS TRACK MEET ENTRY125.00
WATER SHOP, THE, WATER SOFTNER7,199.00
WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY, TEACHER/PARA TUITION-KINDERED3,500.00
WMPF GROUP LLC, ALL ACADEMIC FEATURE75.00
WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC, NATURAL GAS5,359.72
Vendors Listed:65
Total:140,020.43
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Claims 4.2.2025

CITY OF SIGOURNEY APRIL 2, 2025	
Access Systems Leasing- Ser-	
ices -	\$221.10
Acco- Supplies-	\$730.12
Ahlers Cooney- Services-	\$85.50
Arnold Motor Supply-Supplies-	\$334.02
Atwood Electric-Services-	
.....	\$2,678.30
Ben Hanson- Services.....	\$295.96
Bill Tremmel-Services-	\$2,830.00
Column Software PBC-Services-	
.....	\$144.49
Dakota Supply Group- Supplies.....	\$816.00
Design House-Services-	\$45.00
Douds Stone- Supplies-	\$929.01
H& M- Supplies-	\$14.98
Heartland Shredding Company- Services-	\$94.00
Kadie Conrad- Fuel Reimburse-	
ment-	\$131.60
Keokuk County Auditor- Services-	\$1,900.00

Kerr Construction- Services -	\$4,250.00
MCG-Services-	\$994.29
Misc on Main- Supplies-	\$14.99
Norris Asphalt Paving- Supplies-	\$722.70
Renner Construction- Services-	\$63,737.92
Sigourney Cleaners-Supplies-	\$30.50
Sigourney Fire Dept- April Appor-	
tioning-	\$3,000.00
T- Mobile- Services-	\$157.20
US Cellular- Services-	\$109.79
Water Customer Deposit	
Ethan Lyle-WCD Refund-	\$28.21
City of Sigourney- E. Lyle WCD-	\$96.79
Jessica Steffen- WCD Refund-	\$125.00
Leroy Straube-Joyce Barnett- WCD Refund-	\$125.00
Total-	\$84,642.47
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Special Meeting #2 3.24.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the special city council meeting on March 24, 2025 #2.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 24, 2025, with Mayor ProTem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz, Schultz, Clark and Conrad. Others present were: Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Conrad moved, seconded by Iosbaker, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Lentz moved, seconded by Clark, to set the date and time for a Notice of Public Hearing on the City Budget Estimate for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 as Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

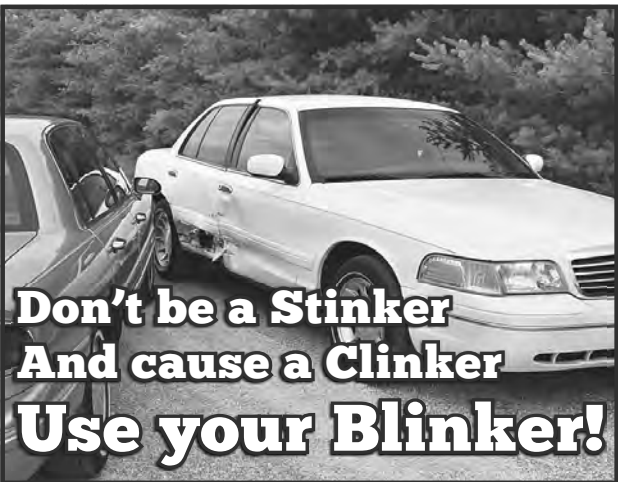
Lentz moved, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m..

Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem

Ashley Fry, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Minutes and Claims 4.7.2025

MINUTES KEOTA CITY COUNCIL 225 E. BROADWAY AVE. April 7 th , 2025	
Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cansler	
Roll call: Councilmen McDonald, Greiner, Conrad, Burroughs and Bender were present. City employees present were Administrator Horras, PW Director Harmsen, Clerk assistant Clarke and Librarian Greiner. Public present was Rich Klein, Chad Greiner, Joel Ackerman, Patty Tinnies, Joe Sie- ren, Janie Westendorf, and Casey James from Sigourney New-Review.	
Consent Agenda: Motion to Amend the agenda to add Resolution 2025-20 made by Conrad, 2 nd by McDonald and all were in favor. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Burroughs, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from March 3 rd Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Greiner 2 nd the motion, all were in favor.	
Bills Paid March 18th thru April 7th, 2025	
Checks	
ALLIANT ENERGY, 3/31/2025	\$1,880.61
ALYCIA HORRAS, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
BRETT ROMOSER, 3/31/2025	\$286.09
CARGILL, INC, 3/31/2025	\$6,369.64
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE C, 3/31/2025	\$2.01
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA, 3/31/2025	\$1,478.81
GFC LEASING - WI, 3/31/2025	\$100.91
Good Neighbor Fellowship, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
GRAINGER, 3/31/2025	\$605.85
HICKENBOTTOM, INC, 3/31/2025	\$1,161.72
JACOB MOELLER, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
James Flynn, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
JILL BAETSLE, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
Karen Sypherd, 3/31/2025	\$25.00
KEOKUK CO SHERIFF OFFICE, 3/31/2025	\$101.60
Luke Jaeger, 3/31/2025	\$100.00

Marcus Galindo, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR, 3/31/2025	\$413.65
MIKES PARTS & SERVICE, 3/31/2025	\$150.29
OLLINGER ELECTRIC, 3/31/2025	\$444.11
QUILL CORPORATION, 3/31/2025	\$233.98
R & S Plumbing, 3/31/2025	\$95.00
Sam Menke, 3/31/2025	\$100.00
TREMME BACKHOE SERVICE, 3/31/2025	\$600.00
VMC Management, 3/31/2025	\$200.00
WELLMARK, 3/31/2025	\$4,021.47
ALLIANT ENERGY, 4/7/2025	\$4,572.03
BADGER METER, 4/7/2025	\$60.00
Christopher Greiner, 4/7/2025	\$200.00
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, 4/7/2025	\$5,123.00
GRAINGER, 4/7/2025	\$605.85
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY, 4/7/2025	\$289.67
HICKENBOTTOM, INC, 4/7/2025	\$1,161.72
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION, 4/7/2025	\$3,800.00
John Mather, 4/7/2025	\$100.00
KEVINS SALES AND SERVICE, 4/7/2025	\$35.00
Linda Greiner, 4/7/2025	\$200.00
SIGOURNEY LUMBER, 4/7/2025	\$56.54
SINCLAIR TRACTOR, 4/7/2025	\$93.30
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, 4/7/2025	\$224.00
US CELLULAR, 4/7/2025	\$241.58
VISION AG, 4/7/2025	\$446.50
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, 4/7/2025	\$783.50
Payroll	
CANSLER, ANTHONY	\$404.04
Clarke, Kristen	\$16.61
Fisher, Tabitha C.	\$73.88
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$137.70
Greiner, Bridget M.	\$195.79
GREINER, TONIA	\$1,318.85
HARMSSEN, MICAH	\$1,836.66
Horras, Alycia A.	\$1,944.66
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,818.45

Public Forum: Joel Ackerman - 204 N Hamilton St - Shared that he felt there was a hearing and conversations about him without his being made aware of them. He stated that he was being harassed by some council members and that a hearing now would be a "clown circus", before becoming belligerent. Mayor Cansler had to ask him to calm down and let him speak for his allotted 2 minutes before sharing that he was out of time.

Department Reports:

Public Works -Harmsen reported they finished up our portion of the sidewalk project at the new clinic on March 28th. B&L finished their work April 2nd. The ballfield clean up was march 23rd. Thanks to a big crowd on a windy day, we were able to get both ball fields cleaned up and ready for the season. They spend some time on Carpenter St property cleaning it up and mowing and mulching. They also did some fertilizing last week along with some lawn rolling with nicer weather. They did spend some time getting bids together for the new water truck after talking to the council. They started working on the last removal of the rest of concrete at the RV Park late last week. We hope to have that finished tomorrow and start haling in dirt this week. We talked to Alliant Energy and Olinger electric about getting new service for the RV park. We will be spending quite a bit of time down there in the coming weeks to get the sight prepared for concrete work and then finalize grading and running other utilities. The tree dump continues to be busy. Harmsen reached out to Spectra today to get them nailed down on finalization of the pool. He hopes to have all signage on hand to barricade the street between the ball field and pool area next week.

Library- Librarian Greiner shared that We have had a great response for donations for the Summer Reading Program, Fun Fridays and coffee are still going great. Quilting is done until fall. We will be having a book sale Friday and Saturday along with the city-wide garage

sales. And I will contact Kuensters to have the AC checked on.

Clerk - Horras shared that the KCCF Grant Award ceremony is April 17th and here at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. Horras has the sandwiches and drinks ordered for this event as agreed to with Kathy Davis. Horras worked with Tammy Hollingsworth and the State auditor committee to get an extension on the FY24 audit in order to allow us to work on FY22, 23, and 24 within the coming few months. The next day care meeting at the school will be held on Tuesday, April 15th. Horras stated that she and Clarke got the letters out to residents that needed to address issues with their property not following the ordinance. The code enforcer went through town and made a list of properties that needed attention and letters have gone out to them in time for city wide clean up. City Wide garage sales are April 11th and 12th and the Cleanup is 18th and 19th. Horras has worked with Councilmen Burroughs and McDonald on Ordinance changes to our Water Rates that we will discuss next. Horras has started getting items ordered for the pool start up and will work with Harmsen to get them down to the pool to be put away. There were 2 rolling carts that were ordered for use at the pool this year. These are open metal grated carts with the ability to lock them, that all the water aerobics and training equipment can be stored in. These can be rolled out onto the pool deck in the morning and moved into the hallway in the evening to remove the clutter from the storage room. In working with the Keota Aquatic Foundation, they have agreed to cover the cost of these carts and are reimbursing the city for the expense. Thank you to that great organization! Horras has been working with KCTC and Cloudburst on new phone carrier options that are more cost effective. In looking at and comparing the costs, she has decided to change from Windstream to Cloudburst as our carrier at the Library, City Hall and the Sewer Plant. Horras is working with the IA treasure hunt organization on a "lost" check that is in the amount on \$116.00 to be sent to the city for a reimbursement. Horras is planning to be off April 10th and 11th.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-17 Approval for Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY26. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Burroughs, and all were in favor.

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New Business

Discussion/Possible Action -Approval of Road Closures for Keota Fun Days -Motion to approve made by Greiner, 2nd by McDonald, and all were in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action -Approval of March city employee of Benefit time -Motion to table to the April 17th meeting made by Burroughs, 2nd by Greiner and all were in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action - Continued decision and comparison of quotes on a replacement Water Truck. - Discussion was made on the state of the current water truck. It would cost \$10K to replace the motor on the truck. After further discussion, it was decided that moving forward with purchasing a new vehicle and a vehicle that would accommodate a snow plow now rather than 2 years down the road makes more sense. After looking at the bids presented by Harmsen and discussing the options, the motion was made to go forward with the \$50,661.00 quote from Vaughn Motors. Motion made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender and all were in favor.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler stated that it has been a rough couple of weeks for our community. Our hearts are with the Tinnies and McNurlen families. To Mr. Ackerman, the Mayor stated that if he would like to jot down his concerns on an actual piece of paper and not a torn piece of cardboard and turn it in to the city administrator's office to give it to the mayor, then he would view the comments and respond to them.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender, and all were in favor. Time 7:57pm.

Next regular meeting, April 17th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest: Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras

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SIGOURNEY ARTS CORNER

By Rebecca Shaw

Artist of the Month:

Miss April is Reanah Utterback, our Artist of the Month! Her favorite types of art to create are drawings and paintings. Reanah's ideas come from her brain or Pinterest. There are no artists that have inspired her, and her words of wisdom is, "Nothing has to be perfect". You are so very talented, Reanah!



Events coming up:

- The Elementary Art High School art show in the Commons: April 23rd-25th. Vote for your favorite artwork. We welcome staff, students, and community members to stop in and pick their favorite!
- Contact rebecca.shaw@sigourneyschools.com for more information! Want to help? We always accept art and craft supplies and monetary donations! This helps our art rooms run amazing!


It's time to Purchase your 2024-25 Sigourney JHHS Yearbook!


The cost is \$30, checks made to Sigourney Schools

(Drop checks off in Ms. Shaw's Art room at the High School or in the office). They will be available for pick-up in August! Don't miss out on the memories!

Contact rebecca.shaw@sigourneyschools.com for more information!

Orders due by May 15th!





ORDER YOUR Yearbook!

Sigourney Elementary School 2024-2025 Yearbook

Due date to Purchase: April 21st , 2025

How much? \$15.00

Cash or Checks made to: Sigourney Elementary PTO

Check or cash(envelope with name of student please) Drop off in Mrs. Shaw's Art Room!

Don't miss out on these Pre-K through 6th grade memories!

Name: _____

(Circle/check which ones)

How many 2024-2025 Elementary School Yearbooks? 1 2 3 4 5 _____

Cash(labeled envelope please) _____ check _____

Drop off money at Mrs. Shaw's Elementary Art Room

Yearbook Crew: The due date for the Yearbook Purchases are coming up soon! Sigourney Pre-K to 6th grade yearbook is April 21st, and Sigourney JHHS YB orders are due May 15th!

High School Art Room



The Painting class just finished another round of Barn Quilts.



Look at Senior Reagan Clarahan working on her pottery wheel skills!



The Design class is working on their architecture models as well, and Sadie Clarahan is rocking her structure.



Joselyn Myers has finished yet another sign that she sells for her business, JM Crafty Paws.

Sigourney Artists Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Elementary Art Room



4th: Rain sticks are so much fun! All the kids had a great time choosing their filter and sound. Very creative designs, including Wyatt Myers who made a pencil out of his tube!





1st: Drawing Suns with sidewalk chalk. We are all blessed with beautiful sunshine in the Spring, and the 1st graders love to draw outside!








3rd: Mardi Gras Masks. These masks are to celebrate the Mardi Gras Holiday! The kids created their masks using poster board, tissue paper, feathers and jewels! Many used the Mardi Gras colors, which are Purple(Justice), Green(Faith), and Gold(Power)!









5th Grade has their Aboriginal Art hung up at the Sigourney Public Library! If you have time, stop down and check it out!



English Valleys Bearometer

April 16, 2025

www.facebook.com/Bearometer

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A Night to Remember: English Valleys Prom 2025 Brings Rustic Charm

English Valleys High School held its annual prom on Saturday, April 5, transforming the competition gym into a rustic, rodeo-themed wonderland. The event was made possible through the hard work and creativity of Mrs. Luetje, Mrs. Davidson, and the junior class, who spent hours preparing the space for the evening's festivities.

The night began with a promenade, where students showcased their formal wear to an enthusiastic crowd of parents and community members. Cheers and camera flashes filled the air as attendees celebrated the special occasion. During the promenade, Hallie Heasty and Declan Patterson were crowned the 2025 English Valleys Prom Queen and King—a highlight of the evening, met with loud applause and smiles all around.

Following the promenade, students hit the dance floor to enjoy a night of music and celebration. A beverage and snack bar was located just behind the dance area, offering water, soft drinks, and light refreshments throughout the evening.

When prom concluded, students boarded school buses and headed to Malibu Jack's in the Quad Cities for an After Prom event, sponsored by PACE. The trip to Malibu Jack's was reimbursed by Compass Memorial, and students traveled safely with two of English Valleys' experienced bus drivers. Everyone received a commemorative t-shirt to mark the occasion, featuring the After Prom sponsors. In addition to the trip, each junior received a \$50 Visa gift card, while seniors were gifted \$100 Visa gift cards as part of the celebration.

Overall, it was a memorable evening filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit.



Senior Spotlights - Congratulations Class of 2025



Birthday: August 4th
Parents: Brant & Amy Andreassen
Siblings: Cooper and Grace Andreassen
Pets: English Pointer (Sophia), Goat (Coco), Orange Cat (George), White/Black Cat (Ratatouille)
Activities: Football, FFA, Trap Shooting, Yearbook
Memorable Moments: Whit fondly remembers seeing the Red Hot Chili Peppers in concert with his dad.
Plans after Graduation: Whit plans to move to Oregon and work as an apprentice in a butcher shop. Later, he plans to open his own restaurant and butcher shop.



Birthday: December 14th
Parents: Jeremi & Sam Lown
Sibling: Kailor Lown
Pets: Dax, a Corgi-Blue Heeler mix, and Dixie, a German Shepherd mixed with a Red Heeler and Australian Shepherd.
Activities: Baseball, Football, Basketball, FFA, Yearbook, SkillsUSA
Memorable Moments: Keyden will fondly remember his construction class with Baker.
Plans after Graduation: Keyden plans to continue working. He also plans to study welding at the Missouri Welding Institute.



Parents: Connie & Donald Crane
Siblings: Natalie Grendler, Richard Crane, Myles Ortiz, Blake Ortiz, Katherine, Alyssa, and Zach Wilson
Pets: A grey cat named Gracy, a chihuahua named Jerry, a boxer named Bandit, and a chihuahua named Gizmo
Activities: Cheer, Choir, SIAC, Drama, Speech, Student Council, FCCLA, Future Teachers, Chess, Band, and Yearbook
Memorable Moments: Tessa is proud of being selected for the Iowa Shrine Bowl two years in a row.
Plans after Graduation: After graduation, she plans to work on her associate's degree at Kirkwood. She also hopes to make the cheer team. Then, she plans to find an internship in sonography and transfer to a four-year university.



Birthday: September 15th
Parents: Clint & Tracy Mikesell
Siblings: Brayden, Maddie, and Colton
Pets: Two dogs—Reggie and Remi, and one cat—Binx
Activities: Football Manager, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Golf, Softball, FFA, Future Teachers, NHS, Speech, Yearbook, Student School Board Member, and 4-H
Memorable Moments: Taylor's most memorable moment was making it to State Track her sophomore year.
Plans after Graduation: Taylor plans to attend the University of Iowa, where she will major in Sports and Recreation Management.

Upcoming Activities

April 17:

Boys Track @ Benton 4:30
Girls Track @ Pekin 4:30

April 21:

B/G Home Golf vs. NM 4:15
JH Track @ Iowa Valley 4:15

April 22:

Boys Track @BGM 4:30
Girls Track @ EBF 4:30





English
Valleys

GRADUATION 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 12:30 pm
English Valleys Competition Gym
Class Night is Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm



THE EAGLE'S WING

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The Spring Play

THE PRESIDENT'S NEW CLOTHES

Mrs. Edwards and crew presented the play, "The President's New Clothes" on April 4 and 5, 2025. The cast consisted of Owen Morris, Luke Moeller, Emily Mahan, Emmy Moeller, Dakota Dodd, Kennedy Jackson, Elyse Lyle, Peyton Baughman, Addyson Chapman, Grayson Sprouse, Emily Conger, Brynn Conrad, Kaylee Kindred, Ella Greiner, and Tucker Sprouse with the curtain. The play was based on "The Emperor's New Clothes," and they learned that it is what's on the inside that matters.

By: Jake Morris



SK SOCCER KICKS OFF

The Sigourney-Keota soccer team had an unfortunate loss against the Waco Warriors, with the score being Sigourney-Keota 1 and Waco Warriors 4. This game was led off with a poor start early on with starter Chase Haifley getting a red card, which kept him from playing the rest of the game. Although Chase Haifley could not return to the game, Sigourney-Keota has improved from last year when they lost by 7 points. This game was close at the beginning, with Sigourney-Keota only being down 2-0 by the end of the first half. The game then started getting further out of control with the Waco Warriors scoring another 2 goals in the second half. To bring the score to 1 and to keep the team from being skunked, Wells Clark then scored a goal with thirty-six seconds left in the game.

By: Mison Milam



JUNK OR JEWEL?

This week's junk or jewel is Elyse Lyle's 1999 Grand Prix. It has around 180,000 miles on it. Elyse's favorite memory was when the car started smoking and smelling like it was going to blow up. Her car can fit 4 people comfortably other than the driver. A cool thing about the car is that it has a Monte Carlo engine in it. She named her car "A black piece of metal," because that's all it is. Elyse says "It has great acceleration and is fun to drive." Elyse says, "my car is bent in half pretty much and doesn't work very well." Another fun fact is that Elyse's mom, Jill, had the car her senior year of high school and it has been passed down through a lot of cousins and has finally landed in Elyse's hands. Do you think Elyse's car is junk or a jewel?



By: Dakota Dodd

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's student of the week is Ella Greiner. She has an older brother, Garrett (17), and a dog named Layne. Ella is involved in 4-H, FFA, basketball, volleyball, student council, livestock judging, and speech. Her favorite memory while at KHS is when the junior high basketball team played hide and seek around the school. When Ella grows up, she would like to do something related to agriculture. Her favorite class is Eagle Advisory. In her free time, she likes to hang out with friends and show sheep. Ella is looking forward to no school and getting tan as summer approaches. If she could go on vacation anywhere in the world, she would choose Italy because it is pretty. We wish Ella a great rest of the school year!



By: Olivia Lyle

EVENTS

- 16 NHS "Officers" Mtg - EA w/Mrs. Conrad
- 17 Golf vs HLV - 4:15 PM
- 17 (G) Track @ Pekin - 4:30 PM
- 17 JH Track @ Lone Tree - 4:30 PM
- 17 S/K Soccer vs Highland @ Sig - 5:00 PM
- 18-21 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!
- 19 S/K Trap @ BGM (Malcolm) - TBA
- 21 Golf vs BGM - 4:15 PM
- 22 National Guard "Medical Expo" - Washington Armory - 9:00 AM-Noon
- 22 (B) Track @ BGM (Brooklyn) - 4:30 PM
- 22 S/K Soccer @ Sig. vs Chariton - 5:00 PM
- 23 (B) Golf @ Williamsburg - 11:00 AM
- 23 JH & HS Spring Awards Concert - HS Gym - 7:00 PM
- 23 NHS Members Mtg - EA w/Mrs. Conrad

EAGLE'S WING STAFF 2024-2025

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

ADVISER: Dr CULLETT

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are your summer plans?

JENNY HOBBS
STAFF



"Volleyball work-outs, gardening, and dropping toby off at the pool"

MISON MILAM
12TH



"Playing baseball"

ADDISON PURKEYPILE
11TH



"Babysitting, hosting bonfires, tanning, and excersising"

COOPER STRAND
10TH



"Work on the farm and have a good time"

MARLEE GREINER
9TH



"Working at the pool"

ASPEN GALINDO
8TH



"Going on a family trip to colorado"

SAVANNAH YODER
7TH



"Working on sports"

