

Pekin Board Approves 2025/2026 Budget

**By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review**
PACKWOOD – Following two public hearings in the same special school board meeting on April 28, the Pekin School Board approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year centered on a property tax rate of \$1.95688 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. In the public hearing prior to the vote, a local woman begged the board to not approve any budget that did not include funding for an elementary counselor, stating that students cannot focus if hungry, anxious or traumatized and

that, without early intervention, there are increased disciplinary issues, worse grades, and a higher dropout rate. She noted a CDC study stating that 1/6 of children between ages two and eight have a diagnosed mental, behavioral or developmental disorder, and that Pekin is the only one of the twenty school districts in the Great Prairie AEA region without an elementary counselor. Board president J.J. Greiner stated that the district had a position for an elementary counselor posted online, but had received no applicants, as far

as he knew. Elementary principal Liz Goodwin stated they had received an application in March. Greiner stated that they could always amend the budget if a counselor is hired. The board also approved staff wage increases including an increase of 1.87%, 3.02% including insurance, for most salaried employees; no increase for admin and central office staff; a raise to \$15 for activities coaches; and a 50 cent increase for bus drivers, associates, and other hourly workers, except day care staff, which will be discussed at a later date.

County Supervisors Move to AEA for Interim IT Work

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SIGOURNEY – During the May 5 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, following the resignation of IT Director Charles Kent, the board approved hiring the AEA to provide interim IT work. Also at the Monday morning meeting, Treasurer Christine Edmundson Long informed the board that the extra title fees put in place by the state legislature last year had already

brought in \$8,000, compared to the \$2,000 fees brought in last year. Edmundson Long mentioned that Louisa County was planning to stop issuing drivers licenses in July, forcing residents to get licenses from other counties; Board member Kevin Weber asked how many licenses in Keokuk County are from outside the county and Edmundson Long stated that 30% were. The board approved a permit for the What Cheer Area Community Club to set off fireworks on

the Fourth of July. The board met with insurance agent Stacy Flynn of Legacy Insurance Group, who would like to take over the county's ICAP insurance. Flynn stated she would love to work with the county again and that she wanted to keep money in the county and protect it going forward. Supervisor Daryl Wood noted that it doesn't matter too much who manages ICAP for the county and stated it was good to keep county money in the county.

District Court Judge Interviews Held at Courthouse

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SIGOURNEY – Interviews were held at the Keokuk County Courthouse on April 29 to fill an 8A District Court vacancy. Two candidates were interviewed, both county attorneys: Amber Thompson of Keokuk County and Bart Klaver of Poweshiek County. Thompson was inter-

viewed first. She explained that she was raised on a farm outside Sigourney with four siblings, three of them foster children her parents had taken in from rough homes, and that working on the farm and taking care of her siblings taught her responsibility. She stated that she currently lives on the edge of town with her husband and two kids, is a 4H leader, and is involved with

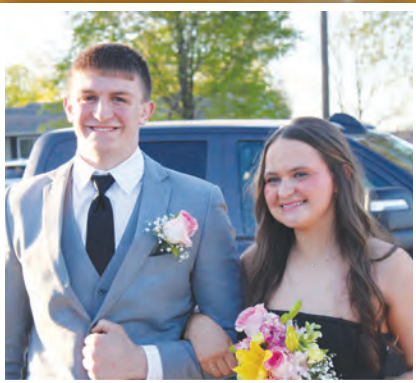
her church. Thompson stated that the governor's office previously urged her to apply for a district judge position, after she was turned down for an associate position. Thompson stated that she touched everything through her work, both private practice and as a county attorney,

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

Keokuk County Historical Society
Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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Keota Junior High and High School band and choir students performed at a Spring Awards Concert on April 23.

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for it myself. Traveled to Guadalajara, central Mexico. I just retired from John's Ice Cream store, after 43 years. I used to travel in the winter time, during the off season, I had a sea salt business. So now I've sold my business, we have more time to do this. We were in Mexico last January, we're going back in September."

Juree Christensen sold antiques, including old irons, tools, toys, seed bags, and crock pockets from the 1800s.

"We've been coming to What Cheer for ten years," said Chrisensen. "Our father used to do it, so we took over, and decided we would go on with the legend. Got good friends here in What Cheer."

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including criminal, juvenile, civil and estate law. She admitted she was nervous about the idea of overseeing a big civil litigation case or having to make difficult evidentiary decisions on the spot during a jury trial. When asked what she was passionate about, Thompson explained that she entered the field of law originally wanting to help out farmers, as part of service to her community, and that she gained an understanding of the struggles defendants face. She stated she views her county attorney job as public service, helping guide law enforcement and public officials, that she has a passion for the justice system, and that she hoped as a judge to expand her influence from Keokuk County to the entire district.

Thompson stated that she likes to learn new things, always tries to do her own research first and that she listens to more experienced attorneys. When asked what life experience had shaped her as a professional, she brought up the foster kids her family took in, saying it helped her understand that people have reasons for acting out. Thompson stated that judges need to understand the struggles people have and that people need to feel heard.

She noted that her office had received flack for giving out plea deals, but that it deals with 100 criminal cases a year and can't try them all, and stated she would help the public understand these things as a judge. When asked why due process was important, Thompson stated that everyone needed to be heard and that it was important for all facts to be present in a case. When asked what was attractive to her about being a judge, she stated she likes her current job because she can make a difference, that she wants to serve her community, and that she likes challenges. Thompson

stated that she was a rule follower at heart, but that the important thing was to ensure cases were decided in a way that was fair for everyone.

During his interview, Klaver explained he had been a prosecutor since 2015 and worked at a private practice for six years before that. He stated he had done thirty jury trials, including multiple trials, one of which, the trial of Crishtian Bahena Rivera, who was convicted for the murder of Mollie Tibbetts, received nationwide media attention. He stated that he has experience in criminal defense, probate, civil and juvenile cases, and that his temperament and work ethic would make him a good judge. He stated that he is open indeed and committed to fairness, and that, as a prosecutor, he sees his job not as getting convictions but ensuring justice is done.

Klaver stated that when he was appointed county attorney, he was the only attorney in the office, making things a "trial by fire" where he had to learn on the fly. He stated he has a passion for the constitution and focuses on criminal law because it is very important to protect liberty on both sides of the table. Klaver stated that how judges interact with juries has a big impression on how the public views the legal system. When asked why due process was important, Klaver stated that the law affords people certain legal processes to ensure things are fair and that these rules are in place for a reason. When asked why the position of judge was attractive, he stated it would allow him to serve the public on a different level and that it was hard to find people who wanted to be judges that had the experience to do the job well.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpse count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean
31. Peyton's little brother
32. French commune
33. Eyelashes
38. Equal (prefix)
41. Quality of little or no rain
43. One who beheads
45. Sung to
48. Influential punk artist
49. Amount of time
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Job
57. Flat-bottomed sailboat
59. Japanese wooden clog
60. Folk singer
DiFranco
61. FL city

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillsides
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce

CLUES ACROSS

25. Similar
26. Born of
27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in Kentucky on May 6, 1961. In my teens, I tried out for the Cincinnati Reds but didn't make it past the first round of cuts. I've played a pediatrician, Batman, a gangster, and a ship captain in my career. A newer role has been Dad to twins.

Answer: George Clooney

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Ghengis Khan and the Mongolian Empire

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

Temüjin, the boy who would one day be known infamously by the title Genghis Khan, was born in 1162. Or 1155. Or 1167. The records aren't super clear. He was born on the wide, cold steppe plains of what is now Mongolia, which at the time was inhabited by different tribes of nomads. His father was Yesügei, leader of the Borjigin clan. His mother, Hö'elün, was a woman from the Merkit tribe, who Yesügei abducted right after her wedding to a Merkit aristocrat.

When Temüjin was eight, Yesügei arranged a marriage for him with Börte, the daughter of an Onggirat Clan chief, and left Temüjin with the Onggirat. While riding home, Yesügei ran into men from the rival Tartar tribe. Yesügei requested hospitality. The Tartars served him a poisoned meal. Yesügei sent a retainer to retrieve his son, but by the time Temüjin arrived, he was already dead.

The Borjigin clan fell apart with the death of their leader. Hö'elün and her children were abandoned in the wilderness. One day, Temüjin caught a fish. His half-brother, Begter, snatched it out of his hands. Temüjin responded by killing him. Another time, Temüjin was captured by the Tayichiud clan, who kept him imprisoned with a heavy wooden collar. Temüjin managed to knock out a guard and run to the river, but couldn't swim away with the collar. Temüjin solved this dilemma by walking back to the camp and telling the guard he would tell the others that he helped him escape if the guard didn't remove the collar and give him a horse to flee with.

In 1177, Temüjin married Börte. He was given an expensive coat as a wedding gift, which he gave Toghrul, to the ruler of the Kerait tribe, to

form a military pact. Shortly after, Börte was abducted by the Merkit, who wanted revenge for Temüjin's dad doing the same thing. Temüjin called upon Toghrul and his childhood friend, Jamukha, who was chief of the Jadaran tribe, raising a 20,000 man army to save his wife. When Börte was rescued, she was pregnant, leading to constant speculation that the son she gave birth to, Jochi, wasn't actually Temüjin's son.

After the rescue, Temüjin and Jamukha camped together for more than a year and a half, reaffirming their bond as blood brothers. But, the pair eventually had a falling out, stemming from Temüjin's belief that the steppe should be a meritocracy, in contrast to Jamukha's belief it should be ruled over by aristocrats like him. Their feud eventually erupted into outright warfare. In 1187, Jamukha's forces devastated Temüjin's army, forcing Temüjin to flee to Northern China, where he spent years enslaved by the Jin dynasty. After the battle, Jamukha tortured 70 of Temüjin's commanders and executed them by boiling them alive.

Temüjin returned to the steppe in 1196, leading a campaign against the Tatars on the behalf of the Jin. After defeating the Tatars, Temüjin ordered that every male Tatar taller than the height of a wagon wheel (approximately three feet tall) be killed. Over the next several years, Temüjin repeatedly defeated and conquered other tribes, slowly growing his army by recruiting soldiers from defeated armies as he fought to establish a united Mongolian nation, with himself as its ruler. But, standing in his way was his childhood friend, Jamukha, and the Naimans, the powerful northern tribe he had allied with.

In 1203, Temüjin attempted

to cement his alliance with Toghrul by proposing that his son Jochi marry one of Toghrul's daughters. Fearing that Temüjin was trying to usurp him and offended by Jochi's questionable parentage, Toghrul betrayed and ambushed Temüjin. Toghrul was later killed during a battle with Temüjin, by accident, at the hands of his Naiman allies.

One by one, the Merkits, Naimans and every other tribe was defeated by Temüjin. Jamukha, his army ravaged, was betrayed by his own men, who handed him over to Temüjin. Disgusted by their lack of loyalty, Temüjin executed Jamukha's men. He offered his old friend a pardon, but Jamukha requested death. Temüjin granted this request, having his men suffocate Jamukha with a carpet. Temüjin turned away as his blood brother died, unable to watch.

With Jamukha defeated, Temüjin was now the absolute ruler of the Mongolian Steppe and its 2,000,000 people. In 1206, he was awarded the title Chinggis Khan, or as it is more commonly romanized, Genghis Khan. The exact meaning of this title is unknown, but it's generally held to have meant "Universal Ruler." To stop tribal rivalries, Genghis reshaped his army, forcing soldiers from different tribes to fight together in ten-man squads. He also frequently promoted commoners to positions of power, undermining the aristocracy Jamukha had fought to uphold. Genghis Kahn transformed Mongolia from a land of nomadic warring tribes into an unstoppable military empire. He created a formal code of law, established trade with other nations, and created a horseback postal service.

Also he brutally slaughtered millions of people. It is tempting to get caught up in the dashing soap opera of

Genghis Khan's rise to power, but it needs to be remembered that, once he was in power, he became one of the most deadly butchers in history. The exact death tolls are hard to be certain of, but the Mongolian conquest that began under Genghis Khan and continued under the reigns of his sons and grandsons killed tens of millions, making it among the deadliest wars in history, with the highest estimates placing it only second to WWII in scale.

Genghis Khan's forces invaded, devastated and conquered the kingdoms of Xia Xia and Jin in China. Genghis was especially fond of the tactic of taking a city, killing every single person living there, then moving to the next city and telling them the same would happen to them if they did not surrender immediately.

In 1218, Genghis Kahn decided to establish trade with the Khwarazmian Empire, which controlled Central Asia, Iran and Afghanistan. The caravan of merchants he sent were robbed and murdered by a Khwarazmia governor. When Genghis sent ambassadors to meet with the Khwarazmian Shah and request the governor be punished, the Shah killed one of the ambassadors. This was, to put it mildly, a bad idea. The Mongolian horde invaded the Khwarazmian Empire, killing more than a million people and completely conquering it in only two years.

In 1226, Genghis Khan fell off his horse, fell ill, and died a few months later. His empire continued raiding and conquering other countries in the following decades, reaching its peak under the reign of his grandson, Kublai Khan, who expanded the Mongolian Empire to be the second largest empire in human history, a feat only beaten by the British Empire.

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BARNES CITY
Barnes City Community Church
Rev. Marvin Freeborn
Sunday
Adult Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m./Children's Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please check with your church for updates, online services, postponements and cancellations. In light of COVID-19 measures, please contact your church to find out how services are being held or streamed online before attempting to attend.

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

Holy Trinity Parish
109 N Lincoln St.
Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
641-622-3426
Parish Office Phone - 641-636-3883
Office hours are- Wednesday and Friday, 9-11 a.m.
Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at 9 a.m. For ease in relaying messages for bulletin, send via email to: stmarysgrnyia@telecom.net.
Sundays in January - Rel Ed. 9:30- 10:45 a.m.

United Church of Faith
201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
Keota, IA 52248
Pastor Cathy Nutting (641) 636-3825
keotaucf@cloudburst9.net - email
keotaucf.org - webpage
Keota United Church of Faith official page - facebook page
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OSKALOOSA
Park Church of Christ
1804 Burlington Road Oskaloosa
David Pearce, Minister
Sunday Morning 9:30 a.m. Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship

PELLA
Peoria Christian Reformed Church
Pastor George Den Oudsten
10 miles west of New Sharon
office@peoriacrc.org
www.peoriacrc.org

Worship, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

ROSE HILL
Rose Hill Community Church
Rose Hill Community Church
Postor: Mike Sennett
2011 Main St.
Sunday School- 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship- 10:15 a.m.
Free Food Bank Distribution- Every second Friday of the month.

SEARSBORO
Searsboro Community Church
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

SIGOURNEY
Be the Light Ministry
200 Kramer St.
Sunday- 9 a.m. Traditional
11 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School (PK-6) 10-10:45 a.m.

The Bethel Church
Pastor Nick Needham
319-329-6070
6 miles East of Sigourney on Highway 92.
Website: thebethelumc.org
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Member of the Global Methodist Church

First Baptist Church
Pastor Joe Hohenshell
308 N. Jefferson St. 319-450-8333
Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship Service, 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
215 N Jefferson St, Sigourney
Pulpit supply for Pastor 641-622-2247
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Christian Church of Sigourney
Dan Glandon, Pastor
308 S. Jefferson, 641-622-2151
Sunday School all ages: 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service: 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, LCMS
The Rev. Richard Meyer
315 W. Kelly Street
Office: 319-668-2999
May-Sept.
Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m.
Communion the first and third Sunday

Oct-April
Saturday: Worship at 5 p.m.
Communion the first and third Saturday

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Pastor John Stringfellow
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Worship Service: 10 a.m.

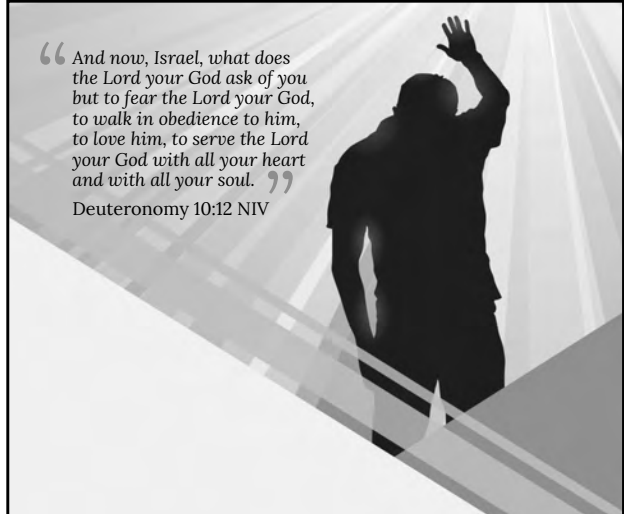
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Rectory: 641-622-3426
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Sigourney United Methodist Church
Website: sigourneyumc.com
Pastor Brandi Meyer
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SOUTH ENGLISH
English River Church of the Brethren
29252 137th St., South English
319-667-5235
Worship 10 a.m.

SULLY
Sully Community Church
Pastor Jerry Morningstar
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(just east of the grass airstrip south end of town)
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641-660-9948
109 E Briney
What Cheer
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.:
Adult Bible Study: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

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641-634-2990
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- HS Boys Wrestling Coach	- HS Girls Wrestling Coach
- HS Cheer Coach	- JH Football Coach
- JH Girls Wrestling Coach	- JH Baseball Coach
- 7-12 Vocal Music and Instrumental Band Teacher	

Interested applicants please submit a resume/application or letter of interest to: Jennifer Berg, Principal
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School: Keota High School
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4-H Activities: 76 Progressives, County Council
Special 4-H memory/highlight: My special 4-H memory is going to the state fair in the clothing event.
"I joined 4-H for the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I think 4-H is a great program to be a part of because of the endless opportunities it has to offer, and I encourage other people to also join 4-H!"
Other Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Speech, Show Choir, Youth Group, Student Council, National Honor Society.
Future plans: I plan to attend the University of Iowa to major in Nursing.



A vendor fair was held at the North English Community Center on April 26

KEOKUK COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL: APRIL 16, 2025

By Mary Williams, Secretary

The Keokuk County Retired School Personnel met on Wednesday, April 16, at the Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Twenty-three members and two guests were present. President Sandy Steinke called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. The program was Comic Artist Phil Hester who shared his artwork.


Phil Hester is a cartoonist and artist from North English. His wife Chris is a retired teacher and a member of KCRSP. Phil moved to North English in the eighth grade. He had several teachers who encouraged and inspired him to become the cartoonist he is today. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa. He started working as a cartoonist for the Knoxville Newspaper when his wife was a teacher there. After attending sev-

eral comic book conventions and becoming acquainted with a variety of comic book publishers, his first big break came when he was hired as an artist for the Ghost Busters comics. He has drawn superheroes for many publications including Marvel and DC Comics. He still gets royalties from some of the comic book characters he originated that are shown on TV.


Sandy Steinke called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M. She thanked the church la-

Phil Hester


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Pekin students Taytum Hixson, Sophie Davis, Zoe Heisdorffer, Carly Clubb, Autumn Coleman, Zoey Denison, Maksim Peiffer, and Kieran Adrian played as part of the SEISC Jr. High Honor Band.



Sigourney FFA students competed at the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Reno, placing 37th out of 94.



The Keokuk County Hospital Auxiliary held a vendor fair on April 24 to raise money for scholarships for locals entering the medical field

Keswick Student Selected for President's Leadership Class at Iowa State University

First-year student Chloe Zittergruen of Keswick is nearing completion of the 2024-25 President's Leadership Class at Iowa State University.

Zittergruen majors in agricultural communication and is a graduate of Tri-County High School.

Each fall, Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen invites 30 first-year students to participate in the program. They are selected for the class based on high school leadership experience, academic achievement, and involvement in school and community service. The President's Leadership Class builds on these abilities and experiences, serving as an important training ground for students who will go on to become campus leaders; and ultimately, leaders in their

professions and communities. The class meets weekly in The Knoll, the president's residence, to discuss a variety of topics related to leadership with President Wintersteen and are given the opportunity to interact with Iowa State administrators, faculty and staff, and state and local leaders. Each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Keota Quarter 3 Honor Roll

Junior High (Requires 3.0 GPA, * Denotes 4.0)
Seventh Grade
Landon Beinhart, Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Gia Jaeger
Eight Grade
Jessalyn Aller, Peyton Baughman, Hadley Cave, Mia Conrad, Drew Dodd, Aspen Galindo, Emma Greiner, Rowen Horning, Memphis Jaeger, Vivienne Klein, Maddox Peterson, Dacin Redlinger, Zoey Sieren, Grayson Sprouse*
High School (Required 3.2 HPA* Denotes 4.0)
Ninth Grade
Blake Baker*, Keegan Clarke, Aubrey Galindo, Aidan Greiner, Ella Greiner, Karley Greiner, Marlee Greiner, Cameron Haifley, Halle Heisdorffer*, Elyse Lyle*, Tyson Osweiler, Levin Sheetz
Tenth Grade
Porter Cave, Emily Con-

ger, Brynn Conrad, Maya Dalton, Lexus Detweiler, Ayden Galindo*, Jack Greiner, Brycen Horras, Brennan McGuire, Jaylah Redlinger, Tucker Sprouse
Eleventh Grade
Reese Conrad*, Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, Emily Mahan, Emily Moeller, Luke Moeller, Addison Purkeypille, Gavin Sieren*, Jackson Vitte-toe*
Twelfth Grade
Pierce Bimson, Elizabeth Chalupa*, Jace Chalupa, Kimberly Clarahan*, Grace Conger*, Wyatt Donald*, Ashton Galindo*, Ava Greiner*, Brody Greiner*, Landyn Greiner, Niveah Gutierrez*, Billie Kindred, Madelynn McDonald, Mison Milam, Owen Morris, Willow Schutte, Isaac Striegel, Alaina Swanson*, Jax Weber*


Hats and More

On April 17th our Hats and More club met at the Sundown Bar and Grill in Williamsburg. Eleven Members attended and enjoyed a wide variety of entrees. Prizes were won by Ruth Evans and Car-


la Burdock. Our next luncheon will be hosted by Dixie Knipfer at Bryant's Chill and Grill, 1991 O'Donnell Rd. Williamsburg on May 7th at 11:00 AM.

Pekin FBLA Students Qualify For National Competition

Pekin FBLA Students Competed at the State Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids on April 10. Kenadie Long placed 3rd in the state in Agribusiness. Jonathan Delaney and Wyatt Cobler placed 3rd in the state in Computer Game Simulation - Business Simulation Game for Education. Long and Delaney and Cobler were national qualifiers.



Pekin students Olivia Fishel, Sophie Davis, Autumn Coleman, Brin Lauderman, Zoe Heisdorffer, Charlotte Bias, and Taytum Hixson performed at the SEISC Jr. High Honor Choir on April 15.



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COUNTRY GIRL’S CORNER

When May Flowers Come Our Way

By Sheryl L. Carter
And I should say in addition to that title, “and Hostas, Too!” Because mine are unwrapping themselves out there as we speak, and oh, so pretty! I walk past the various leaf clusters, watching them day after day as they transform into their full selves. How grateful I am that my oldest son introduced five plants to me well over 20 years ago where they sat in the back of his pickup. “What are these, Wes?” I asked. “Those are hostas, Mom.” And so began a love affair that burns brightly year after year.

At the time, Wes worked for a landscaper, Ted Lare Landscaping, in Des Moines, and they had left-over plantings which he brought down to me. Besides the hostas were three bushes—I don’t recall what they are called, but we planted them at the far end of the English garden, which was still in its formative state. Today those three bushes have filled out immensely giving a solid privacy screen from the street. You can walk in there and sit on the little

bench under the white lilac tree cozy and secluded.

I know the names of two of the hosta plantings that we started with: Albomarginata, the most common hosta of all, and Albomarginata Univitta, gloriously identified by its gorgeously curly edged leaves. Now I just love to walk past those particular plants and let those amazing names roll off my tongue, as well some of my other favorites: Silk Kimono, Halcyon (a beautiful upright blue green), Regal Splendor, Old Glory, Paul’s Glory, Cherry Berry, and more. The bluebells are spread all through the two big hosta beds in the back yard, along with the primroses, so I need to do some digging out to allow the hostas to extend and open out freely.

This year I need to look up in my big hosta book and try to identify the few I don’t know the names of.

Monday I did some jobs around here, worked on my book again, brought in a bouquet of burgundy lilacs, and picked more asparagus. Tuesday Scottie came up and began cutting up and

splitting the pile of thick tree limbs lying in the side yard. He also put up a new more sturdy clothesline for me. Yay! The old lines were a disaster as they were not real clothesline at all, but were sold as such. So glad now I will be able to hang a damp sheet over just one line and have it hold up.

Wednesday I got my week’s shopping done in town and met two young friends for a little catch up. On the way home I picked up the fabrics I had left with my quilt maker friend, as I want to make some quilted pillows for sale at the craft show coming up in Runnells in two weeks.

We have had rain off and on for the last 10-14 days, with a total of over 4” so far, and Friday was no exception as I drove into Pella to hopefully take in the craft show, some good eats, and the parade only to be rained out. It was coming down steadily with no hope of stopping anytime soon, so back home I went. I was weary anyway, but sad I didn’t get to enjoy Tulip Time with some of my family. Saturday I sorted the

colorful fabrics into piles, and sewed one top together.

Today, Sunday, May 4, I did Classical Stretch on PBS this morning at 7:30, made coffee, washed up the dishes, then got around for SS and church. Afterwards, I drove into Grinnell to the lovely period home of a good friend who had invited several of us over for a scrumptious lunch and good conversation. Recently, she was able to get her beautiful vintage home painted and what a transformation! I couldn’t take my eyes off of it, as it was such a huge change.

Every day, as spring continues to unfold, I am walking around outside, usually with two kitties following me, checking out the flower beds, and the little lodge, checking the latest rain fall in the gauge, seeing what is coming up after the long winter sleep, and just enjoying the air, the sound of the birds—the little rosy house finches are especially sweet, and I again have a tiny wren—just the whole spring celebration.

I hope it is celebration at your house today as well!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins
Monday, May 5, 2025... It is still the quiet time of the morning, with the sun shining and it is a beautiful picture looking out my window. A very busy weekend has now ended and on we go! I had a hard time knowing the Flea Market and garage sales all around were going on, and I could not go. I hope everyone had a good time. I was busy, just not moving due to a fall two weeks ago tonight. Another one of those crazy things that happen so quickly and heal so slowly.

my many collections and hobbies...oh man! I don’t know where this will all go but it has to, as we have purchased a home and will be moving piece by piece over the next few months. We had been looking for over a year and hopefully did find the right place, you know the place where your neighbors didn’t think the area between their garage and your bedroom was their own private “junk yard” to store things like boats, cement mixers, trailers loaded with junk that were never used...hey that’s what garages are for! Ha, ha! A place where you can actually plant a little garden and perhaps have a clothesline in your back yard. The place where there is space between you and the people nextdoor, but not secluded. The search for a small piece of land was even less successful and I’m sure a lot less stressful. Updates to follow.

So much has happened in the past couple weeks, and lots more to come. Greg observed his next birthday the other day. You notice I said observed, and not celebrated. May 2 is also our Hollee’s birthday, so I had a nice long phone conversation with her. I asked her how old she was and she thought she was forty six...how can that possibly be? She has a very busy life and is about to tie up a doctorate degree. I asked if we could then call her Dr. Holland, and she said we could. I am very proud of her achievements and hope her life can slow down a little...but I doubt it.

Becky and I traveled to Pella the Monday before Tulip Time, and the blooms were just beautiful! We met a classmate that we started kindergarten with a few years ago and picked up our supply of Lisanthus plants that she had held for us from the garden center where she works in the spring. She picked out quite the variety and they are large already, so the enjoyment may be long this summer. Note to self: Report Lisanthus today! I look forward to the peonies blooming and last year discovered a wonderful peony farm at Abington, formerly known as Bogus. I doubt that my walker will be making the trip this year, but I would highly recommend you checking it out! It is beautiful!

On Saturday, a couple good helpers came and attacked our garage. Fifty-four years without a move can really accumulate a lot of “stuff”, especially when you like “stuff”. Older “stuff” with character that just may become something else. I have lots of projects and enjoy thinking about each one of them. It really is not my fault, after all, I am my mother’s daughter! But, it is now time to do something about this! We opened up the door and began sorting. We had a few stop by to see what was going on, and got some good visiting done. It will be garage sales whenever the doors are open now. Look around, if there is something you may be interested in let us know and you just might be a part of this historical event.

I have also been tackling

Tomorrow our Sixty Plus group meets, and I am so looking forward to that! I visited with a couple “Taphophiles” and have invited them to join us. I think it will be interesting to hear what they can tell us, and the food is always exceptional as well.

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dies for the wonderful treats. Mary Williams read the Minutes of the March Meeting. June Rice moved and Pat Hultman seconded to approve the Minutes as read. Minutes were approved. Linda Crouse gave the Treasurer’s Report. Currently there is \$1,340.08 in checking and \$480.74 in the Scholarship Fund. \$30.00 Annual Dues are due in May. Linda Crouse shared information she had received on Delta Dental Insurance. Beginning on May 1, Ameritas will be replacing Delta Dental as our Dental and Vision Insurance Pro-

vider. If you need further information, contact AMBA representative Paul Strid, or Linda Miller, District Six Coordinator. Paul Strid will be speaking at our September meeting.

Membership Chair Vicki Griner wants to know of any school personnel retiring this year from any Keokuk County Schools. She will invite them to join KCRSP. June Rice wants to see 4,000 plus volunteer hours turned in this year from more than 16 members. She needs them by mid- August.

Under Old Business Lu-

Ann Eakins and Linda Crouse have agreed to serve as Vice-President and Treasurer for another two years. Phyllis Fritchen moved, and Karen Molyneux seconded to elect them both. Motion passed unanimously. Memorials for deceased members Helen Bucher and Sheila Clubb have been delivered. The District Six Meeting will be held on May 8 in Muscatine. Linda Crouse, LuAnn Eakins, and Mary Williams will be attending. Cyrena Buschmann and Ken Wulf, members of the Scholarship Committee have selected

the new scholarship winner for this year. They had five applicants who will have completed one semester of college majoring in Education. The \$500.00 Scholarship is awarded annually by KCRSP. The winner will be announced on Class Night at the ceremony where the student is a graduating senior. Our next meeting will be on May 21, at Hope Lutheran in Sigourney. The program will be Mary Husband who does volunteer sewing. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.



Keokuk County 4-H members gather for a group photo during the annual 4-H Lock-In, held February 28, 2025, at the Washington YMCA. Seventy youth participated in a fun-filled evening of games, swimming, sports, and more, hosted by the Keokuk County 4-H Youth County Council.

Youth from Across the County Join for a Night of Fun, Friendship, and 4-H Spirit

SIGOURNEY – February 28, 2025 – Keokuk County 4-H brought the energy and excitement to the Washington YMCA on Friday, February 28th, for its annual Keokuk County 4-H Lock-In, hosted by the Keokuk County 4-H Youth County Council. This fun-filled evening drew 70 4-H members and featured a wide range of activities—from basketball and volleyball to swimming, table games, dodgeball, and more. The event ran from 6:00

p.m. to midnight, creating the perfect setting for members of all ages to connect, play, and make lasting memories. Youth also enjoyed pizza, drinks, and snacks generously provided by the Keokuk County 4-H Youth County Council.

“This was our first year moving our annual Lock-In to the Washington YMCA, and it was a huge success!” said Ashley Yedlik, Keokuk County Youth Coordinator. “This county-wide event is

super fun as we see members from all across the county and all ages come together for an exciting evening where many memories are made.”

A special thank-you goes out to the 18 volunteers who helped make the night possible. From chaperoning to organizing activities and helping with food, these dedicated individuals ensured the evening ran smoothly and safely for all participants.

Keokuk County 4-H continues to provide engaging

opportunities for youth to grow as leaders, build friendships, and have fun—all while promoting the core values of 4-H: head, heart, hands, and health.

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.

Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held

The Mahaska County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale Saturday May 17, 2025. It will be held 8 – 11 am at the Mahaska County Extension and Outreach Office auditorium, 212 North I Street, Oskaloosa.

They will be selling a limited selection of annuals, vegetables transplants (many heirloom), perennial divisions, and second time around gardening items.

Proceeds from the sale support Master Gardener activities in Mahaska County including future speaker fees. Many of the Mahaska County Master Gardener events are open to the public without cost because of plant sale proceeds.

Mahaska County Master Gardeners are celebrating their twenty-second year. The local program was organized after the county held their first training in 2003.

The educational volunteer program, sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, provides current, research based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects. Master Gardeners receive horticulture training, and volunteer to promote a mission of education and service. The program is open to anyone 18 or older with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community.

More information about this and other horticulture events can be found at the Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaloosa Phone 641-673-5841; and www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yard-garden.htm.

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Sigourney wins conference triangular, finishes 8th at Oskaloosa invite

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – Last week proved they aren't invincible, but yet the lessons learned might still be their biggest strength.

The Sigourney boys golf team played twice last week. On May 1 they were able to host a triangular against two conference foes, BGM and North Mahaska where the Savages were able to come out on top. Overall the Savages shot a 149. BGM finished with a 165 and North Mahaska was third with a 170.

On April 29 the Sigourney boys took part in the Oskaloosa Invitational where the Savages took eighth overall. Competing against mostly 3A schools the Savages were able to gain some course knowledge of the golf course where the South Iowa Cedar League Conference golf meet was played earlier this week.

During the May 1 event the Savages controlled the leaderboard as they used their homecourse advantage to the best of their abilities.

Solon Yates was the overall leader after he carded a 34 in his round. Josh Wyatt finished in a tie for the runner-up medalist honors with a 37. Yates displayed great knowledge of the home course as he was able to finish with two birdies and just one bogie record on his scorecard.

Wyatt was able to record



Sigourney golfer Josh Wyatt sends a drive flying down towards the hole on the ninth hole at the Sigourney Golf Club during a May 1 meet. Wyatt was able to finish in a tie for second overall.

one birdie with two bogies in his first round of May.

Ike Molyneux was fourth with a 38. Cain Weber, Isaac Bruns and Jordan Tremmel all finished in a tie for fifth with 40's on their scorecard.

In the April 29 meet the Savages were the smallest school at the tournament, where they finished with 328 total strokes. Pella Christian won the meet with a 303. Pella was second with a 312, followed by Grinnell in third with a 314.

Yates was the leader for the

Savages as he finished with 77 total strokes, which placed him 11th overall.

Tremmel shot a 79 to finish 16th. Weber and Bruns both shot an 86 to finish in 40th. Molyneux was able to finish with an 87.

The Savages returned to the Oskaloosa course on Monday to play in the conference tournament. Results from that event will be in the May 14 edition of the News-Review.

Photos by Mark Schafer

Bears golf battles through cancelations

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

Last week the Bears had to survive threats of extreme weather and cold weather just to get their golf meets in.

In the end, only one girls meet was played last week as the Bears played at Belle Plaine in an 18-hole course against Don Bosco, GMG and Bell Plaine.

The Bears did not field a full team, and therefore, did not have a team score. Don

Bosco won the meet with a 405.

Taylor Mikesell finished sixth overall with 118 total strokes on her scorecard. She was the first finisher not representing Don Bosco. Nicole Murphy finished eighth with a 136.

Like the girls, the boys golf team also only played in one meet. The Bears also played at the 18-hole tournament hosted by Belle Plaine.

Overall the boys finished second with 416 total strokes.

Don Bosco was the overall winner with a 334.

Gage Heyne had the overall best round with a 77 on his scorecard. He was three strokes better than Blake Irvine, the leader for Don Bosco.

Tyler Lortz was fourth overall with an 84.

Owen Mather shot a 125 and finished in 13th. Teagan Mast was 14th overall with a 130. Jackson Overy was 16th overall after shooting a 153.

English Valleys girls walk away with Belle Plaine meet win

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

BELLE PLAINE – A little bit of confidence this time of year never hurts.

Confidence seems to be exactly what the English Valleys girls track team walked away with after winning the Belle Plaine meet on April 29.

The Bears had 167 total points. Lone Tree finished second with 116 points.

Once again the sprinting ability of sophomore Ava Gehrking was one of the strong suits for the Bears. She was able to win the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.09 nearly a second faster than her nearest competition.

She also won the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.87. This time she did finish a full second faster than her nearest competition.

Gehrking was able to win the long jump with a leap of 16-feet-11-inches. Lydia Smith was sixth overall.

Anna Luers was able to win the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.4. Teammate Kaylynn Caster was fourth with a time of 2:44.36.

Luers was second overall in the 1,500 meter run. Emily Sieren was fifth overall.

Kailor Lown was able to win the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 1:17.24.

Joslyn Bender was second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:17.69.

Olivia Debevec was able to win the high jump with a leap of 4-feet-6-inches.

Taylor Mikesell was able to win the shot put with a throw of 33-feet-9-inches. McKenna Rugg was sixth in the same event.

Mikesell was second in the discus with a throw of 110-feet-8-inches. Haydn Bender was fifth and Rigg finished seventh.

In the 4x800 relay the Bears had the winning time of 10:34.84.

The Bears added a second place finish in the 4x400 relay. The distance medley relay team won the race with a time of 4:52.24.

The Bears finished third in the 4x100 relay. In the 4x200 they were fourth overall. Another second place finish came in the sprint medley relay.

The Bears shuttle hurdle relay team was second with a time of 1:18.16.

Emily Sieren was eighth overall in the 400 meter dash. She finished second in the 3,000 meter run.

SK soccer bests Wapello, falls to Hillcrest Academy

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – The celebration was relatively short lived.

A tough schedule greeted the Sigourney-Keota soccer team throughout much of the first month of the schedule, but the Cobras were able to close the first month with a victory.

On April 25 the Cobras were able to down Wapello 3-1.

Both teams took advantage of scoring chances in the first half as Sigourney-Keota struck first with the first goal of the game. The Cobras added another first half goal before Wapello was able to get on the board with a goal of their own.

In the second half defense ruled the way for both squads.

Despite heavy defense from both teams Sigourney-Keota was able to score another

goal, helping them achieve the ultimate 3-1 victory.

Throughout the game the Cobras pelted 15 total shots on goal at Wapello.

The defensive pressure from Sigourney-Keota limited Wapello to just seven total shots in the game, of those two were on goal.

The only goal that the Indians were able to score off of came off a penalty kick.

The Cobras would head on the road on April 29 in a game against Hillcrest Academy. In that contest the Cobras fell 11-2 to the Ravens.

Once again, the first half seemed to be where all of the action was. For the second-straight game the Cobras were able to score two goals in the opening half, however, they surrendered six goals to the Ravens.

Hillcrest Academy blanked Sigourney-Keota in the second half. During the second 40-minute half the Ravens were able to score five goals to take the 11-2 overall victory.

The Cobras continued to shoot throughout the game, but the defense gave up constant shots to the Ravens in the contest.

Overall the Cobras stand at 1-8 on the season. The next game for the Cobras will be this Friday night when they take on Albia (2-7).



Sigourney-Keota player Landyn Greiner starts to kick the ball down field during a game earlier this season. The Cobras stand at 1-8 overall on the season. Photo by Mark Schafer.

Eagle boys climb in two rounds, Swanson leads Keota girls

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

A busy week was quite the successful week for the Keota golf teams.

Although the Eagles missed one meet last week due to a rainout, there was still plenty of action for both the Keota boys and girls golf teams.

The boys golf team started their week on Tuesday when they played in a triangular where the Eagles placed second overall with 179 total strokes. BGM would win the triangular with 162 total strokes.

Porter Cave led the Eagles as he shot a 44 overall to finish fourth in a three-way tie with Beau Burns from BGM and Isaiah Wilson from Montezuma.

Billie Kindred and Brennan McGuire both shot a 46 on the round to tie each other

in eighth. Tucker Sprouse and Cooper Strand finished with 48 total strokes to finish 11th. Jake Morris was 16th with a 54.

Later in the week the Eagle boys were back in action as they took down Lynnville-Sully 165-221.

In that competition Brennan McGuire was able to win medalist honors with a 36. Billie Kindred shot a 41. Porter Cave finished with a 43. Jake Morris finished with a 45 and Trucker Sprouse shot a 48. Those five all had the five best scores of the round.

Cooper Strand finished in seventh with a 49.

The girls golf team started their competitions on Tuesday when they took third overall in a tournament hosted by BGM.

The Eagles were third with a 238. BGM won the meet with a 208.

Senior Lainey Swanson was

second overall with a 45 on her scorecard. Emily Conger shot a 61 and finished 11th. Kaylee Kindred finished 12th with a 62. Brynn Conrad shot a 71 and placed 15th overall.

On May 1 the Eagles took on Lynnville-Sully. In a close match it was Lynnville-Sully that walked away with the 224-245 victory.

Swanson once again led her team, shooting a 49, which was the medalist score for the entire round. Conrad shot a 60. Conger shot a 67 and Kindred finished with a 69.

The Eagles concluded the week with a match in Marengo where they finished fifth overall with a 523. Iowa Valley won the meet with a 485.

Swanson shot a 97. Kindred finished with 141 strokes. Conger carded 142 strokes and Conrad returned to the clubhouse with 143 total strokes.

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Athletes of the Week
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Gage Heyne

The Athlete of the week for the week of April 28 is English Valleys senior Gage Heyne. Not only did the senior continue to show off his running expertise, last week, but then he also showed his ability to control the golf course as well. At an April 29 track meet held in Sigourney Heyne was able to win the 3,200 meter event, he ran the deciding leg in the distance medley relay (which English



Valleys won) he also won the 800 meter and 1,600 meter runs (breaking the track and meet record). On May 2, Heyne was on the golf course in Belle Plaine where he took the medalist honors shooting a 77 in an 18-hole course. The News-Review would like to congratulate Heyne on his busy, yet successful, week of play.



Anna Hadley

The Athlete of the Week for the week of April 28 is Pekin junior Anna Hadley. Hadley competed in two different track meets last week and picked up three total wins along the way. Her week started on April 29 when the junior was able to sweep the throwing events at the Savage Relays in Sigourney. Hadley won the shot put with a throw of 37-feet-8.5-inches which was more than three feet farther than her closest competition. In the discus event Hadley had a

winning throw of 126-feet-10-inches, which was 25-feet farther than the second place finisher. Hadley would throw at a track meet held in Cardinal on May 2. There, Hadley won the discus throw with an effort of 125-feet-6-inches, more than 24 feet longer than the second place finisher. Hadley also finished second in the shot put event. The News-Review would like to congratulate Hadley on her great week of play and for being named this week's athlete of the week.

Sigourney girls shows strength in pair of meets

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – As the calendar turns to the final month of the season they seemed to have everything working together. Last week the Sigourney girls golf team had two strong outings. On April 30 the Sigourney girls hosted Oskaloosa and were able to win 198-200. The girls returned to the links on May 1 when they were able to finish second in a triangular against BGM and North Mahaska. In the dual with Oskaloosa the Savages turned in a number of strong scores. Hannah Hanselman and Adalynne Tremmel both finished the course with 48s to take the medalist honors. Tremmel finished with three double bogies on her scorecard to lead the way. Hanselman was consistent through the first five holes with five-straight bogies. She also had three double bogies

recorded on her scorecard. Kayla Renner finished third with a 49. Reagan Clarahan was fourth with a 53. Ella Bruns shot a 55 and Ella Fineran finished with 65 total strokes. On May 1, the Savages took second in the triangular with BGM and North Mahaska shooting a 206. BGM won with a 195. Ella Bruns led the way for the Savages with a 49. She finished fourth overall. Kayla Renner was sixth with a 50. Hanselman was ninth overall with a 52. Tremmel shot a 55. Clarahan returned to the clubhouse with a 56. Ellie Ireland signed her scorecard with 59 total strokes.



Sigourney's Ella Bruns sends a putt towards the hole during a May 1 meet held at the Sigourney Golf Club. Photo by Mark Schafer



Deshon Anderson from English Valleys falls into the dirt after a leap of 21-feet in the boys long jump during the Savage Relays held May 29. Anderson won the event.



Sigourney's Brynn Clarahan (right) hands the baton off to teammate Kia Montgomery during the running of the 4x200 relay. The Sigourney team was joined by Carmalita Cave and McKinley Chittick where they finished third overall.

Area athletes shine, set new records at Savage Relays

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – Just about every team seemed to turn in a fast time or two. Last Tuesday Sigourney held their annual Savage Relays and all four area schools that had at least one team in attendance seemed to have a fast time. In the girls points Sigourney tied Pekin for third. Both teams scored 64 points. HLVT-C were the winners with 123 points. Keota finished 11th with three points. Pekin's boys finished second overall with 105 points, just four points behind meet winner, Columbus who had 109 points. English Valleys finished third with 80 points. Sigourney was eighth with 38 points. One of the fastest runners in the meet was English Valleys senior, Gage Heyne, who was able to set two new track records during his runs. Heyne started off the day in style with a new meet and track record in the 3,200 meter run. He had a winning time of 9:48.51. Later, Heyne was the final leg of the distance medley team for the Bears as they were able to win with a new meet and track record time of 3:38.98. That team consisted of Ben Coffman, Deshon Anderson, Jack Osborn and Heyne. The English Valleys senior won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:06.12 almost a second ahead of the second place finisher. To cap everything off Heyne reset his own meet and track record while winning the 1,600 meter run with a time of 4:30.58. He beat the record he set last year by 12 seconds.

Teammate Reece Brisby was sixth overall. Ellie Yates and Addison Yates, both from Sigourney, finished second and third in the 1,500 meter run. Pekin's Callie Deutchle was seventh. Anna Hadley won the girls discus throw with an effort of 126-feet-10-inches. Josephine Moore from Sigourney was fourth. Pekin's Taylor Moore and Grace Phillips finished sixth and seventh. Kennedy Jackson from Keota was eighth. Pekin's Kayse Miller was second in the girls high jump with an effort of 5-feet-2-inches. Teammate Reece Brisby was sixth and McKinley Chittick from Sigourney was seventh. Anna Hadley from Pekin won the shot put with a throw of 37-feet-8.5-inches. Josephine Moore was third with a throw of 33-feet-2.5-inches. Taylor Moore from Pekin was fifth. Keota's Kennedy Jackson finished 10th. In the girls distance medley relay the Pekin girls led the area athletes with a third place finish. Sigourney placed eighth. Keota's Olivia Lyle was sixth in the 200 meter dash. Sigourney's Brynn Clarahan was fourth in the 400 meter hurdles. Pekin's Renae Eubanks was seventh overall. In the 4x400 the Sigourney team placed fourth to lead area teams. Keota was seventh and Pekin placed eighth. Carlie Gambell from Pekin was sixth in the long jump to lead the area athletes. Sigourney's Carmalita Cave led the area runners in the 100 meter dash with an eighth place finish. Keota's Cameron Haifley was 15th.

In the girls sprint medley relay the Sigourney team finished fourth with a time of 2:04.13. Keota finished seventh and Pekin was 11th. Pekin's 4x800 team finished fourth in the 4x800 meter run. Sigourney was fifth overall. Abby Guise of Pekin led area athletes in the 800 meter run with an 11th place finish. The Pekin girls 4x100 team finished sixth to lead area teams. Keota placed 10th and Sigourney 11th in the same race. Boys results: The Pekin boys 4x800 team of Mason Dahlstrom, Lane Fariss, Landon Crow and Cole Millikin won the race with a time of 8:37.01, setting a new meet record in the process. English Valleys placed fourth. Sigourney was sixth. Troy Klett of Sigourney was third in the 3,200 meter run. Pekin's Dylan Sobaski was 10th. Pekin hurdler Kasey Davis was second overall in the 110 hurdles. Sigourney teammates Caden Clarahan and Owen Menke finished fifth and sixth respectively. Riley Smith from Pekin was able to win the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 57.9. Cael Grove from English Valleys was sixth. Sigourney teammates Dillon Menke and Carson Davis were seventh and eighth. Caden Bender from Pekin won the discus throw with a hurl of 140-feet. Sigourney's Jayden Thompson was second. Alton Williams from Pekin was third. Kane Axnear from English Valleys placed 11th. English Valleys long jumper Deshon Anderson won the long jump event with a leap

of 21-feet. Will Adam from Pekin was second with a leap of 20-feet-7-inches. Henry Eubanks was fourth with a leap of 19-feet and Sigourney's Aiden Knepper finished fifth with a leap of 18-feet-11-inches. The Pekin boys shuttle hurdle relay team finished second with a time of 1:03.02. Sigourney was third. Pekin's Cody Silvers was second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.44. English Valley's Braydon Anderson was third. Pekin's 4x200 team of Robert Brown, Nolan Glick, Riley Smith and Will Adam finished second. English Valleys placed fifth and Sigourney's team placed seventh overall. Pekin paced the area teams in the 4x400 with a second place finish. Sigourney was sixth. Brody Sobaski from Pekin was second in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-8-inches. English Valleys sophomore Everett Bender was third. Sigourney's Hunter Sellers was fourth. Caden Bender from Pekin was second in the boys shot put with a throw of 42-feet-half-an-inch. Sigourney's Jayden Thompson was sixth. Alton Williams from Pekin placed ninth. Tegan Mast from English Valleys led the area athletes in the 400 meter dash with a fifth place finish. Sigourney's Gauge Little placed ninth. Pekin's Coldy Silvers was 11th. Braydon Anderson from English Valleys led the way in the 200 meter dash for the area runners with a fourth place finish. Lance Walden from Sigourney was 11th. Sigourney's 4x100 team was fifth to lead area teams. English Valleys placed seventh. Pekin's distance medley team finished seventh. Sigourney's team was eighth overall. Pekin teammates Landon Crow and Lane Fariss placed eighth and ninth in the 800 meter run. Sigourney's John Berg was 10th. Sigourney's Klett was fifth in the 1,600 meter run. Cole Millikin was sixth. Levi Myers from Sigourney finished 14th. In the sprint medley English Valleys placed fourth, Sigourney was sixth and Keota was 12th.

Photos by Mark Schafer

Keota girls finish sixth at Wapello meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
WAPELLO – Strong runs carried the Keota girls as they ran at the Wapello track meet on May 1. Overall the Eagles finished sixth with 31 points. West Liberty won the meet with 151.5 points. One of the best runs of the night came in the 4x200 relay where the girls finished second with a time of 2:01.99. In the sprint medley relay the Eagles finished second with a time of 2:05.66. Olivia Lyle was able to

finish third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.2. Teammate Cameron Haifley finished ninth with a time of 32 seconds. The 4x100 team placed fourth with a time of 58.31. Jaylah Redlinger was fourth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.58. She also finished eighth in the 100 meter dash. Karley Greiner was seventh overall in the shot put. Kennedy Jackson placed ninth. In the discus Jackson finished eighth overall. Izzi Chalupa was eighth in the long jump.

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Reece Brisby from Pekin leaps over a hurdle during her leg of the shuttle hurdle relay event. Brisby was joined by teammates Paislee Coleman, Carlie Gambell and Kayse Miller as they were able to win the race with a time of 1:11.55.

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COURT RECORDS

Civil
April 24
Petitioner Andrew Colton Hammes; Respondent Teresa Miller: Petition Filed.
Petitioner William Kirby Mann; Respondent State of Iowa: Order Setting Trial.

April 28
Interested Party Latasha Shaw; Oblige State of Iowa; Petitioner State of Iowa Ex Rel; Respondent Ean Mathew Popejoy: Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Gary Dean Smith; Plaintiff Donald Beck Estate: Petition Filed.

April 29
Defendants Austin Michael Deshler, Parties in Possession, Unknown Spouse(s); Plaintiff Idaho Housing and Finance Association: Dismissed w/o Prejudice.
April 30
Petitioner Kayla Leeann Moore; Respondent Christo-

pher Lewis Barnett: Motion to Dismiss.

Criminal
April 24
Defendant Joshua Allen Moore; Payee Keokuk County; Dylan Jeffrey Miller: Order of Disposition.
Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons: Order for Arraignment.

Interested The Property of 21669 136rd Avenue Sigourney: Search Warrant.
April 25
Defendant Gerardo Magana; Oblige Keokuk County: Probation Revocation.

Defendant Paige Lynette Kiefer: Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Amanda Marie Simmons; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Cathaleen Lee Hartwig: Motion for Continuance, Motion to Dismiss.

Interested Dalton Robert Hansen: Search Warrant.
April 27
Defendant Jeffery Allan Stroud: Motion for Continuance.
April 28
Defendant Jerry Erwin Sanders Jr.: Order of Disposition.
Defendant Levi Edward Fritz; Payor Judy K. Erwin: Motion for Continuance (April 27), Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Deshun Octavies; Payor Derriana Johnson: Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Defendant Frank Gifford Kahler: Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Adam Westscott Cheney: Criminal Complaint (26), Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Interested Sven Eric Dahlstrom: Search Warrant.
April 29
Defendant Jarod Mathew Davis; Payees Keokuk Coun-

ty, Washington County Sheriff: Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Keeper Mason Grooms: Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

April 30
Defendant Austin David Herman; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Terrance William Judge: Motion for Continuance.

Domestic Abuse

April 24
Defendant Mark Alan Jacobs; Plaintiff Katrina Colleen Jacobs: Motion for Continuance.

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April 24
Defendant Summer Ann Brown: Order for Probation.

Defendant Kevin Stephen King: Order of Disposition.

Scheduled Traffic

April 25
Defendant Todd A. Heckethorn: Failure to Maintain Control.

April 26
Defendant Brady Melchert: Depositing or Throwing Litter On Highway.

April 27
Defendant Levi Jacob Cronk: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Connor Leigh Armstrong: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Domingo Fietes: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Shawn O. Lucas: Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts (Adult).

Defendant Esequo Junior Aiten: Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Defendant Dillon Paul Ehret: Dark Window or Windshield.

April 28
Defendant Leonardo Medina Bravo: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over), No Valid Drivers License.
Defendant Jacob Austin

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

Defendant David Dean Herr Schmidt: Maximum Gross Weight Violation (15,001 to 16),

April 30
Defendant Charles James Severson: Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over), Registration Violation

Defendant Dwayne Thomas Hancock: Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Way.

Non-Scheduled Traffic

April 28

Defendant Brittany Michelle Harwood; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Ashley Littlejohn: Driving While License Denied/Suspended/Canceled.

Defendant Alexander Charles Connelly: Driving While License Denied/Suspended/Canceled.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

April 21
Michelle E. Glandon to Jacob Dekleine, Amy Dekleine: Deed Quit Claim: PT SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 06 Block: 07.

Tripple G Livestock LLC to Jaris Charles Horning: Warranty Deed: NE NW 26-75-10 Parcel: AUD PAR B; PLAT 2025-0467; PLAT 2007-0445.

Double G Pork LLC, Tripple G Livestock LLC to Horning Land and Livestock LLC: Warranty Deed: NW SW 03-75-10

Parcel: AUD PAR B; PLAT 2025-0468; PLAT 2007-0410.

Louise A. Brinning Life Estate to Jerald T. Brinning: Warranty Deed: PT SW SE 24-75-10; PT SW SE 24-75-10; NW NE 25-75-10; SW NE 25-75-10; PT NE NW 25-75-10; PT SE NW 25-75-10.

Charles W. Horning Residuary Trust, Joan M. Hoarning Residuary Trust to Jaris C. Horning: Real Estate Contracts: SE NE 22-75-10; NE SE 22-75-10; PT NW SE 22-75-10; PT SW SE 22-75-

10; PT SE SE 22-75-10; PT NE NW 27-75-10; EXCEPT EASEMENT B393 P152.

Barbara Judith Fancher, Elizabeth Ann Fancher, David Lee Fancher, Phillip Richard Fancher, Margaret Hirschfeld, Debora Miller: Affidavit Transfer: UNDIVIDED ONE THIRD INTEREST; SE NW 33-77-12.

April 22
Linda J. Greiner, Jerry Patrick Greiner to Mary Regina Striegel: Warranty Deed: PT KEOTA J RAMSEYS SUBDIVISION Lot: 04 Block: 06; PT

KEOTA J RAMSEYS SUBDIVISION Lot: 05 Block: 06.

April 23
John M. Snakenberg, Pamela J. Snakenberg to Snakenberg Trust, John Snakenberg Trustee, Pamela Snakenberg Trustee: Warranty Deed: SIGOURNEY HOGINS ADDITION Lot: 01 Block: 04; SIGOURNEY HOGINS ADDITION Lot: 02 Block: 04; SIGOURNEY HOGINS ADDITION Lot: 03 Block: 04; PT ALLEY SIGOURNEY HOGINS ADDITION Block: 04.

John M. Snakenberg to Snakenberg Trust, John Snakenberg Trustee, Pamela Snakenberg Trustee: Warranty Deed: PT SW NW 20-76-11.

April 24
Shane A. Burgher, Erika Burgher to Victoria Lynn Cranston, Thomas Wayne Cranston: Deed Quit Claim: PT KESWICK ORIGINAL PLAT KESWICK Lot: 03; Block: 03; PT KESWICK ORIGINAL PLAT KESWICK Lot: 04 Block: 03; PT KESWICK ORIGINAL PLAT KESWICK Lot: 04 Block: 03; PT KESWICK ORIGINAL PLAT KESWICK Block: 03.

Zachery Steinhart, Cassidy Steinhart, Cassidy Winslow to Zachery Steinhart, Cassidy Steinhart: Deed Quit Claim:

PT SW NE 33-76-13 Parcel: AUD PAR A; PLAT 2021-2072.

Zachery Ryan L. Wonderlich, Holly Wonderlich to FYE Wonderlich Farms LLC: Deed Quit Claim: PT SW SW 11-74-11; SE SE 10-74-11; PT NE SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; PT NE SW 14-74-11; PT NE NE 15-74-11; SE NE 15-74-11.

Kortney Wonderlich Ryan, Robert David Ryan Jr. to FYE Wonderlich Farms LLC: Deed Quit Claim: PT SW SW 11-74-11; SE SE 10-74-11; PT NE SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; PT NW 14-74-11; PT NE SW 14-74-11; PT NE NE 15-74-11; SE NE 15-74-11.

Grant J Wonderlich, Leslie Wonderlich to FYE Wonderlich Farms LLC: Deed Quit Claim: PT SW SW 11-74-11; SE SE 10-74-11; PT NE SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11.

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Robert R. Wonderlich, Candace Lynnette Wonderlich to FYE Wonderlich Farms LLC: Deed Quit Claim: PT SW SW 11-74-11; SE SE 10-74-11; PT NE SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D03 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D04 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 NW SE 10-74-11; D05 Lot: 01 SW SE 10-74-11; PT NW 14-74-11; PT NE SW 14-74-11; PT NE NE 15-74-11; SE NE 15-74-11.

April 25
Vernon L. Crow to Vernon L. Crow Trust, Vernon L. Crow Declaration of Trust: Warranty Deed: PT NE NW 02-75-13; EXCEPT WD B81 P435.

Joshua T. Keeler to Rita K Brown, Joshua John Cornelius, Michael Lynn Dawson: Warranty Deed: HARPER ORIGINAL PLAT HARPER Lot: 11 Block: 11.

Donnie Bailey to Bethany Bailey: Deed Quit Claim: SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 07 Block: 28; PT SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 06 Block: 28..

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North English Celebrates Fun Days
By Casey Jettison
New Britain, Conn. (AP) — North English, a small town in the heart of the state, celebrated its 100th birthday with a series of events that included a parade, a fair, and a fireworks display. The town's mayor, John Smith, said the events were a great way to celebrate the town's long history and the hard work of its residents.

Local 4H'ers Participate in Best of the Best Show
The 2022 Best of the Best Show was held on July 29, 2022 in Mason, Mo. The show was a great success and featured a variety of animals and people. The show was a great way for the community to come together and celebrate the achievements of the local 4H'ers.

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PROBATE SARAH PEARL TAYLOR ESPR038608

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH PEARL TAYLOR, 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 there-

after be forever barred.

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

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2025.

Valarie Ann Taylor Hill, Executor
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Attorney for Executor
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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) 682-4878.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 4.25.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS APRIL 25, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Friday, April 25, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried.

Interview with applicant regarding the Keokuk County Custodial/Maintenance position. Applicant requested a closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5 1.1. Wood moved, Weber seconded to go into closed session at 2:02 p.m. All ayes and motion carried. Applicant exited at 2:35 p.m. Weber moved, Wood seconded to go into open session at 2:36 p.m. All ayes and motion carried.

Interview with applicant regarding the Keokuk County Custodial/Maintenance position. Applicant requested a closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5 1.1. Weber moved, Wood seconded to go into closed session at 3:01 p.m. All ayes and motion carried. Applicant exited at 3:28 p.m. Wood moved, Weber seconded to go into open session at 3:39 p.m. All ayes and motion carried.

Iowa Code 21.5 1.1 To evaluate the

professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Discussion and possible decision regarding hire of custodial position pending completion of pre-employment physical was held. Following careful consideration, the position was awarded to the individual that best achieved the expectations of the job. A roll call vote was held: Ayes - Weber, Wood; Nay – Hadley. Motion carried. Applicant was called to inquire about acceptance of position and available dates for mandatory pre-employment physical.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Delta • Public Hearing

DELTA PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL BUDGET FOR 2025/26

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd, 2025
6:00pm DELTA CITY HALL
The Delta City Council held a public hearing on April 23, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Delta City Hall with

Mayor Jim Ahlberg presiding.
Council present: Roma Neitzel, Jodi Kleinschmidt, Jim Carey, Nathan Slagter, Barb Fisher

Also present: Faye Carey, Dixie Shipley, Kaleigh Robertson

The council reviewed the fiscal budget. B. Fisher made a motion to

accept Resolution 2025-7. J. Carey 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

J.Carey made a motion to bypass the 2nd and 3rd reading of the budget. R. Neitzel 2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by N. Slagter. B.

Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 6:10pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of SIGOURNEY				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of SIGOURNEY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/21/2025 08:00 PM		Contact: Ashley Fry		Phone: (641) 622-3080
Meeting Location: City Hall				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,136,859	0	1,136,859
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	1,136,859	0	1,136,859
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	308,898	0	308,898
Licenses & Permits	7	9,550	0	9,550
Use of Money & Property	8	91,360	0	91,360
Intergovernmental	9	495,518	15,000	510,518
Charges for Service	10	1,438,300	0	1,438,300
Special Assessments	11	103,360	0	103,360
Miscellaneous	12	152,890	120,000	272,890
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	654,000	0	654,000
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	4,388,735	135,000	4,523,735
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	687,500	0	687,500
Public Works	17	802,325	0	802,325
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	496,132	15,650	511,782
Community and Economic Development	20	288,184	200	288,384
General Government	21	467,183	102,000	569,183
Debt Service	22	323,000	0	323,000
Capital Projects	23	55,000	1,500	56,500
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	3,119,324	119,350	3,238,674
Business Type/Enterprise	25	2,484,100	200	2,484,300
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	5,603,424	119,550	5,722,974
Transfers Out	27	654,000	0	654,000
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	6,257,424	119,550	6,376,974
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-1,868,689	15,450	-1,853,239
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	4,308,610	0	4,308,610
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	2,439,921	15,450	2,455,371
Explanation of Changes: Due to getting a large insurance claim settlement and then paying invoice for the repairs is the biggest change for the amendment.				

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: SIGOURNEY

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Hall Meeting Date: 5/21/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM

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

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		16.01045		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is		3.00375		
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (641) 622-3080		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Ashley Fry		
		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,119,814	1,136,859	1,031,499
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	1,119,814	1,136,859	1,031,499
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	717
Other City Taxes	6	307,072	308,898	339,720
Licenses & Permits	7	9,525	9,550	9,098
Use of Money and Property	8	95,860	91,360	127,692
Intergovernmental	9	325,600	495,518	528,801
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,494,000	1,436,300	1,335,221
Special Assessments	11	106,360	103,360	100,995
Miscellaneous	12	144,440	152,890	190,673
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	539,930
Transfers In	14	692,000	654,000	597,435
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	4,294,671	4,388,735	4,801,781
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	683,150	687,500	344,804
Public Works	17	811,425	802,325	463,220
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	501,610	496,132	348,267
Community and Economic Development	20	187,000	288,184	127,974
General Government	21	474,533	467,183	363,475
Debt Service	22	316,000	323,000	303,506
Capital Projects	23	55,000	55,000	398,643
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	3,028,718	3,119,324	2,349,889
Business Type / Enterprises	25	2,402,865	2,484,100	1,969,000
Total ALL Expenditures	26	5,431,583	5,603,424	4,318,889
Transfers Out	27	692,000	654,000	597,435
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	6,123,583	6,257,424	4,916,324
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-1,828,912	-1,868,689	-114,543
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	4,404,188	6,272,877	6,387,420
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	2,575,276	4,404,188	6,272,877

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PUBLIC NOTICE Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 4.21.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS APRIL 21, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, April 21, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

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

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of April 14 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer's Assistant Clarahan regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held.

Wood moved, Weber seconded award of contract for HMA resurfacing with milling project of Hayesville Hwy (G48) from State Hwy 149 west to City of Hayesville, project number FM-C054 (123)-55-54 to Norris Asphalt Paving Co., LC in the amount of \$676,936.95 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of claims listing for April 21, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and

motion carried.

Claim Date: April 21, 2025

10-15 TRANSIT2,500.00
ADRIAN, JACOB80.24
AGRILAND FS.....334.30
AIRGAS USA899.53
ALL AM PEST CONTROL ..170.00
ALLIANT ENERGY844.11
ALTORFER MACHINERY8,770.38
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY892.72
AT&T MOBILITY100.92
BAILEY OFFICE1,190.19
BAKER, RYAN51.75
BERG, ALAN50.00
BERG, CHRISTOPHER51.75
BOND, STRATTON300.00
BROOKS, DAVID21.19
BROTHERS MARKET.....1,905.90
CASSENS' MILL690.00
CENTRAL IA DETENTION1,554.25
CHARLES CAPPER AUTO ..22.50
CHARM-TEX.....484.70
CLEAR CREEK TWP36.00
COPELAND AUTO & TOWING.....55.66
COX SANITATION & RECY7,058.20
CROSSROAD FEED & SUPPLY...126.50
DEKLEINE, AMY600.00
DOUDS STONE.....106,539.92

ELLIOTT OIL30.83
FARMERS COOP ASSOC2,542.00
FIFTH DIST AUD ASSOC75.00
FRENCH RENEKER ASSOC235.28
MIDWEST ALARM SERV ..410.76
MIDWEST WHEEL CO...1,480.22
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP.....520.86
MULTI-COUNTY OIL.....8,244.23
NET2PHONE1,139.62
NETSMART TECHN.....1,912.98
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING.....350.70
PHELPS AUTO SUPPLY819.00
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE..4,512.62
POSTMASTER120.00
REIGHARD, CURTIS300.00
RIVER PRODUCTS CO56,957.32
SEMCO LANDFILL136.35
SHETTLER MEDIA100.00
SIGOURNEY LUMBER CO. 88.21
SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....332.31
SINES, JAMES679.26
SNAKENBERG WELDING.....1,540.21
SPRAYSYNC600.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB72.00
STROBELS434.30
SWEARINGEN, SETH139.90
T I P REC790.36
THOMPSON, CASEY225.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST352.51

TRANSIT WORKS468.45
TREMME BACKHOE200.00
TRUCK CENTER1,294.30
US CELLULAR297.97
USFIRST169.77
VISA (SEC RD)1,394.28
VISA (CONSERV)86.10
VISA (CRTHSE)8.00
WAPELLO CO SHERIFF.....49.00
WAPELLO RURAL WATER144.98
WASTE MANAGEMENT ..1,188.74
WINDSTREAM91.20
TOTAL\$149,163.99

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of listing of Keokuk County residents that qualify for tax suspension pursuant to section 427.9 of the Code of Iowa as confirmed by the Department of Human Services. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended Endowment, Facility Advisory and KCED/Pathfinders meetings. Weber attended Keokuk County Economic Development (KCED) and Iowa Central Workforce meetings. Hadley attended Endowment and Semco meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Notice was received from Employee Benefit Systems (EBS) that a \$25 fee will be charged for a third time reissuance of uncashed insurance checks. Board consensus was to establish a policy charging the employee offender for the \$25.00 fee. Stacy Flynn requested to meet with the Board to discuss the possibility of becoming the county's ICAP insurance agent. Board consensus was to schedule her for an upcoming agenda. Upon review of custodian applicants, individuals were chosen to be scheduled for interview on April 25th with a possible decision thereafter.

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

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

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

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THE EAGLE'S WING

Issue No. 24

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



KHS BAND AND CHORUS RECOGNIZED

The Spring Awards Concert was this week, and the event was held in the high school Gym. The concert started at 7 PM, and lasted till 8:30 PM.



By: Luke Moeller

WILD WEST PROM

This weekend was Keota's prom. The theme was Wild West. Mass started at 4 PM, after which began Grand March at 5 PM. The prom dance lasted from 9:30 to 11:30 PM. After Prom began at midnight and ended at 4 AM.



EVENTS

- 7 FFA Mtg & Officer Elections - Audit. - 7:15 AM
- 7 Gr. 7-12 Honors Tea & Awards - Audit - 6:30 PM
- 7 Senior Awards Night - Audit - 7:00 PM
- 8 (B) Golf vs Mid-Prairie - 4:15 PM
- 8 Track @ Iowa Valley - 4:15 PM
- 8 School Board Mtg - Elem. Lib - 6:00 PM
- 8-9 SICL Art Show @ Lynnville/Sully
- 9 NO CLASSES (Comp Day)
- 9 S/K Soccer @ Albia - 5:30 PM
- 9 FFA Members & Parents Awards Banquet - 6:00 PM
- 12 (G) SICL Golf @ Oskaloosa - 9:00 AM
- 12 Senior Class Mtg (Required) - Audit - 10:00 AM
- 13 PAC Mtg - 12:30 PM
- 13 Seniors: Locker Cleanout - EA
- 13 JH SICL Track @ Colfax-Mingo - 4:00 PM
- 13 S/K Soccer @ Sig. vs Chariton - 5:00 PM
- 14 Boys' Sectional Golf - 10:00 AM - TBA

EAGLE'S WING STAFF 2024-2025

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

ADVISER: Dr CULLETT

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are your summer plans?

MRS. HEMSLEY
STAFF



"Spend time with grandkids and ride my buggy"

ISSAC STRIEGAL
12TH



"Working In the field"

DAVID SHERMAN
11TH



"Work"

WYATT STEWART
10TH



"Work and hangout with my woman"

AIDAN GREINER
9TH



"Playing soccer"

ROWEN HORNING
8TH



"Work on the farm"

BRENDEN LAWSON
7TH



"Playing basketball"

USDA to Issue \$1.3 Billion to Specialty Crop Producers Through Second Marketing Assistance Program Payment

COLLEGE STATION, T.X., April 29, 2025 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced a second round of payments coming this week for specialty crop producers through the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) program, providing up to \$1.3 billion in additional program assistance. U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) already delivered just under \$900 million in first round payments to eligible producers.

"President Trump is again putting farmers first. After a thorough review of USDA funding for certain programs to ensure they align with the President's policies and uphold our commitment to responsible distribution of American taxpayer dollars, USDA resumed MASC payments. I am happy to announce this second round of support for specialty crop producers today and we are thankful for the work they do to produce the safest, most abundant food supply for our families and the world," said Secretary Rollins.

About MASC

First announced in December 2024, MASC authorized \$2 billion in Commodity Credit Corporation funds to assist specialty crop growers with rising input costs and aid in the expansion of domestic markets. In January 2025, in response to stakeholder feedback and program demand, funding for MASC was increased to \$2.65 billion. The MASC application period closed on Jan. 10, 2025. MASC is designed to help specialty crop producers meet higher marketing costs related to: perishability of specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs; specialized handling and transport equipment with temperature and humidity control; packaging to prevent damage; moving perishables to market quickly; and higher labor costs. MASC covers the following commercially marketed specialty crops: fruits (fresh, dried); vegetables (including dry edible beans and peas, mushrooms, and vegetable seed); tree nuts; and other specialty crops.

EPA to allow summer sale of E15 nationwide

By: Cami Koons | Iowa Capital Dispatch

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency granted an emergency waiver permitting the nationwide sale of a fuel blend with higher amounts of ethanol through the summer months, which Iowa fuel and farm leaders say will help farmers, fuel producers and Iowans at the pumps.

Midwestern states, including Iowa, already had waivers in place to allow for summer sales of fuel blended with 15% ethanol, also known as E15. EPA's decision Monday waives the agency's summer restrictions on the fuel for the rest of the country and follows guidance from the president's executive order from January, declaring a national energy emergency.

The press release from EPA said the move will "provide families with relief" by providing more options at the pump with lower prices per gallon.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig applauded the decision and said Iowa drivers saved more than \$38 million by choosing E15 over E10, a lower blend of ethanol fuel, in 2024.

"Today's E15 announcement by the Trump Administration is a win for consumers across the U.S. and farmers here in Iowa," Naig



EPA issued a waiver for the sale of E15 through the summer months. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

said in a statement. "This decision is a big step toward making our country more energy dominant, independent, and secure."

Iowa Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley both applauded the measure, noting it was an example of "promises made, promises kept" by the president and would be a "big" boost for corn farmers.

"It's clear (President Trump) is making our farmers, producers, and all of rural America a priority, and I look forward to working alongside him to secure permanent, nationwide access to this cleaner, cheaper choice at the pump," Ernst said in a

statement.

According to National Corn Growers Association, year-round E15 sales throughout the country would lead to an increased demand of more than 2 billion bushels of corn annually, which is why the group has pushed for increased ethanol demand.

Brent Johnson, president of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, applauded the EPA decision, but noted EPA has consistently issued similar waivers, and urged for a permanent change to the rule.

"Clearly, there is strong consumer demand for a lower-cost fuel option at the

pump, and Iowa farmers stand by readily able to meet the growing demand for bio-fuels," Johnson said in a statement.

Naig similarly noted the need for a permanent regulation allowing the sale of the fuel. He, along with Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and industry groups have all sent letters to congressional leaders urging the passage of such a law.

"We are tired of waiting," Monte Shaw, executive director of Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, said in a statement. "Consumers and retailers are tired of waiting. E15 could provide a market for 5 to 7 billion gallons of additional ethanol demand at a time when American farmers and rural communities are hurting."

The EPA waiver is in place from May 1 through May 20, as the Clean Air Act only allows a 20-day waiver, but considering trends from the past several summers, industry leaders expect the waiver will be extended through the other summer months.

Read more from Cami Koons online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Farm Wife Approved Recipes handed down from generation to generation.

Chimichurri Rojo Flank Steak Skewers

By Katie Phillips

This is one of our favorite barbecued steak recipes. It is a simple but time-consuming recipe. Placing the steak on the skewers is worth the extra time. Do not overcook these thinly sliced marinated flank steaks or they will be a little on the chewy side. Serve these with your favorite side salad and enjoy.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb flank steak
- Sauce
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil

3 tbsp tomato paste
2 tbsp minced garlic
1 tbsp sugar
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground dark pepper
1 tsp red pepper flakes

Directions:

Prepare steak by slicing against the grain into 1/4 in thick strips. Toss meat into Chimichurri Rojo Sauce. Thread meat onto skewers. Do not overcrowd the meat. Spread it out a little bit. Grill skewers covered for 3 minutes per side. Eat them while they are hot for the best flavor.

Vilsack says farms, not farmers, should work harder to grow rural communities

Former governor, ag secretary spoke at Iowa Democrats forum

By: Cami Koons | Iowa Capital Dispatch

WARREN COUNTY — Tom Vilsack, former Iowa governor and the U.S. secretary of agriculture during the Obama and Biden administrations, spoke Tuesday with farmers and rural Iowans about his ideas to grow rural communities.

of some of the ideas Vilsack mentioned.

As farmers in their later years, the Mitchells said they wouldn't implement those strategies today, but would have benefited from such options earlier in their lives.

"We might have saved a lot of miles driving back and forth from our place to Des Moines," Mary Mitchell said with a laugh.

Don Mitchell was a farmer that had to "work harder" to keep his family afloat when the small family farm wasn't enough. For him, that meant commuting to Des Moines for an off-farm job for many years.

In the pine-paneled Middleswart Lodge, looking out over Lake Ahquabi State Park, Vilsack explained policies he started, and hoped would continue, that make a farm — rather than a farmer — work harder.

This means programs like the Climate Smart commodities program, which pays farmers a premium for using sustainable agriculture tools, or practices that make use of other farm products, like an anaerobic digester that turns animal waste into renewable energy and a check for the farmer

"You could combine the marketplace and the private sector and government to do right by the environment and to do right by the small and mid-sized (farms)," Vilsack said. "The farm would work harder, not the farmer."

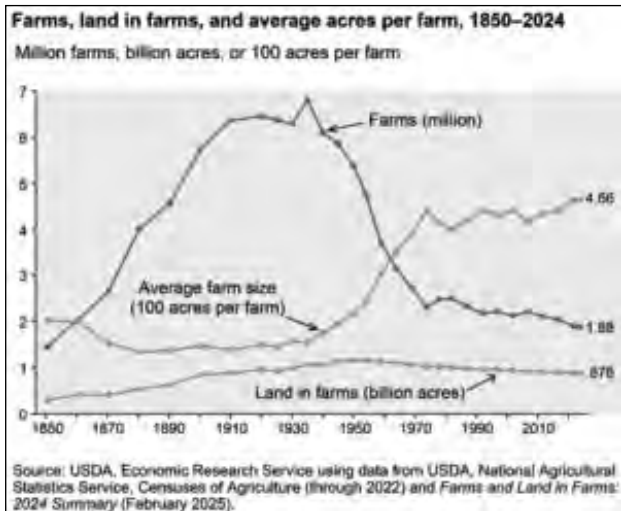
Don and Mary Mitchell, Warren County farmers who attended the program, said they had "never thought"

U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics show that the majority of farmers in the U.S. have off-farm income and small farms depend on non-farming income to survive.

Vilsack said he realized after his first stint as agriculture secretary that the system was set for farmers to either "get big or get out" which has led to a loss in the number of farms and dwindling rural communities.

Vilsack said he's not "bashing the big guys" but said he wanted to try and find a way to make it so small and mid-sized farms could also make it. He said the same solutions would also create a circular, rather than extractive, ag economy and support rural communities.

"So now you not only have



The number of farms in the country began to decline sharply after 1935 and has continued to decline. (Graphic by USDA)

more prosperous farms, you also have more jobs, you have more reasons for people to stay in that small town," Vilsack said.

Vilsack said some of these programs have been kept by the current administration though they might live under a different name.

"There's just an enormous opportunity here if our leaders understand that we need a creative option," Vilsack said. "This is not a situation where it's this as opposed to something — it's this in addition to something."

The Trump administration has cancelled Biden-era ag programs like the partnerships for Climate Smart commodities and a program that allowed schools to purchase food from local farmers. Other programs, like the Rural Energy for America Program, or REAP, have been restructured to better align with the Trump agenda.

Vilsack said there's also an opportunity for the state, counties, cities, or philanthropic groups to step in when a federal program is cancelled. Even if it doesn't do as much as a federal program, it sends a message.

"The key here is to understand the significance of doing something, and then having the state officials understand and appreciate and communicate to federal officials," Vilsack said. "That's how you can change and im-

pact and affect policy."

While the event was the start of a series of forums organized by the Iowa Democratic Party to highlight its plans to "grow Iowa," Vilsack said he spoke in his capacity as an Iowan, not a politician.

"This is not about any political stance that I may have," Vilsack said. "It is about my deep concern about our state and my deep, deep concern about the state of rural America."

Vilsack said he sees a way forward, and it might as well start in Iowa.

"It doesn't necessarily have to cost a lot of money, but it is a partnership between the government, farmers, universities, food companies, energy companies, utilities, conservation groups, environmental groups — it can bring all of this together instead of this, us or them kind of thing that we've got going on."

Iowa Democrats plan to hold similar forums, with other speakers, in different areas of the state, but have not yet released a schedule.

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Former Iowa Governor and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack chats with Iowa farmers in Warren County on April 29, 2025. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Look, a big rectangle!

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