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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 NUMBER 20, 164<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

## Community

#### Delta Sesquicentennial Meeting

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

#### The Delta Alumni **Banquet**

Saturday, June 7, Social Hour will

begin at 3:30 p.m. Meal served at 5:30 p.m. Honored Class: Class of 1955.

Reservations call June Rice at 641-624-2077.

#### Sigourney **American Legion Post #19**

Meets 7:00 p.m., Third Tuesday of every month at Memorial Hall

#### Keswick **American Legion** Post #319

Meets Monthly @ 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month

At the Keswick American Legion Post

#### Sit 'N' Stitch

At Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota

Thursday 3rd Saturday of Each Month

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### All are welcome **Richland Public**

Library Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday: 2:30-6:00 Friday: Noon-5:00 Saturday: 10:00-1:00 Thursdays 3 p.m. Lego & Games, all ages invited

Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call 319-456-6541

#### **Wilson Memorial** Library

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

#### **Sigourney Public** Library

Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 6

## v Graduation











## Sigourney Pizza Ranch Closes Down

#### By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOUNREY - On May 6, John and Denise Mohr, own- this community. ers of the Sigourney Pizza Ranch, announced that the restaurant would be closing, after 27 years of operation. The Mohrs opened the franchise location in September, 1997, and the buffet had been a community staple ever since. In November, 2007, the restaurant was destroyed by a devastating fire; it was rebuilt the following year.

In a public statement about the closing, the Mohrs wrote "This community has been our home and it has been our greatest honor to serve you and the surrounding communities for 27 ½ years. We've been proud to be more than just a restaurant. From donating pizzas to school events and fundraisers, donating to our church and non-profit organizations,, giving back during the Holidays, to taking our crew on

Adventureland trips - we've done our best to serve Coming back after a devastating fire reminded us of the strength and support that surrounds this town. As this chapter comes to a close, we're forever grateful - for the memories, the relationships, and the chance to serve Sigourney."

The Mohrs did not respond to requests for comment about what led the Sigourney Pizza Ranch to close. The couple, who also own franchises in Washington, Mt. Pleasant & Burlington, plan to list the property for



## **Keota Superintendent Resigns; Board Approves Settlement**



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By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA - During the May 8 meeting of the Keota School Board, the board accepted the resignation of Superintendent and High School Principal Lisa Brenneman. The board also approved a settlement agreement, the details of which are confidential. Both Brenneman and Board President Billie Kindred, when asked for comment, stated they couldn't say anything specific about what had happened, due to the settlement, other than that the decision was mutual.

In a statement sent to the News-Review, Brenneman

"My resignation stemmed from ongoing issues between the Board and myself, and we decided mutually to part ways. There wasn't an incident of any kind that happened to cause all of this, our relationship just gradually broke down over time. We accomplished in two years what I had set out to do in four years, so I am proud of the District for many reasons. I have worked with students for 32 years and I am going to miss them the most, along with my work family. I have no plans for the future at this time, but I'm going to enjoy a break and see where life takes me."

Several teachers who the News-Review spoke to off the record after the meeting said that they had no idea what led to Brenneman's resignation. One teacher, high school math teacher Kaitlyn Kaplan, spoke out during the public comment time at the start of the meeting. She explained that she had resigned last month, to take a job closer to her family in Victor. Kaplan thanked Brenneman for the work she had done, stating she was the reason she had stayed at Keota during the last two years.

"I knew as a parent she valued education, respect, responsibility and accountability," said Kaplan. "She valued the people in our building, who taught her son. She supported the teachers in the building who had high expectations. She was going to value the members that are still here, as we continued those aspects in our classrooms. And for the staff members that our previous administration has hired, most of them, not all of them, but most of them never knew accountability, responsibility, and even professionalism, for that matter. For the people who don't like our current administration, it is because they don't want to live up to these three expectations, of high aspects in our teaching building. They would rather bring boxes to build box forts. They would rather braid kids' hair, work on their masters papers, or watch Netflix all day long, and I think that's a shame. Instead of teaching our actual students, they are complaining about having to do their job.

Kaplan went on to thank her students, stating she felt bad about abandoning them, which made it hard to leave, and parents, for caring more about academics than extracurriculars. Then, Kaplan addressed the board, thanking them for making the decision to leave Keota easier.



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## **Keota City Administrator Resigns**

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – During the May 6 meeting of the Keota City Council, City Administrator Alycia Horras publicly announced her resignation. Horras plans to take an HR Payroll job at L.L. Pelling in North Liberty, which will allow her to move closer to her family. Horras's last day will be May 16.

"I appreciate the opportunity and the comradery for the last two years, and I wish Keota all the best as they continue with their mission," said Horras.

The council approved posting ads for the now open city clerk position. The council also gave assistant clerk Kristen Clarke authority to sign checks. Mayor Tony Cansler stated that he hated to see Horras go and that she had done a heck of a job, bringing in a lot of money through grants and changing how the city is run. He stated that they were struggling when Horras was first hired two years ago and that she had made the

city stronger.
"I've loved the position itself and what I did here. I'm proud of the work we've done in the past two years," said Horras.

Also at the Monday meeting, Cansler discussed another dog attack which occurred one day before the meeting, where a pit bull seriously injured another dog. Cansler issued fines for Ownership of a Banned Breed and Dog Displaying Vicious Behavior, both first offenses, totalling \$1,500 in fines. Cansler also ordered that the dog be surrendered to authorities so it may be euthanized. He stated that they have to be consistent and will handle the next dog attack in the same way.

'The last two incidents, another dog was attacked. At some point, it's going to be a child. It's going to be a person, and we can't have that," said Cansler.

During public comment, one woman stated she was sick of her neighbor not managing their yard, which has overgrown grass and is full of dandelions. She stated that the long grass is full of snakes, which petrify her. Councilman Heath McDonald stated that he had sent a letter to the property owner, giving them until the then upcoming Friday to mow their lawn, or else the city would mow it for them and bill \$200. He stated that, by law, the city has to wait a certain amount of days before going in and mowing.

Public Works Director Micah Harmsen stated that a few citizens had asked him why their roads weren't getting done and stated that the order roads are repaired is dependent on how much traffic roads receive and how many houses are on each street. He stated he would like to do more, but that the budget doesn't allow as much road work as it used to, due to rising costs, and that the high traffic roads need to be repaired first.

The council approved a 50% reduction in water and sewer charges for the first year for the Keota Family Practice, a new medical clinic set to open this month.



## **Sigourney Council Receives Update On Pavilion Project**

By Casey Jarmes |

The News-Review SIGOURNEY – During the May 8 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the council spoke with Stuart Grossman of Kiwanis, who gave an update on the pavilion project. Grossman explained that Kiwanis had secured funds and selected a general contractor for the project, which will put up a pavilion in the southeast corner of the town square. He stated that the current plan is to begin construction on July 14, after the KCED car show, and complete construction by August 22, a day prior to the fountain festival. He explained that several changes had been made to the pavilion design, including: removing the cupola, due to its high \$10,000 price tag; repositioning the ramp from the side to the back staircase, so it will connect to the sidewalk; changing the foundation material, due to the extra labor and maintenance the original stone manufactured foundation would require; changing the construction supplier to a fabricator in Knoxville; and adjusting the railing slats from vertical to horizontal, which will give a better view and make the pavilion more open. Grossman stated that Kiwanis would like to stage construction materials in parking spots on Jefferson Street, between the east entrance of the courthouse and the southeast corner, during the construction process and put up a temporary six-foot fence around the perimeter. Grossman noted that, this month, the project had been going on for four years, stating that no one thought it would take so long, but that he was delighted it would be completed this summer. Sigourney Mayor Jimmy Morlan stated that the coun-

places at another meeting. The council spoke with Stacy Flynn of Legacy Insurance Group, who managed the city's Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) insurance from 2007 til 2016. Flynn explained that the rates and premiums for ICAP are not dependent on who the city's insurance agent is, meaning that, from a cost perspective, it doesn't matter who the city works with. She

cil will need to approve these changes and coordinate with

the county for the parking

ance., who currently manages the city's insurance, was recently bought by a national firm. She stated that premium money is not staying local anymore and requested that the council make a switch to her company.

Councilwoman Connie McLaughlin asked if they should ask other insurance companies in town for bids. Flynn stated that there would be no difference in premium costs. Councilman Gary Iosbaker stated he liked the idea of keeping money local. Councilman Adam Clark stated that it wouldn't cost the city more and that Flynn was familiar with the city's finances. The council approved switching the city's agent of

record to Stacy Flynn. City Clerk Ashley Fry noted the 5% increase to water and sewer surcharges, with water charges going from \$23.76 to \$24.95 and sewer charges going from \$29.57 to \$31.05. These changes were approved last year, where the council approved increasing rates by 10% that year and then by 5% yearly during each of the four following years. McLaughlin stated that she did not support this, because rates are already too high, and that she would have voted against it if she could. She stated she would have preferred for the water and wastewater committee to make a recommendation on rates for the council to vote on for this year, as they have done historically, and stated that the council wasn't all in favor of the increases

last year. Fry brought up a request to have the city sponsor a Community Safety Net Program, that would send booklets on what to do in the event of a fire out to families. The request asked the city to spend \$160 to sponsor sending booklets to ten families. Mc-Laughlin asked if this would open the city up to sponsoring other requests and Fry stated she believed it would. She stated she had asked the city's auditor about it but not heard back. Discussion was tabled so the council could get more information.

Clark gave a report on the recent public safety committee meeting, explaining that the committee decided to hire Design House to create a ticket book for the code enforcer. He stated that the committee

tion of city ordinances caused by Billy Claywell painting the first floor windows at 101 South Jefferson, something discussed during the April 2 council meeting. Clark stated that the hallway discussed at that meeting, which allegedly has rain damage from a leak in the neighboring building's roof, will be dealt with through a rental inspection before the building can be rented out. Clark stated that the committee had discussed possibly creating ordinances preventing the coverage of first floor windows on the square, but had not made a decision yet. He stated the city had received complaints about a residence with numerous dogs who bark nonstop, an issue that has continued after Code Enforcer Doug Glandon spoke with the owner, and that this has led to discussions of limiting the number of animals allowed at a residence. He asked out loud if it was humane to have four or more dogs living on a small property. Clark and Iosbaker mentioned that the city had been told by IEDA that they need to clean up parts of the city to receive

grants in the future. The council approved allowing the American Legion to put up flag poles at the soccer and flag football fields, paid for by the Legion. The council approved spending \$800 total to purchase chute blocker plates for two city lawnmowers, to fix the problem of grass blowing towards the pool, playground and pickleball court. The council approved submitting an insurance claim for 2023 hail damage to the city hall roof. The council approved hiring Alan Sellers as flag football director again. The council approved purchasing a six-foot soil conditioner skidloader attachment from H&M to be used for ground leveling. The council approved purchasing a second control system for the water softener at the water plant, which will cost \$47,000; this will allow the plant to keep running by switching to a backup system if the main system goes down, for example after being struck by lightning, instead of having to wait for several months to get things running again as the plant has in the past. Iosbaker noted that the new city

## **Keota Board Discusses Need For Test Score Growth**

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA - During the May 8 meeting of the Keota School Board, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge stated that Keota had finished up standardized testing for the year, with mostly good scores. The third graders scored 86 in English Language Arts and 91 in math, up from scores in the seventies and eighties last year. He explained that fourth graders scored 72 in ELA, but only 44 in math; Milledge stated there were pacing problems, partially due to the four-day schedule, meaning that some things didn't get covered,

and that the school was planning to work on the issue during PD time. Fifth graders scored 74 in ELA and 75 in math, as well as increasing 5.4% in science, and sixth graders scored 85 in ELA and 76 in math. He stated that he was anxious to see how the school's growth scores will look, because growth lagged last year and is a major part of school report cards, but noted that 70% of fourth graders and 100% of sixth graders grew in math this year.

Milledge stated that there would be a gala at Lagos Acres Country Club on May 22 to raise startup seed money for the Keokuk County Childcare Network, which hopes to make childcare in Keota possible. The board approved a new employee handbook, which revised rules for personal leave at the end of the school year, bereavement days, banking emergen-cy days, and brought back family passes to events for teachers who work more events. The board approved sharing agreements with Sigourney for transportation and human resources and with Washington for maintenance and a business manager. The board approved advertising the sale of a John Deere tractor and a Dodge pickup.



FRIDAY, MAY 30 • SATURDAY, MAY 31

The Sigourney News-Review invites you to join our

GARAGE SALE WEEKEND Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31

Place your ad at the News-Review office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or call 641-622-3110 to make an appointment Ad deadline - Wednesday, May 14 at Noon

Plan your garage sale for May 30 and May 31! We'll publish your ad on our "Garage Sale" page on Wednesday, May 28



• INCLUDES TWO FREE NUMBERED SIGNS FOR YOUR YARD! (Numbers assigned in the order of receipt)

120 East Washington, Sigourney or call us at 641-622-3110

\*ADS MUST BE PAID FOR BY 4 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

In the event of rain/snow, we will re-run the ad on June 4 and garage sale weekend will be June 6 & 7



**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025** Sale Time: 9:30 A.M. ~ Sigourney, IA

Located at Keoco Auction Company, 603 S. Warren St., Sigourney, IA

FROM THE JIMMY SPEARS ESTATE

TRACTORS: International 656 gas with narrow-front with canopy; JD 3020 diesel wide-front Syncro; Minneapolis Moline 2B wide-front gas; M Farmall; JD B; JD 620 narrow-front. Please note: These tractors have not ran for a few years. TRAILERS: Interstate 6x10 single axle enclosed trailer; Redi Haul skid loader bumper hitch trailer; (4) pick-up box

MISC EQUIPMENT: Minneapolis Moline corn sheller - dealer demo model; 3-bottom trip plow; seeder wagon; barge wagon; hay rack; galvanized barge wagon; Dane dump rake; 2-row planter; (2) AC small round balers; 2-fork bale mover; 8-ft. disc; 2-row sweet corn planter; 3-point cultivator; 3-point Selecta Lilt Roto Tiller; 2-bottom Dearborn plow;

MISC: Winpower PTO generator; horse drawn single plow; pony parade wagon; pony hayrack; 1000 gal. LP tank on wheels; log splitter; 400 Polaris Sportsman - does not run; (3) fuel barrels; heavy duty bumper for Dodge pickup; Crosly

TOOLS: Torch & Cart; band saw; older stick welder; Rockwood drill press; Archer Oil; Approx. 2 hay racks of misc. tools and small items.

### **CONSIGNMENTS FROM OTHERS**

McCulloch electric chipper/shredder; ground-driven manure spreader; Brady field cultivator; 1990 Aluminum 7x24 stock trailer; 10-ft. disc; 2008 Ferris Model 2000 zero-turn mower with 52-inch deck; 150-gallon poly water tank; poly feed bunk for sheep; small wood feed bunk for sheep; cattle panels; wood lambing pens; (9) 16-ft. Gates; (6) 12-ft. Gates; (1) 8-ft. Gate; (4) 10-ft. Gates; (1) 12-ft. Galvanized Hog Gate; (1) 4-ft. Galvanized Walk-Thru Gate; (1) 14-ft. Galvanized Cattle Gate; steel T-posts; Sun Joe electric pressure washer; push lawn mower; Hedgehog hedge trimmer; Craftsman scroll saw; Pro-Tech table saw; Montgomery Ward snow blower; Pro-Tech 10-inch miter saw; shovels, rakes, pitch forks; Approx. 2 hayracks of misc. items and misc. tools.

TERMS: Cash or good check w/ I.D. Official Identification required to receive a bid number. All items must be paid for in full before removing them from property. Not responsible for accidents or in case of theft. Announcements day of sale take precedence over all printed material. List subject to change.



**Abell Auction** 641-660-8048 Justin Abell, Owner & Auctioneer 641-622-3535 Becky Abell @ Keoco Auction Company Website: www.abellauction.com

4-H-Senior-Feature

Parents/Family: Suzanne and Joel Black, Lexi Brandon,

**4-H Activities:** I have been a mentor for the goat project for

the last four years. I have held an office position, been a camp

Special 4-H memory/highlight: All the friends I have made and watching all my hard work pay off. I also love the

"I learned responsibility, how to communicate, and that if

you want to accomplish something you have to work hard

for it. It means more when you can say, "I did that". Others

should join because it's a fun experience, you make great

Other Activities: I have been a member of EagleRock! For

Future plans: I plan to attend Kirkwood Community Col-

memories and have fun all while learning something."

lege to study Automotive Collision and Repair.

see and help the younger 4-H members when they need it.

counselor, and helped with Kids Day during the fair.

## Community CAL

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reading Summer Program (June):

Mondays 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pre-School

Tuesdays 4th/5th/6th Grade Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. 2nd/3rd Grade

1-2 p.m. Thursdays Kindergarten/1st Grade Fridays 12-1:30 p.m. Family Movie Matinee

#### **Hedrick Public** Library

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

#### **What Cheer Public** Library

Monday 12:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. -

Friday 12:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **Sigourney Kiwanis**

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

#### **Free Grace Recovery**

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E Broadway St. What Cheer. For: All Addictions: any hurt, habit or hang up. Come as you are.

provided. Childcare Everyone is welcome.

• story (no photos) runs for FREE

story with color photo-\$24

\* Some restrictions may apply.

• story with black and white photo- \$12

If the story is an invitation to a celebration

or request for cards, it must run as an ad.

freegrace.tv/recovery

#### **Old Keota Business**

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

#### **Keota Food Pantry**

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

#### Richland **Community Food** Bank

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

## City of Keota Public Meeting

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

#### **Keota School Board**

The Keota School Board meets the second Thursday of each month, typically at

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

#### **Keokuk County Historical Society**

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

#### **Keokuk County** Supervisors

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

#### Alcoholics **Anonymous** Sigourney

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

#### **Narcotics Anonymous-**Sigourney

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

#### Food Pantry-Sigourney

Food Pantry Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Call the Lord's Pantry at 641-224-2588 or contact a minister

**Keokuk County Public Health** 

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

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota**

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

**Austin Black** 

Hometown: Keota

School: Keota High School

4 years as well as Keota FFA.

4-H Club: Horse and Pony Club

Projects: Dog, Goat, Sheep, Horse

and Peyton Kleese

#### **Alzheimer's Support**

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

#### **Take Off Pounds** Sensibly

Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30

County Keokuk Extension Office, 641-777-

#### **Grief Share**

Share your story!

Contact us at

641-622-3110

info@sigourneynewsreview.com

120 E Washington St, Sigourney, IA 52591

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

### 4-H-Senior-Feature



Hometown: Keota Parents: Matt and Angie Greiner School: Keota High School

and County Council. Special 4-H memory/highlight: My special 4-H memo-

ry is going to the Pizza Ranch for my clubs annual March meeting. All of the members in my club enjoy this meeting, because of how much we get to socialize.

the opportunity to meet new people, discover interesting areas, and develop leadership skills. 4-H is a program that has something to offer for everyone; anyone can do anything. During my time in 4-H I have been able to be involved with my community and learn from my leaders. I strongly recom-

Cheerleading, Student Council, NHS, PAC, Speech, Plays, Musicals, Show Choir, DARE Role Model, CYM, FFA, and State Agriscience fair.

Future plans: I plan to attend Iowa State University to major in animal science.

## MENUS =

Births, Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries

### **English Valleys**

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Egg, and Cheese Bagel, Cereal w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo Flatbread, BBQ Rib Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Taco Salad w/ Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk Friday, May 16

Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Ham and Cheese Calzone, Mango Habanero Chicken Bites w/ Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Taco Salad w/ Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk Monday, May 19

Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Griddle, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Jalapeno Popper Grilled Cheese, Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Club Stacker, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk Tuesday, May 20

Breakfast: Breakfast Taco w/ Tater Tots, Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Tatchos w/ Cornbread, Hot Honey Garlic Chicken Bites w/ Garlic Toat w/ Seasoned Fries, Turkey Jack Sandwich, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk Wednesday, May 21

Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal w/ Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

### Sigourney

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Egg, Bacon and Cheese Bagel, Assorted Cereal w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo Flatbread, BBQ Rib Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar, Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk Friday May 16

Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Cerea w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice,

Lunch: Ham and Cheese Calzone, Mango Habanero Chicken Bites w/ Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fruies, Salad Bar w Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Fruit, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

Monday, May 19 Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Griddle, Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Jalepeno Popper Grilled Cheese, Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, May 20 Breakfast: Breakfast Taco, Cereal w/ Yogurt, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk

Tatchos Lunch: Cornbread, Hot Honey Garlic Chicken Bites w/ Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Cornbread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 21 Breakfast: Cheesy Ham and

Egg Casserole, Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll. Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit,

## **Goodwin Senior Dining Center**

### (Wellman)

Friday, May 16 Pork Rib Patty, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Rice Casserole, Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake

Monday, May 19 Chili Soup, Cheese Salad Sandwich, Fruit, Texas Sheet Cake

Wednesday, May 21 Ham Balls, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable, Raisin Sour

Cream Bar

#### Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Thursday, May 15 Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Chopped Green Salad, Mandarin Orange Cake

Friday, May 16 Pank Crusted Fish, Steamed Rice, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce. Raspberry Gelatin w/ Peaches, WW Bread

Monday, May 19 Turkey & Cheese on Wheat w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Three Bean

Salad, Chip, Fruited Gelatin Tuesday, May 20 Chicken & Noodles, Four Way Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin

Oranges, WW Bread Wednesday, May 21 Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Cauliflower Blend, Pineapple Tidbits, Wheat

## Keota

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Italian Pasta Bake, Green Pepper Strips, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Wheat Bread & Jelly, Sugar Cookie, Milk

Monday, May 19 Breakfast: Cook Choice Lunch: Pizza, Garden Spinach Salad, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Breadstick,

Tuesday, May 20 Breakfast: Cook Choice Lunch: Cook Choice Wednesday, May 21 Breakfast: Cook Choice Lunch: Cook Choice

## Pekin

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Cook's Choice, Fruit, Juice Lunch: Cook's Choice Friday, May 16 Breakfast: Cook's Choice, Fruit, Juice Lunch: No Lunch

### **Tri-County**

Thursday, May 15 Breakfast: Freezer Day Lunch: Pizza, Green Beans,

Strawberries Friday, May 16 Breakfast: Freezer Day Lunch: Cold Meat Sandwich, Carrots, Apple, Chips





Ava Greiner **4-H Club:** 76 Progressives

Projects: Sheep, Cattle, Goats, Photography, Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Entomology, Veterinary Science, Communications, Horticulture, and Family Consumer Science.

4-H Activities: Clover Kid Sheep and Clothing Mentor,

"4-H is an amazing program to be a part of. It has given me

mend joining 4H; I promise you won't regret it!" Other Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Golf,



## Professional Directory

#### **MEDICAL** SERVICES KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

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4. British thermal

unit 7. Afflict 8. Refrain from

harming 10. Galls

12. Leg bone 13. Rhine distributary

14. Řecipe measurement 16. Chap 17. Useful book 19. Mountain Time George

20. Snakelike fishes 11. Stony waste 21. Places where people live 25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to

26. Periodical 27. A type of sense 29. A way to get possession of 30. Everyone has

31. Body art 32. Mr. October 39. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician

41. Head movement 42. Jeweled headdress

43. VCR button 44. A way to change color 45. Basketball

move 46. Upright stone

48. Forest-dwelling monkey

49. Pulsate steadily 50. Negative 51. Sino-Soviet

bloc (abbr.) 52. Unit of work

**CLUES DOWN** 1. Island 2. Pittsburgh ballplayer 3. Chemical compound 4. Indicates densi-

ty of data (abbr.) 5. Mesas 6. Wild, longlegged sheep 8. Engine additive

9. "CSI" actor

matter 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone 15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis 18. Digraph

19. Married woman 20. Peripheral 22. Northern Italy 23. Klutz

24. Type of tree 27. Witnessed 28. Popular break-

fast food 29. \_\_ Mahal 31. BoSox legend Williams

32. Professional drivers 33. Atom or mole-

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## GUESS WE

I am a singer born on May 16, 1966 in Indiana. As a young girl, I dreamt of being a jockey, but the family business of singing ultimately had a bigger pull. I became one of the most successful pop artists in history with sales from my fifth album, which bears my first name.

Answer: Janet Jackson

## THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

## William Walker and the Filibuster War

By Casey Jarmes The News-Review

Manifest Destiny was a common ideology during the 19th-century, the semi-religious belief that white Americans had been chosen by God to conquer the American continents, bringing with them American values like democracy and slavery. Manifest Destiny was used for the justification for the annexation of Texas and the resulting Mexican-American War, in which the U.S. took control of 525,000 miles of territory, what now makes up the Southwestern United States. Of course, the ideals of Manifest Destiny were not exclusive to the government and inspired private citizens like William Walker to try their hands at conquest as well.

William Walker was born in Nashville in 1824. He began and subsequently abandoned careers as a doctor, lawyer and newspaper editor. In 1849, Walker moved to San Francisco, a city with a ballooning population due to the gold rush. There, he was involved in three duels, two of which ended with him being shot.

In 1853, five years after the end of the Mexican-American War, Walker travelled to Guaymas, a city in the Mexican state Sonora, and asked the Mexican government to give him land to build a buffer colony on the border, which he claimed would be used to protect Americans from Native American raids. The Mexican government turned him down, so Walker gathered up a group of 45 mercenaries and returned, plotting to conquer the sparsely populated border states of Sonora and Baja Cal-

Quickly, Walker and his men managed to seize control of La Paz, the capital of Baja California. Walker declared that the entire peninsula was now an independent nation, called the Republic of Lower California, with himself as its president.

Walker declared that this new country would have the same laws as Louisiana, where he had practiced law, which as a side-effect made slavery legal again in Baja California. Word of his apparent military successes got back to San Francisco, which led hundreds of new troops, many of them either inspired by Manifest Destiny or desiring to expand slavery, to head south and join Walker's army

What Walker was doing was called filibustering, a term which has had its meaning change over time. Traditionally, filibustering meant military expeditions in foreign lands carried out without permission of the government. Walker renamed his country to the Republic of Baja California and Sonora, despite not controlling any territory in Sonora. His ultimate plan was not to establish a real country, but to have it be annexed by the United States, similar to what had happened

Unfortunately for Walker, he was really incompetent at controlling territory. He was forced to move his headquarters twice, to avoid being crushed by the Mexican army. His men spent most of their time robbing local ranches, leading to clashes with civilians that Walker pretended were military victories to bolster support. Still, soldiers began deserting en masse. The crew of Walker's ship ditched him and sailed away with all of his supplies. Only a few months after taking La Paz, lacking supplies, facing an army he couldn't defeat, and suffering from the arid conditions, Walker and his remaining 35 soldiers retreated to California and surrendered to the

U.S. military. Walker was arrested because, as it turns out, launching a military invasion of a country your nation has signed a peace treaty with is extremely illegal. But, after only eight minutes of deliberation, the jury decided to acquit Walker. His exploits. written about in the newspapers back in the U.S., had turned Walker into a folk hero.

News of Walker's attempted conquest in Mexico found its way to Nicaragua, which was at the time locked into a civil war between the Legitimistas and Democráticos factions. The Democráticos leaders hired Walker to lead an army of mercenaries, then promptly died, leaving him in charge of their faction. Walker defeated the Legitimistas, seizing control of the country, then declared himself president. Walker's regime was recognized as legitimate by American President Franklin Pierce. Now in charge of his own

nation, Walker dedicated himself fiercely to his favorite hobby: racism. He reinstituted slavery, ordered that English be the official language of Nicaragua, begged white people from the American South to move to Nicaragua, and seized property from Nicaraguans to give to settlers. Walker began publishing a newspaper, El Nicaragüense, that made up a fake indigenous legend about a grey-eyed leader who would one day come and liberate Nicaragua from the Spanish. Walker played into the legends he made up, calling himself the Grey Eyed Man of Destiny. Back in the U.S., Walker's fame only grew, as playwrights wrote about his accomplishments and southerners fantasized about adding Nicaragua as a new slave state. Walker began planning to

conquer other Central American nations, something that the people of those nations took umbrage with. Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador united and went to war with Walker. Walker responded with brutality. When the Central American troops surrounded Granada, the then capital of Nicaragua, Walker's men burned the city to the ground to keep it from being captured. During the Second

Battle of Rivas, Walker threw corpses into water wells, contaminating the water supply and causing a cholera outbreak that spread to Costa Rica, killing nearly 10,000 civilians, a tenth of the country's popula-

During the same battle, Walker's forces holed up in a well defended stronghold. A young Costa Rican drummer, Juan Santamaría, famously asked his fellow soldiers to take care of his mother, then charged in, carrying a torch. Santamaría was repeatedly shot, but reached the stronghold before he died, lighting it ablaze and securing victory for the Costa Ricans. Santamaría is remembered in Costa Rica as a national hero, while Walker is remembered as an infamous monster.

Walker's downful, ironically, came when he made the mistake of interfering with another American's control over Nicaragua. At the time, the Panama Canal didn't exist, meaning the fastest way to get from one side of the Americas to another was by travelling from the Pacific up the San Juan River and across Lake Nicaragua, then taking a stagecoach to the Atlantic. This shipping lane was controlled by American ultrawealthy industrialist Cornelius Vanderbilt. During the Filibuster War, Walker had the bright idea to revoke Vanderbilt's company charter and seize his steamships. Vanderbilt responded by funding and arming the Central American army, which crushed Walker's forces.

In May, 1857, less than a year after declaring himself president, Walker was forced to surrender and return to the U.S. Six months later, Walker decided to help British filibusters conquer part of Honduras. He was quickly captured by the British Navy, who handed him over to the Honduran government, who executed him via firing squad.

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108 W 3rd St. Worship: Sunday at 9

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Church Michael Elrod, Pastor 203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick 641-653-4477

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Pastor Brandi Meyer 319-430-7299 Keswick United Methodist Church Service: 9:00 a.m. United Webster Church Methodist Worship service: 10:00

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### New Life Fellowship

Pastor John Stringfellow Hwy. 22 South, Keswick 319-738-3851

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www.newsharonag.org Pastor Shane Farnum Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids (PreK-

Full LifeYouth (7th-12th) Connection Groups Sunday:

9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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#### **New Sharon Harvest Community Church**

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208 South 3rd St Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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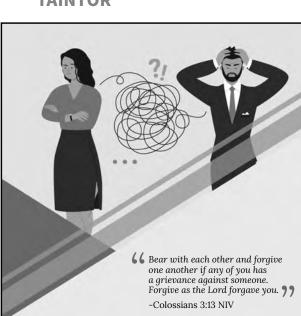
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## **Keokuk County 4-H Hosts First Annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser**

Community Support Helps Keep 4-H Free for Keokuk County Youth

SIGOURNEY – Keokuk County 4-H held its first-ever Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 14, 2025, serving over 200 meals in just three hours and raising crucial funds to support youth enrollment across the county.

The pasta dinner, hosted on Valentine's Day, was a heart-warming success thanks to the dedication of 45 volunteers—current 4-H members of all ages and caring adult supporters—who provided a full "restaurant-style" dining experience to guests from across the community.

"This was such a great new event for our 4-H program," said Ashley Yedlik, Keokuk County Youth Coordinator and one of the event organizers. "Not only did it help raise funds for our 4-H members' enrollment to help make our program free to all youth in the county, but it was also a way for our 4-H members to interact with community members! Youth got to practice their communication skills in a restaurant-style setting—serving as hosts,



Keokuk County Extension and Outreach staff members (from left to right) Kelly Albert, Ashley Yedlik, and Emily Belvel pose in front of the photo wall during Keokuk County 4-H's first annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on February 14, 2025. The event raised funds to keep 4-H enrollment free for youth across the county. With a "Better Together" theme, the evening brought the community together to support local youth and celebrate the impact of 4-H.

waitstaff, and even bussing tables—all while getting to talk to community members and share their gratefulness and 4-H experience."

The event was made possible by a tremendous outpouring of support from local sponsors, donors, and attendees. Keokuk County 4-H would like to extend special thanks to the following

supporters:

Celebration Rentals, Keokuk County Expo, Patriotic Panthers 4-H, Friends of 4-H, Rob & Tina Frank, Tri-County Grain Cooperation, BC Investments LLC, Exceptional Edge LLC, Libertyville Savings Bank, Cassie O'Rourke - Grimm Company Real Estate, Witthoft Farm Supply, Farm-

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"This event was a testament to what happens when a community comes together," added Yedlik. "We are incredibly grateful to every volunteer, donor, sponsor, and guest who made our first Valentine's Dinner such a memorable and impactful evening."

Funds raised will directly support Keokuk County 4-H enrollment efforts, ensuring continued accessibility of programs for all youth in the county—at no cost to families

For more information about joining 4-H, how to become a sponsor, or how to volunteer for Keokuk County 4-H, please contact the Keokuk County Extension Office at 641/622-2680. Follow "Iowa State University Extension: Keokuk County" on Facebook.



Members of the Keokuk County 4-H Youth Council volunteer at Meals from the Heartland in Des Moines on February 1, 2025. The team joined other volunteers in packaging meals to help combat food insecurity locally and globally, as part of an annual service project that reflects the 4-H commitment to hands-on community impact.

## Keokuk County 4-H Youth Council Volunteers with Meals from the Heartland

SIGOURNEY – Five members of the Keokuk County 4-H Youth Council, along with two Keokuk County Extension staff members, spent Saturday, February 1, volunteering at Meals from the Heartland in Des Moines. The group joined other volunteers in packaging meals to help combat food insecurity in Iowa and around the world.

Meals from the Heartland is a nonprofit organization based in West Des Moines that empowers volunteers to package nutritious meals for those in need. Since its founding in 2008, the organization has distributed over 250 million meals to families and children facing hunger

in Iowa, across the United States, and in more than 45 countries worldwide

"This annual service project is a meaningful way for our youth leaders to give back," said Keokuk County Youth Coordinator Ashley Yedlik. "It's hands-on, impactful, and reinforces the 4-H values of pledging our hands to larger service."

The Keokuk County 4-H Youth Council participates in this volunteer effort each year, emphasizing the importance of civic engagement and compassion. Through their service, these young leaders contribute to a global mission to alleviate hunger and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

## **Keota Students Receive Scholarships**

The Keota community has come through in a BIG way to show support for the Keota High School graduates and their educational endeavors. The Keota Education Foundation is in its 31st year of providing Keota High School seniors scholarships and was able to provide \$30,000 to the students of the 2025 graduating class. Scholarship money is provided through donations by community members, alumni, memorials, trusts, & endowments, and fundraisers.

This winter, a rather lengthy application form was distributed to any senior interested in applying. This year 8 seniors applied. Student names were separated from the pages of the applications and code numbers were applied. Separate committees anonymously evaluated different parts of the applications. The applicants were given point values for eight different areas: grade point and college preparatory classes, work experience, community involvement, school involvement, an essay on future goals and plans, years attending KHS, and a citizenship appraisal averaged from teacher evaluations. The numbers were then compiled, and dollar amounts were assigned according to the points the student received. Every year an effort is made to make this process fair, impartial, and

unbiased.

This year's recipients are as follows:

Three exclusively Keota Education Foundation Scholarships were to Madelynn Mc Donald, Niveah Gutierrez, and Owen Morris. Maddy is the daughter of Heath and Michelle McDonald and will be attending Indian Hills to study business. Niveah is the daughter of Tim and Beth Gutierrez and will also attend Indian Hills for EMT. Owen Morris, son of John Morris and Andrea Bennett, will go to Kirkwood for Auto Tech. They received \$800 - \$1200.

The first named scholarships, the **Travis J. Greiner Memorial Scholarships** for students entering the agricultural field, were established in 2021 by the Marvin J. & Deb Greiner family in memory of their son, Travis, a 2010 KHS graduate. These are \$1000 awards, with \$600 - \$3050 from the Foundation general fund added to reflect the recipients point total on their scored applications and went to Jace Chalupa, son of Nate and Anne, who will be attending Kirkwood; Ava Greiner, daughter of Matt and Angela, who will go to Iowa State; Brody Greiner, son of Brian and Shannon, starting out at Kirkwood; Issac Striegel, son of Dan and Andrea, going to Iowa State; and Jax Weber, son of Alan and Jennifer, who will attend Kirkwood.

The Jaynane Lillig Memorial Scholarships were established in 2013 from the estate of "Jayne" Lillig, a 1959 KHS graduate and former school

employee. These \$1500 scholarships were awarded to Billie Kindred, son of Billie and Shannon Kindred, and Alaina Swanson, daughter of Scott and Jenny Swanson. Billie will attend Central College and Lainey will attend PCI Academy. Billie was also awarded an extra \$100 from the Foundation.

The Helen McFadden Memorial Scholarship was established in 1990 by Jack McFadden in memory of his wife, Helen. This \$1600 scholarship went to Ashton Galindo. He is the son of Marcus Galindo and Megan Galindo. Ashton will study Auto Tech at Kirkwood.

The Edna Schreckengast Antes Memorial Scholar-

> SCHOLARSHIP pg. 8



## **Supervisors Discuss Pavilion Project**

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - During the May 12 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the board received an update from Stuart Grossman of Kiwanis about the pavilion project, which is set to begin construction on the square this summer. Grossman explained that of the \$215,000 budget for the project, Kiwanis had \$160,000 already in the bank, \$25,000 from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation that would be awarded soon, and \$8,000 that had been promised by people in the community but had not arrived yet. He stated that he was confident the rest of the funds would be donated soon and that Kiwanis members had agreed to donate the remaining funds as a zero interest loan if the project was still short by the time construction began.

Supervisor Michael Hadley asked about the trees in the southeast corner of the courthouse yard; Gross-

man stated they would not be removed, but that they would trim the lower branches to keep them from drooping onto the structure. Hadley asked who would maintain the pavilion; Grossman stated that the City of Sigourney would take over ownership and maintenance after the project was complete. Supervisor Daryl Wood asked about the Steinhart memorial bench located in the southeast corner; Grossman stated he had spoken to the family, who agreed to move it.

The supervisors gave unofficial approval to let Kiwanis place a fence around the southeast corner parking spots on Jefferson during the construction process. The project's contractor, Matt Welter, stated the completed pavilion would be beautiful and asked if a fence could be placed in front of the power transformer by the eastern courthouse door. Wood stated they had asked in the past and been told they



**COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER** 

## May Day Afternoon

And a bright, beautiful, sunny day it is, too. And I just had my first nap of the season out on the cot in the garden/ kitty shed. A wonderful experience as the soft breeze comes through the open windows, and the door that is a little ajar; the birds may be singing, and maybe a few quiet sounds from neighbors doing outdoorsy things here and there. I need to wash up the top blankets on the cot used by the kitties over the winter, pick up the rugs, and wash them off with the hose before sticking them in the washer. Then a good sweep out and the shed should be ready for us to enjoy this spring and summer.

I also have an assortment of seasonal wreaths in there hung up around the walls, plus an old porcelain-topped table with a couple of wooden boxes on top, so Petey and Pippi can look out the higher-up windows, or take a nap. We love that little garden shed; it has been put to so

This week again I think I have been perhaps struggling with change of seasons, as the tired plague has been making itself felt quite well. Today, as I write this on Saturday, May 10, I forced myself to clean off the kitchen table, sort through all the to-do lists and get rid of most of them—not to worry, new ones have been made, and wash up the dishes.

Then I attempted to get out to the garden to plant. I did

1945-2025

KEOTA—Marlin

(Marlie) Albert Grein-

er, 79, passed away on

April 28th, 2025. A steward of unwavering

faith, a dedicated farm-

er, and a man whose

generosity knew no bounds, Marlie lived

his life in service to

Marlie was born on

October 11, 1945, in

Washington, IA to

Leonard and Mary

(Woerdeman) Grein-

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**Marlin Greiner** 

get the lettuce bed behind the shed planted with several rows, but the main garden is just so full of clods it is hard to make a row with my hoe or even keep my balance as it was tilled when it was still too damp. Not my regular tiller man did this, so maybe we will have to till it again. Kinda discouraging, I must say.

Otherwise what has been going on this week? Tuesday I was in town for my next appointment with my sweet young lipedema therapist. She encouraged me to get back into wearing support hose—you know, those super tight stockings that takes real effort to put on, but feel good once that they are on, and do help with the lymph swelling. Unfortunately, warm weather and support hose with any level of compression do not go together. They are great when it's cold, though.

There are various levels of compression from 8-15, 15-20, and up to 20-40 mmHg. Note I found online: In the context of compression socks, "mmHg" stands for "millimeters of mercury," which is the unit of measurement used to indicate the level of pressure the socks exert on your legs. This pressure is a key factor in how effective compression socks are at promoting circulation and relieving symptoms like swelling and fatigue.

My stockings are 15-20 mmHg and once I get them on, they feel fine, but I have to put on a pair of latrile gloves

Marlin (Marlie) Albert Greiner

Keota High School in 1963 and enlisted in the army reserves.

He married his loving wife, Bonnie, in 1970 and they put down

roots in Keota, IA before starting their family. Never one to

be idle, in addition to farming full-time Marlie ingrained him-

self into his community, serving on the bank board, the church

in order to do so, as they are tight. I can't imagine trying to get on stockings with those higher numbers. Anyway, that's what she would like for me to do, plus all the other various exercises I try to be faithful with.

Once that appointment was done, I met a sweet young friend at Smokey Row where we treated ourselves to lunch and cooling drinks, which we took to the table across in the park to eat.

Wednesday morning was WCF out at church, and I got there early enough to get a seat in the middle of the tables so I could maybe hear better. But those ladies speak so softly, it is still a job to hear them. My friend sitting beside me commented that she is not hard of hearing, but can barely make out what all is said either. Our group had a good prayer time, and got in the lesson in our new study book on Noah. That afternoon I made a quilted pillow to bring to the upcoming craft show in Run-

nells on May 17. Thursday morning was our monthly Book Club, and how we enjoy it! We had yet another new person join us, which made a full table of eight! That afternoon I worked on a new pillow, and then had the good word that the Hometown Press can print up my two novels for me! I was so amazed and glad, as I am nearly out of the previous printings. As you know, my books are Christian Historical Fiction—one is centered on the prairie in the 1860's (The Quiet Road), and the other based in the hills and mountains of the Ozarks in the '30's (The House on Cadron Creek).

I can order from the same printer as before, but that can entail boxes of books sitting around plus the big added expense of shipping and handling. By getting them printed locally, I only need to order a few copies at a time according to need, which is what I already do with my "Tales of a Southern Iowa Farm Girl". Instead of the normal closed binding, these will be printed with a spiral binding, just like "Tales", but this also makes the books a little easier to read when the whole book opens up so nicely.

So that was a good day for sure, as I have been wondering about that for so long, and last week finally asked all the right questions from my former publisher, The Write Place, who agreed to send up the PDF's of both my novels plus the front and back covers up here to the Hometown Press, which has their own print shop in house. This is a great and wonderful blessing for me and I am so pleased! God came through for me again!

Yesterday, Friday, Scottie came up and did a wonderful job of cleaning up two of the big flower beds; the English garden, and the birdbath garden. Two more remain, so hopefully these can be done next week. I used to be able to do all that weeding in one day! They were just so overrun with excess plants you could barely even see the hostas. And you know, of course, those hostas must be seen! Oh, wow, I wish you could see this big beauty: "Great Expectations", as after being planted in the English garden three years ago, it is now really coming into its' own with a just glorious presentation. I will have to watch it carefully that it doesn't get sun burnt this summer.

For our lunch yesterday, I built a nice fire in the cook pit, and we enjoyed hot dogs with the trimmings, sitting in the lodge in our chairs just enjoying ourselves. It was a perfect day, no wind, not hot or cold, "it was just right," said the baby bear.

Well, that's it for this time, have a good week!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

## **Mary Evers Scholarship Recipients for 2025**

PELLA - The Mary Evers Scholarship Committee for the Auxiliary for Pella Regional Health Center is excited to announce the following scholarship recipients for 2025: Andy Van Weelden, Kelsey Lemke, Abbie De Berg, Rob Schreur, Claire Westercamp, Riley Sailors, Breece Gibson, Grace Bounds, Nia Hockstra, Carly Huyser, Berklie McKay, Luke Nikkel, Josephine Ridley, Thomas Tagen, Olivia Vander Wilt, Brianna Aberson Distler, Miranda Avery, and Kelsey Terpstra.

In loving memory of their daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Evers established the Mary Evers Scholarship Fund in 1966. Through the Auxiliary, this scholarship assists future nurses to realize their dream. The Mary Evers Nursing Scholarships are available to graduates of Pella or Pella Christian or who work at Pella Regional and are beginning their nursing degree or for those who are continuing their education.

#### SCHOLARSHIP from pg. 7

**ship** was established in 1997 by Joella Antes in memory of her mother Edna Schreckengast Antes and is awarded each year to a female student who exhibits high academic achievement. This year's \$2000 award, with an additional \$1,300, was awarded to Kimberly Clarahan, daughter of Neil and Donita Clarahan. She will attend Kirk-

wood for nursing.
Finally, The Frank A. and Edna B. Klein Memorial Scholarships were established in 2002 by John E. Klein and Mary Isabelle Montgomery in honor of their parents and are for \$2000 each. The recipients included Elizabeth Chalupa, daughter of Nate and Anne Chalupa, who is attending Kirkwood for business administration and radiology. Izzy also received \$800 from the KEF. Grace Conger got \$1300 from the KEF with her Klein scholarship. She is attending the University of Iowa for nursing and is the daughter of Cris Conger and Melinda Eakins. Wyatt Donald is the son of Kirk and Colleen Donald and is going to attend Northern Iowa for computer science. Wyatt also received the Williams/UNI scholarship for \$1000.

Once again, the KEF wants

to thank everyone who has supported the Foundation in the past. Your generosity continues to impress and hearten us all.

We encourage everyone to consider our ongoing and upcoming fundraisers. The Friends of the Foundation Brick Wall is in the main entrance of the Keota School Gym. You can have a brick personalized for yourself, or to remember a loved one/ family member or a graduated class. The 480 Club is a way to support the foundation and provides recognition on a plaque in the main entrance of the Keota School Gym. The annual Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 21st at

Lagos Acres in Keota. The Foundation is also a conduit for people who wish to make contributions to the school's general fund. In the past, the Foundation has given financial support to such programs as the Keota Elementary Guided Reading Programs, computer labs, and updates to security, technology, and curriculum to name a few. You can also visit our website under the information tab on the Keota School Website at https://keotaeagles.org



## Karla Herman

1955-2025

Karla Herman, 69, died May 12, 2025, at the Manor House in Sigourney, Iowa. She was born June 1, 1955, in Ottumwa to Elmer Gerhard and Cecilia

She attended St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Harper, Iowa and graduated from English Valleys High School in North English and later attended Indian Hills



Karla Herman

she received her LPN degree. Karla was an LPN and a nursing assistant at the Keokuk County Health Center and had worked at several nursing homes. She moved to Sigourney with her parents in 1993, to help care for them. Karla loved animals, she enjoyed playing the guitar and harmonica. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and Altar and Rosary. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her sister Marjorie (Randy) Bickford of Bettendorf, one nephew Andy (Melissa) Bickford and niece Jessica Dietz.

Memorial maybe directed to St. Mary Catholic Church. Funeral Service: Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Sigourney.

Visitation: One Hour before service. Burial: St. Elizabeth Cemetery Harper.

> Services: May 17, 10:30 a.m. Visitation: May 17, 9:30 a.m. **HOLM FUNERAL HOME SIGOURNEY**

Anna Wehr Herman.

council, the Parish Finance Council, RCIA, the Co-op Board, and various other roles. Additionally, he served as the Transportation Director of the Keota School District and a seed deal-Marlie's pride and joy were his nine children, whom he always cherished with unwavering love. Above all, Marlie adored his 25 grandchildren and his great-grandson. He found endless joy in watching them grow and rarely missed a sport-Community College ing event or extra-curricular activity. When he wasn't supporting his grandchildren, he could be found cheering on his Iowa Hawkeyes, especially the Iowa wrestling team or around

his pride and joy pond, fishing with grandkids. His kindness extended beyond his family—Never hesitating to lend a helping hand or offer support to anyone in need. Whether it was a struggling neighbor, a friend seeking guidance, or a stranger needing assistance, he answered every call with selflessness He is survived by his children, Annette (Michael) Goodheart, Christine Weber, Mark (Sadie) Greiner, Carrie (Jeff) Garman, Heather (Matt) Kingsbury, Jacque (Terry) Eisenbarth, Matt (Angie) Greiner, Gina (Jared) Galpin, and Derek (Tiffany) Greiner, 25 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild,

siblings Marlene (Pat) Clerkin, Paul (Nadine) Greiner, and Veronica (Paul) Menke and in-laws Anne Greiner, Bob (Marcia) Baker, Dick (Barb) Baker, Tom (Donna) Baker, and Brenda (Bob) Vittetoe. Marlie is preceded in death by his loving wife Bonnie, parents Leonard and Mary Greiner and Stepmother Hazel Greiner as well as his brother Henry Greiner, sister Jeanette Vittetoe, and grandchildren Kolten Kingsbury and

Though Marlie has departed from this world, his spirit remains in the fields he tended, the hearts he touched, the family that loved him and the faith that guided him. "Well done, good and faithful servant."- Matthew 25:23

Memorial mass will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025, at Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church in Keota, with Rev. Charles Fladung presiding. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Cemetery - St. Mary's Cemetery in Keota. A celebration of life gathering will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Keota after the service.

A general memorial fund has been established. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Marlie and his family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

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## ~\SPORTS \^



Ava Gehrking from English Valleys crosses the finish line during a run earlier this year at Pekin. Gehrking won the SICL championship in the 100 and 200 meter dash. She was also the anchor leg of the sprint medley relay team. Photo by Mark Schafer

## English Valleys girls take second at SICL meet, Bears boys place fourth

Sigourney boys place fifth, girls take sixth at conference meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

COLFAX – Conference championships seemed easy to come by for the three area schools last week.

At the South Iowa Cedar League Conference track championships held May 6 in Colfax the three area schools brought home plenty of hardware.

The English Valleys girls team finished highest in the standings taking second with 104 points. HLV-TC won the meet with 116.5 points. Sigourney was sixth in the standings. Keota placed 11th.

In the boys race English Valleys was fourth with 94.5 total points. Sigourney was fifth with 80 points and Keota was 10th with 16. Iowa Valley won the boys meet with 142 total points.

Girls results:

English Valleys sophomore Ava Gehrking continued her successful spring as she won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.56. She backed that win up with a win in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.2.

Sigourney's Kia Montgomery was fifth overall in the 200.

The English Valleys sprint medley relay team of Kailor Lown, Mallory Koehn, Gehrking and Anna Luers won with a time of 1:55.55. Sigourney's sprint medley team was eighth and Keota placed 10th.

Anna Luers from English Valleys was able to finish second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:02.07. Addi-

son Achenbach was ninth in the same race.

Luers would pace the area schools in the 800 meter run where she finished third with a time of 2:28.02. Teammate Kaylynn Caster placed seventh

Sigourney juniors Ellie and Addison Yates would place second and third in the 1,500 meter run. Ellie had a time of 5:25.62. Addison finished with a time of 5:27.78.

Ellie Yates would finish third in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:37.14. Emily Sieren from English Valleys placed ninth in the same race.

English Valleys hurdler Kailor Lown was second overall in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.17. Teammate Joslyn Bender was eighth overall.

Taylor Mikesell was second overall in the shot put with a throw of 34-feet-1-inch. Sigourney's Josephine Moore was fourth overall with a throw of 32-feet-3-inches. Karley Greiner from Keota was 11th.

Mikesell was second in the discus event with a throw of 100-feet-2-inches. Moore finished eighth overall in the same event.

Brynn Clarahan from Sigourney was third in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:12.57. English Valleys hurdler Joslyn Bender was sixth overall.

English Valleys placed third in the 4x800 relay. Sigourney finished sixth.

Gehrking from English Valleys was second overall in the long jump with a leap of 16-feet-4.25-inches. Keota's Elyse Lyle was eighth overall. In the 4x400 the English Valleys team placed fourth. Sigourney was sixth.

Olivia Debevec was fifth in the high jump. Sigourney led the area in

the 4x100 relay with a fifth place finish English Valleys was sixth and Keota placed ninth.

Sigourney was also fifth in the 4x200 relay. Keota was eighth and English Valleys placed 11th.

The English Valleys distance medley team placed sixth. Sigourney's was eighth. English Valleys shuttle hurdle relay team placed seventh

overall.

Boys results:

Gage Heyne won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:05.85. The English Valleys senior was able to pace the pack and won by nearly three seconds. Teammate Jack Osborne was third. Levi Myers from Sigourney placed fourth.

Heyne also was able to win the 1,600 meter race with a time of 4:23.38. Troy Klett from Sigourney was second with a time of 4:42.07. Isaac Frazier from English Valleys placed ninth.

Heyne was also the champion in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 10:16.67. Klett from Sigourney was second with a time of 10:29.15. Frazier from English Valleys was fifth

In the distance medley relay the English Valleys team of Ben Coffman, Deshon Anderson, Jack Osborne and Heyne won with a time of 3:40.67. Sigourney's team was sixth overall.

Sigourney's Jayden Thompson won the shot put event with a throw of 46-feet-7.5-inches. Kane Axmear from English Valleys was ninth. Graham Moore from Sigourney placed 11th.

Thompson won the discus event as well. The Sigourney senior had a winning throw of 140-feet. Kane Axmear from English Valleys was fifth. Ashton Schwab from Sigourney was ninth.

Ayden Galindo from Keota won the high jump after clearing six feet even. He won in a jump off against Connor Deal from Lynnville-Sully. Everett Bender from English Valleys was sixth overall. Hunter Sellers from Sigourney was eighth overall.

English Valleys long jumper Deshon Anderson was second overall with a leap of 20-feet-11.25-inches. Ayden Galindo from Keota was fourth with a leap of 18-feet-11.5-inches. Sigourney's Aiden Knepper was sixth with a leap of 17-feet-11-inches. English Valleys jumper Hunter Offerman was seventh overall

Braydon Anderson from English Valleys was third overall in the 100 meter dash. Carson O'Rourke was sixth in the same race.

The English Valleys 4x100 team placed fourth. Sigourney's team was seventh and Keota placed ninth.

In the 4x400 relay the Sigourney team was fourth overall. English Valleys was eighth.

Sigourney placed fifth in the 4x200. English Valleys was ninth and Keota was 10th.

The English Valleys 4x800 team finished fifth. Sigourney was sixth in the same race.

The English Valleys sprint medley relay team placed third overall with a time of 1:38.78. Sigourney placed sixth and Keota finished in eighth.

Sigourney's 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay team of Chase Clarahan, Dillon Menke, Owen Menke and Caden Clarahan finished fourth. English Valleys team was eighth.

In the 200 meter dash Braydon Anderson from English Valleys placed fifth overall. Aiden Knepper from Sigourney was 10th.

In the 110 hurdles Sigourney's Caden Clarahan placed fifth overall with a time of 16.62. Everett Bender from English Valleys was ninth. Owen Menke from Sigourney placed 10th and Keota's Jacob Libe was 11th.

Troy Klett was able to finish sixth in the 400 meter dash. The Sigourney junior was the highest-placing runner of local schools. Teagan Mast from English Valleys was eighth overall.

Dillon Menke from Sigourney led area schools in the 400 hurdles with a ninth place finish.

## McGuire places second, Sigourney boys place second overall

Sigourney places five of their six golfers in the top-10, Heyne leads English Valleys with third place finish By Mark Schafer

The News-Review

OSKALOOSA – Being so close to the victory, but far away might give them the motivation they need for the rest of the year.

Last Monday at the South Iowa Cedar League conference boys golf tournament the Sigourney boys were just one stroke away from a repeat of the conference title. On top of that the Savages were able to place five of their six golfers within the top-10.

The Savages had 336 total strokes. They were just one stroke behind HLV-TC who won the conference title with a 335.

"The guys battled, but we just ended up leaving way too many strokes out there, said Zach Tremmel, the head coach for the Sigourney boys golf team. "When you end up coming up short by one stroke, you start to think about every shot. Hopefully it will be a huge eye-opener for the team as we move onto sectionals and districts. Those are the biggest meets and we know that one stroke there can make all the difference. So I hope today will be a big motivator for the team."

Junior Solon Yates led the Savages in the meet. He finished fifth overall with an 81 on his scorecard.

"Today was a big eye-opener for the entire team," Tremmel said. "We played with a lot of confidence, but we still got beat. You have to realize that it can take just one bad day and your season is over. We saw a bit of that today."

Freshman Jordan Tremmel was able to shoot an 84. He was sixth overall in the conference.

Cain Weber finished with an 85 on his score card, tying him with a number of local athletes for seventh overall.

"I really thought Cain Weber played the best of us today," Coach Tremmel said. "At least in terms of where we are at, he had a great round. He put in a nice number for our sixth man. At the same time I know the top guys on our team can shoot a little bit better."

neux both tied Weber with an 85 overall. Josh Wyatt finished with a 96 on his scorecard to round out the sixman rotation for Sigourney.

Isaac Bruns and Ike Moly-

Overall it was a successful day for the area schools. Keota had two golfers in the top-10 as Bennan McGuire finished second with a 77. Porter Cave finished fourth with a 79.

"I started off the day with

a nice little par. My drivers and irons were great for me today," McGuire said after his runner-up finish. "My chipper was really on-point today. I was rolling the ball good with the chipper. That really helped me."

McGuire said that once he

McGuire said that once he sees one club, especially his chipper start to work well he knows it will be a decent round.

"I'm very big in keeping my mental shape strong, and having a club I know I can trust is big," McGuire said. "I am also big into talking with God and being there with him and having him help me through the round."

McGuire was just two strokes behind HLV-TC's Peyton Roth who was the conference champion with a 75. Originally it looked like McGuire would have finished third, but BGM golfer Ethan Bridgewater, who shot a 74, was disqualified for not adding penalty strokes after using a provisional ball.

Overall the Eagles finished third with 341 total strokes. Billie Kindred finished in a tie for seventh with an 85. Cooper Strand was 27th with a 100, Jake Morris and Tucker Sprouse tied each other for 39th with a 108.

English Valleys was ninth overall with 443 total strokes. Gage Heyne finished with a 78 on his score card.

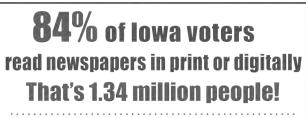
"I started out the day with a good strike, and then I got a birdie off of that. I had a decent next hole. From there I was able to really get into a good rhythm from there," Heyne said after his round. "I was pretty level-headed throughout the day. I didn't have any shots that I wanted to take back. Nothing too good, nothing too bad. Pretty normal round for me. Nothing to be too mad about."

Tyler Lortz finished 21st overall with a 93. Jackson shot a 149. Cyrus Morrison was able to finish with a 153. Garin Schaffner was able to finish with a 172.

All three golf teams will

now shift their focus to the sectional golf tournament which takes place May 14.

Sigourney hosts one sectional tournament. English Valleys and Keota will play at Brooklyn.



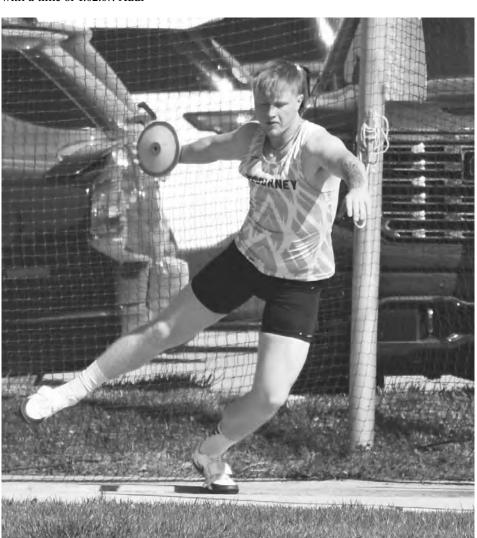
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Jayden Thompson from Sigourney winds up to take a throw during the discus event at the SICL Conference meet held May 6 in Colfax. Thompson won the event with a throw of 140-feet. Photo by Kim Moore.

## **SPORTS →** Th

Athletes of the Week
By Mark Schafer

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## **Gage Heyne**

English Valleys senior Gage Heyne had another busy, but extremely successful week of competition.

On May 5 Heyne and the rest of the English Valleys boys golf team competed in the SICL Conference golf meet. Heyne was able to place third overall in the meet with a 78. He was just three strokes off of the leader. Overall Heyne was able to finish with eight total pars. He also added three birdies in the round to finish with a final round score

of six over

The next day, on May 5, Heyne was running track at the SICL meet in Colfax. There, he was able to claim wins in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs. He was also the anchor leg of the distance medley relay team which also placed first.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Heyne on being named the Athlete of the Week for the week of May 5.



## Chloe Glosser

The Athlete of the week for the week of May 5 is Pekin junior distance runner, Chloe Glosser.

After taking a few weeks off to heal from an injury, Glosser returned to the track to run at the South East Iowa Super Conference track meet in Wayland on May 8. At the Conference track meet there was no slowing down Glosser.

She was able to win the 1,500 meter

race. She also was the champion in the 3,000 meter run. Additionally, she was also able to be the anchor leg in the distance medley relay race. She helped guide that team to a third place finish overall.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Glosser on her outstanding week of running, and for being named this week's Athlete of the



The Pekin girls track team pose for a photo after winning the South East lowa Super Conference title. The Panthers edged Louisa-Muscatine by five points for the team title. Photo courtesy of Pekin Schools Facebook page.

## Panther girls claim conference title

Pekin boys place second at conference meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

WAYLAND – Success wasn't hard to find for either team on Thursday night.

The Pekin girls track team proved that at the South East Iowa Super Conference meet as they were able to win with 139 points. The boys placed second with a team score of 155, Columbus Junction won the boys meet with a time of 179.

Wins seemed easy to come by for the Panthers especially in the girls races

in the girls races. Girls results:

Chloe Glosser won the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:57.27, nearly 10 seconds faster than the second place finisher. Glosser added another Conference title to her name as she won the 3,000 meter run with a time of 10:47.96.

Kayse Miller was able to win the high jump with a leap that cleared five feet. Reece Brisby was third after clearing 4-feet-8-inches.

Anna Hadley was able to win the shot put with a throw of 35-feet-8-inches. She launched the discus a total of 137-feet-5-inches to win that event as well. Grace Phillips was fourth in the discus with a throw of 88-feet-10-inches.

Another win came in the shuttle hurdle relay event as the Panthers were able to finish with a time of 1:10.93, nearly three seconds ahead of the second place team.

ne second place team. Paislee Coleman was second in the 100 hurdles. Reece Brisby was third in the same

Carlie Gambell placed second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:16.73.

Another second place finish was turned in by the 4x800 team. The distance medley relay team would finish third.

In the 4x400 the girls raced to a fourth place finish.

Addison Smith placed fifth in the 100 meter dash. She backed that up with another fifth place finish in the 200 meter dash. Pekin's 4x100 team was fifth overall.

Callie Deutschle placed sixth in the 800 meter run. Harper Guise was seventh in the same race.

The 4x200 team placed seventh overall.

Harper Guise was eighth in the 400 meter dash. The sprint medley relay team fin-

ished in eighth.

The boys were able to add

several wins as well:
Riley Smith was able to win the 400 hurdles with a time of 57.21, more than four seconds ahead of his nearest competitor.

Alton Williams was able to win the discus with a throw of 138-feet-9-inches. Caden Bender placed sixth in the same event.

In the 4x200 race the team of Robert Brown, Nolan Glick, Riley Smith and Will Adam won with a time of 1:32.06.

Another win came in the 4x400 where the team of Glick, Mason Dahlstrom, Will Adam and Sobaski had

a winning time of 3:38.12.

In the 4x800 relay the team of Dahlstrom, Lane Fariss, Landon Crow and Cole Millikin won with a time of 8:42.22.

The sprint medley team of Kasey Davis, Brown, Smith and Glick had the fastest time of 1:36.81 to claim the win.

Will Adam was second in the long jump with a leap of 20-feet-1-inch. Henry Adam placed fourth with a leap of 18-feet-7.5-inches.

Caden Bender was second in the shot put with a throw of 46-feet-3-inches.

Another second place finish was turned in by Cole Millikin in the 3,200 with a time of 10:31.32.

Kasey Davis was third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.79. Brody Sobaski was third in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-6-inches. Jaxon Mefford was fifth.

In the 4x100 the Pekin boys placed third.

Pekin was second in the shuttle hurdle relay race with a time of 1:02.5.

Cody Silvers placed fourth in the 400 meter dash. He finished just ahead of Cael Silvers who was fifth.

Millikin would place fourth in the 1,600 meter

Hayden Miller was fifth

overall in the 100 meter dash. Nolan Glick placed ninth. The distance medley team

placed fifth.

Landon Crow was seventh in the 800 meter run. Brody Sobaski was seventh

overall in the 200 meter dash. Henry Eubanks was 12th.

## Sigourney-Keota falls in battle against Albia

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

ALBIA – Although the celebrations were short lived the lessons from the battle are sure to survive.

Friday night the Sigourney-Keota soccer team fell in a close battle with Albia 4-3 on the road. Although Albia had the ultimate triumph, Sigourney-Keota's continued fight is something that the Cobras have been striving for.

"We fought like heck the whole way through," Alex Holt, the head coach of the Sigourney-Keota soccer team said after the game Friday night. "Just looking at the eyes of the players on my team I could tell how much they wanted this one. It is tough to fall in the game like we did, but I also think it is a turning point for us and for the team. On this late Friday night in Albia, I think we are starting to see S-K soccer turn the page a little bit."

In order to first turn the page on the program the Cobras had to battle a bit of adversity early on. In the first minute of the game the Albia team struck first as they were able to kick a goal past goalie Ty Goldman less than a minute into the game.

ute into the game.

In seasons past, a goal that early could have completely derailed the Cobras. On Friday night the early goal just seemed to warm up the S-K soccer team.

After the goal the Cobras kept possession of the ball and continued to attack. On their third breakaway of the game junior Aydin Flowers was able to battle through the crowd. He fired a shot on goal which caught the Blue

Demons goalie off guard.

The early equalizer gave

new life for the Cobras.

"From a confidence stand point the goal by Flowers was huge," Holt said. "We were able to get back into the game right away. Being able to equalize the score that early helped us get right back into the game and put things right back at square one."

After the flurry of goals in the first two minutes of the game things seemed to calm down. Both teams took chances at the goal, but the two goalies were sharp and stopped all of the shots. Then, with 29 minutes left in the first half the Cobras were able to go on the attack again.

Flowers was on the attack as a pass rolled five yards ahead of him into the 18-yard



Caden Meyer from Sigourney-Ketoa winds up to take a shot during the second half of a May 9 soccer game played in Albia. Meyer would score on the play.



Gavin Khali (1) from Sigourney-Keota challenges Albia's Cole Wilson (left) for a ball during a play in the second half of a May 9 soccer game. Khali was able to score a goal in the game, which Albia won 4-3.

box. In a race to the ball both Flowers and Albia goalie Jaxon Strickler met the ball at the same time. The collision brought both players down to the pitch, but the ball had escaped them and was lazily rolling to the left side of the 18-yard box.

Albia defenders raced to the ball, but all were beaten by Sigourney-Keota's Gavin Khali who was able to punt the ball into the empty net.

The Cobras were able to take the lead 2-1.

It appeared that the Cobras were going to be able to hold onto the lead at halftime until

late in the first half.

A long pass by Albia rolled into the S-K goalie box. Goldman dove to stop the ball, but it bounced past him. Albia capitalized on the empty net and was able to strike on a goal to tie the game at 2-2 at

The second half of the contest passed without much going on for either side, until the Cobras were able to capitalize off a lucky bounce.

halftime.

After a corner kick Sigourney-Keota's Caden Meyer dribbled the ball into the 18-yard box. He aimed and fired at the goal, but the shot was high. It bounced off the cross bar and off the Albia goalie.

The ball rolled right back to Meyer who lowered his shot and buried the ball in the empty net to give the Cobras a 3-2 lead with 29:18 left in the game. "We would have loved to

hold onto the lead, but we just started to play too much in the defensive third of the field," Holt said. "That's something that we need to work on. When we have the lead we need to get into the attacking third of the field and stay there. Ultimately the two goals we gave up at the end of the game were because we gave Albia too many chances to attack late."

Albia was able to score twice in the final 23 minutes of the game. The first goal came off a rebound after Goldman had stopped a fastball that was fired right at him. Goldman stopped the first shot, but the rebound bounced right to an Albia player who scored.

The game-winning shot came with 5:10 left in the contest when Albia sent a pass across the field, leaving Goldman little time to react to the pass and the shot.

"Ty did a great job tonight. The last two goals were really off of two unlucky bounces," Holt said, "We got Albia's best shot tonight and we felt it. When you see the improvement that we have had throughout this year. We keep chipping away at the rock, and I think we are very close to breaking through, maybe not this year, but perhaps next year. I really feel like we are close."

The Cobras finished the game with four shots on goal. Khali, Flowers and Meyer all had one shot on goal with a goal scored. Kaylie Montgomery also had a shot on goal.

Goldman finished the game with 15 saves. He faced 19 total shots in the game.

The S-K soccer team falls to 1-10 this year. They will play Chariton (9-1-2) and WACO (3-8) this week.

Photos by Mark Schafer



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Sigourney-Keota's Aydin Flowers (front) collides with Albia goalie Jaxon Strickler (back) during a play in the first half. Sigourney-Keota would later score on the play from a kick from Gavin Khali.

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port Order. May 6

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Defendant Phillip Earl Lee; Plaintiff Community 1st Credit Union: Order Setting Trial.

Defendants Luanne Little, Lonnie Lee Stein; Plaintiff Brian Heisel: Order Setting Trial.

<u>Criminal</u> May 1

Defendant Wayne Lawrence Stakland; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Angelina Staley: Order of Disposition.

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Defendant Jason Jonathon Hopkins; Payee Keokuk County: Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Defendant Robert Leeroy Smithburg; Payee Keokuk County: Motion to Dismiss. Defendant Heather Ma-

rie Watson; Keokuk County: Hearing for Initial Appearance. May 5

Defendant Scott Anthony Castaneda; Payee Keokuk County: Criminal Complaint (May 1), Arrest Warrant.

Defendant Deal Keasling: Payee Keokuk County: Criminal Complaint (May 1), Arrest Warrant.

Defendant Todd B. Riddle: Criminal Complaint (May 3), Hearing for Initial Appearance.

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thridge: Criminal Complaint, Hearing for Initial Appearance. Defendant Matt Robert O'Rourke; Payee Keokuk County: Motion for Continu-

Defendant Marshell Morgan Burtlow: Criminal Complaint (May 6), Hearing for Initial Appearance

Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons: Motion for Continuance.

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Defendant Mark Alan Jacobs; Plaintiff Katrina Colleen Jacobs: Motion for Continuance.

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May 7

Defendant Joel Stephen Crow; Payee Michael Crow: Motion for Continuance.

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Defendant Dwayne Allen Dickerson: Operation Without Registration Cars or Plate.

Defendant Brea Allen Weller: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

Defendant Anya Marie Fowler: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

May 3

Defendant Summer Leigh Akers: Operation Without Registration Card or Plate, Dark Window or Windshield.

May 4

Defendant Noelle Christine Poe: Operation Without Registration Cars or Plate.

Defendant Chase Anthony Anderson: Restrictions on Taking Game (Deer and Turkey), Restrictions on Taking Game (Deer and Turkey), Hunting by Artificial Lights.

Defendant James Alan Jurena: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

May 5

Ernest Gordon: Daniel Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Lawrence Wilbur Clark: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

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David Earl Murray: Operation Without Registration Cars or Plate.

Defendant Leydi Rosalinda Domingo Castanon: No Valid

Drivers License. Defendant Nancy Lynne Campbell: Speeding 55 or Un-

der Zone (6-10 Over). Defendant Tracee Ann Treadwell: Speeding 55 or Un-

der Zone (6-10 Over).

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Defendant Gerald Clark Smith II: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

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Janis K. Weber to James P. Weber: Deed Quit Claim: PT NW NW 30-75-11; PT SW SW 19-75-11; PLAT MISCELLA-NEOUS RECORD B53 P144.

Tommy Dale Smith, Wendt Jean Smith to Tommy D. Smith, Wendy J. Smith: Deed Quit Claim: ALLEYS PTS HE-DRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HE-DRICK Block: 22; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 09 Block: 22; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 10 Block: 22; PT HED-RICK ORIGINAL PLAT HE-DRICK Lot: 11 Block: 22; PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 12 Block: 22.

I A T 20 LLC to Smalley and Sons Construction: Deed Quit Claim: PT GIBSON ORIGI-NAL PLAT GIBSON (NAS-SAU) Block: 03.

Rita K. Brown to Adrian A.

Galindo: Warranty Deed: KE-OTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 02 Block: 05.

Donald Dean Herr, Patricia J. Herr to Donald D. Herr, Patricia J. Herr: Special Warranty Deed: NE NW 15-76-12.

Donald Dean Herr Sr, Patricia J. Herr, Donald Dean Herr II to Donald D. Herr II: Special Warranty Deed: NE NW 28-77-12; PT NW NE 28-77-12I EXCEPT PLAT 2021-0435; PT NE NE 28-77-12; PT NE NE 28-77-12.

Patricia J. Herr, Donald D. Herr Sr, Donald Dean Herr II, Rhonda J. Herr to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: SW NW 32-77-12; PT SE NW 32-77-12; EXCEPT PLAT 2007-1696; NW SW 32-77-12; SW SW 32-77-12.

Patricia J. Herr, Donald Dean Herr Sr., Donald Dean Herr II, Rhonda J. Herr to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: NW NW 28-77-12.

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Donald Dean Herr Sr., Patricia J. Herr to Anne M. Herr Duinink, Donald D. Herr Sr. Life Estate: NE NE 02-76-12; SE NE 02-76-12; NE SE 0276-12; NW SE 02-76-12.

Patricia J. Herr, Donald Dean Herr Sr., Donald Dean Herr II, Rhonda J. Herr to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: PT SE NW 11-76-13; EXCEPT PLAT B263 P280.

Patricia J. Herr, Donald D. Herr Sr, Donald Dean Herr II, Rhonda J. Herr to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: NE NE 15-76-13; SE NE 15-76-13; NE SE 15-76-13; PT NW NE 15-76-13; Lot: 01 SW NE 15-76-13; PLAT B4 P80. PT Lot: 01 NW: SE 15-76-13: PLAT B4 P80.

Patricia J. Herr, Donald D. Herr Sr. Donald Dean Herr II, to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: NE NE 15-76-13; SE NE 15-76-13; NE SE 15-76-13; PT NW NE 15-76-13; Lot: 01 SW NE 15-76-13; PLAT B4 P80; PT Lot: 01 NW SE 15-76-13; PLAT B4

Donald D. Herr Sr, Donald Dean Herr II, Rhonda J. Herr to Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: NW SE 27-77-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A; SW SE 27-77-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT B410 P323.

Donald D. Herr Trust to Donald D. Herr II, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: Trustee Warranty Deed: NW SE 27-77-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A; SW SE 27-77-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT B410 P323.

Donald D. Herr Jr., Rhonda J. Herr to Donald D. Herr Trustee, Donald D. Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: NE NE 05-76-12; SE NE 05-76-12; NW SE 06-76-12; SW SE 06-76-12.

Donald D. Herr Trustee to Anne M. Herr Duinink, Donald Dean Herr Life Estate: Trustee Warranty Deed: NE NE 05-76-12; SE NE 05-76-12; NW SE 06-76-12; SW SE 06-76-12.

Donald Dean Herr Sr., Pa-

tricia J. Herr, Donald D. Herr II, Rhonda Jo Herr to Donald D. Herr II, Donald D. Herr Sr. Life Estate: Special Warranty Deed: PT NW SE 07-76-12; EXCEPT PLAT 2012-2091; PT NE SW 07-76-12; PT NE SW 07-76-12; PT NW SW 07-76-12; PT SW SW 07-76-12; EX-CEPT PLAT 2012-2074.

Donald D. Herr Trustee to Anne M. Herr Duinink, Donald Dean Herr Sr. Life Estate: SE SE 34-77-13; NE NW 10-76-12; SE NW 10-76-12; NW NE 10-76-12; SW NE 10-76-12; PT NE 24-77-13; ROW RR NE 24-77-13; SE NW 25-77-11; PT SW NW 25-77-11.

Donald D. Herr Trustee to Janet K Hughes, Donald D. Herr Sr. Life Estate: Trustee Warranty Deed: SE NE 26-76-13; NE SE 26-76-13; SE SE 26-76-13; SW SE 26-76-13; SE SW 26-76-13; NW SE 26-76-13; PT NW 35-76-13; EX-CEPT PLAT 2007-1697; NE SW 35-76-13; NW SW 35-76-13; PT SW NW 35-76-13; PT NE NE 34-76-13; SE NE 34-76-13; EXCEPT PLAT B335 P22; PT NW NW 35-76-13.

Donald D. Herr Trustee to Donald D. Herr II, Donald D. Herr Sr. Life Estate: Trustee Warranty Deed: PT SW SW 26-76-12; PT NW SW 26-76-12; SE SE 27-76-12; PT NW SE 27-76-12; PT; SW SE 27-76-12; SE NW 27-76-12; PT SW NW 27-76-12; EXCEPT PLAT 2015-0133: PT SE 34-77-12; SE NE 34-77-12; SE NW 35-77-12; SW NW 35-77-12; PT SW 35-77-12.

Lonnie Bell, Pauline Bell to Lonnie L. Bell, Jennifer D. Bell: Warranty Deed: SW SE 27-75-12 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT B301 P81.

Keokuk County Sheriff, Freedom Mortgage Corp, Courtney Osborne, Julie Bergen Osborne to Freedom Mortgage Corp: Sheriff's Deed: PT KEOTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 10 Block: 11; PT KEOTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 11 Block:

April 30

Marik Steinke, Alessandra Steinke to Spencer L. Steinke, Madison E. Steinke: Warranty Deed: SW SE 17-77-13 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT B378

Harold A. Hammen Revocable Trust, Donna J. Hammen Successor Trustee: Deed: UNDIVIDED ONE HALF IN-TEREST; RR ROW PT NW NE 29-76-10; SW NE 29-76-10; NW NE 29-76-10; PT NW NW 29-76-10; PT NE NW 29-76-10.

May 1

Marjorie R. McDowell Estate, Coan Joan McDowell Executor to Patrick E. Gent Trustee, Mary K. Gent Trustee, Patrick E. Gent Family Trust, Mary K. Gent Family Trust, Patrick E. and Mary K. Gent Family Trust: Court Officer Deed: NW SE 33-77-10; NE SE 33-77-10.

Terrence L. Scheetz Es tate, Cody Shank Executor to Morgan Davies: Court Officer Deed: PT Lot: 01 NW SW 22-77-10; EXCEPT PLAT B248 P298; PT SE 21-77-10; EX-CEPT PLAT B248 P297.

Donna J. Hammen to Donna J. Hammen Trustee, Donna J. Hammen Revocable Trust: Deed Quit Claim: RR ROW PT NW NE 29-76-10: NW NE 29-76-10; SW NE 29-76-10; PT NE NW 29-76-10; PT NW NW 29-76-10.

Austin M. Deshler to James Olinger, Ashley Olinger: Warranty Deed: PT NE SW 36-74-13; PT SE SW 36-74-13.

Dustin Lee Phillips, Kirby Rae Phillips to Sandra J. Pacha: Warranty Deed: PT NE NE 19-74-11; PT NW NE 19-74-11; PT SE SE 18-74-11; PT SW SE 18-74-11

May 2

Mary Blumer Deceased to Donald Blumer: Survivor Spouse: DELTA ORIGINAL PLAT DELTA Lot: 09 Block: 11; PT DELTA ORIGINAL PLAT DELTA Lot: 08 Block: 11.





#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice of Petition • JVJV006021

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF

A.K., Minor Child Juvenile Cause No. JVJV006021

NOTICE TO: Unknown and/or All Putative Fathers of A.K., born March 11,

2024 You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action alleging that the foregoing child is in need of assistance. For further details contact the office of the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County, Iowa. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Keokuk County Attorney Amber L. Thompson and whose address is 101 South Main Street.

Sigourney, Iowa 52591, telephone

number (641) 622-3500, facsimile number (641) 622-2688, email: attornev@keokukcountv.jowa.gov.

You are further notified that said Petition has been set down for hearing before the Juvenile Court at the Courthouse, Third Floor, in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, on June 11. 2025. at 1:30 n m Note: You are advised to seek legal advice at once to protect your

interest. If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at (641) 684-6502. Persons who are hear-

ing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942. Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice

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#### **PROBATE JAMES A TINNES ESPR**038611

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A TINNES, Deceased Case No. ESPR038611 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXEC-

**ITORS** To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James A Tinnes, Deceased, who died on or about March 25, 2025:

**UTOR, AND NOTICE TO CRED-**

You are hereby notified that on May 1, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of James A Tinnes, deceased, bearing date of February 13, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kimberly R Tinnes 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

Dated May 6, 2025. Kimberly R Tinnes Kimberly R Tinnes, Executor of

forever barred.

610 E Broadway Ave Keota, IA 52248 Washington Law Office, LLP Craig A Davis, Attorney for Executor

211 West Washington Street - PO Box 867 Washington, IA 52353 Date of second publication:

21st day of May, 2025. Probate Code Section 304 Published in The News-Review on May 14 and 21, 2025

#### **PROBATE MARCELLA JEAN KAPPLE ESPR**038610

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARCELLA JEAN KAPPLE, De-

CASE NO. ESPR038610 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXEC-

**UTOR. AND NOTICE TO CRED-**

ITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marcella Jean Kapple Deceased, who died on or about

April 8, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 6, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Marcella Jean Kapple, deceased, bearing date of May 7, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nancy Jo Rebori 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 mail-

ing 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 May 6, 2025. Nancy Jo Rebori, Executor 2063 South Woodbury Avenue Springfield, MO 65809 Broerman, Lindgren & Denny Attorney for Executor 216 South 1st Street Oskaloosa, IA 52577 Date of second publication May 21, 2025.

Published in The News-Review on May 14 and 21. 2025

#### **PROBATE SARAH PEARL TAYLOR ESPR**038608

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF SARAH PEARL TAY-

LOR, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR038608 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To: All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sarah Pearl Taylor, Deceased, who died on or about December 31, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of April, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Sarah Pearl Taylor, deceased, bearing date of the 1st day of March, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Valerie Ann Taylor Hill 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 reguested 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025

Valarie Ann Taylor Hill, Executor 155 Bluff Dr. Fairfax, IA 52228 Maddison A.E. Denny Broerman, Lindgren & Denny Attorney for Executor 216 South 1st Street Oskaloosa, IA 52577 Date of Second Publication 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. Published in The News-Review on May 7 and 14, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice of Petition • Wilkins JGJV006008

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF A.W. CASE NO. JGJV006008 **ORIGINAL NOTICE** 

TO: KRISTA SCHRIEBER and PARNELL WILKINS

You are notified that a petition for Appointment of Guardian has been filed in the office of the Clerk of this court naming you as the parents in this action. The Petition is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County. The attorney for the Petitioners is Cynthia D. Hucks, whose address is 304 North Court Street, Ottumwa, Iowa. That attorney's phone number is (641) 682-4512; facsimile number (641) 682-

A hearing on the Petition has been scheduled for May 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. This notice will be published two times with the final dated for publication as May 14, 2025. If you do not appear or file a motion, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

This case has been filed in a county that uses electronic filing. You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at https://www.iowacourts.state. ia.us/Efile and obtain a log in and password for filing and viewing documents in your case and for receiving service notices from the

· For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 Pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

· For Court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in Court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa

Court Rules Chapter 16. If you are unable to proceed electronically, you must receive permission from the Court to file in paper. Contact the clerk of Court in the county where the petition was filed for more information on being

excused from electronic filing. If you electronically file your Answer or Motion, it will be served automatically on Petitioners or on Petitioners' attorney(s). A Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) will tell you if the Court has excused Petitioner from electronic filing. If the Court has excused Petitioner from electronic filing, you must mail a copy of your Answer or Motion to Peti-

If you need assistance to participate in Court due to a disability, contact the disability coordinator at: 515-286-3394. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS Published in The News-Review on May 7 and 14, 2025 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 The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number (641) 634-2590

City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME MELANIE VERMILLION

11.41883

3.00274

Budget FY 2026 | Re-estimated FY 2025 Actual FY 2024 Revenues & Other Financing Sources 97,000 95,390 95,290 Taxes Levied on Property Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year 97,000 95,290 Net Current Property Taxes 95,390 Delinquent Property Taxes TIF Revenues 5 76,500 75,658 6 68,811 Other City Taxes 790 800 Licenses & Permits 13,000 12,772 - 8 Use of Money and Property 97,76 85,900 95,000 Intergovernmental 251,943 227,000 231,000 Charges for Fees & Service 10 2,500 2,14 11 Special Assessments 2,88 5,000 Miscellaneous 12 0 Other Financing Sources 13 0 14 539,258 516,800 Total Revenues and Other Sources 15 481,101 Expenditures & Other Financing Uses Public Safety 16 10,040 12,100 5,006 289,169 93,500 181,000 Public Works 17 Health and Social Services 18 23,500 25,500 30,887 Culture and Recreation Community and Economic Development 20 89,020 74,200 21 68,300 General Government 37,075 22 Debt Service Capital Projects 195,340 292,800 451,157 Total Government Activities Expenditures 24 230,000 231,000 229,753 25 Business Type / Enterprises 425,340 523,800 680,910 26 Total ALL Expenditures Transfers Out 27 523,800 680,910 425,340 Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out 28 -7,000 -141,652 Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out 29 55,761 355.15 362,157 503,809 Beginning Fund Balance July 1 30 355,157 362,157 **Ending Fund Balance June 30** 31 410,918

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

City of What Cheer • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: WHAT CHEER

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: What Cheer City Hall 308 S. Barnes St. What Cheer, IA. 50268 Meeting Date: 5/27/2025 Meeting Time: 12:00 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.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 4.28.2025

#### **KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS APRIL 28, 2025**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor,

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Information Technology job description. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Casey Jarmes, News Review. was present Wood moved, Weber seconded to

approve the minutes of April 21 and 25, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Wood moved Weber seconded

approval of updated Information Technology job description as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Andy informed he will be attending a couple meetings next week in the capacity of National Engineers Association representative

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve hire of Linda Heisdorffer as Keokuk County Highway Department temp office personnel and resignations for Brad Steinhart and Connie McLaughlin, temp help. as submitted. All aves and motion

Weber moved. Wood seconded approval of FY 2026 DOT budget and FY 2026 CYF Program Projects as a formality for DOT as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of resolution and letter or support for application of community project funds for pavement improvements to west half of County Route G13 (Pigeon Road) as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a . 1015 Transit meeting. Hadley attended Area 15 and Sieda meetings. Weber had no scheduled meetings last week

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. An invoice was received from Cunningham, Inc. for labor that has been disputed regarding replacement of the bad motor on south

Met with AEA representatives Jason Marshall and Nathan Wood regarding information technology. The purpose of the meeting was to inquire of interest in serving the county as the interim IT. Jason informed they currently serve several schools but no counties to date. Chuck Kent, IT Director, was summoned to the Boardroom to provide

Hummert International, Inc, sup-

Indian Hills Bookstore, books

county specific information regarding our current equipment and set up and will return on Thursday to work with Chuck on county IT specifics in depth. Chuck reminded of ISAC IT. ICIT and Iowa County IT individuals that are knowledgeable help. On vote and motion Hadley ad-

journed the meeting at 11:15 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 jowa gov Approved

Disapproved \_ Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber Published in The News-Review on May 14, 2025

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Tri-County CSD • Claims 4.16.2025

#### Activity Amazon Capital Services,

plies ......\$1,039.41 First National Bank Omaha, senior trip.....\$1,254.24 H & M Farm & Home Supply Co, supplies ......\$96.47 Hummert International, Inc, greenhouse supplies ......\$854.15 Kimi Jo Hernandez, prom DJ .......

\*\* BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL \*\*.... .....\$3,694.27 General

Caseys General Store Inc., vehicle gas ......\$559.64
OPN Architects, service..\$1,000.00 Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc., postage. .....\$405.00 Pitney Bowes, Inc., postage ...

.....\$320.45 Science Center Of Iowa, field trip. Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., service ...\$124.00

All American Termite & Pest Co, pest control.....\$300.00 Alliant Energy, service...\$3,816.21 Amazon Capital Services, sup-.....\$4,520.08 Amplify Education, Inc, supplies. Anderson Erickson Dairy Co., milk Column Software PBC, publications \$363.92 Combustion Control Company Inc, service ......\$4,704.55 Cox Sanitation & Recycling,inc,

plies ......\$895.22 Follett Content Solutions LLC, supplies ......\$449.99 Grant Wood Aea, IT service .......

\$3,333.33 H & M Farm & Home Supply Co, supplies supplies ..... ....\$526.43

.....\$1,008.56 .....\$1,276.83 service ......\$210.00 Dannco, INC., safety supplies ...... Farmers Lumber Company, sup-

Martin Bros Distributing Co, Inc, job postings ..... Moose Mechanical, building improvement......\$60,000.00 Multi-County Oil Co Inc, bus/building fuel...

Ion Environmental Solutions LLC, service......\$638.00 Iowa Communications Network, service ......\$132.29 lowa School Finance Information Service, service..... ...\$42.00 Jones School Supply Co, Inc, supplies .....\$25.95 Weldon Septic Service, septic...... .....\$510 00 Key Cooperative, LP......\$929.46

..\$373.04

....\$489.06

.....\$14.010.89 Nutrien Ag Solutions, grounds up-

....\$262.50 keep ..... Poweshiek Water Assn., service.. .....\$1,105.95

Quill Corporation, supplies .... \$161.94 School Bus Sales Co., trans supplies ......\$375.52 School Specialty Inc, teaching supplies ......\$1,722.96 Sinclair Napa, supplies .....\$121.13 Vista Software LLC, support ser vice ......\$1,650.00 Wards Natural Science Est. LLC,

.....\$900.00 Wilson Language Training Corporation, supplies ......\$416.88
\*\* BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL \*\* .....

\$116,070.73 Published in The News-Review on May 14, 2025

## Tri-County CSD • Minutes 4.16.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

## TRI-COUNTY CSD

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION** MEETING April 16, 2025 - 5:30 pm

**Board Room** 3003 Hwy 22 Thornburg, IA 50255 **MEETING MINUTES** 

Board President Chad McKain called the regular meeting to or-

der at 5:30 p.m. Beckie Appleget, Board Secretary, acknowledged a quorum of the board by roll call. Board members present: Chad McKain, Derek Hall, and Ben Molyneux.

Board members absent: Jacob Edmundson and Heather Schmidt. Also Present: Superintendent, Chad Straight; Principal, Jennifer Berg; Athletic Director, Scott Edmundson; and Board Secretary, Beckie Appleget.

Reading of the Mission Statement by Chad McKain. Approval of Consent Agenda

Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried 5/0. Amend/Approve Agenda: None. Minutes: The minutes from the March 19, 2025, regular meeting and the March 27, 2025, special meeting. Financial Reports: SBO Stacey Kolars provided financial reports to the board for review. Summary List of Bills: General/ PPEL/SAVE/Nutrition Funds bills totaling \$116,070.73, and Activity Fund bills totaling \$3,694.27. Resignations: None. Communications

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations: Ms. Berg recognized the students of the month. Flementarv: 4-vear-old Preschool: Malakai

and Reports

Hildenbrand. Kindergarten: Brailey Brumbaugh. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Emmett Edmundson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Thomas Grouette. 3rd Grade: Raelyn Harris. 4th Grade: Jayce Wilcox. 6th Grade: Lilith Hartwig. Secondary: Ryann Schroeder, Dryvon Dennis, Hunter Brackelsberg. The prom was lovely, and there was a great crowd at Grand March (over 200). The After Prom went well at the Ottumwa YMCA. Great job to the Junior and Sponsors, Kylie McDonald, Jill Hall, and Patty Davis. Community/Public Request:

None. Board Report: None. Superintendent Report: Mr. Straight gave the board a heads-up on the possible new property tax laws and provided some unofficial information to them. He will continue to follow the legislation and update the board as needed. Principal Report: The K-2<sup>nd</sup> VIP Day and 3-6 Picnic in the Park will be held on April 25th The 7th-10th graders went on a field trip to tour Kinze with Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Thomas. Summer School notes went home with a form for parents to fill out if their child plans to attend summer school. Elementary Track and Field Day was April 15th. Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the What Cheer Opera House, and Graduation is Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Activities Director Report: Coaching Positions; resignations, none. Recommendations, none. There will be a JH Track meet on May 1st at Tri-County. The district will be moving to Bound as a facility scheduler. Mr. Edmundson attended the AD convention in Iowa City. There was discussion about the

girls' and boys' associations' new incentives and scheduling basketball into districts. Bound introduced innovations with ticketing, fundraising, and concessions. He also reported that the football districts have been announced and sharing has been applied for with the IAHSAA and IGHSAU for the 25-26 season. Girls and boys associations discussed new incentives, considering scheduling basketball into districts. Bound introduced new innovations with ticketing, fundraising, and concessions. Old Business

Action/Discussion on PPEL and SAVE Projects: none.

**New Business** 

Employment of Personnel: Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux, to approve the following. FY26 TLC positions, summer school teachers, and student summer help as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Public Hearing on the FY 2025-2026 Tri-County Proposed Budget: No written or verbal communications were received regarding the FY25-26 proposed budget. Approval of the FY 2025-2026

Tri-County Budget: Molynuex moved, seconded by Hall, to approve the FY25-26 Budget as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment: No written or verbal communications were received regarding the FY24-25 budget amendment. Approval of the FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment: Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall, to approve the FY24-25 budget amendment as presented. Motion carried 3/0 Acton/Discussion on Recognizing Valedictorian

and Salutatorian: Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall, to approve the recognition of valedictorian and salutatorian for graduation as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Action/ Discussion on Purchasing a Bus: Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall to approve the purchase of a 2026 - 77 passenger bus from Hoglund Bus Company as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Public Hearing on 25-26 School Calendar: No written or verbal communications were received regarding the FY25- 26 school calendar. Action/Discussion on 25-26 School Calendar: Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux, to approve the 25-26 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Action/Discussion on Changing the June Board Meeting Date Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall, to move the June board meeting to Tuesday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. Action/Discussion on GPAEA . Service Agreement: Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux, to approve the GPAEA Service Agreement for FY26 as presented. Motion carried 3/0. Board Talking Points: There was discussion of a new shed/bus barn and utility vehicle. Item/Topics for Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be June 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Adjournment: Hall moved, sec-

onded by Molyneux, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried 3/0 President, Chad McKain

Board Secretary, Beckie Appleget Published in The News-Review on May 14, 2025

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Keota CSD • Claims 5.9.2025

....2.802.96

KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL 05/09/2025 9:56 AM Vendor Totals Report by Vendor 04/10/2025 - 05/09/2025 Beginning Date 04/10/2025; Ending Date 05/09/2025

Vendor Name, Description, Total AAA MECHANICAL CONTRAC-TORS, IN, HVAC/R PREVENTA-TIVE MAINT, VISIT ...... 5.872.08 AHLERS & COONEY P.C., LEGAL TRAL, PEST CONTROL... 160.00 ALLIANT ENERGY COMPANY, ELECTRICITY.....4,377.15 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, ....4.377.15

PURCHASED FOOD .....1,336.83 ASPI SOLUTIONS, INC., CARD READER.......362.00 AWARD EMBLEM MFG. CO.,

INC., AWARDS......87.25 BENNETT, GINA, REIMB POST-TRY FEE......125.00 BLANK PARK ZOO, 1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP PARENTS - RE-....264.00 BROOKLYN HARDWARE, CUS-TODIAL SUPPLIES..........435.84 BROOKLYN-VICTOR COUNTRY CLUB. GOLF ENTRY FEE..60.00 CARL'S PLACE, GOLF SIMULA-

TOR ......8,715.00 CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., TECHNOLOGY PARTS ...212.28 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 720.60 CITY OF KEOTA, WATER/GAR-NET......309.99 CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP., CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES.

COUNTY LINE MART, LLC, SUP-PLIES FOR FFA ......159.92 COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, IN, GARBAGE COLLECTION ..... ... 577.50

..384.40

CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS, CON-DUCTORS AWARD ......0.00 EAKINS, LUANN, MENTOR .....

1,500.00 EDWARDS, JANE, REIMB JR/SR PROM SUPPLIES PROM SUPPLIES ......96.98 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING,

REPAIR DOCK DOOR ACCESS/ IT SUPPORT ......340.00 EMS DETERGENT SERVICES, KITCHEN SUPPLIES......99.50 FARMERS COOPERATIVE AS-SOCIATION, FUEL/SUPPLIES

GE MONEYBANK/AMAZON, IN-STRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES.. PORT SERVICES -MAY .....

3 333 33 GREAT PRAIRIE AEA, AEA SER-VICES AND SUPPORTS - 3RD ......3.615.39 HILL, ROD, REIMB GOLF TEAM MEALS/GREEN FEES......502.07 HIWAY SERVICE CENTER CORP., BUS PARTS ..... 2,141.83 IMAGINE LEARNING LLC, WEB BASED LEARNING & AT RISK WEB LEARNIN......4,297.00 INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE, CONTRACTED CLASSES SPRING 25......23,898.25 IOWA VALLEY GOLF, GOLF

TOURNEY ENTRY FEE.... 120.00

J.W. PEPPER AND SON, INC,

MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS..

JAMISON, ZACH, REIMB NA-TIONAL SOILS EXPENSES.

KALONA COOPERATICE TECH-1 436 32

KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL & CLINICS, DOT PHYSICAL - C. SHEMANSKI KEOTA EAGLE FOODS, KITCH-EN SUPPLIES - EGGS ..... 954.16 KERBY, LISA, REIMB PRE-SCHOOL SUPPLIES .............9.49
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COL-

LYLE, KRISTINE, SICL ALL ACA-DEMIC AWARDS ......43.30 MARCO, INC., DISTRICT METER CO., PURCHASED FOOD......

LEGE, SPONOSRED TUITION.

MENARD, INC., INSTRUCTION-AL SUPPLIES - AG/FFA ...228.34

CORPORATION, **PUBLISH BOARD MINUTES** .262.20 NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION. FFA BANQUET SUPPLIES ....

**PUBLISHING** 

MID-AMERICA

......633.50 OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, REGISTRATION FOR SOILS CONTEST .....315.00 OSKALOOSA GOLF COURSE, GOLF MEET ENTRY FEE .......

PEKIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, VARSITY/JH TRACK MEET EN-TRY FEES ...... ....330.00 PUTNAM MUSEAUM AND SCI-ENCE CENTER, 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP ..... REV TRAK, FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM.......126.03 S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY,

SCHOOL BUS SALES CO. TRANS. SUPPLIES ......69.98 SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC., IN-STRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES.

INDUS. ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL

FIELD TRIP ADMISSION .. 153.00 SEIS HEALTH CARE PLAN, HEALTH INSURANCE..44,508.15 SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, GOLF INVITE EN-TRY FEE......200.00 SKEETER KELL SPORTING GOODS, HIGH JUMP BAR

SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA.

STOUT, DAN, REIMB FOR BASE-BALL FIELD SUPPLIES...... 19.65 THALKEN, CATHY, REIMB FOR NURSES OFFICE SUPPLIES ...

......339.51 WALMART, INSTRUCTIONAL .339.51 SUPPLIES .......402.33 WAPELLO COMMUNITY WAPELLO SCHOOL DIST., TRACK MEET ENTRY FEE......80.00 WILLIAMSBURG COMM. SCHOOL DIST, GOLF TEAM EN-TRY FEE......125.00 WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC, NATURAL GAS .....1,495.54

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE Keota CSD • Minutes** 5.8.2025

#### **KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION** MEETING

Keota High School – Room 205 Keota, Iowa 52248 Thursday May 8, 2025

President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement. Board members present: Dan

Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Erin Mc-Guire, Pat Hammen Board members absent: Also present: Board Secretary

Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Amy Greiner, HR Director Missy Sellers

Pat Hammen moved to accept the

agenda as amended as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Communication and Reports Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations - There were none. Community Public Participation -Teacher Kate Kaplan spoke.

Approval of Consent Items A. Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes B. Approval of Financial Reports

C. Approval of Summary List of

D. Approval of Open Enrollment E. Approval of Fund-Raising Re-

F. Approval of Resignations - Brian Shifflett. Custodian

Jenny Hobbs - HS Science, Science Fair advisor. Varsity Volleyball, JH Track, JH Girls Basketball G. Approval of New Hires – Josh Myers – Assistant HS Baseball

Andy Conrad moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items A. Discussion of Mowing - This item will be discussed at the next meeting as an action item.

B. Update of Day Care Progress-Elementary Principal Milledge updated the board on the day care progress. Action Items

Approval of Superintendent Resignation/Settlement - Pat Hammen moved to accept the resignation and settlement agreement of Superintendent Lisa Brenneman. Dan Redlinger seconded the mo-

tion. The motion carried 5-0. Approval of Graduation List - Dan Redlinger moved to accept as presented pending completion of all graduation requirements. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0

Approval of 2025-26 Employee Handbook - Andy Conrad moved to approve the employee handbook for SY 2025-26 as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Operational sharing-Pat Hammen moved to approve the operational sharing amounts as

presented. Seconded by Erin Mc-Guire. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of advertisement to sell John Deere tractor and Dodge pickup- Dan Redlinger moved to approve advertising for the sale of the John Deere tractor and the Dodge truck. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0. Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report - Principal Seth Milledge reported that testing has been completed in the elementary. ISASP Preliminary Reports show great learning and growth in ELA and Math. Teacher evaluations have been completed. Field trips have been taking place in the final 10 days of the school year.

Business Manager Report - Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that the monthly reports were completed and payroll was processed for the month. Contracts have also been prepared and issued. 3rd quarter claims were submitted.

Board Training/Board In Service The next Keota School board meeting will be June 12th, 2025 in the Elementary Media Library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Board President \_ Date\_ Board Secretary \_\_ Date\_ Published in The News-Review on

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### City of North English • April 2025 Claims

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, .5.628.00 APR2025 WATER EXCISE TAX.. .1.092.19 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, APR2025 SALES TAX ......208.37 USDA - RURAL DEVELOP-ENGLISH, MISC SUPPLIES...... MENT, APR2025 USDA LOANS

02,04,05......15,509.00 CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, BOOKS ......143.82 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, BOOKS... .... 304.15 ALLIANT ENERGY, APRIL2025 ALLIANT BILLS......4,639.38 BADGER METER, WATER TECH-NOLOGY ......65.58 BERGAN KDV, FY24 AUDIT......

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HESTER, CHRIS, PINE MAIN ST TIONS, LAB TESTING.....490.00 IOWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OF-FICE, 4TH QTR FY25 LAW EN-FORCEMENT......33,819.00 LEE, JASON, MILEAGE - TRAIN-ING ......93.80 LOCKHART GRADING LLC, MA-...93.80 FUEL.....523.69 NORTH ENGLISH CO-OP TEL ....523.69 CO, APR2025 PHONE BILLS.

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ANCE, CYBER INSURANCE... ......60,086.10 STANDARD PEST CONTROL, APR2025 SERVICE - CITY HALL.....30.00 T N T LANDSCAPING LLC, ROADSTONE......250.38 TIP RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP, ELECTRIC POWER .......1,113.23 UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., TANK MAINTENANCE .. 4,010.81 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL, INSURANCE ..... 4,188.81 IOWA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOP, FY25 DONATION .....

...5.000.00 BADGER METER, OPERATION-

AL TECHNOLOGY... ..65.58 LEAF, OFFICE EQUIPMENT

SOFTWARE PBC COLUMN PUBLICATIONS ......198.87 COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUBLICATIONS .......33.25 ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, OPER SUPP, TECH, BOOKS...

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.....63.75 NORTH ENGLISH CO-OP TEL CO, APR2025 PHONE BILL - LI-BRARY ......78.03
R&R SMALL TOWN LAWN, BLDG MAINT ......205.00 SHANNAHAN, ANNETTE, 

APR2025 SERVICE - LIBRARY.. DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, MI-

NOR EQUIP ......195.00 ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, TRAINING ......110. HAWKINS INC., CHEMICALS ...

J&M DISPLAYS, INC., 2025 FIRE-WORKS..... ....5.000.00 ZOOPS FUN ZONE, FUN DAYS COMM DEVL......1,100.00 NORTH ENGLISH POST OFFICE, MAY2025 UTILITY BILL POST-AGE ......274.96 

FUND 001 GENERAL FUND ... 69,676.10

031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS.. ......447.97 075 PINE.. ... 128.39 610 SEWER FUND......41,332.38 TOTAL......162,541.07 

FUND 001 GENERAL FUND ...75,098.03 031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS..31.06 ......11,564.84 600 WATER FUND ...... 20,417.65 610 SEWER FUND...... 32,364.22 TOTAL .... ......153.810.94 Published in The News-Review on

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE City of North English • Minutes** 5.7.2025

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 6:35 p.m. The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Pro Tem Haugland, Garringer, Carter, Custer, and O'Rourke. Mayor Strohman was absent. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employ-

ees Knipfer and Lee. - O'Rourke, 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,

- Garringer, seconded by Carter,

made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No.2025.1 – Amending No Parking Zone on

.375.05

West Lakeview to include no parking on the north side between S. Walnut Street and the alley to the east of Walnut Street that runs from West Clark St to West Lakeview St. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

Siren upgrade discussion was tabled.

- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve the Tornado Siren 28e Agreement with Iowa County Emergency Management. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Speed Sign discussion was ta-

- Custer, seconded by Garringer. made a motion to approve Casey's Cigarette Permit renewal application Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke. ves.

- Garringer, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Freeman Food's Cigarette Permit when it is received. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, abstain; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Custer, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve paying for the Fire Department's Fun Days liquor license. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland yes; Garringer, abstain; Carter, ves: Custer, ves: O'Rourke, ves.

 Carter, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06: FY26 Employee Compensation with a 5% increase. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Ro-

urke, yes. - Property Reports: Heyne indicated a letter was sent to a Main Street property requesting the front fa-

cade be fixed and painted. - City Services: not be tiling near the little league

· Heyne reported the school will dugout this spring, but there are lights that need repaired.

Motion carried with roll call vote as

urke, abstain. Garringer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve April 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Levy Meeting Minutes.

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

made a motion to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

- Garringer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to approve the April 21st Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, abstain; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Ro-

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

- Haugland, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve May 2025 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$18,300.20). Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.

ves; Custer, ves; O'Rourke, ves.

 Utility Report was shared. - Public Comments: No Public in attendance.

- Council Communications: Garringer inquired about progress on the City Park bathrooms. Custer inquired about a property that had received a clean-up letter.

- Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer Published in The News-Review on May 14, 2025



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## Senior Spotlights - Congratulations Class of 2025

Bryce Moyer

Birthday: November 7

Parents: Alicia Brower & Jacob Moyer

Siblings: Maci and Mallory Pet: Coonhound named Jax

Activities: Baseball and Band Memorable Moment: One of Bryce's proudest accomplishments is graduating.

Plans After Graduation: Bryce is pursuing his passion for hands-on problem-solving by becoming a skilled mechanic.



Birthday: April 14th

Parents: Dwayne & Michelle Patterson

Siblings: Roejert, Elliana, and Jayvee

Pets: A Havanese named Mocha and a parakeet named Ev Activities: Basketball, Track, Drama, Speech, Student Council, NHS, Future Teachers, Tech Team, Chess, Band

Memorable Moments: One of Declan's most memorable moments was accidentally standing with the state qualifiers during his freshman year, a humorous and unforgettable mix-up that still makes him smile.

Plans After Graduation: Declan plans to attend DMACC, where he will study telecommunications and build a career in the field, combining technical expertise with a passion for innovation.



Birthday: September 26

Parents: Beth and Gary Purdy

Siblings: Gary Purdy Jr., Stephanie Roozeboom, Conner Remele, Lou Brodrecht

Pet: A long-haired Calico cat named Nutmeg

Activities: Cheer, Track, National Honor Society, Student Council, Drama, FCCLA, Choir, Band

Memorable Moment: One of Gyasilyn's proudest achievements was being inducted into the National Honor Society—an honor that reflects her dedication to academic excellence, leadership, and service.

Plans After Graduation: Gyasilyn will attend Central College, where she plans to major in psychology. She is excited to pursue a career dedicated to understanding and helping others.



Birthday: September 9th

Parent: Alicia Stratton

Siblings: Imigyn, Peityn, and Charlee

Pets: Two cats named Luna and Lilly, and two dogs named Piper and Kona

Activities: Softball, Wrestling, Drama, Future Teachers, Band, and Yearbook

Plans After Graduation: Channing plans to attend Kirkwood Community College, where she will take the opportunity to explore a range of academic and career paths. With curiosity and determination, she's ready to discover where her passions will lead.



Birthday: March 10th

Parents: Benjamin Threlkeld & Jennifer Cox

Sibling: Zaelynn Downing-Threlkeld

Pet: Jango - American Bulldog

Activities: Cheer, Drama, RPG, Future Teachers, FCCLA, and Yearbook.

Biggest Accomplishment: Victoria considers her biggest accomplishment to be stepping outside of her comfort zone and getting involved in many new activities. Through this, she discovered new passions and also earned the role of student director. Plans after Graduation: Victoria plans to attend Kirkwood Community College, where she looks forward to exploring different fields of study as she works toward choosing a major.

## Another Successful EV Community Service Day!

What a day to remember! On Wednesday, May 7, English Valleys students proudly demonstrated their school spirit and dedication to community during the district's annual Community Service Day. With energy, teamwork, and a strong sense of purpose, students took part in a wide variety of service projects that made a meaningful impact across the English Valleys area.

Teams of students worked hard all over the community, including in South English, Knoll Ridge Golf Course, Lake Iowa, The Care Center, the cemetery, Millersburg, the Smokey Row Trail, the high school, city park, baseball fields, and many other locations. Whether it was tidying up public spaces or lending a helping hand to local facilities, their dedication was on full display.

Each task, whether big or small, contributed to a cleaner, more beautiful community, and reminded everyone of the importance of giving back. The commitment of these young volunteers, along with the support of staff and local partners, truly brought the spirit of service to life.





Issue: XXXVI





Commencement Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 12:30 pm **English Valleys Competition Gym** 



## **Upcoming Activities**

May 14:

Boys' Golf Playoffs at BGM

State Qualifying Track Meet

May 16:

Girls' Golf Playoffs at East Buchanan

May 18:

Commencement - 12:30 pm





#### STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT HONORS TEA

The Honors Tea ceremony was held on May 7 to recognize perfect attendance, honor roll, and academic awards.



7th Grade Honor Roll

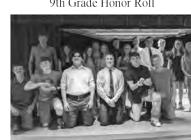


8th Grade Honor Roll

11th Grade Honor Roll



9th Grade Honor Roll



12th Grade Honor Roll

#### **EVENTS**

Boys' Sectional Golf - 10:00 AM -**TBA** 

15 Srs: Commencement Rehearsal - HS Gym - 9:30 AM

District Track @ WACO (Wayland) = 15

NO CLASSES - PD Day

(G) Regional Golf - TBA

Commencement - HS Gym - 1:30 PM

- (Srs. arrive 12:45 PM)

(B) District Golf - TBA Sub-State Soccer - TBA

9th & 11th Gr. - Locker Cleanout - EA 21 7th, 8th & 10th Gr. - Locker Cleanout

- EA Girls' Regional Golf - TBA



Bries's Eagle Advisory Wins



10th Grade Honor Roll

Junior High Science Fair



State Science Fair



Perfect Attendance



Math Awards



Coding Club



New Student Council Officers

#### SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

The Senior Awards ceremony followed Honors Tea, recognizing seniors for awards and scholarships. We could fill many pages with the accomplishments of this class, but here we can only present a few of their numerous successes.



Music Boosters Scholarship Recipients





Silver Cord Honors



4-H Cords Honors



Kirkwood Graduates



KEF Scholarship Recipients



IA Bowling Council



Lyle Insurance - Grinnell Mutual Insurance "Road to Success" Scholarhsip



T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship



Virginia F. Striegel Memorial Conservation Scholarship



Keokuk County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship



Iowa FFA Foundation - Sinclair Tractor FFA



John L. & Anna R. Calkins Scholarships



Tom Vittetoe Agriculture Scholarship



SICL All-Academic Activity Achievement Awards

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The student of the week is Brynn Conrad. We asked Brynn what her favorite class is, and she said it is Mr. Weeks's history class. When she grows up, she wants to become rich. The extracurriculars she's in consist of volleyball, basketball, golf, fall play,



and speech; she does these so she's not bored during the school year and because she enjoys playing with her friends. Brynn does not have a nickname, and she has two siblings named Reese, a junior, and Mia, an 8th grader. She has a dog named Harley. We asked what her favorite memory was while at Keota, and she responded with Eagle Olympics. We wish Brynn the best of luck with the rest of the school year!

By: Kennedy Jackson

## **KEOTA TEES OFF**

The Keota High School golf team had a great meet on Thursday, May 1. The match up of Keota vs Lynnville allowed all golf members from Keota to participate in the meet. The Boys Junior Varsity beat Lynnville's Junior Varsity. The Keota Girls Varsity finished second behind Lynnville, with our very own Lainey Swanson placing second overall out of the girls. The Keota Boys Varsity Team placed first over Lynnville with Billie Kindred finishing second and Brennan McGuire finishing in first place overall. Although it started raining towards the end of the meet, it was a great day for golf with no wind and a good temperature. Coach Hill was happy with the outcome of the meet. The team is excited with their next meets; for the girls, it's May 2, and for the boys it's the following Thursday, May 8. This will be the last meet for the JV boys. We hope they finish off with a great season.

By: Mison Milam





**EAGLE'S WING STAFF** 2024-2025 DAKOTA DODD

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

ADVISER: Dr CULLETT

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AVA GREINER



JAKE MORRIS

"Playing the banjo"



**EMILY CONGER** 

"Play guitar



**AUBREY GALINDO** 

"A stable handstand"





CASSIDY MCCOID

"Knit a blanket"

## ——AGR∜-VIEW——

## for Cover Crops

The 2025 sign-up period is open for cost share funds to help farmers install nutrient reduction practices. Practices eligible for this funding are cover crops, no-till or strip till, or using a nitrification inhibitor when applying fertilizer in the fall.

Keokuk County residents can contact the Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District, 607 E. Jackson, Sigourney, IA 52591 or at 641-622-3380 Ext 3 to

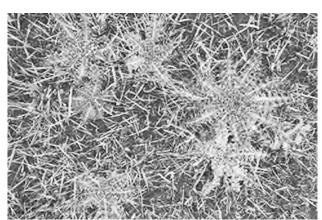
The cost share rate for farmers planting cover crops is \$30 per acre for first time users and \$20 per acre for previous users of cover crop. The cost-share is available for up to 160

acres. First-time cover crop users will receive priority consideration for this assis-

Previous users are welcome to apply for assistance but there is no guarantee it will be approved for funding.

Assistance for no-till, strip till and nitrification inhibitor is for first time users only. Cover crop assistance is available for first time users and previous users.

If interested in this funding, it is encouraged that you apply for funding before August 1, 2025 at your local Soil and Water Conservation District office. The funds will be made available for approval in July for first time users.



Musk thistle in the field

## **Tackle Thistles** before They Bolt

Herbicide application now means less resistance in biennial species

> By: Sherry Hoyer, Meaghan Anderson

AMES - Time's running out to treat biennial thistles with herbicide this spring. Meaghan Anderson, extension field agronomist with Iowa State University, said if you want to effectively use herbicide, you need to do so before the plants bolt.

"We are currently reaching the end of the first window of the year, and while these plants might be easier to see once bolting begins later this spring, they become much more tolerant to herbicide application at that point," she

While goldfinches and butterflies enjoy those purple flowers, invasive biennial species allowed to produce seed can quickly create monocultures of plants that are unpalatable to livestock.

"Once plants have bolted, cutting or mowing stems will reduce or perhaps prevent seed production," Anderson said. "Chopping individual plants with a spade below ground level is also highly effective but labor-intensive."

Musk and bull thistles are common invasive weeds in Iowa pastures, and both are biennial, meaning they can be easier to control than the perennial Canada thistle. Biennial thistles of Iowa, an online resource from Iowa State's Integrated Crop Management program, has descriptions, comparisons, and control options for musk and bull thistles.

Anderson also recommends these three individual thistle ID pages from ICM.

Bull thistle ID, Musk thistle ID, Canada thistle ID

For more information, contact your ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomist.

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## Cost share available | Iowa DNR Encourages Trail Safety and **Courtesy as Spring Recreation Season Begins**

Des Moines - With warmer weather drawing outdoor enthusiasts to Iowa state parks, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hikers, cyclists, and equestrians to prioritize safety and courtesy through its "Share the Trail" initiative. Sixteen state parks and forests now feature updated



Share the trail sign triangle

iquette guidelines to promote natural spaccooperative use of multi-use

Key Trail Etiquette Re-

Yield respectfully: Hikers and cyclists yield to horses; cyclists also yield to hikers. Communicate clearly: Cy-

clists should announce passes with "on your left," while both bikers and hikers should

> greet equestrians with friendly "hello" to avoid startling horses. Give space:

Allow horses ample room and wait for them to pass completely before proceeding.

Protect

es: Stay on designated trails, pack trash, and avoid disturbing wildlife or trail surfac-

"Trails are shared spaces where awareness kindand ness go a long way," said Sherry Arntzen, DNR Parks.

Forests and Preserves Bureau Chief. "By following these simple guidelines, visitors ensure safer, more enjoyable experiences for everyone."

Additional Resources: Watch the "Share the Trail"

SHARE THE TRAIL PLEASE RESPECT EVERYONE

ON THE TRAIL: · Communicate your presence

Slow down and keep safe distances

· Stay on the trail

· Keep pets on leashes

· Carry out your trash

Share the trail sign

video and explore trail information at: https://www. iowadnr.gov/things-do/hiking-biking

Check equestrian trail status on the DNR's Closure and Alerts web page.

## Leave wildlife babies where they belong --- In the wild

By Karen Kinkead, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

It's as predictable as May flowers - from border to border, the Wildlife Baby Season has arrived in Iowa. From now until at least mid-June, DNR field offices across the state will be inundated with hundreds of phone calls and scores of deliveries regarding "orphaned wildlife."

Most calls begin with something like, "We were walking in the park when . . .," or "Ĩ looked out my window and saw. . ." In nearly every instance, the scenario ends with something [or several somethings] being res-

cued from their mother. During a typical season, the species people call about will range all the way from baby robins and squirrels to spindly-legged white-tailed fawns. At this time of the year it is not at all uncommon for biologists to discover that complete litters of baby raccoons, foxes, or even skunks have mysteriously appeared on their doorsteps.

Why this happens is no real mystery. From fuzzy yellow ducklings to tiny baby bunnies, nothing appears more cute and cuddly than a wildlife baby. But in reality, most of the wildlife reported to DNR field offices are not really orphaned at all. And while the people who attempt to "rescue" these babies have the best of intentions, they are in fact dooming the very creatures they intend to help.

The babies of most wildlife species leave their nests or dens well in advance of being able to care for themselves. Although broods or litters

may become widely scattered this is a normal occurrence during this fledgling period, they still remain under the direct care and feeding of their parents.

For many songbirds, the transition to independence comes quickly and may take as little as four or five days. For other species such as Canada geese, kestrels, or great horned owls, the young and parents may stay in contact for weeks -- even

At the beginning of the fledgling period, young birds appear clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. The reason for this is because they really are clumsy, dull-witted, and vulnerable. But as the education process continues, the survivors smarten up fast, while slow learners quickly fade from the scene. Most birds have less than a 20 percent chance of surviving their first year. While this seems unfortunate or cruel,

in nature. In the real out-ofdoors, it's just the way things

Most mammals employ a slightly different strategy when it comes to caring for their adolescents. Since most mammals are largely nocturnal, the mother usually finds a safe daytime hideout for her young while she sleeps or looks for food. Consequently, it is perfectly normal for the young to be alone or unattended during the daylight

Nevertheless, whenever a newborn fawn or a nest full of baby cottontails or raccoons is discovered by a human, it quite often is assumed that the animals are orphaned. The youngster's fate is usually sealed when it is promptly "rescued from the wild."

Many wildlife babies die soon after capture from the stress of being handled, talked to, and placed into the unfamiliar surroundings of a slick sided cardboard box. Should the animal have the misfortune of surviving this trauma, they often succumb more slowly to starvation from improper nourishment, pneumonia, or other human caused sicknesses.

Whether they are adults or young, all species of wildlife have highly specific needs for survival. "Rescuing a baby from its mother" not only shows bad judgment, it also is illegal.

Observing wildlife in its natural habitat is always a unique privilege. Taking a good photo or two provides an even more lasting memory. But once you've done that, let well enough alone. Leave wildlife babies where they belong -- in the wild.

A list of wildlife rehabilitators is available online at https://www.iowadnr.gov/ programs-services/wildlife-rehabilitation.



Baby bird in nest. Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Library

## Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference Set for May 21

Join farmland and agricultural experts to gain insight into current issues affecting land markets

By: Rabail Chandio, Alaina Friesleben

AMES - Farm managers, rural appraisers, real estate brokers and others interested in the Iowa land market can expect timely updates at this year's Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference on May 21 in Ames.

Farmland Experts will examine current issues in rural property management, appraisal, the selling and buying of land, and agricultural policy.

The annual conference now in its 97th year - is the longest running at Iowa State University in research and

extension. This year's conference will be held at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State campus from 8 a.m. to 4:30

Rabail Chandio, conference chairperson, assistant professor and extension economist at Iowa State, will begin the day reviewing attendees' land value forecasts, followed by a discussion on global trade and U.S. ag profitability from Nathan Kauffman, senior vice president and Omaha branch executive for the Federal Reserve Bank

of Kansas City. Doug Houser, digital agriculture extension specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will share the impact of technology-driven ag innovations on income and land values. Then, Dennis Todey, director of the Midwest Climate Hub at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will provide a weather outlook for the 2025 growing season. Panel speakers are Jeremy Gustafson, farmer and outreach leader with Practical Farmers of Iowa; Matt Russell, former state executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency; and Jerry

Hatfield, retired director of

the USDA-ARS National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment.

After lunch, Kristine Tidgren, director for the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State, will share legal updates affecting land purchases and sales, followed by a panel discussion on conservation, soil health, and farm productivity.

The final two sessions will provide insights on animal health crises related to land use and livestock market profitability, featuring Dr. Jeff Kaisand, the state veterinarian at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Lastly, Chad Hart, extension economist at Iowa State, will share a crop markets outlook.

Chandio said the conference will continue to educate those in the Iowa land market, enabling them to make

more informed decisions. "We're diving into a range of issues that matter right now — like how trade policy and tariffs might shake things up, what recent legal changes could mean for land sales, how technological changes can affect agriculture and how funding opportunities are evolving for farmers," she said. 'Whether you're managing

land, buying and selling it or evaluating its value, there's a lot to gain from hearing directly from experts who are tracking these issues every day." The cost to register for the

Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference is \$150; registration is required to attend.

Participants are also eligible to receive seven hours of continuing education credit for real estate and appraisal licenses upon conclusion of the program.

For more information and an agenda, visit the Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference, contact Rabail Chandio at rchandio@ iastate.edu or Nathan Cook at nmcook@iastate.edu or 515-294-3809.