

Sigourney Council Hears Differing Accounts About Issues on the Square

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the April 2 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the council heard two contradictory accounts about alleged wrongdoing at a building on the square from a pair of neighbors. Cindy Dietrich, who owns Garden Gate at 105 South Jefferson and whose husband owns Sigourney Cleaners next door at 103 South Jefferson, accused the owner of 101 South Jefferson of having a resident living on the building’s ground floor, which violates city ordinances. Dietrich claimed that she had seen a woman go into 101 South Jefferson, carrying several garbage bags full of clothes. She claimed that, later, she looked into the building through the window and saw the woman with several more bags of clothes, and that, shortly after, the windows were painted. She stated she thinks the painted windows look tacky and that it makes her think someone is trying to hide something.

She stated that the east side of the square is very attractive, but that 101 South Jefferson isn’t. She stated that the apartment above her building is vacant and that people have decided against moving in due to filth and a bad smell coming from a shared stairway. She stated that she had complained to the city about this and been told it was a civil matter, and that she didn’t see how it would get rectified if there was no willingness from her neighbor. She also stated that prospective renters were wor-



101 South Jefferson

ried about a registered sex offender living at 101 South Jefferson; according to the Iowa Sex Offender Registry, there was a 63-year-old man living at the building in December who was convicted in 2004 for third degree sexual abuse on an adult woman. Dietrich stated that she may lose her building if they don’t get a renter soon and asked why everyone else was held to city standards, except the owner of 101 South Jefferson. The council stated they would discuss this at a public safety meeting.

Later in the meeting, the owner of 101 South Jefferson, Billy Claywell, disputed some of Dietrich’s claims. He stated that the conflict began two and a half years ago, when water began pouring into his hallway. He stated that a contractor he hired told him that his roof was in good shape and that the water was penetrating from the adjoining roof over 103 South Jefferson. He stated he has not fixed the stairwell wall because the leaks from his neighbor’s roof had happened as recently as

August, 2024. He claimed he had offered to pay for repairs between the seams of the building.

He stated that he did not have anyone living in the ground floor of the building and that it was being rented for storage use, which the city had given him permission to do. He stated that the windows were painted to keep people from prying. He stated that, if an “upstanding person” like Dietrich would admit to peering, imagine what a “thief or ne’er-do-well” would do.

He claimed that Dietrich had made several complaints to the city code enforcer in the past, that many times there had been no issue, and that the times where there was an issue he always fixed it immediately. He claimed that the Dietrichs always go through third parties instead of having a discussion, and that he is more than willing to do repairs as soon as it is guaranteed the roof leak will

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Dark blacks
 - 7. Construct a wall to confine
 - 13. Most inappropriate
 - 14. A type of board
 - 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
 - 17. Flatterer
 - 19. The Granite State
 - 20. Tears down
 - 22. China's Chairman
 - 23. Former Houston footballer
 - 25. Periods of time
 - 26. Expressed pleasure
 - 28. World alliance
 - 29. A Brit's mother
 - 30. Television network
 - 31. Brother or sister
 - 33. Type of spirit
 - 34. ___ Ladd, actor
 - 36. A medium over-see it
 - 38. One time province of British India
 - 40. Wrong
 - 41. The highest parts of something
 - 43. Insect
 - 44. Baseball stat
 - 45. A way to use up
 - 47. Where wrestlers compete
 - 48. It helps elect politicians
 - 51. As fast as can be done
 - 53. Genus of legumes
 - 55. Samoa's capital
 - 56. Monument in Jakarta
 - 58. Former French coin
 - 59. Exploiters
 - 60. College sports official
 - 61. Uninterrupted in time
 - 64. Stephen King story
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Winged nut
 - 2. It cools a home
 - 3. Kisses (French)
 - 4. Oxford political economist
 - 5. Keyboard key
 - 6. Leaf pores
 - 7. Agrees with publicly
 - 8. Not around
 - 9. Czech city
 - 10. Muscle cell protein
 - 11. Greek letter
 - 12. Movements
 - 13. Ned ___, composer
 - 15. Popular series
 - Game of ___
 - 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
 - 21. Helper
 - 24. Gift
 - 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
 - 27. Treat without respect
 - 30. Trims
 - 32. Slang for lovely
 - 35. City of Angels
 - hoopster (abbr.)
 - 37. Guitarists' tool
 - 38. Island nation
 - 39. Delivered in installments
 - 42. A baglike structure
 - 43. Cooking vessel
 - 46. Gets in front of
 - 47. Wounded by scratching
 - 49. More breathable
 - 50. Medical dressings
 - 52. Indiana hoopster
 - 54. Married Marilyn
 - 55. An ancient Assyrian city
 - 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
 - 59. Approves food
 - 62. Ventura's first name
 - 63. Between north-east and east
 - 66. Atomic #71
 - 68. Email designation

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Lee Harvey Oswald and Assassination

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Lee Harvey Oswald killed John F. Kennedy. He was not a patsy, nor was he working for any shady group. There is no credible evidence of any conspiracy, compared to the mountains of evidence Oswald was the sole shooter. I am saying this upfront, because the actual story of the most famous American assassination is interesting enough to be recounted, separate from any conspiratorial theory.

Oswald, born 1939, had a rough childhood. His father died two months before he was born. When he was three, his mother sent his older brothers to an orphanage; Oswald was sent to an orphanage a year later, where he stayed for two years before his mother took him back. They moved around constantly. Oswald grew up lonely, with his mother constantly gone for work, spending much of his time at zoos and museums. He had constant truancy and behavioral issues as a child, leading to him being sent to a detention center for three weeks of psychiatric evaluation. His social worker, Evelyn Siegel, described him as being "emotionally frozen" and "having never developed a really trusting relationship with anybody." When Oswald was fourteen, he found a leaflet discussing the impending executions of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, a pair of Soviet spies. Oswald began reading Marxist literature, finding a cause to dedicate his life to.

Oswald dropped out of school at 16 and joined the Marines at 17. He was trained in shooting, something he excelled at, earning him the designation of sharpshooter. While with the Marines, he was court-martialed twice, first for accidentally shooting himself in the elbow with a pistol he wasn't allowed to own, then again for assaulting the sergeant he believed was responsible for punishing

him. While in the Marines, Oswald taught himself to speak rudimentary Russian and constantly talked about Marxism, leading his fellow marines to nickname him Oswaldskovich. In 1959, after three years with the Marines, Oswald managed to get a hardship discharge by claiming his mother needed him to take care of her. Immediately, he travelled to Moscow on a tourist visa, planning to defect. The Soviets rejected his request for citizenship and told him he had to leave. Oswald responded by slitting his wrists. He survived and was allowed to stay in the Soviet Union while he recovered and underwent a psych eval.

K.G.B. agents met with Oswald, hoping to recruit him as a spy. Unfortunately for them, Oswald didn't know anything useful. The K.G.B. decided against recruiting Oswald, considering him to be too crazy, suspicious and uncontrollable to be useful. And, to be fair, if I was plotting some vast conspiracy, the guy who shot himself in the arm and slit his wrists because his visa was denied wouldn't be my first choice for a hitman. Still, the Soviets allowed Oswald to immigrate to the U.S.S.R., giving him a luxury apartment and a job at a radio factory in Minsk.

In 1961, Oswald married Marina Prusakova, a 19-year-old pharmacology student, whom he had two children with. In 1962, Oswald, having grown bored and disillusioned with the Soviet Union, fled back to the United States, bringing his family with him. Oswald moved to Texas and bounced from odd-job to odd-job. In February, 1963, he purchased a Smith & Wesson revolver and a second-hand Carcano rifle through the mail, planning to use them to target a man who he saw as the second-coming of Adolf Hitler: Edwin Walker.

Walker, a retired Army major general, adamant anti-communist and die-hard

white supremacist, had been one of the key instigators of the Ole Miss Riot five months prior. Angered at the University of Mississippi allowing African American student James Meredith to attend, Walker gave speeches over the radio demanding the people rise up in "violent white protest." Thousands of white supremacists attacked the school, executing two people and shooting six federal marshals. The 15-hour-long riot was quelled when Kennedy sent in 30,000 federal troops. Walker was charged with insurrection, although a grand jury refused to indict him.

In April, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald fired a bullet through Walker's window, hitting him in the arm. Oswald took the bus home, evading the police, and confessed what he had done to his wife. Walker survived and the crime remained unsolved until the same rifle was used for a much more famous assassination.

Two weeks later, Oswald left his family and moved to New Orleans, where he attempted to form an organization in support of Fidel Castro, the Cuban communist revolutionary-turned dictator and Oswald's personal hero. President Kennedy was incredibly hostile to Cuba, hence the ending to this story. In September, after returning to his family, Oswald began plotting to hijack a plane and fly it to Havana; Marina talked him out of it. Instead, Oswald attempted to move to Cuba by going to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and begging them to let him defect; they turned him down. Oswald returned to Dallas, where he took a job at the Texas School Book Depository.

Then, serendipity. Oswald learned that President John F. Kennedy would be visiting Dallas and that his motorcade would pass by the depository. On November 22, 1963, Oswald left his wedding ring and \$170, all the money he had, for Marina. He climbed

to the sixth floor and waited with his rifle. Two witnesses actually saw him standing at the window, holding a rifle, but assumed he was there to protect the president.

At 12:30, as the motorcade rounded the corner of Dealey Plaza, three shots rang out. The first missed. The second hit Governor John Connally in the back and Kennedy in the throat. The final shot went through the president's skull, killing him.

Oswald dropped the rifle and ran, escaping, again, by bus. 45 minutes later, J.D. Tippit, a police officer, stopped Oswald, due to him matching the description of the shooter. Oswald gunned him down with his revolver, in front of nine witnesses. He fled into a movie theatre. The police followed him and Oswald attempted to fire at them, but the hammer of the revolver got caught on the webbing between his thumb and index finger. The police disarmed Oswald and arrested him.

A lot of people imagine there must be a conspiracy, because it seems so impossible for a lone gunman to kill the President of the United States, but nothing about Oswald's story is surprising. He was a lonely, miserable young man. He wasn't satisfied with the Marines, with the U.S.S.R., and he wouldn't have been satisfied if he managed to defect to Cuba. He dreamed of a purpose, of being a hero and killing a monster. He was exactly the type of man you'd expect to become an assassin.

And, unfortunately for Oswald, so was Jacob "Jack Ruby" Rubenstein, an impulsive, volatile nightclub owner horrified by Kennedy's death. Two days after the assassination, as Oswald was being transported from police to the county jail, Ruby, on a whim, drew his gun and murdered Lee Harvey Oswald. His motive? To spare Jacqueline Kennedy the discomfort of a trial.

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Worship Service: 10 a.m.

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North English Approves Doubling Donation to Fun Days Due to Rising Costs

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH – During the April 2 meeting of the North English City Council, the council spoke with Cassie O'Rourke, one of the organizers of the July North English Fun Days festival, about the status of this year's Fun Days. O'Rourke stated that she intends to have the fun run, poker run, carnival and fireworks again this year. She noted that it was a loss for the community to have no pool, and that there were record numbers at the pool last year during the Fun Days free swim. She stated her focus was to create a family oriented event and that she was at a loss for what to do to fill that void for teenagers, and that the city needed things to keep families in the community.

Cassie O'Rourke stated that the company that has provided bounce castles in the past pulled out, due to the carnival featuring face painting and fears of paint getting on the bounce castles. She stated she had found a new company, out of Ankeny, but that this had been a big financial hit. This and other things have resulted in expenses for the carnival increasing by \$3,000. O'Rourke stated she feels the city can't lose the carnival, because North English doesn't have a lot to offer families, and that the Fun Days are the one time a year families can come out. She stated that she doesn't want to charge kids to attend the carnival, because it is sometimes the one thing they can do over the summer, and because money is tight for families. O'Rourke stated that, to cover the carnival, she needs \$250 from 23 different sponsors,

which is difficult, because there aren't 23 businesses in North English, and that she had only found 9 sponsors this year, and that several sponsors had given less this year. She stated she didn't know where else to cut.

Cassie O'Rourke stated that the fun run can be done without sponsors, but that money from it is usually used for down payments the following year. She stated the money raised from the poker run is usually given to a person in need, but may have to be held onto for a cushion.

Councilwoman Beth Carter suggested having the roundup at the grocery store, which usually pays for the Fun Days insurance, be done for two months instead of one, to help with rising insurance costs. Cassie O'Rourke stated that she could look into this, but that she didn't want to be greedy, because other organizations in town also rely on the roundup. Councilwoman Kathy O'Rourke suggested reaching out to alumni; Cassie O'Rourke stated she had but hadn't seen much response. Mayor Dan Strohman offered to help reach out to sponsors.

Cassie O'Rourke requested the city donate \$5,000 towards the fireworks and \$1,100 towards a foam party and balloons. In the past, the city has given \$2,500 towards the fireworks and assisted with obtaining a \$500 grant. City Clerk Tara Heyne stated that this had not been budgeted for. The council approved giving \$6,100.

Strohman stated that there may not be a fireman beer tent this year. City employee and fireman David Knipfer stated that the fire department would lose money on the beer tent if

the city didn't pay the insurance costs. Cassie O'Rourke stated that she had spoken to a few firemen, who wanted to have a beer tent this year. Knipfer stated it was up to the department and that the firemen hadn't met to discuss it yet.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, the council approved a 28e Agreement with the Iowa County Sheriff's Department for \$169,733 for police coverage. The agreement was for a minimum average of forty hours per week; Strohman stated that the department usually covers far more, noting they covered 167 calls in North English last month. He stated that the mayor of Victor spoke to him about splitting hours and costs, but that he didn't think that was a good idea for either city.

The council approved paying half of the invoices for a number of items at the school, including mulch for the high school playground, a new water heater at the concession stand, a heaving issue at the Little League dugout, painting the city park concession stand, and adding a storage shed at the Little League park. Due to ongoing problems with a resident parking on Lakeview near the doctor's office, which Strohman called a "pain in the ass" because it keeps people from seeing as they leave the parking lot, the council discussed placing no parking signs; Heyne stated the council would need to amend city code at a later meeting to do so. Strohman stated he had sent cleanup letters to nuisance properties and would visit to follow up. Knipfer stated it would cost roughly \$700-\$750 to repair water heaters at the city shop and city hall.

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previously approved naming April Child Abuse Prevention Month in 2024, once again named it Child Abuse Prevention Month for this year.

"April gives us a moment to reflect on the fact that children do get abused in our society," said Wetjen-Kesterson. "It also gives us a moment to reflect that we do a lot of good things to ensure children that don't get abused and that children build resilience if they have been abused, because we know that, for every adverse experience a child has, if they have a strong healthy adult in their

lives they build resilience."

They also gave permission to Wetjen-Kesterson to add pinwheels to the garden at the southwest corner of the courthouse. Wetjen-Kesterson mentioned "Ruby Has a Worry," a book she is currently reading to Headstart kids about anxiety. Board member Mike Hadley stated that anxiety is a pandemic right now. Wetjen-Kesterson stated it is important to teach three and four-year-olds what to do when overwhelmed.

Also at the Monday morning meeting, County Engineer Andy McGuire dis-

cussed purchasing security cameras for the county fuel pumps. He stated he was going to apply for a DARA grant for a new truck and excavator, but that it would be more competitive this year, due to there only being \$900,000 given out across the state instead of \$2,000,000 like in previous years. He stated that the county received a \$500,000 safety grant for Pigeon Road. The supervisors appointed Hedrick American Legion Commander Tommy Smith to fill a vacancy on the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Tribute To Jim Tinnes

By Dan Redlinger and the Keota School Board

I would like to start off by saying that it has been nothing short of a pleasure knowing Jim and working with him on the Keota School Board. And when I say that, I am speaking for all of us on the board, past and present who have served with him.

And I imagine that the same could be said for the members of other boards that Jim served on.

An interesting tidbit...Jim was actually my cub scout leader many, many, years ago. It was very evident to me then, even being a young boy, that Jim was a very tender-hearted person who cared deeply about this community's youth.

He told me when I first joined the board at the beginning of 2022 that it was not going to be easy. I recall him saying, "Some people will be happy with you, and some will be upset with you. Always remember to do what you feel in your heart is best for the kids and for the district...even if you know some people won't understand." Sage advice.

His business acumen naturally showed in his role as

a school board member in that he would ask excellent questions and give valuable insights whenever we would invite someone to present or speak at board meetings.

Anyone who served on the administration or the board with Jim knows that his main focus was to keep the kids safer. He wanted this to be the safest school it could be for every child and that included security threats as well as bullying. As far as he was concerned, his work was never done in those areas.

The last time I spoke with Jim was on a Saturday night a couple of weeks ago. He was having a hard time speaking and kept apologizing for not being at the meetings. Naturally, I reassured him that it was totally fine, and that we were only concerned about his well-being. Never did he make the focus of the conversation about himself and his current state. He only wanted to know how things were going and what we were working on. That...is humility.

On a few occasions when we spoke, including the other night, the subject of faith came up.

Now I like the subject of faith, and I could tell that

Jim did too just by the way he lived his life, and of course the things we discussed.

Recently God really made a scripture jump off the pages at me and I was not sure why. It's found in 1 John Chapter 3 Verse 18: "Little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

It was just a few days ago that I realized why...Because I am supposed to share it here today.

You see Jim was a living example of this verse. He didn't just talk the talk - he walked the walk.

You could easily see the amount of love the guy had in his heart by the way he treated people, helped people, and the things in which he was involved. He wanted to make a positive difference in peoples' lives.

Do I believe that he thought these good deeds would punch his ticket to heaven? No, I don't think so. He knew he was saved by putting his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He knew we were not saved BY good works, but FOR good works

JIM TINNES
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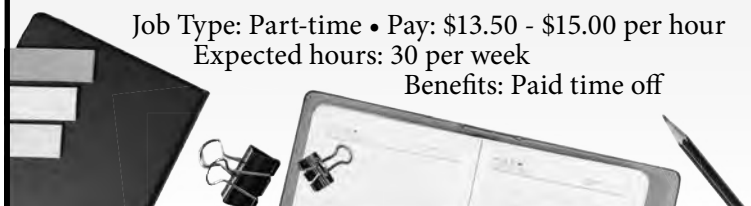
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COUNTRY GIRL’S CORNER

Thankful for the Rain

By Sheryl L. Carter
We did get a nice shower here the other night, but I don't know how much because I haven't gotten a new rain gauge yet. I love seeing the rain come down either day or night, and then delightfully check the gauge after it is finished raining. I tend to get up in the night and always glance out the south window where the light from the apartment building across the driveway is reflected on mine. If it is raining, I can see that puddle of water just being hit by all those raindrops and rejoice in it. Such was Tuesday night, that was also accompanied by a terrific burst of thunder overhead, which about scared Pippi and me to death. She was in overnight, and had ensconced herself on my bed, snuggling down by my feet. She doesn't usually do that at night, preferring to find her other sleeping spots, but this night she was there. Boy, we sat up and looked at each other with big eyes. I couldn't help but think what it must be like for people in war zones when huge blasts like that occur suddenly overhead, and they may need to run for their lives, because it's not thunder. It's been a chilly week again. I will be glad for some warmer weather, as probably we all will, and especially for the farmers so they can begin to plant in all these soon to be verdant fields around us. Being a farmer's daughter, I enjoy seeing the tractors and implements out in the fields going about their annual spring routines, as in no time

those little tiny spears of corn or beans poke their heads above the ground, and we are off and running for another season. I also think of our fertile fields of corn, beans, wheat, etc, and all the water that is generally plentiful in our part of the world when reading about the many folks in other parts that is continually dry and barren, and how they struggle so hard to feed their families. Little water supplies are available to them so no hot showers, barely enough for themselves to drink and water their animals. This is the raw reality for many people throughout our world. So when I read a story of a well being dug in some remote country, and see the little kids standing at the spigot as the fresh life-giving water gushes out over their hands, how grateful I am for this, and for those who saw the need and were able to do something about it. We aren't here to just please ourselves, we are here to bring glory to Most High God, and be the hands and feet of Jesus. What an awesome and glad some privilege! Well, back to my week. Monday I visited my chiro uptown who did a great job on my hip and neck, and since then I have no hip pain at all! Tuesday I made a big batch of Baked Potato Sausage Chowder, which turned out pretty good, and that afternoon I switched the seasonal clothes and shoes. The shoe deal doesn't amount to much, as they are both on the floor of the two big closets here

in my office. So it's bending my body to get down there to change those out, putting the winter shoes back in shoe boxes, and placing the warm weather shoes on the floor of the other closet. I usually forget just what pairs I have, and am always gratified to see some old friends. Clothes are sorted and switched out in the big chest of drawers in here, and on the shelves in the one closet, and the rest of the winter items hauled upstairs to the walk-in closet. It's kind of a big job and needs some energy to do, but the Lord helped me and I got it done. God is good to me. Thursday was red-letter day—getting the taxes done—a job that had been hanging over my head since the day last January when I called our CPA and asked if I was going to need to pay taxes this year, and he replied, “Yes, Sheryl, \$600.” Whoa. Not what I was expecting, but due to some financial things this past year, it was a bill that I owed. Yikes. So I began trying to set aside some here and there to pay what was to me, a big bill. I walked in the office up in Newton, and meet a lovely young girl, a CPA, who I soon found out was a relative of people I know! How about that? I said, “Hey, we’re practically family!” It was so nice to be with this pretty young friendly girl, who quickly and deftly had my simple taxes written up on her computer and ran off on her big copier. I sat there with my check book waiting. “So,” I said, “how much do I owe you?” What she said next had my mouth hanging open, and both eyes popping clear out of my head. I waited to hear the big number. “\$29.” “What??” I surely hadn't heard right... “How much??” “\$29.” I just sat there totally stunned. After closing my mouth and replacing each eyeball, I looked at her. “How can that be??” “It's your mileage, Sheryl.” Whenever I write this weekly column and mention somewhere I have been, I record that mileage, and it goes on my tax report that I make out on a legal pad each year along with my expenses, and all the other stuff you need to report. My mileage this year was almost 3,500 miles and times that by the sixty-seven cents the government allows

took care of my \$600 tax bill almost totally. I was so astounded, I began to pull my chair back and get up. She quickly said with a chuckle, “Do you need a hug??” Boy, I gave her one and an extra one thrown in, plus a prayer to the Lord, “Thank you, Jesus!” I still had to pay her preparer bill, but was ready for that, and she soon had all my paperwork placed in a big envelope and I was done and gone. With one more hug. God is good to me. Then it was up to Uncle Nancy's Coffee Shop, where I met a old friend I hadn't seen in awhile, told her my fabulous news, and we rejoiced together. Boy, it was great to see her. We enjoyed good hot coffee, and a tasty lunch of chicken salad sandwich with chips and fruit, and catching up. She used to be our neighbor next door for a couple of years, and I just loved having her there. God is good to me. After that and to celebrate some more, I went to the Well Thrift Store on First Avenue and had a fun time shopping finding some neat stuff. Among which was a beautiful soft bittersweet-colored sweater that I washed up this morning—carefully, but still I nearly passed out when I read the label I hadn't seen earlier: “Extra fine Merino Wool.” What?? My land and I put it in the machine with the other clothes! Ack! But I hung it up carefully (now!) on a padded hanger, gently shaping it, just hoping it wasn't ruined. I can only imagine how much that must have cost new. The good news is it is drying fine, and looks about the same size as before. Amazing. God is good to me. Yesterday Scottie came up and attacked that batch of damp leaves in the front ditches and the side yard. A big job that should have been taken care of last fall with the mower but that hadn't happened. As always, Scottie is cheerful and goes about any jobs I give him with a willing heart and a sweet smile. I fed him good for lunch, too. God is good to me. This has been another chilly day, but I got out and took a walk anyway, listening to my nephew's morning devotional from out there in Colorado, plus I have been getting some things done. This is one. But now I am done, so time to say bye-bye for now! Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, and forget not all His benefits.



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins
Sunday, April 6, 2025... The busy first week of the month is over, now on to the next. The calendar for first of the week looks pretty quiet, but there is plenty to do in the latter. We had a great time at Sixty Plus on Tuesday! A large group enjoyed the meal and a couple first timers joined us from Hedrick. In fact there was a whole table of folks from Hedrick! Following the meal, we were happy to have John Jacobs of Rose Hill share some of the items that he enjoys collecting. Advertising memorabilia, post cards, photos with memories and stories were enjoyed. Thanks for coming, John! The week also brought my physical therapy visit and ARTE meeting on Wednesday. My highlight of the week on Thursday was at Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota for Sit n Stitch! We stitch, have lunch and visit a lot! There is always something to learn and ideas to share. From there, I picked up Mary and headed to Hedrick for an Auxiliary meeting. We were so happy to have Mary Spears back with us. I learned some great local history at the meeting, and I invited her to come to the next Sixty Plus to share it. I hope it will happen...so come join us! It will be in print after the meeting. The fish fry at the KC's in Harper was a hit on Friday evening. So many folks enjoyed food and fellowship there. Joann Scandridge came over and spoke to me, and I thought she had just arrived. When we finished eating I went looking for her... and she was gone! I guess she was on her way out when she stopped. Next time we will have to spend a little time visiting. They had a very large crowd and cousin, Dan, said they even ran out of fish! They are so thankful for your support! I think it is wonderful when small communities can keep these activities. Not only do they provide events for us to enjoy, but give back to their communities as well. Several schools in the area had their proms on Saturday evening. My question is why do they have to be so early? In our days, they were in May and shortly before

the end of the school year. It was warmer and had to be more comfortable. Seeing the pictures on facebook, those girls had to be freezing! We thought the prom was a pretty big deal back then, but who would have imagined what they have become? And arriving by tractor or pickup truck? Can you imagine that happening in our high school days? We were excited to get off the farm and travel by car! Boy, am I getting old... but happy to have experienced "our time". Everything seemed so special then, and you usually wore the same dress more than one year! We took in the Bingo games in Hedrick on Saturday evening, and again, no wins for the Perkins. The final Bingo night is April 19 when the jackpot game will be won. The gooseberries will come out of the freezer on Thursday for pies to go to the Blakesburg Historical Society bake sale on the porch at the Abernathy House on Friday and Saturday. Since there is no school, we may just take in a little of the Scenic Byways after we deliver the pies. We will see. I am looking forward to several other events over the weekend and hopefully the weather will be enjoyable. I think it was intended to be an April fool's prank, but the dill pickle lemonade I saw on facebook looked really good to me! I saw a post of a friend that I used to work with at Ma & Pa's (remember them and she suggested we go to Pella and give it a try at that chicken place on the far end of town. I think we could even make them ourselves at home and I just might try that! Will let you know about that. Many of us remember watching our black and white television sets and enjoying Dennis the Menace a few years back. Sadly today Jay North passed away at the age of 73. We remember his relationship with his neighbor, Mr. Wilson, and wasn't Mrs. Wilson a sweet lady. Do you remember the name of Mr. Wilson's dog? I do...it was Fremont. And a thought, "Don't buy your wants, then beg for your needs". A good idea.

Obituaries

Larry “Pete” Palmer

1939-2025
MT. PLEASANT—Larry Allen “Pete” Palmer was born July 7, 1939, in Keota, Iowa. The son of Allen and Lovina (Shafer) Palmer. He graduated from Keota High School and Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Larry served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1962. While in the Navy he was united in marriage to Sara Ann Monaghan on January 27, 1962, in Montrose, Scotland. Larry returned back to Cedar Rapids, Iowa after the Navy. He worked several jobs, but mainly at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids in the computer department for 26 years, before retiring in 1998. During that time, he also officiated football and basketball games. After his retirement he drove bus for the Cedar Rapids School System. They started wintering in Florida in 2006. Sara passed away in 2015. He later married his classmate Frieda Dill in 2017. Together they made their home in Mt. Pleasant. Most recently living at Addington Place of Mt. Pleasant. Larry enjoyed golfing, being on the computer, spending time in Cancun and Florida, was an avid Hawkeye fan and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of the Eagles #2272, Moose Lodge #304 and Elks Lodge #251. Larry passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa at the age of 85 years. He is survived by his wife Frieda of Mt. Pleasant; a son, Thomas (Nancy) Palmer of Estero, Florida; a daughter, Angela (Richard) Hach of Montezuma; two grandchildren, Cara (Brendan) Kelly and Joshua Palmer and a great granddaughter, Collins Monaghan Kelly. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Sara and a brother Eugene Palmer. Celebration of Life Service was 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the Powell Funeral Home in Keota. Visitation was Monday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Keota Cemetery with military rites. A memorial fund has been established for the Home Health and Hospice House in West Burlington. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com.



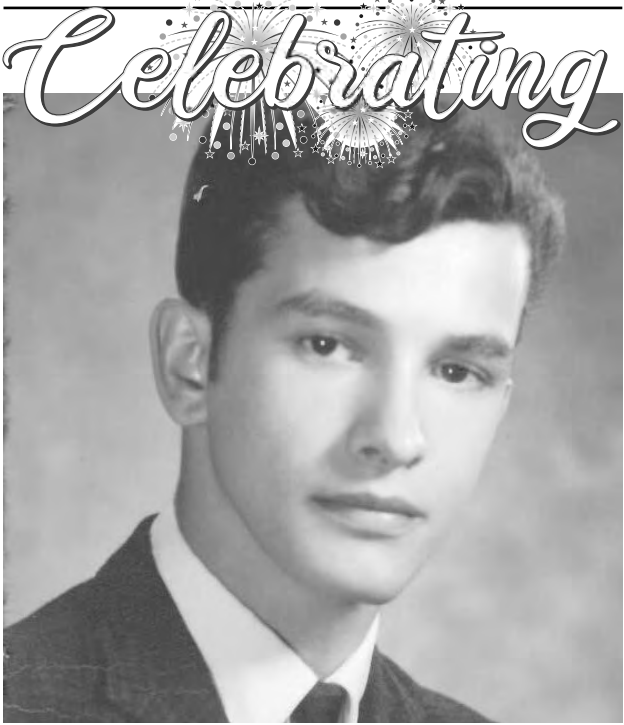
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Visitation: Apr. 7, 10 a.m.
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Robert LaRue Probst


†2025
Robert LaRue Probst died peacefully March 29, 2025, at his home in Delta, Iowa. Celebration of Life to be planned at a later date. Arrangements by Holm Funeral Home.

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Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Gage Heyne

The athlete of the week for the week of March 31 is English Valleys senior distance runner Gage Heyne. During the March 31 track meet held at Pekin Heyne was able to win both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter races. Not only was he able to win both races, but he won the races without another runner finishing within 30 seconds of his times.

Heyne currently has the fastest time in class 1A competition in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter run events. The News-Review would like to congratulate Heyne on his wins, and for being named this week's Athlete of the week.



Anna Hadley

The Athlete of the week for the week of March 31 is Pekin junior Anna Hadley. After winning the State meet last season Hadley is continuing to show off her throwing skills as she won both the shot put and the discus events at two separate track meets last week. Hadley started off winning the shot and discus

throw events at a track meet hosted by West Burlington. Hadley would come back and win the discus throw at a Mediapolis meet held on April 4. She finished second in the shot put event. The News-Review would like to congratulate Hadley on her wins and for being named the Athlete of the Week.



Riley Smith of Pekin jumps over a hurdle during the running of the 400 meter hurdle event at a March 31 track meet. Smith won the race.



English Valleys senior Gage Heyne runs around the track with a smile during the running of the 3,200 meter race. Heyne won both the 3,200 and 1,600 meter races held March 31.

Panthers win Ruritan Relays

Local teams have success at last week's track meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
PACKWOOD – It took a bit for the legs to get warmed up, but once they did, the local teams seemed to shine. On March 31 Pekin, Sigourney and English Valleys all ran at the Ruritan Relays held in Packwood. The hometown Panthers were able to win the meet with 143 points, besting English Valleys who finished second with 134 points. Sigourney finished fourth with 88 points.

All three schools were able to rack up at least one event win during the meet.

One of the first running victories by a local team came in the 800 meter run when Lane Fariss from Pekin was able to stride out on his way to a victory. Fariss started near the front of the race and stayed in the top pack of four runners for the first 600 meters. In the final 300 meters Fariss took out in an all-out sprint, winning the race with a time of 2:15.31. English Valleys runners finished third and fourth. Evan Koehn was third and Ben Axmear was fourth.

Gage Heyne, the distance specialist for English Valleys, seemed to be out for two mid afternoon jogs as he easily won both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs. In the 3,200 meter run Heyne was challenged early by a Van Buren County runner. By the start of the fifth lap Heyne had pulled away and he was able to win the race by nearly 30 seconds. Heyne had a time of 10:36.41. Sigourney's Troy Klett was second. Isaac Frazier of English Valleys was third. Pekin runners Dylan Sobaski and William Daniels finished fifth and sixth.

In the 1,600 meter race Heyne took the lead for good just before the start of the second lap. From there he was able to win the race by 30 seconds with a time of 4:31.73. Cole Millikin from Pekin



Pekin's Lane Fariss leads a pack of runners around the turn during the running of the 800 meter run at the March 31 track meet. Fariss would win the race.

was second. Klett was third. Frazier finished fourth.

Sigourney's Caden Clarahen gave Sigourney a win in the 110 hurdles. He ran the fastest time with an overall time of 17.12. Everett Bender from English Valleys finished fourth. Owen Menke from Sigourney was fifth.

In the 400 hurdles it was the legs of Riley Smith that helped give Pekin the win. Smith was the only 400 hurdler to finish the race in a time under a minute as he won with a time of 59.65. Cael Grove of English Valleys was third. Aiden Knepper of Sigourney led the Savages with a fifth place finish.

Pekin's strength was the relay events. The Panther team of Kasey Davis, Nolan Glick, Robert Brown and Will Adam won the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 45.5. English Valleys was second with a time of Ben Coffman, Deshon Anderson, Christian Tripses and Braydon Anderson. Sigourney finished fourth with the team of Carson O'Rourke, Lance Walkden, Caden Clarahen and Landon Fisch.

The Panthers took the top spot in the 4x200 relay as well. There Alijah Brock, Glick, Smith and Will Adam had the winning time of 1:34.61. Ben Coffman, Colton Mikesell, Deshon and Braydon Anderson ran for English Valleys to finish second. Sigourney's team of O'Rourke, Conrad, Carson Davis and Walden finished

fifth.

The Panthers took the win in the 4x800 relay as the team of Mason Dahlstrom, Fariss, Landon Crow and Cole Millikin were able to win with a time of 8:58.75. Sigourney finished third with Gauge Little, Isaac Jones, Jordan Anderson and Levi Myers running.

The English Valleys distance medley team of Bender, Fisher, Tripses and Evan Koehn won the distance medley race with a time of 4:01.46. Pekin's team of Henry Adam, Landon Crow, Dahlstrom and Millikin finished fourth. Sigourney ran with Chase Clarahen, Molyneux, Wehr and John Berg finished fifth overall.

Pekin won the shuttle hurdle relay race. The team of Alijah Brock, Will Adam, Robert Brown and Kasey Davis finished with a time of 1:05.47 to win. Sigourney's team of Chase Clarahen, Dillon Menke, Owen Menke and Caden Clarahen finished second. In fifth was the English Valleys team of Colton Mikesell, Aadin Clingan, Roejert Patterson and Cael Grove.

Everett Bender won the high jump event. The English Valleys jumper cleared 5-feet-7-inches and survived a jump off against Pekin's Brody Sobaski who cleared 5-feet-6-inches.

Pekin's Caden Bender won the shot put event with a best throw of 43-feet-8-inches. Sigourney's Jayden Thomp-

son was third with a throw of 39-feet-8-inches. Kane Axmear of English Valleys was fourth with a throw of 38-feet-6.5-inches.

Alijah Brock won the long jump event for the Panthers. He had a best jump of 20-feet-9.5-inches. Pekin's Will Adam was six inches away with a second place jump of 20-feet-3.5-inches. English Valley's Deshon Anderson was third. Aiden Knepper of Sigourney finished fifth.

Bender was also able to win the discus throw with a best effort of 127-feet-4-inches. Jayden Thompson of Sigourney was third.

English Valleys runners Braydon Anderson and Deshon Anderson finished second and third in the 100 meter dash. Sigourney's Carson O'Rourke was sixth.

Braydon Anderson led all local runners in the 200 meter dash with a second place time of 24.08. Landon Fisch finished fourth with a time of 25.26.

In the 400 meter dash Jack Osborn of English Valleys finished third with a time of 53.57. Troy Klett from Sigourney was fourth with a time of 56.25. Brody Sobaski led Pekin with a fifth place finish.

Pekin's 4x400 team of Smith, Dhalstrom, Crow and Glick finished second in the 4x400. Sigourney was third in the same race with Ike Molyneux, John Berg, Wyatt Wehr and Troy Klett running.

English Valley's 4x400 team finished fourth as Bender, Mikesell, Teagan Mast and Osborn ran.

Pekin was second in the sprint medley race with a time of 1:39.21, a little more than a second off the winning speed. The Panthers team featured Henry Adam, Davis, Smith and Glick. Sigourney finished fourth with the team of O'Rourke, Molyneux, Wehr and Berg. English Valleys was fifth with Coffman, Osborn, Mast and Drew Fisher running.

Photos by Mark Schafer

Pekin takes third, English Valleys finishes fourth at Mediapolis meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

MEDIAPOLIS – A little bit of wind didn't hamper the steps of either Pekin or English Valleys at the Mediapolis track meet held Thursday.

The Pekin girls were able to finish third overall in the meet with a total of 62 points. English Valleys was fourth with 60 points. Fort Madison won the meet with 94 points.

Wins came early for both schools. In the 100 meter dash English Valleys sophomore Ava Gehrking won the race with a time of 12.81. Addison Smith of Pekin was fourth.

In the 200 meter dash Gehrking was again the winner with a time of 26.59. Smith from Pekin was sixth with a time of 28.47.

Chloe Glosser from Pekin won the 1,500 meter run. She had a time of 4:49.6. Anna Luers from English Valleys was fourth overall with a time of 5:22.79.

Kailor Lown of English Valleys was the winner of the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.37. Reece Brisby of Pekin was sixth with a time of 18.01. Paislee Coleman finished eighth.

In the shuttle hurdle relay event Pekin was able to win with a time of 1:14.03. English Valleys finished eighth.

Pekin's Kayse Miller won the high jump event. She was the only jumper to clear five feet even. Brisby was eighth overall and Olivia Debevec from English Valleys was ninth.

Anna Hadley finished first in the discus event. She had a winning throw of 137-feet-8.75-inches. English Valleys thrower Taylor Mikesell was fourth

with a throw that traveled 106-feet-10.25-inches.

In the shot put event Hadley was second with a best throw of 37-feet-5-inches. Mikesell from English Valleys was fourth overall with a throw of 31-feet-8.75-inches.

English Valleys was second overall in the sprint medley relay with a time of 1:58.24. They were just three seconds behind the race winners from Cedar Rapids Washington. Pekin's team finished 12th.

Pekin finished third in the 4x800 meter relay race with a time of 10:45.5. English Valleys was fourth in the same race.

In the 4x400 relay the Pekin team finished fourth with a time of 4:44.06. English Valleys was ninth with a time of 4:48.45.

Kaylee Frazier of English Valleys finished fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:40.52. Teammate Aubrey Achenbach was 12th. Maddy Petrehn was 14th for Pekin. Addison Achenbach from English Valleys led the area runners in the 3,000 meter run with a fifth place time of 12:32.67. Emily Sieren was eighth and Pekin's Brinley Phillips was ninth.

Pekin finished seventh in the 4x100 relay. English Valleys was 11th overall. The Panthers finished sixth in the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:58.58. English Valleys finished 13th.

English Valleys was eighth overall in the distance medley relay with a time of 5:07.34. Pekin placed 10th.

Carlie Gambell of Pekin finished seventh in the long jump event with a best leap of 14-feet-4-inches.

Brinley Phillips led Pekin in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:27.19 to finish 11th.

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Cobra soccer bested by WACO, PCM in opening week

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

There is both good news and bad news from the opening week of the soccer season.

The good news for the Sigourney-Keota soccer team is that they were able to score two goals. The bad news is they let seven goals get scored against them.

Sigourney-Keota started their season on March 31 with a game against WACO on the road. WACO would

come out and score two goals in the opening half.

The Warriors would add two more goals in the second half.

Wells Clark from Sigourney-Keota was able to connect on one of his shots for a goal, but the Warriors were able to win the game 4-1.

Aydin Flowers was able to assist Clark on the goal.

Throughout the game the Cobras were able to record six shots on goal with three of those coming from the foot

of Landyn Greiner.

Ty Goldman and Clark split time in the goal. Together they gave up four goals and finished with 12 saves in the game.

On April 1 the Cobras traveled to play PCM, but were defeated 3-1.

Both teams scored in the first half. For the second-straight game the goal from the Cobras came off the foot of Clark. Clark's goal was off his only shot of the game.

Overall, PCM limited Sigourney-Keota to just four shots on goal with Gavin Khali, Jackson Vittetoe, Aydin Flowers and Clark all taking a shot on goal.

Goldman and Clark again split time in the goal. Goldman gave up one goal while Clark allowed two goals to be scored against him. Goldman had five saves while Clark was credited with eight saves.

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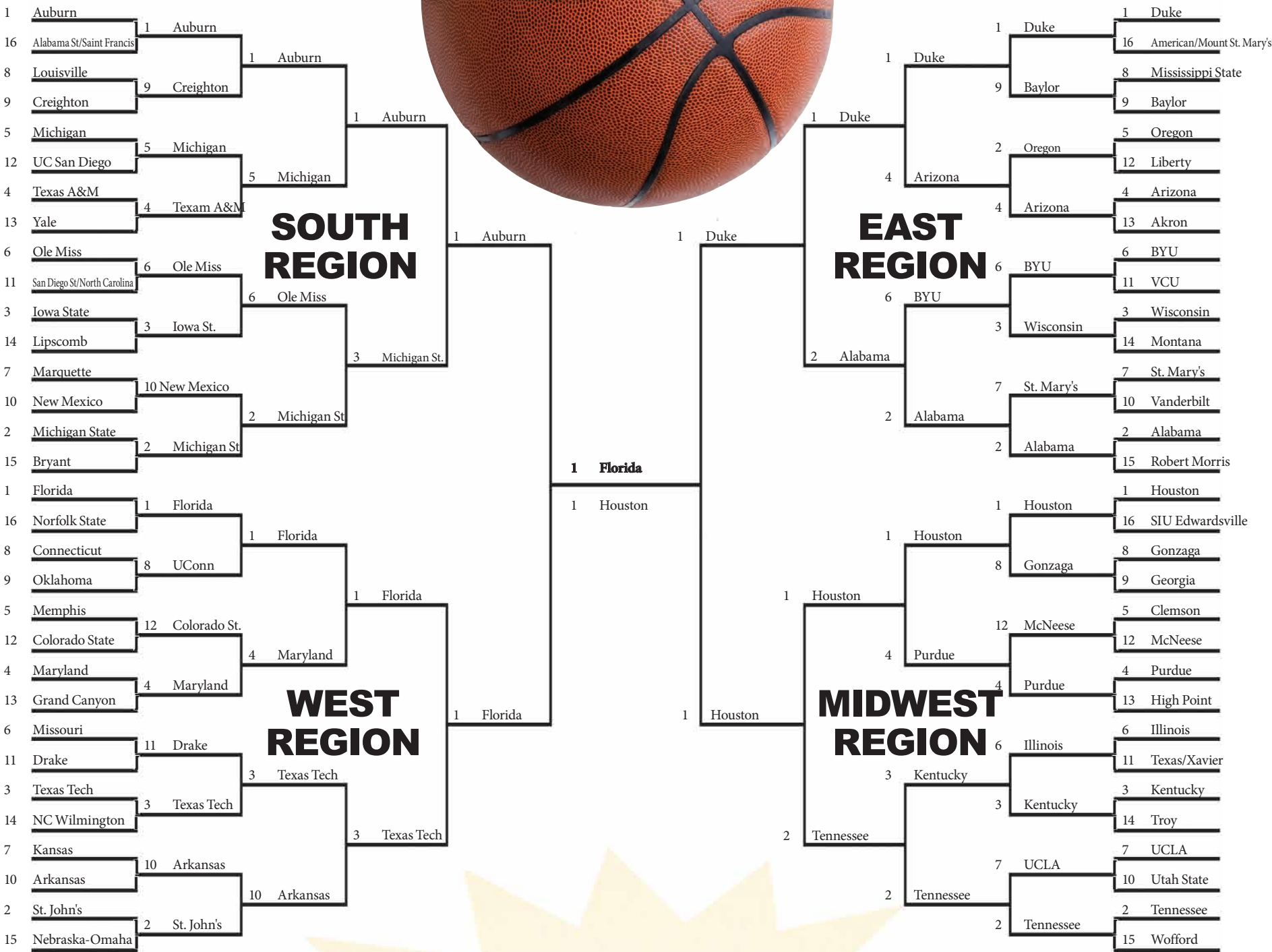


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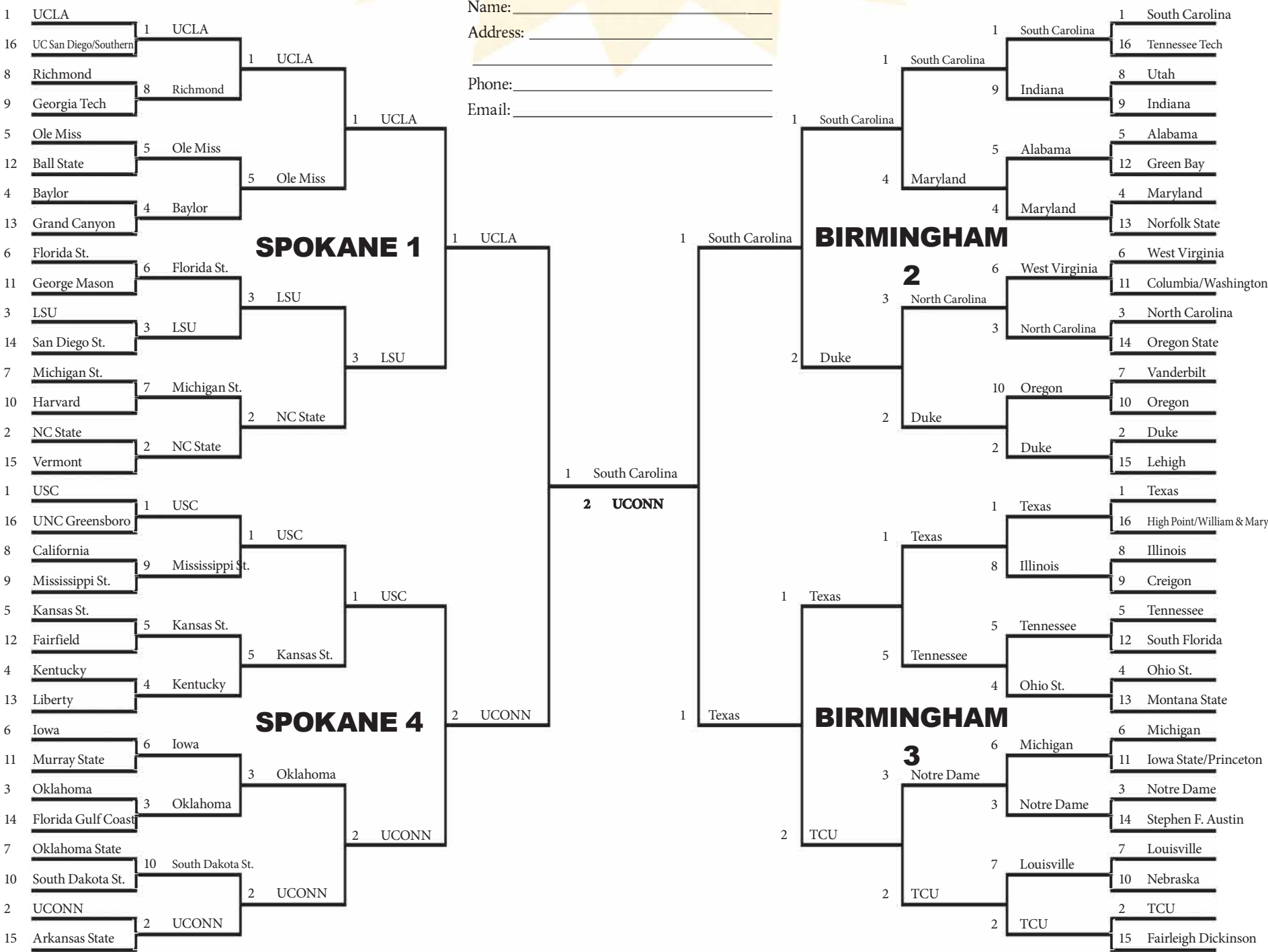
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13 Norfolk State

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14 Oregon State

7 Vanderbilt

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2 Duke

15 Lehigh

1 South Carolina

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Civil April 1 Defendants Keokuk Hills Beef Company LLC/D/B/A Thunder RI, Responsible Transportation LLC; Plaintiffs Jason Stephen Shifflett, Melanie Ranae Shifflett: Order Setting Trial. April 3 Defendants Anthony C. Wintinger, Spouse of Defendant, Parties in Possession; Plaintiff SB Servbank: Petition Filed. Criminal March 27 Defendant Jeffery John	Gautreaux: Motion for Continuance. March 28 Defendant Michael Maschmann: Hearing for Initial Appearance, Order for Probation Revoc. March 31 Defendant Emma Louise Wyatt: Hearing for Initial Appearance. April 1 Defendant Matt Robert O'Rourke: Motion for Continuance April 3 Defendant Marvin Leslie	Gragg Jr.: Motion for Continuance. Defendant Jeremiah Michael Conger: Motion for Continuance OWI April 3 Defendant Dustin Michael Breckenridge: Motion for Continuance. Scheduled Traffic March 27 Sammie Key Long: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over). March 28 Defendant Caden Hunter	Clarahan: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over). Defendant Stephen James Olson: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts (Adult). Defendant Shannon Ray Brackelsberg: Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability, No Valid Driver's License. March 29 Defendant Jodi Lynn Tallent: Turning at Intersection Violation. Defendant Carson William Crawford: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts (Adult). Defendant Theodore Wil-	liam Fenicle II: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over). March 30 Defendant Fiona Jean Harrar: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over). Defendant Timothy J. Schanks: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over). March 31 Defendant Anthony Lines: Registration Violation. Defendant Deanna Hopkins Carrier: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts (Adult). Defendant Kimberly S. Towns: Failure to Maintain or	Use Safety Belts (Adult). Robert Wayne Gillman: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over). April 1 Chloe Lynn Wallerich: Fail to Yield Upon Left Turn. April 3 Defendant Macie Bree Leonard: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over). Defendant Tate Maverick Lamansky: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 17 Court Officer Deed: Grantor Connie L. Messerschmitt Estate to grantee William A. Messerschmitt: Martinsburg Original Plat Martinsburg Lot: 03 Block: 17; Martinsburg Original Plat Martinsburg Lot: 04 Block: 17; PT NW NW 33-74-12; PLAT BOOK A P180. Court Officer Deed: Grantor Connie L. Messerschmitt	Estate to grantees Ashley Sieren and Michael Messerschmitt Life Estate: SW SE 17-74-12 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT 2018-0824. Warranty Deed: Grantors Thomas E. Tobin and Andrea J. Tobin to grantees N R M 3 LLC: PT Hedrick Original Plat Hedrick Block: 26; PLAT 2007-1652. March 18 Real Estate Contracts:	Grantors Robert W. Yeager and Cheyenn M. Yeager to grantees Scott Castaneda and Stephanie Castaneda: What Cheer Gilletts Addition Lot: 06 Block: 01. March 19 Affidavit Transfer: Grantor Albert R. Andersen to grantee Linda M. Andersen: PT SW SW 09-77-11. Sheriff's Deed: Grantors Keokuk County Sheriff,	James M. Greiner Estate, Jennifer Short to grantee Revize Properties LLC: PT What Cheer 1ST Railroad Addition Lot: 01 Block: 16; PLAT B1 P234; PLAT B1 P284. Warranty Deed: Grantors Bronson B. Black and Trisha D. Black to grantees Buddy Brown: Clark & Woodins Addition 2nd Survey Lot: 02 SW NE 35-76-12 PT Clark & Woodins Addition 2nd Survey Lot: 03 SW NE 35-76-12 PLAT B2 P217. March 20 Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Results Homebuyers Inc to grantees Mark T. Seaton and Sherri R. Seaton: PT SE SW 06-77-13. Court Officer Deed: Grantor Keith E. Fritchen	Estate to grantee Martha E. Fritchen: NW NE 07-74-11; PT SW NE 07-74-11; PT NW SE 07-74-11; PT NW SE 07-74-11; PT NE SE 07-74-11; PT NE SE 07-74-11; NE NE 07-74-11; SE SE 07-74-11; PT NW SW 08-74-11; PT NW SE 06-74-11; PT SW SE 06-74-11. Deed Quit Claim: Grantors Arlen L. Wonderlich and Karlene Wonderlich to grantees Arlen L. Wonderlich Revocable Trust, Arlen L. Wonderlich and Karlene Wonderlich: PT NW NE 10-74-11; PT NE NE 10-74-11; PT NE NE 10-74-11; PT NE NE 10-74-11; PT SW NE 10-74-11; PT SW NE 10-74-11; SE NE 14-74-11; SW NE 14-74-11. Special Warranty Deed:	Grantor Vernice H. Knudsen to grantees Shirley A. Holm and Jean M. Axmear: Sigourney Original Play Sigourney Lot: 06 Block: 27. Contract Assignment of Amendment: Grantors Caroline L. Ridgeway Estate to grantees Doris Ann Perry and Donald Wayne Ridgeway: PT SE NW 12-76-13; NE SE 13-76-13; SE NE 13-76-13; PT NE NE 13-76-13; PT SE SE 12-76-13. Deed Quit Claim: Grantor Merry M. Hammes to grantees Brooke Lynn Goldman, Brooke Lynn Hammes, Brooke Lynn Butler: Lot: 03 NW NE 11-75-13; PT Lot: 04 NW NE 11-75-13; SD02 Lot: 02 NW NE 11-75-13; PLAT B2 P196; PLAT B3 P537.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Delta • Proposed Budget

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

City of: DELTA

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Delta City Hall 104 N. 2nd St. Delta, Iowa 52550 Meeting Date: 4/23/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 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				14.92568
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00375
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) 624-2061		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Faye Carey		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	49,046	47,537	47,537
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	49,046	47,537	47,537
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	27,140	28,543	28,543
Licenses & Permits	7	0	0	16
Use of Money and Property	8	12,778	11,793	11,793
Intergovernmental	9	41,249	40,830	40,830
Charges for Fees & Service	10	154,193	137,829	137,829
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	100	0	5,341
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	0	0	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	284,506	266,532	271,889
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	2,109	2,109	2,109
Public Works	17	80,828	75,423	75,423
Health and Social Services	18	250	150	150
Culture and Recreation	19	1,165	10,181	10,181
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0	0
General Government	21	48,302	87,254	87,254
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	132,654	175,117	175,117
Business Type / Enterprises	25	154,777	145,908	145,908
Total ALL Expenditures	26	287,431	321,025	321,025
Transfers Out	27	0	0	0
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	287,431	321,025	321,025
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-2,925	-54,493	-49,136
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	78,272	132,765	181,901
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	75,347	78,272	132,765

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • Proposed Budget

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

City of: NORTH ENGLISH

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: North English City Hall Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 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.

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The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property				7.49250
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00375
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 (319) 664-3810		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Tara Heyne		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	208,952	184,006	206,375
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	208,952	184,006	206,375
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	159,624	169,323	157,453
Licenses & Permits	7	900	900	1,257
Use of Money and Property	8	2,100	1,900	9,369
Intergovernmental	9	163,700	886,787	420,870
Charges for Fees & Service	10	758,450	758,650	763,612
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	8,400	8,300	14,901
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	39,821	366,433	39,200
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	1,341,947	2,376,299	1,613,037
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	190,000	180,000	132,981
Public Works	17	327,446	328,875	308,831
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	123,166	111,400	292,952
Community and Economic Development	20	16,000	16,000	6,357
General Government	21	115,188	120,267	139,559
Debt Service	22	39,821	39,520	39,200
Capital Projects	23	0	855,000	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	811,621	1,651,062	919,880
Business Type / Enterprises	25	647,295	634,300	786,957
Total ALL Expenditures	26	1,458,916	2,285,362	1,706,837
Transfers Out	27	39,821	366,433	39,200
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	1,498,737	2,651,795	1,746,037
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-156,790	-275,496	-133,000
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	1,698,895	1,974,391	2,107,391
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	1,542,105	1,698,895	1,974,391

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • March 2025 Claims

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, MAR2025 WATER EXCISE TAX.1,095.96	OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES.....4,188.81	001 GENERAL FUND 6,343.34
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, MAR2025 SALES TAX.....210.92	CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, DEPOSIT PD ON ACCT.....89.84	031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS.....4,325.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, 1st QTR 2025 UNEMPLOYMENT.....54.28	KNIPFER, MARY BETH, DEPOSIT REFUND110.16	110 ROAD USE.....14,920.73
USDA - RURAL DEVELOPMENT, MARCH2025 USDA LOANS 02,04,05.....15,509.00	CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, DEPOSIT PD ON ACCT#2000.....140.00	600 WATER FUND6,987.80
KERR CONSTRUCTION, LLC, BLDG MAINT AND REPAIR3,425.00	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, BOOKS.....143.82	610 SEWER FUND21,952.94
KERR CONSTRUCTION, LLC, BLDG MAINT AND REPAIR900.00	ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, PROMOTIONAL, BOOKS.226.50	TOTAL54,529.81
ALLIANT ENERGY, MAR2025 ALLIANT BILLS5,372.81	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, BOOKS.....284.02	MARCH 2025 REVENUES BY FUND
ALTORFER INC., OPERATIONAL EQUIP MAINT4,811.00	LEAF, OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES.....63.75	001 GENERAL FUND ...26,528.35
AUDITOR OF STATE, OFFICE OF, FY24 AUDIT FILING FEE175.00	MICRO MARKETING, AUDIO VISUAL435.39	031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS.....2,380.92
CENTRAL IA DIST INC, MINOR EQUIPMENT552.00	NORTH ENGLISH CO-OP TEL CO, MAR2025 PHONE BILL - LIBRARY79.03	075 PINE0.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUBLICATIONS121.83	STANDARD PEST CONTROL, MARCH2025 SERVICE - LIBRARY30.00	110 ROAD USE.....9,673.55
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO, OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES.....34.00	NORTH ENGLISH POST OFFICE, APR2025 UTILITY BILL POSTAGE275.52	121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....12,063.20
ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE,	37, Grand Total (excluding void checks):54,529.81	303 ROAD USE PROJECT0.00
	MARCH 2025 EXPENSES BY FUND	600 WASTEATER SEWER IMPROVEMENTS0.00
		600 WATER FUND21,924.08
		602 WASTEWATER RESERVE FUND0.00
		610 SEWER FUND34,945.22
		612 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FUND0.00
		TOTAL107,515.32

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WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW? ABOUT VAPING?

FACTS:

- Over 2,500 people have been admitted to hospital due to severe lung damage from vaping devices.
- Products that claim they are nicotine-free are not.
- Vape's primary ingredient, formaldehyde, causes cancer.
- Vape liquid can have up to 5 times as much nicotine as cigarettes.

WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING IN YOUR BODY?

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

DID YOU KNOW?
In some cases, doctors don't even know how to treat you because there is little research on vapes/juuls. Some people can't even feel the effects of vaping (coughing, chest pain, shortness of breath) until it's too late.

AGRA GAP GARDEN ASSET PROJECT

PROBATE
PRIDIPONGSE VITHESPONGSE 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 Vithespongse, 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 Vithespongse, 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 thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated 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
Sigourney, IA 52591
Date of second publication
April 16, 2025
Probate Code Section 304
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • Annual Lawn Mowing

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF NORTH ENGLISH: PER THE CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 52, MOWING OF PROPERTIES AND CHAPTER 135, STREET USE AND MAINTENANCE. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

52.03 Mowing of Properties. Any property within the City, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than eight (8) inches, unless excepted pursuant to Section 52.04 of this chapter.

52.05 Appeal Process. A property owner or abutting property owner who is aggrieved by the action of the City Council under this chapter shall have the right to appeal the action of the Council to the District Courts if that appeal is made within 30 days of the action of the Council upon the application. If the appeal is not filed within 30 days of the action of the Council, then the applicant and the abutting property owner shall have waived all right of appeal of the action of the Council.

52.06 Penalty. Any property that is not mowed by the above dates may be mowed by the City or their agents, and a charge of \$75.00 per hour (with a minimum of one hour and any additional time over the first hour will be billed in half hour increments), plus a surcharge of \$100 for such mowing will be charged to the property owner. Any billings for mowing done by the City or its agents are to be sent by regular mail and are payable within 30 days of the billing date. Any property owner who does not provide payment for the mowing as required will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes.

52.07 Notice. Annual publication of this chapter will serve as notice to property owners.

135.03 Placing Debris On. It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Delta • Minutes and Claims 4.2.2025

DELTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
6PM DELTA CITY HALL

The Delta City Council met in regular session on April 2, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor Jim Ahlberg presiding.

Council present: Barb Fisher, Roma Neitzel, Jody Kleinschmidt, Nathan Slagter

Also present: Faye Carey, Dixie Shipley, Nancy Wylie, Rick Teed

Council reviewed the agenda, March minutes, Treasurer's report, bills for approval, and water billing. N. Slagter made a motion to approve. R. Neitzel 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Ahlberg opened the floor for public comment. Dixie Shipley invited all residents and council to the Delta Days Committee meeting on April 21st, 6:15pm at the Town and Country. She also extended an invitation for the Ham and Beans Soup Supper on April 10th from 4:30-6:30pm also at the Town and Country. Nancy Wylie is concerned about her water bill being higher than usual. She expressed that she has been in communication regularly with the clerk to try to locate a leak, but has been unable to find one. Council made suggestions to attempt to find a solution. Wylie also expressed concerns regarding her neighbors and their dogs and the frustrations of the situation. Council encouraged Wylie to call the authorities if she feels that she is in danger or a law has been broken.

Rick Teed with Garden & Associates discussed the SWAP Grant to repair a road in Delta. The council spoke in depth about the options presented and have decided to table the discussion until revisions can be made.

Council reviewed Resolution #2025-6 setting the public hearing for FY 25/26 budget and approval on April 23, 2026 at 6pm. N. Slagter made a motion to approve. R. Neitzel 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. B. Fisher made a motion to adjourn. N. Slagter 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:48pm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Minutes 3.31.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 31ST, 2025.

Individuals present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Susan Schaefer, Pam Nachtman, Chuck Nachtman, Al Ling, Kate Molyneux

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

The English Valleys Education Association presented their initial proposal with an increase in salary and increased leave time.

The meeting was concluded at 3:35pm.

Wendy Ayers
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • Tax Levy Hearing

CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025
6:30 p.m.

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohmman, Haugland, Garringer, Carter, Custer, and O'Rourke. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, Casey Jarmes, Cassie O'Rourke, and Brian Hanna.

- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- O'Rourke, seconded by Carter, made a motion to open the Public Hearing related to FY26 Property Tax Levy Hearing. Motion carried

with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Strohmman asked for any comments from those in attendance. Brian Hannah inquired about the raise. A brief discussion ensued.

- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to close the Public Hearing related to FY26 Property Tax Levy Hearing. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- O'Rourke, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve the proposed FY26 Property Tax Levy. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, absent.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Delta • Property Tax Hearing

DELTA PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX HEARING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025
5:45PM DELTA CITY HALL.

The Delta City Council held a public hearing on April 2, 2025 at 5:45pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor Jim Ahlberg presiding.

Council present: Nathan Slagter, Jody Kleinschmidt, Roma Neitzel

Also present: Faye Carey, Dixie Shipley

Council reviewed the agenda. N. Slagter made motion to approve. Roma 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

No public comments were given. N.Slagter made the motion to adjourn. R. Neitzel 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned at 5:52pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Tri-County CSD • Special Minutes 3.27.2025

TRI-COUNTY CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
March 27, 2025 - 5:30 pm
Board Room
3003 Hwy 22
Thornburg, IA 50255

MEETING MINUTES

Board President Chad McKain called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Stacey Kolars acknowledged a quorum of the board by roll call.

Board members present: Chad McKain, Derek Hall, Jacob Edmundson, and Ben Molyneux.

Board members absent: Heather Schmidt.

Also Present: Superintendent, Chad Straight.

Approval of Agenda: Edmundson moved, seconded by Molyneux to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0. Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy

for the Tri-County CSD for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026: The public hearing regarding the Proposed Property Tax Levy was opened at 5:30 p.m. There were no verbal or written comments or communication received. The public hearing was closed.

Approval of the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the Tri-County CSD for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and Set the Hearing Date for the FY26 Budget: Molyneux moved, seconded by Edmundson to set the FY26 Budget Hearing date for April 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried 4/0. Adjournment: Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

President, Chad McKain
Board Secretary, Beckie Appleget
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney Planning & Zoning • Public Hearing

THE SIGOURNEY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 100 NORTH MAIN STREET IN SIGOURNEY, IOWA. THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE:

BC Investments LLC is requesting a variance for Section 11 "B-2" General Business District – 1. Permitted Principal Uses – m. Dwelling units are restricted in the following described locations: The first floor of buildings facing or fronting the following streets: Main Street from Elm Street to Spring Street, Marion Street from Stuart Street to Shuffleton Street, Jefferson Street from Elm to Spring Street and Washington Street from Stuart Street to Shuffleton Street. Existing dwelling units may remain until change of ownership of building, at which time, all plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and building components must comply with currently adopted International Codes and National Electric Code. Existing single family dwelling units are exempt from these regulations as long as they remain a single family dwelling unit. This is per the requirements of the City of Sigourney's Zoning Code to allow an exemption at the locations of:

101 E Marion Street, Sigourney, Iowa and known as: The West Twenty-two feet in equal width of Lot one in Block four in the City of Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa;

111 N Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa and known as: The North Twenty feet and West Forty-Four feet in equal width of Lot three and Block six;

104 N Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa and known as: The North Forty-Four feet and South Eighty-Two feet in equal width of Lots seven and eight and Block one;

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PROBATE
LINDA LOU FALL ESPR008329

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA LOU FALL, Deceased. PROBATE NO.: ESPR008329

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL; OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Linda Lou Fall, deceased, who died on or about March 1, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on March 14, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Linda Lou Fall, deceased, bearing the date of July 29, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that the undersigned were appointed as Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above 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 the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the 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 this day of _____, 2025.

Jacob W. Snider, Executor of the Estate
1740 Orange Ave
Riverside, IA 52327
Scott D. Flynn, Attorney for Executors
204 E Broadway Ave/PO Box 47
Keota, IA 52248
Date of Second Publication
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • Minutes 4.2.2025

CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025
6:35 p.m.

- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 at 6:35 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohmman, Haugland, Garringer, Carter, Custer, and O'Rourke. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, Casey Jarmes, Cassie O'Rourke, and Brian Hanna.

- Carter, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Waiting on contractor to clean and camera the sewer line in regards to the Washington Street project.

- Cassie O'Rourke addressed the council and spoke about this year's Fun Days. She requested \$6100 in financial assistance to help with fireworks and a Friday event. O'Rourke, seconded by Carter, made a motion to donate \$6100 to Fun Days. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Carter, seconded by Custer, made a motion to set the FY26

Budget Adoption Public Hearing date for April 21st at 6:30pm. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to open the FY25 Budget Amendment Public Hearing. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- No one in attendance commented.

- Haugland, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to close the FY25 Budget Amendment Public Hearing. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Custer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04: FY25 Budget Amendment. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to pay \$5000 to the Iowa County Economic Development Committee. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Carter, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve the Iowa

County Sheriff's Office 28E Agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Heyne discussed using the PINE fund, originally for the Veteran's Memorial project, for other city projects as well. Council agreed.

- Heyne shared information on upcoming/ ongoing issues at park areas shared with the high school. Several invoices are forthcoming.

- Strohmman indicated the parking situation near the doctor's office is becoming an issue as several complaints have been received, and would like to see this changed to 'No Parking.' Will discuss in May.

- Property Reports: Strohmman indicated we have sent out approximately 6 clean-up letters in the past week. He will follow up with them.

- City Services:

- Knipfer reported issues with water heaters at Shop and City Hall. Approximate cost will be \$750.
- Heyne reported a conflict with the May 7 meeting time as the EV Highschool Baccalaureate is also that evening. She asked the council to consider moving the meeting time ahead in the evening. Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to move the meeting time of the May 7 meeting to 5:00 pm. Motion carried with roll call vote as

follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve March 6th Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, abstain; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, abstain.

- Haugland, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Custer, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve April 2025 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$130,267.52) plus \$1967.10 (cyber security invoice rec'd) plus any additional regular bills received after the meeting due to the early date. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Utility Report was shared.

- Public Comments: Jarmes asked for the Iowa County Sheriff's Office 28E Agreement amount. Cassie O'Rourke commented that parking by the doctor's office is an issue.

- Council Communications: None

- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041528

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN 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, GRANTEEES, 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 Sigourney • Proposed Budget

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

City of: SIGOURNEY

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall Meeting Date: 4/16/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 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		16.01045		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is		3.00375		
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) 622-3080		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Ashley Fry		
	Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1 1,119,814	1,136,859	1,031,499	
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0	
Net Current Property Taxes				
	3 1,119,814	1,136,859	1,031,499	
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0	
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	717	
Other City Taxes	6 307,072	308,898	339,720	
Licenses & Permits	7 9,525	9,550	9,098	
Use of Money and Property	8 95,860	91,360	127,692	
Intergovernmental	9 325,600	495,518	528,801	
Charges for Fees & Service	10 1,494,000	1,436,300	1,335,221	
Special Assessments	11 106,360	103,360	100,995	
Miscellaneous	12 144,440	152,890	190,673	
Other Financing Sources	13 0	0	539,930	
Transfers In	14 692,000	654,000	597,435	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 4,294,671	4,388,735	4,801,781	
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16 683,150	687,500	344,804	
Public Works	17 811,425	802,325	463,220	
Health and Social Services	18 0	0	0	
Culture and Recreation	19 501,610	496,132	348,267	
Community and Economic Development	20 187,000	288,184	127,974	
General Government	21 474,533	467,183	363,475	
Debt Service	22 316,000	323,000	303,506	
Capital Projects	23 55,000	55,000	398,643	
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 3,028,718	3,119,324	2,349,889	
Business Type / Enterprises	25 2,402,865	2,484,100	1,969,000	
Total ALL Expenditures	26 5,431,583	5,603,424	4,318,889	
Transfers Out	27 692,000	654,000	597,435	
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 6,123,583	6,257,424	4,916,324	
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 -1,828,912	-1,868,689	-114,543	
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 4,404,188	6,272,877	6,387,420	
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 2,575,276	4,404,188	6,272,877	

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 3.24.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS MARCH 24, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Monday, March 24, 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 minutes of March 17, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.

Public hearing for proposed property tax levy for FY2026 was held. Also present were Gary Waechter; Pie Reighard, Conservation Director; Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS; and Andy McGuire, County Engineer. No comments were voiced by those in attendance. Bates noted the county is responsible for the total cost of the mailing that includes information on behalf of the cities and schools as well. Wood moved, Weber seconded to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. All ayes and motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session,

Monday, March 24, 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 17, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: discussion was shared regarding the 2-day County Engineer strategic planning meeting held at the ISAC office in Des Moines, Iowa last week.

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval to set April 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse for the public hearing to vacate a portion of the existing right of way on County Road V45 (200th Avenue) located in Section 15, Township 76N, Range 12W. All ayes and motion carried. The county does not

maintain the portion of right-of-way east of the creek area and will not affect traffic.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to set FY 2025-2026 Keokuk County budget public hearing for April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended two Community Facility Advisory Committee meetings and the Farm Bureau meeting last week. Weber attended the Farm Bureau meeting and shared Regional Director Jones comment that of the seventeen counties in Southeast Iowa, Keokuk County has the most efficient budget. Hadley attended 911, Semco and RHTF meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Assessor Sanders informed the assessment notices for 2025, payable 2026-2027 will be sent out on or by April 1, 2025. Residential and commercial properties are up 15-20%. Derek Kitzman shared interest in

continuation of mowing the Public Health/EOC property. Board consensus approved request.

Met with Paul Horak, insurance representative, regarding review of Keokuk County insurance was held. Paul reminded Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) is a self-insurance pool that is owned by its members. Paul summarized each category of insurance and historical use and annual premiums for a three-year span. Also addressed was public official insurance and bonding.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

Approved _____
Disapproved _____
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber
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English Valleys Bearometer

April 9, 2025

www.facebook.com/Bearometer

Issue: XXXI- Student Recognition Issue

English Valleys Elementary Students of the Month



Bryson Clubb



Korah Collins



Cailin Henderson



Novak Clark



Henry Keeney



Tayem Geiger



Walker Lee



Kale Walker



Ruben Servin Tillery



Jax Bender



Claire Snakenberg



Laiah Zuniga



Skylar Scott



Karlee Frazier



Bella Kemper



Cooper Hohenshell



English Valleys Secondary Students of the Month



Lyla Smothers



Channing Stratton



Kaden O'Dell



Daige Sabin



Mallory Koehn



Peitlyn Claypool



Elijah Wedgewood



Brodey Flander



Bailee Brendlinger



Ellie McCullough



Allie Morrison



Olivia Annis



Temperance Huber



Jolie Voss

Mr. Ling is inducted into the IHSADA Hall of Fame

Alan Ling graduated from Sheldon High School in 1987 from the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in Physical Education and Mathematics in 1992 and from Drake University with a Masters in Education and Administration in 2010. He was hired in 1992 as a Physical Education/Math teacher at English Valleys High School. In 2002, he took on the Athletic Director duties and held that position until resigning that position in 2023. Alan is proud to say that his entire career in education has been spent at the English Valleys Community School District.



Throughout his time at English Valleys, Alan coached several sports ranging from high school football, wrestling, and cross country to junior high boys track, boys basketball, and football. Alan considered himself a boot on the ground AD, lining a field, occasionally running clocks, and doing anything else that needed to be done to make all aspects of the events successful. He is extremely proud of the facilities upgrades that English Valleys has made during his time as Athletic Director to support their athletic teams and fine arts.

Alan was selected as the Southeast District Athletic Director of the Year in 2022. For many years, he also served as a scorer/timer at the Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament. Additionally, Alan was selected as the 2024 Southeast Region Track Starter of the Year.

Alan's most fond memories of being the AD were the relationships built with his conference AD colleagues, coaches, officials, athletes. Staff, and community members. He has been married going on 32 years to his wife, Sarah. They have a son, Justin, and his wife Erin, a daughter, Abby, and a son, Ben.

Upcoming Activities

April 10:

B/G Golf @BGM 4:15

April 13:

FFA State Convention

April 11:

Boys Golf Tournament @ Keota 1:00
JH Track @ North Mahaska 4:00

April 14:

FFA State Convention
B/G Golf @ HLV 4:15
Boys Track @ East Marshall 4:00
Girls Track @ Iowa Valley 4:00

April 12:

Boys Track @Iowa City West 10:30

April 15:

FFA State Convention
B/G Home Golf vs. BP & Monte 4:15
JH Track @BGM 4:15



THE EAGLE'S WING

Issue No. 20

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



Senior Spotlight

WYATT DONALD

Wyatt Donald is this week's senior spotlight. Wyatt is the son of Kirk and Colleen Donald. Kirk Donald works with heavy machinery at Case IH, while Colleen Donald is the guidance counselor at Keota High School. Wyatt has three siblings: Seth Donald, 20 years old, Jenna Carr, 30 years old, and Jill Kline, 29 years old. Wyatt has participated in many different activities during his time at Keota, some of which include 4H, computer club, student council, National Honors Society, Principal's Advisory, and yearbook. Wyatt says his favorite high school tradition is tug of war in Eagle Olympics. He says it is a lot of fun for the entire class and everybody tries to defeat the other classes. Wyatt's favorite classes were programming classes with Mrs. Conrad because it helped him prepare for coding club. Wyatt's biggest pet peeve is when people judge others because they are visually different from the norm. Participating in the coding club for the first year at Indian Hills was Wyatt's favorite high school memory. Wyatt says, "I enjoyed seeing all that hard work massively pay off; it was an incredible feeling."



Wyatt would like to be remembered as someone who was approachable and accepting of people different from himself. Three words Wyatt would describe himself as are genuine because he pursues what he wants and is friends with who he wants regardless of what other people think, thoughtful because he considers information at a deep level before forming an opinion and he also considers how different things affect different groups of people, and finally humble because he is mindful of where he stands in many things and ensures that he does not inflate his ego regardless of his strengths. Some advice Wyatt would give to future seniors would be "Be who you are, not who others want you to be."

When Wyatt graduates, the thing he will miss the most is the teachers he developed personal and friendly relationships with. Wyatt's childhood dream was to become an actor. After high school, Wyatt plans to attend UNI for a degree in computer science. As for Wyatt's future plans, Wyatt would like to have a stable job in programming, which is a goal he will reach by finding an internship while in college. We hope Wyatt has an amazing rest of the school year and wish him luck in every single one of his future endeavors.



By: Luke Moeller

SK SOCCER SCRIMMAGE

The Sigourney Keota soccer team faced off against the Williamsburg Raiders Thursday night. They faced off against each other in Williamsburg, where Sigourney Keota soccer team came up on the wrong side losing six to nothing. This was just a scrimmage game and did not count against their record. "It was a good measuring stick game," says Keota Junior Chase Haifley. They had improved from last year, as the Raiders had beat Sigourney Keota by eleven last year, and this year it was only six. Keota junior Dakota Dodd says that "the team showed much improvement from last year." The team will travel to Wayland on Monday and face the Waco Warriors in a match. The soccer team is looking forward to a great season. They expect to show a lot of improvement this year as they had graduated no seniors last year. We look forward to seeing the SK soccer team and wish them a great season.



By: Garrett Greiner

ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

This week's elementary spotlight is Darin Redlinger. His teacher is Mrs. Lathrop, and he is in kindergarten. Darin's favorite class is free play and reading. Darin, who is 6, has three siblings: Jaylah (10th), Dacin (8th), and Daxton (6th). Darin has a cat named Cupcake and around 20 chickens. In his free time he likes to play with legos. Darin's favorite colors are the primary colors, which are red, yellow, and blue. When Darin grows up he would like to be a farmer. We wish Darin a great rest of the school year!

By: Olivia Lyle



KEOTA STATE SCIENCE FAIR

This year Reese Conrad and Gavin Sieren competed at the State Science and Technology Fair at Ames last Thursday and Friday. This year it was a two day fair at the Hilton Coliseum. Their project is called "Migration Viability of Reared vs Wild Danaus plexippus- Phase II". This is a continuation of last year's project. This project is about determining if lab raised butterflies can migrate to Mexico. The first day was agriscience fair and special awards where Reese and Gain won a thousand dollar scholarship for Loras College. They also had an opportunity to tour the microbiology program at the ISU campus. The second day was a general competition, with awards at the end of the day. When asked what his favorite part of the competition was, junior Gavin Sieren stated, "It is always fun to network with other students and teachers at the fair and to learn about all of their cool projects."



By: Kennedy Jackson

EVENTS

9 School Board Mtg -
Elem. Lib. - 6:00 PM
10 Golf @ North
Mahaska - 4:15 PM
10 (B) Track @ Pekin -
4:30 PM
10 JH & HS Parent/
Teacher Conferences -
4:15-8:15 PM
11 Keota (B) Golf
Invitational @ Lagos Acres
- 1:00 PM
11 JH Track @ North
Mahaska - 4:15 PM
11 S/K Soccer vs
Central Lee @ Sig. - 5:00
PM
13-15 FFA State
Leadership Conference
(Leave Sun. @ 3:00 PM/
Return Tues. @ 7:00 PM)
14 Golf @ Montezuma -
4:15 PM
14 JH Track @ Pekin -
4:15 PM
14 Track @ Lone Tree -
4:30 PM
15 Student Council Mtg
- Zoom Rm - 11:20 AM
16 NHS "Officers" 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
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are you doing for Easter?

MR. WEEKS
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"Celebrate with family"

MISON MILAM
12TH



"Family gathering"

DAVID SHERMAN
11TH



"Celebrate with family"

AYDEN GALINDO
10TH



"Celebrate with family"

TYSON OSWEILER
9TH



"Practice wiffle ball"

EMMA GREINER
8TH



"Hang out with family"

JOCELYN GREINER
7TH



"Go see my mom"

Farmers and Ranchers Will Bear the Brunt of a Global Trade War

"American family farmers and ranchers will bear the brunt of this global trade war."

By: National Farmers Union

WASHINGTON — National Farmers Union (NFU) President Rob Larew released the following statement today on April 2, 2025 after the White House reciprocal tariff announcement.

"One thing is certain: American family farmers and ranchers will bear the brunt of this global trade war. The economic strain and uncertainty that farmers face have reached a breaking point. Without meaningful support and a commitment to fair trade policies, we will lose even more family farms, weaken rural economies, and ultimately drive up costs and limit choices for consumers at the grocery store.

"Farmers Union has always fought for fair trading relationships with other countries. We rely on stable markets and fair competition to thrive, but the administration's actions today create instability at the expense of our

family farmers.

"Policymakers must recognize that the consequences of these decisions extend far beyond the farm—our entire food system and the communities it sustains are at stake.

"Farmers Union members came together at our national convention to share their collective concerns and urge the administration and Congress to de-escalate trade tensions. Our trade policy must support the needs of family farmers and ranchers, not put them at further risk."

President Trump announced on Wednesday a new 10% across-the-board tariff in addition to reciprocal duties that will apply to specific trade partners, including China, the European Union, India, Japan and South Korea. This is in addition to the tariffs currently in place on Mexico and Canada.

In anticipation of the announcement, NFU and 17 other agricultural organizations sent a letter to the administration on Tuesday urging a trade approach that strengthens American agriculture rather than destabilizing it.

Farm Wife Approved

Recipes handed down from generation to generation.

Hamburgers with Stilton Cheese, Caramelized Shallots, and Mushrooms

Courtesy of Lines+Angles

Expand your burger skills this barbecue season. Hamburgers are a staple of backyard barbecues. When summer arrives, few foods embody the laid-back vibe of the season better than grilled hamburgers. There's nothing wrong with a traditional approach to hamburgers, but going the extra mile and augmenting the flavor with some special ingredients can make these beloved summertime staples even more popular. If that's your goal, then consider this recipe. Makes 4 servings:

- Ingredients:
- For caramelized shallots: 2 tablespoons butter 2 tablespoons olive oil 1-1/2 lbs. fresh shallots, peeled and sliced Salt, to taste 1 tablespoon sugar
 - For mushrooms: 2 tablespoons butter 1 tablespoon olive oil 1/2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar 1 clove of garlic, minced 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
 - For hamburgers: 1-1/2 lbs. ground sirloin, chuck or round Coarse salt, to taste Freshly ground black pepper, to taste 4 slices Stilton cheese 4 hamburger rolls or sandwich rolls 1 tablespoon melted butter Lettuce leaves
 - Directions: For caramelized shallots: Melt butter with olive oil in

a thick-bottomed pan until the oil is shimmering. Add the sliced shallots and stir to coat. Cook, stirring on occasion, for 7 to 10 minutes. Do not let the shallots burn or dry out. Sprinkle the salt and sugar over the shallots. Cook for about 30 minutes, stirring frequently. If shallots seem to be drying out, add a little water or oil to the pan. Shallots should be brown but not burned. Continue to cook and stir; scrape up all the browned bits stuck to the bottom of the pan, until the shallots are a deep, rich, browned color.

For mushrooms: Melt butter with oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in balsamic vinegar, garlic and mushrooms. Sauté for 20 minutes, or until tender.

For hamburgers: Moisten your clean hands with cold water and divide the ground beef into 4 equal portions. Form into a flattened ball. Season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate until ready to cook. Prepare the grill and preheat to high. Brush the grill grate with oil. Place the prepared burgers on the hot grill grate. Grill for 5 to 7 minutes per side for medium, or until an instant-read thermometer inserted through the side of the burger into the center reaches 160°F. Brush the rolls with melted butter and toast them on the grill for about 45 seconds. Assemble the burgers with lettuce leaves, Stilton cheese, caramelized shallots, and mushrooms. Serve.

April 2025 is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month

WASHINGTON, April 2, 2025—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated April 2025 as Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month. This year's campaign spotlights how citizen-driven, cost-efficient strategies can protect one of our Nation's most valuable assets: healthy, abundant crops.

Invasive pests are sneaky and can hitch a ride unseen on everyday items, from outdoor gear and vehicles to agricultural products bought online from overseas. Their rapid spread disrupts local ecosystems and threatens crop productivity and the economic strength of our farming communities.

"Agriculture is the cornerstone of our national prosperity, and every American plays a vital role in its protection" said Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins. "When we work together, whether by cleaning outdoor gear, or staying informed about invasive threats—we are investing in the health and abundance of our crops and the future of our food system."

This year's campaign highlights four ways you can make a difference:

Stay informed: Learn about local quarantines by visiting



By following USDA's six easy tips, you can help protect your plants, trees and crops from invasive pests.

your State department of agriculture's website. Learn about what you can do to help by visiting HungryPests.com and clicking on "What You Can Do." You can help USDA lower food costs by complying with local and federal agricultural regulations.

Inspect and Clean: Before traveling, check your vehicle, and any outdoor furniture or gear you may be traveling with for signs of invasive pests. Clean your car and outdoor patio furniture regularly to help reduce invasive pest populations and reduce their spread.

Source Domestically and Shop Smart: Wood can

spread tree-killing beetles. Avoid moving untreated firewood to new places. To be safe, use locally sourced wood or buy certified, heat-treated firewood. When purchasing agricultural products online, verify the product's origin and follow import regulations to help protect American plants and our food supply.

If you don't know where an agricultural product is coming from, don't buy it online. U.S. regulations apply to the importer—meaning the person purchasing and importing the product—not the online merchant. Buy the item domestically or learn how to safely and legally import

plants, seeds and other agricultural products before purchasing them online. Also, avoid mailing homegrown plants, fruits, and vegetables, which can also spread invasive pests to new areas.

Report and Declare: If you notice unusual signs of pest activity—whether in your garden, on your outdoor gear, or in your community—report them to your local Extension office, state department of agriculture or your USDA State Plant Health Director's office. Visit your local state department of agriculture's website to learn about quarantines in your area.

It's also essential to declare all agricultural items, including seeds, soil, and handicrafts to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials for inspection when returning from overseas travel. Declaring these items protects U.S. resources and it's required by law.

Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter and follow #IPPDAM on social media. To learn more about invasive plant pests and diseases in your area and how to stop them, visit HungryPests.com.

Food Safety Course Educates on Fruit and Vegetable Production

The course offered this spring and summer provides best practices for gardeners and produce farmers

By: Andre Salazar

AMES — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a fruit and vegetable production safety course at Reiman Gardens this spring and summer.

The same afternoon course will be offered at Reiman Gardens in Ames on April 12, May 10, June 14, July 19 and Aug. 9, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The course is complimentary with admission to Reiman Gardens, and registration is not required.

Fruit and vegetable production can pose potential public health hazards if contaminated with disease-causing microorganisms. Understanding these risks is essential to ensuring produce is safe for consumption, from farm to table. Course topics include:

Identifying sources of microbiological contamination

Safely harvesting and handling fruits and vegetables

Understanding actions to mitigate consumer safety hazards

"The course is designed to be easily understood by beginning gardeners while offering enough details to benefit experienced commercial growers," stated Andre Salazar, extension education specialist in food safety with ISU Extension and Outreach.

This collaboration with Reiman Gardens equips participants with the knowledge to provide safe produce to their families and/or communities.

For more information, con-

tact ISU Extension and Outreach Safe Produce program at Iowafisma@iastate.edu or 515-294-2552 or Reiman Gardens at reimangardens@iastate.edu or 515-294-2710.

This event is brought to you by the ISU Extension and Outreach Safe Produce program and Reiman Gar-

dens. The Safe Produce program provides science-based research knowledge in food safety and good agricultural practices to educate and assist people with standards for growing, harvesting, packing and holding fruits and vegetables safe for human consumption.



Tomatoes in the garden

Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins says USDA plans to assist farmers with tariff backlash

Top U.S. ag official makes several Iowa stops

By: Robin Opsahl

COLFAX— As U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins toured Iowa agricultural facilities Monday, she said the U.S. Department of Agriculture is prepared to support farmers while tariffs go into place.

President Donald Trump announced plans Sunday to impose "reciprocal tariffs" on countries that have their own tariffs set on U.S. products, set to officially roll out April 2. While earlier statements from members of the Trump administration said the tariffs focus on 10 to 15 countries with large trade imbalances, the president said Sunday the tariffs will encompass all countries that charge fees for U.S. exports. Iowans in agriculture have

expressed concerns about Trump's original plan — later delayed — to enact 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada. Some farmers said the move could hurt Iowa, as the state's pork and corn industries are heavily tied to the countries. A spokesperson for the White House has confirmed that the tariffs will not contain exemptions for farmers.

Speaking with reporters at Beck's Hybrids, a retail seed company in Colfax, Rollins tried to assuage concerns about the tariffs' impact on agriculture. She said the Trump administration and USDA plan to aid farmers from potential economic fallout using similar strategies as in 2018, when a U.S.-China trade war during Trump's first term led to an estimated \$27 billion in U.S. agricultural export losses.

"Hopefully our farmers and our ag community won't

be hurt by — at least in the short term — by these decisions," Rollins said. "But if they are, the president's commitment is the same today as it was five or six years ago. And we at USDA and our partners across Congress and in Washington will work around the clock to ensure that we have the programs in place to do what we did the last time with the (Commodity Credit Corporation), and we fully expect to do the same this time, but to be determined based on what happens in the next weeks and month."

The USDA provided farmers more than \$23 billion in federal subsidies during Trump's first term to help offset the economic impacts of tariffs. While Rollins said at an earlier stop in Waukee that "we don't have quite the funds we had back then," according to the Des Moines Register, she also said there was other work being done by the Trump administration to expand U.S. agriculture's international market presence.

U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, who joined Rollins alongside Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig in Colfax, said she and other Iowa officials were "very

pleased" by Rollins' commitment to go on trade missions in coming months.

"We have not seen that the past four years," Miller-Meeks said, comparing Rollins' approach to efforts under the Biden administration. "Six countries and six months, I think it is — because we know we need to open up more markets."

Rollins plans to visit Vietnam, Japan, India, Peru, Brazil, and the United Kingdom in 2025.

While the agriculture secretary said tariffs are one part of Trump's "tool kit to realign the American economy," another component was the reduction in force happening across the federal government — including roughly 6,000 at the USDA. Rollins said she supported the effort as a way to make government more efficient and put more economic focus on "expanding the private sector, on lifting up free enterprise, on reshoring American jobs."

"The vision isn't that we're putting a lot of people out of work," Rollins said. "The vision is that we're realigning our entire economy, where the private sector and free enterprise is driving those jobs, rather than bigger and bigger government."

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, center, joined by U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, left, and Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, answered questions from reporters after a roundtable at Beck's Hybrids in Colfax March 31, 2025. (Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)