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Community CALENDAR

Delta Haunted House

Delta Fire Station, 103 N. 2nd St, Delta on Oct. 24, 25, and 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight

What Cheer Pottery Open House

Keokuk County Historical Society, 402 East Elm Street, Sigourney on Sunday, October 19, 1-4 p.m., program starts at 2:00

Blood Drive

Tuesday, Oct. 21st City Hall 100 N. Main St. from 3:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m.

Springfield Cemetery Annual Meeting

Oct. 25, 2 p.m. at Delta City Hall

Annual Turkey Supper

Sat Oct 25th 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Delta Methodist Church 301 E 3rd St. Carry outs welcome call 641-295-1725 for carry out orders. Local Delivery Only.

What Cheer Trunk or Treat

Free Grace United, 107 E Broadway Street, What Cheer on Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m.

Keota Fire Department Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 26, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dine-In and Carryout. Free will donation. Featuring silent auction and raffle

James Myers Benefit Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, Oct. 26, 11:00 a.m. at Carl Craft Civic Center, Hedrick

Blood Drive

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Center Classroom at 109 N. Lincoln St, Keota on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m.

KCCN Haunted Kewash Trail Fundraiser

Thursday, Oct. 30, after Keota Trick or Treat. Refreshments & Glow Bracelets, Spooky Trail Walk, Story Time & Fun Activities

Hedrick Trunk or Treat

David Heady, Former Sheriff's Deputy Convicted for Role in Hayride Accident, Sentenced to Ten Years

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Two years and one day after it began, the story of the infamous 2023 hayride accident has drawn to a close. On Oct. 14 of that year, Keokuk County Sheriff's Deputy David Heady Jr. and his wife Victoria organized a Halloween party in What Cheer, featuring a hayride through the county's gravel back roads. Daniel Brubaker, the owner of a local trucking company, drove the hayride in his pickup, with Heady riding passenger. Brubaker had been drinking with Heady for hours leading up to the hayride and both men drank as they pulled children on a trailer. Brubaker drove too fast and swerved, throwing the children from the trailer. Several children were ran over by the trailer, suffering horrific injuries.

Brubaker pleaded guilty in July of this year and was sentenced to 15 years last month. Heady pleaded not guilty. A Mahaska County jury found him guilty of two counts of Child Endangerment Resulting in Serious Injury and eleven counts of Child Endangerment Resulting in Bodily Injury on Sept. 2. On Oct. 15, Judge Daniel Wilson sentenced Heady to ten years in prison.

A week prior to the sentencing, on Oct. 8, Heady's lawyer, Jeffrey Powell, filed a motion requesting a new trial and for an arrest of judgment. Powell argued that the state had not proved that Heady had "Knowingly Acted" and "Knowingly Created a Substantial Risk to the Child's Safety," which are required by Iowa law for child endangerment charges; that the court failed to instruct the jury

that failure to act is legally not grounds for child endangerment; that the court erred by allowing the jury to consider if Heady had aided and abetted Brubaker, arguing that there was no evidence that he aided and abetted at the time the incident occurred; that the court violated Heady's due process rights by allowing the prosecution to center much of their case on the fact that Brubaker had been drinking, despite the fact that Brubaker's plea blamed the accident on excessive speed, not on his drinking; and finally that there had been insufficient evidence for the jury's verdict. Wilson rejected all of these arguments, noting that several of them had previously been rejected during Heady's trial. He stated that Heady had arranged the event, gave Brubaker alcohol before and during the hayride, and drank himself during the ride.

Assistant Attorney General Frank Severino requested that Wilson sentence Heady to 25 years; ten years

non-concurrent for the two serious injury charges and five years, concurrent with each other but not concurrent with the other charges, for the eleven bodily injury charges. Severino called Heady the "architect" of the accident, pointing out the nine hours of decisions and drinking leading up to the hayride. He claimed that Heady had still not taken responsibility and continued to blame other people for the accident. Severino brought up Powell's closing argument from a month earlier, where he said that "hindsight's 20/20," responding that Heady should have had foresight and seen the dangers right in front of him.

Severino stated that Heady was a police officer, trained to detect danger and respond to emergencies, but that he used that training to obstruct the investigation. He hammered in the fact that, after the accident, instead of helping the injured children, Heady lied to the police, distracted them so Brubaker could flee the

scene, and called Brubaker's wife to ask her to destroy evidence. Severino claimed that Heady almost killed not just half of an entire class, but his own son.

"These children nearly lost their lives. This man had every opportunity and had every duty to do better. It's a disgrace to say that he was just simply a passenger in this vehicle," Severino said.

Powell requested Heady only be given ten years, the minimum allowed based on the charges, and that the judge suspend all fines. He stated that Heady's actions did not justify a longer prison sentence than Brubaker's and that ten years was already substantial. He stated that Heady was a member of law enforcement with no criminal record, aside from a misdemeanor trespassing charge when he was twenty. Powell stated that the court should not hold the fact that Heady exercised his right to a jury trial against him or be influenced by "unproven" criminal allegations. Powell

stated that he disagreed with the claim that Heady hadn't shown remorse and that he certainly didn't intend for this to happen.

"I'm pleading for mercy," Heady said. "As it says in Mathew 5:7, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.' Your honor, you have heard the facts of this case. You've heard me say 'some of these mistakes I'm not proud of.' This is not at all how this night should have gone, and I am beyond thankful nobody suffered worse injuries than they did. I thank God every day that these kids are okay, and able to live life to the fullest. I hope that these children and their parents understand how sorry I am that they were affected by this incident."

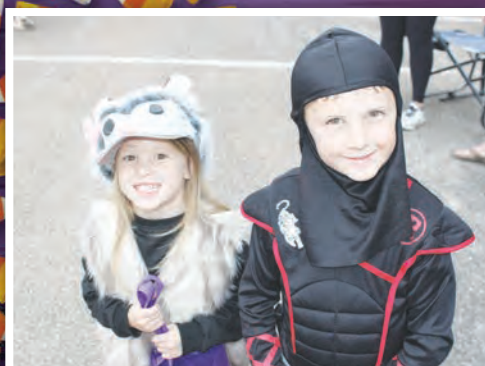
Heady pleaded for the judge to be merciful to his wife and three children, who need their father. He stated that he wasn't the same person he was two years ago, and had began attending church regularly. Heady quoted Luke 3:16, saying 'Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.'

Several victims or parents were given a chance to speak about the impact the accident. A girl referred to E.M. by the court documents was the first to take the stand. She is perhaps the child most harmed by the accident; after being ran over by the trailer, E.M. suffered a broken pelvis, four broken vertebrae, and a lacerated liver, which required her to be air-lifted to the University of Iowa. E.M. stated that the accident changed how she sees life and made it hard to focus in school, because everything feels overwhelming. She stated that Heady hadn't just hurt her, but had hurt her

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Sigourney Elementary kids ran, walked, and danced their way through color during the annual color run held on Oct. 17. Proceeds from the event go towards the end-of-school-year celebration.



What Cheer Pottery Shown At Historical Society Open House

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – Local couple Doran and Toni Hull showed off their collection of Johnny Nelson clay art during an open house at the Keokuk County Historical Society in Sigourney on Oct. 19. Nelson, a master of clay art, lived in What Cheer and made art from approximate-

ly 1920 to the mid-1950s. The Hulls have been collecting Nelson's pottery for thirty years.
 "Other people do collect What Cheer, and we were glad because it needs to be preserved and kept, and we need to pass that knowledge onto our next generation," said Toni Hull.
 "It needs to be saved," said Doran Hull.

Trick or Treat Around the Square

Located on the Square:

Fidelity Bank First Resources Southeast Iowa Elite Grant Ranch Brothers Market Uplift Fitness Barn Wired	City Hall Wee Care Pediatrics Keokuk Co. Ambulance Sigourney Fire Sigourney Chiropratic Complete Care of Iowa Sigourney Merchantile Misc on Main	The News-Review Copper Lantern Public Health Helmuth Ford Sigourney TV & Appliance Southern Iowa Mental Health Shettler Insurance
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Off the Square:

Sigourney Christian Church 308 S Jefferson St, Sigourney Stone Cottage Care Center 900 S Stone St, Sigourney	MidWestOne Bank (Sigourney branch) 112 N Main St, Sigourney Amy's Salon House & Spa 202 N Main St, Sigourney	Manor House Care Center 1212 S Stuart St, Sigourney Deer View Manor 1200 S Stuart St, Sigourney
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Overnight Square Parking Ban Dropped from New Sigourney Ordinances

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the Oct. 15 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the council approved the second reading of the new loitering ordinances, which were discussed heavily at the previous two meetings. This second reading removed the controversial section banning parking on the square overnight. Councilman Adam Clark explained that around 25-30 people had attended the public safety a week earlier and that the consensus had been to move forward without the parking ban. He stated that they would give it a year to see if the square improved without the parking ban and address this again later if they have to. The other parts of the ordinances, which created a "Sigourney Square District" extending half a block in each direction from the square where loitering, "camping," and placing objects on the sidewalks are banned, passed. The second reading of the ordinances also added clarification on what counts as loitering, now defining it as obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular movement, interference with access to a building or facility, or harassment or intimidation to others present. The third reading of an ordinance closing the parks from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and the second reading of an ordinance banning parking on both sides of Stuart Street, between Spring and Pleasant Valley, also passed.

Pekin Board Discusses Possible Switch to Food Management Service

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 PACKWOOD – During the Oct. 13 meeting of the Pekin School Board, the board discussed possibly contracting Opaa! Food Service to manage the district's lunch program. Last month, during the Sept. 8 meeting, the board discussed a \$9,000 budget shortfall in the lunch program, caused by a reduction in the number of kids eating school lunch, increased food costs, and increased salaries, according to Superintendent Dave Harper. At the start of the Oct. 13 meeting, Kitchen Manager Natalie Kopsieker urged the board to reconsider switching to an outside food company.
 She stated that her team were more than just employees, but part of the community, and that they know each student's name and take pride

in serving meals that reflect both care and variety. She stated that moving to an outside company would remove that connection and replace it with a "one-size fits all model" that prioritizes efficiency over community. Kopsieker stated that, once this sense of community is gone, it is gone for good. She stated that she understood the financial challenges the lunch program faces, but that outsourcing would not solve the root problem. Kopsieker stated that Opaa! is profit driven, meaning it will have management fees, prepackaged produce, and be less flexible in purchasing from local vendors. Kopsieker stated that, if given a chance, she believes her team could find solutions to cut waste and increase lunch participation. "Remember what truly nourishes our students. It's not just food, it's community and con-

sistency and compassion. This is something I feel no outside company can replace," Kopsieker said.
 The board then spoke with Greg Frost and Sheila Frost from Opaa!, who gave a presentation about their services. Harper stated that he had worked with Opaa! when he was the superintendent at Sigourney and that they did a good job. Greg Frost explained that he was a former superintendent and that Opaa! provided food to 300 school districts across the midwest, including 17 in Iowa. He stated that Opaa! specializes in "homestyle cooking" and serves less processed foods than a lot of districts.
 Shiela explained the various options Opaa! offers, including multiple stations during lunch and second-chance breakfast. She stated that Opaa! has a farm to school

program that purchases from local farmers and partners with school FFAs. Greg Frost explained that Opaa! serves 50 million meals a year, allowing them to buy at a different price volume. He claimed this allows them to get better food for less money. He stated that Opaa! would give the district one bill, instead of the multiple from different food providers they have currently. He claimed that a district-operated program can't duplicate what a professional service can and that they were there to raise the bar. Greg Frost claimed that Opaa! provides individualized service and treats every district differently. He explained that, if Pekin decides to contract out for food service, they will be required to have open bids that

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South English Council Approves Applying for Endowment Grant for Library Sign

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 SOUTH ENGLISH – During the Oct. 14 meeting of the South English City Council, Chandra Harper from the library board requested permission to hire her daughter Destiny to work as an assistant for the current librarian, Marianne, and manage the library when Marianne is absent. She stated that this would not affect how much the library costs to run, because Destiny will only work hours Marianne doesn't. Harper stated that Marianne had been told she cannot claim hours where Destiny is working. She stated that Marianne believed it was fair for Destiny to be paid the same wage; Councilwoman Hope Frazier stated that would be easier for budgeting.
 Hope Frazier asked how they would make sure Marianne didn't claim the hours where Destiny worked. Harper stated that she was supposed to work 12 hours a week, but didn't clock in and out. City Clerk Stephanie Lown stated that Mayor Ed Shafranek asked if they could have set hours at the library; Harper stated that they do have set hours and would begin enforcing them. Shafranek stated that Marianne could use email as a time clock, sending emails when she arrives and right before leaving, then counting hours based on the timestamp.
 Harper stated that the library needed to be open later most days, because it currently closes before kids are let out of school. Hope Frazier asked how many people come into the library and if they could start using a sign-in sheet. Harper stated that she didn't think they could ask people for their names, especially not with kids, but that an average of 12-16 people come to the library every month and that two people use the comput-

ers each month. She stated it would be nice to find out what time people come to the library and what time people are at work, so they can change the library hours. Shafranek stated that, in the past, they had discussed putting security cameras on city hall, the truck shed and the sewer plant, and that those cameras could be used to count when people came to the library.
 Harper also asked for permission to apply for an endowment grant to put up a new library sign. She stated that the sign would cost \$251.41 and that the labor to put up the sign would be \$250, if the city didn't put it up. She stated that she also wanted to request money to buy 30 books costing \$10 a piece, noting that the library hadn't added any new books since 2017. She stated that the total grant request would be \$3,501.45. Harper explained that the endowment prefers to not pay for 100% of the cost of projects. She requested the council agree to put forward 10% of the money the endowment gives. She stated that grants rarely give 100% of what people ask for, but that this would cost up to \$350.15 cents if the endowment approves the full request.
 Hope Frazier asked if the city could afford this, noting that they needed money for a planned water project. She stated that this was difficult because the library lost state funding. Harper stated that they were working to get funding back, but that the early they would receive the money would be in 2027. Hope Frazier asked if the library could do a fundraiser and that the library needed people to know it existed. Councilman Cameron Miller suggested selling old books

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Community CALENDAR

Oct. 31st 4:00p.m - 5:30p.m

North Keokuk County Fire Dept. Firemans Supper

Sat. November 1st 4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Grilled Tenderloin, Redskin Potatoes, Baked Beans, mac & Cheese, Coleslaw.

Christian Church Free Will Donation Soup Supper

Nov. 5th 5:00 p.m - ? (Chili, Ham & Beans, Chicken Noodle).

Fall Family Harvest Supper Delta Town and Country Center

Nov. 6th. 4:30 till 6:30 p.m. Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Hot Dogs, Relish Tray, and desserts. Free Will offering. Dine in or for to go orders call 641-660-7848.

Sigourney American Legion Post #19

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

Keswick American Legion Post #319

Meets Monthly @ 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Keswick American Legion Post. To schedule an appointment, email Cindy Weber at caweber@windstream.net or call 641-636-2116

Men's Caregiver Support Group

Bridget's Public House at 208 1st Ave E. Oskaloosa, IA 52577 on 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10:30am - 12 Noon.

Richland Public Library

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:30-6:00
Friday: Noon-5:00
Saturday: 10:00-1:00
Closed Sunday and Monday.
For more information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library

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

Sigourney Public Library

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hedrick Public Library

Monday/Thursday/Friday 2 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday 1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday 12 - 4 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday Closed

What Cheer Public Library

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

Sigourney Kiwanis

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

Old Keota Business

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

Keota Food Pantry

The food pantry in Keota is open on the last Sunday of the

month at the United Church of Faith, 10-11 a.m. Anyone needing food is invited.

Richland Community Food Bank

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

City of Keota Public Meeting

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

Keota School Board

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

Keota VFW Auxiliary

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

Keokuk County Historical Society

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keokuk County Supervisors

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

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

Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

Food Pantry-Sigourney

Food Pantry Community

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

Keokuk County Public Health

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

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm at Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

Grief Share

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

Fiddle Dee Dee

3rd Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junk Journal Workday. Bring your own junk journals to build and work on. You can collaborate, share supplies, or ideas.

Keokuk County Democrats

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at City Hall 7:00 PM.

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Opaa! and other companies can make offers for. He stated that bids would likely arrive in May and that Opaa! would be ready to begin by the first day of school. Greg Frost stated that the district would have a one-year contract, with yearly extensions available, and that Opaa! had a 95% district retention rate.

Greg Frost stated that the state allows four different options for how to handle staff, including keeping the school's current staff, switching to all Opaa! staff, retiring some current staff and having a mix of current and Opaa! staff, and a "transition through attrition" option where the current staff will stay, but be replaced by Opaa! staff hired from the community when the eventually leave or retire. He stated that this last option was the most popular and that current staff members would receive a 3.5% raise if Opaa! took over.

Greg Frost stated that Opaa! would handle food bids and USDA audits. He stated that the district would continue to set meal prices, maintain control of revenue streams, control equipment, approve new hires, and set policy and procedures. Frost stated that Opaa! would help with oversight, but that the program would still be Pekin's. He stated that they would give a lot of training to current kitchen staff.

Harper asked if staff or students could visit an Opaa!-partnered school to see how things work and Greg Frost stated they could. Board member J.J. Greiner asked if Pekin had the right equipment and Greg Frost stated that they will look at what equipment the school has as part of the pre-bid phase. He stated that Opaa! works with all kinds of facilities, and that Pekin was better than some of schools they had worked with. He stated they would not tell Pekin they had to buy specific equipment. Harper asked if there would be any costs on top of the bid; Greg Frost stated that there would not.

Administrative Assistant Ann Swanson asked for a price estimate. Greg Frost stated he could not give one, because things vary so much between schools. He stated that Opaa! tends to be conservative in their bids and estimate less revenue than schools typically receive. Swanson noted that Pekin hadn't raised meal prices in years. Greg Frost stated that, when he was a superintendent, his goal wasn't running a food service, but was feeding kids. He stated he was worried about families just above the threshold for free and reduced meals, because they're the ones really impacted by price changes. Frost stated that even a five cent increase can raise a lot of money for a district, but could result in less kids eating, and that it was a hard balance. He stated there was a big difference between raising five cents every year and waiting five years then raising prices by 25 cents.

Secondary Principal Shawn Dorman asked if Opaa! could provide a summer lunch program. Sheila Frost stated that they would provide summer school lunch and mentioned a program called non-congregate, which could pay for summer meals if enough kids were free or reduced. Swanson stated that one community in the district met the standards

and Sheila Frost stated that they would be able to feed every kid for free during the summer. Swanson asked if this only applied to students in the district, or if they could also feed visiting sports teams, and Sheila Frost stated they could.

Also at the Monday meeting, Harper explained that the late Roland McCreery had bequeathed 270 acres of farmland next to the runway parking lot to the school district, stipulating that 50% of the money generated by the land would go towards the Pekin FFA, and 50% would go towards a scholarship program. Harper stated that the farmland would generate around \$60-80,000 annually and that, after ten years of growing, they might be able to give a scholarship out to every senior. Harper stated that he was very thankful and would involve the McCreery family in the planning for scholarships and FFA programs.

Fifth grade language arts and social studies teacher Angie Arendt spoke to the board about hands-on lessons she'd worked with Farm Bureau to teach. The board approved paying \$9,409 to Overhead Doors to replace two garage doors at the bus barn. The board approved an agreement with EBF to have high need students go to EBF's Explorer Academy. Business Manager Kaye Gilbert stated that the board had received \$15,355 in education support personnel compensation funding; she stated that this would be distributed as a one-time bonus for hourly employees, with those who had worked for the district longer receiving more money. The board approved partnering with the AEA for a new elementary counselor to work two days a week; Harper stated this would cost \$40,000, but that the district had received \$38,000 in a REAP grant. The board approved a \$17,999 quote for new backboard supports in the high school gym, with an optional \$2,200 off if they reuse the current backboards. Harper stated that the Southeast Iowa Superconference had approved raising the athletics admission cost to \$7 for adults and \$5 for students at high school games and to \$5 for everyone at junior high games. Harper stated that a new Iowa DOE Safe and Sound anonymous reporting system would be added to the school website. He stated that the Special Ed Corrective Action Plan, led by Cassidy Steinhart, had raised Pekin from level two to level one, and that this was a very rare accomplishment. He stated that the food service budget would be around \$14,000 at the end of October, compared to \$13,000 at the end of September, and that they were working to pay back the \$20,000 interfund transfer in December.

Harper explained that, currently, the solar panels at the bus barn, football field, softball field and weight room have four separate permits, which requires spacing between the panels. He stated that, if they upgrade the panels to provide more electricity, they could combine the permits and have the panels moved together to provide a canopy for shade. Harper

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MENUS

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Oct. 24th
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, 3 Bean Salad, Cookie.
Oct. 27th
Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Chop Chop Salad, Pudding.
Oct. 29th
Meat Loaf, Baked Potato, Seven Layer Salad, Apple Cake, Ice Cream.

Sigourney

Oct. 23rd
Breakfast: Strawberry Cheesecake Parfait w/ Muffin Square, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Alfredo Flatbread, Cheeseburger, Popcorn Chicken Munchable, Garden Salad, Roasted Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 24th
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Biscuit w/ Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Hot dog, Turkey Club Sub, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Fruit, Snickerdoodle, Milk.
Oct. 27th
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken and Waffles, Cheeseburger, Chef Salad w/ Garlic Bread, Garden Salad, French Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 28th
Breakfast: Sticky Buns, Assorted Fruit w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Hot dogs, Taco Salad w/ Combread, Garden Salad, BBQ Bacon Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 29th
Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs w/ Tater Tots, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, BBQ Pork Salad w/ Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk.

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Oct. 23rd
Hearty Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Dressing, Fruit, Biscuit.
Oct. 24th
Open Faced Turkey Sandwich, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Apple Crisp.
Oct. 27th
Herbed Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Peas, No Bake Cookie, Wheat Roll.
Oct. 28th
Broccoli Cheese Soup, 4 Crackers, Ham Salad Sandwich, Creamed Corn, Mandarin Oranges.
Oct. 29th
Beef Strognaoff over Noodles, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Baked Cinnamon Apples, Wheat Bread.

Pekin

Oct. 23rd
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Tetrizzini, Broccoli, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Breadstick.
Oct. 24th
Breakfast: WG Donut, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Walking Tacos, Baby Carrots, Apples Slices, Bananas, WG Rice Krispy Treat.
Oct. 27th
Breakfast: WG Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Pineapple, Blueberries, Churro, WG Chips.
Oct. 28th
Breakfast: WG Cereal, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Diced Peaches, Sidekicks, WG Hot Roll.
Oct. 29th
Breakfast: Egg Omelet, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Teriyaki, Roasted Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Craisins, WG Rice.

Keota

Oct. 23rd
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage Sandwich, Peaches, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tenderloin on a Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Tri-Tator, Steamed, Carrots, Pears, Milk.
Oct. 24th
NO SCHOOL
Oct. 27th
Breakfast: Breakfast, Pizza, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Fresh Broccoli, Grapes, Milk.
Oct. 28th
Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Shrimp Poppers, Yogurt, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Orange, Wheat Roll & Jelly, Milk.
Oct. 29th
Breakfast: Egg Bites, Toast & Jelly, Orange, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Taco Burger on a Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Refried Beans, Pears, Chips and Salsa, Milk.

Tri-County

Oct. 23rd
Breakfast: Bagel Bites
Lunch: Mr. Rib Sandwich, Potato Cubes, Grapes, 9-12 Baked Chips.
Oct. 24th
Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich.
Lunch: Pizza Rolls, Side Salad, Red Peppers, Pears.
Oct. 27th
Breakfast: Cereal.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Mixed Fruit.
Oct. 28th
Breakfast: Omelet, Tri-Tator.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, Pineapple, Goldfish Graham.
Oct. 29th
Breakfast: Biscuit & Egg Bake.
Lunch: Rotini w/ Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges.

English Valleys

Oct. 23rd
Breakfast: Strawberry Cheesecake Parfait, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Alfredo Flatbread, Cheeseburger w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pesto Pasta Salad w. Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 24th
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Parmesan Chicken Sandwich, BBQ Bacon Wrapped Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Chicken And Avocado Club Wrap, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Fruit, Snickerdoodle, Milk.
Oct. 27th
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken and Waffles, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Garlic Biscuit, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 28th
Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Combread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Texas Pintos, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 29th
Breakfast: Waffles, Sausage Pancake on a Stick w/ Colby Jack Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Bacon Pickle Grilled Cheese w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Milk.

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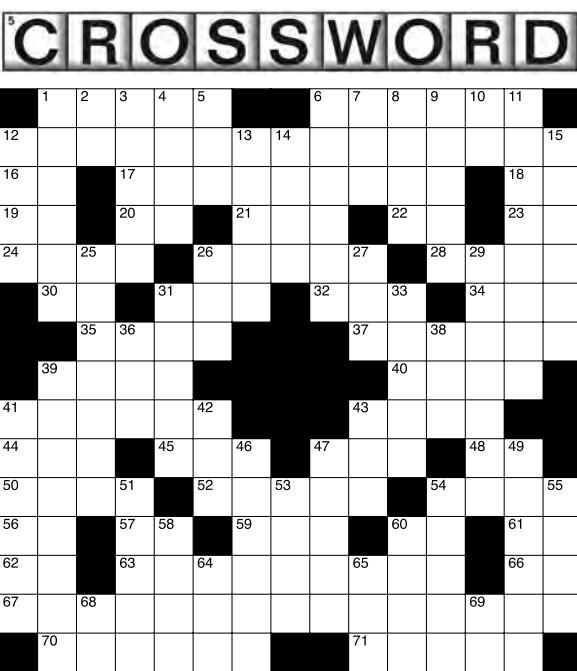
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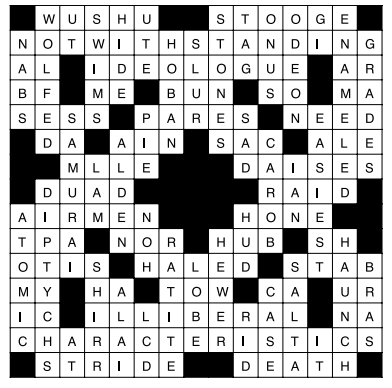
CLUES ACROSS
1. Martial arts in China
6. The butt of jokes
12. Nevertheless
16. Sportscaster
17. A firm believer
18. Atomic #18
19. One's bestie
20. Of I
21. Hamburger accessory
22. Thus
23. Partner to Pa
24. Scottish tax
26. Cuts away
28. Require
30. Government lawyer
31. Own (Scottish)
32. Body cavity
34. Brew
35. Young woman (French)
37. Platforms
39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly
41. Aviators
43. Make perfect
44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
45. Neither
47. The center of a city
48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
50. Singer Redding
52. Dragged forcibly
54. Puncture with a knife
56. Belonging to me
57. Expresses surprise
59. Haul
60. The Golden State
61. Biblical Sumerian city
62. Integrated circuit
63. Opposed to certain principles

66. Sodium
67. Qualities
70. Walk
71. It awaits us all

CLUES DOWN
1. Ate quickly
2. Peyton Manning's alma mater
3. Moves through water
4. Run away from
5. Utah resident
6. Natural objects
7. Children's game
8. Obligation to prove
9. Ancient Greek building for performances
10. Soldier
11. Decorated
12. Catches
13. Russell ____, author
14. Speak indistinctly
15. Students get them
25. Japanese warrior
26. Dessert
27. Doleful
29. Most cushy

31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen
Arabian tree
36. Something fugitives are "on"
38. 007's creator
39. Paintings on hinged panels
41. Type of bomb
42. Japanese classical theater
43. U.S. gov't department
46. Flightless bird
47. One who cuts wood or stone
49. Buttock and thigh together
51. A way to gather
53. Body part
54. Argentinian city
55. Undergarments
58. Jai ____, sport
60. Container for shipping
64. Type of screen
65. Get free of
68. Indicates position
69. Business department

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



FRIGHT NIGHT WORD SEARCH

J N M D E U S N S U P K T T O E R P D L
R F L K W E F P Z W S T B B M I R V B H
J O B N Y E I H N L R U B O L J B A H C
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BATS
- BLACK CAT
- CANDY
- COBWEB
- COSTUME
- GHOST
- GHOUL
- HAUNTED
- JACK-O-LANTERN
- MONSTER
- MOON
- OCTOBER
- PUMPKIN
- SCARY
- SKELTON
- SPIDER
- SPOOKY
- TRICK OR TREAT
- VAMPIRE
- WEREWOLF
- WITCH
- ZOMBIE

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

What Cheer and Backdrafts

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
"Twice before in her history has What Cheer awakened in chill gray dawn to see blackened smoking ruins, homes and business buildings wiped out, but never until the dawn of Sunday, August 27, has What Cheer awakened to broken homes, the sobs of widows and orphaned children, following a fire. Twice before scores of buildings have been burned in the great fires that swept everything in their path but never had a life been lost until four men were blown into eternity at one thirty Sunday morning when they rushed to give aid

to a neighbor." That's how the Aug. 31, 1933 issue of the What Cheer Patriot-Chronicle began its recounting of the deadly explosion that claimed the lives of four firefighters. Willie "Leslie" Hermann, 31, was born on April 6, 1902, near Gibson. In 1923, he married Rosella Irene Garrett of Delta. They had three daughters, Betty, Dorothy and Catherine. He worked as a tile molder at the What Cheer Clay Products Company. He was one of the first to arrive at the fire. His obituary stated that "loyalty to duty was an abiding characteristic" of his life.

William Phillips, 54, was born on January 9, 1879, in Cuba, Illinois. He moved to What Cheer with his parents in 1882. He married Cora Buckets in 1904 and had four children, Denise, Irene, Mildred and Gerald. Phillips owned a hardware store in Clay City for 26 years, then moved to What Cheer, where he served on the city council for a number of years and worked at his brother George's strip mine. His obituary wrote that he was "a kind and loving husband and father, a good neighbor and friend, and always ready to help anyone in trouble or distress."

Oscar Joseph Roland, 44, was born on June 21, 1889, in Marchiene, Belgium. He moved to What Cheer when he was two. He married Sadie Lee in 1913 and had two daughters, Lee and Ruth. Roland worked in insurance, was previously the town's mayor, was the secretary of the fair association and the farm loan association, and a member of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges. Marvin J. Bodeman, 31, was born in What Cheer in 1901. He lived there his entire life and worked as a laborer. I wish there was more I could say about him.



At around one o'clock, several boys from neighboring towns were loafing around in the Wagner cafe. One of them saw a dull red glow coming from the building across the street. The building, owned by Eli Horn and located on the east side of Main Street, housed the New-Co grocery store owned by Daryl Mathers and the meat market owned by Otto Bruhn on its first floor, and the lodge room used by the Knights of Pythias, Royal Neighbors, Red Men and Pocahontas lodges on its second.

The boys ran out and noticed smoke coming from beneath the doors. The alarm bell rang. Quickly, the firefighters arrived. Roland and fellow firefighter Ed Lally went up to the second floor, to save the Knights of Pythias Lodge's records. Lally stepped into another room to grab a key. This lucky decision saved his life. The moment Roland opened the door to the lodge room, the crowd outside heard a horrible sucking sound. It sounded "As if the earth were being drawn upward," to quote the Patriot-Chronicle. Someone shouted run, and the crowd fled, right as the explosion tore apart the Horn building. Flames erupted from the front windows, as the brick walls collapsed onto the street. The building's back wall was blown out, while the roof of the Horn building was sent into the air. It landed on the neighboring Harlan building, causing it to collapse; fortunately, this building was unoccupied. The cause of the explosion was a backdraft. Fires deplete oxygen as they burn, causing the flames to dwindle. As Roland opened the door, he let oxygen rush into the fire, causing it to rapidly ignite and tear the building apart. Herman is thought to have been somewhere near Roland and Lally when the building exploded; his head was so mangled from the blast, they were only able to identify him later by checking his billfold. Bruhn, Bodeman, William Phillips and George Phillips were all in front of the building when it exploded. George was unharmed, but the others were

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Delta Christian Church
 108 W 3rd St.
 Worship: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Delta Methodist Church
 Pastor Vince Homan
 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
 Pastor Robb Bruns
 Sunday School, 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

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

HEDRICK
The Church Of Living Water
 Pastor Shane Jarr
 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
 Pastor Michael Elrod
 203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick
 641-653-4477
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship In Person, or online through our Facebook Page or www.hedrickumc.org

KEOTA
Good Neighbor Fellowship
 126 E Broadway
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Service

Holy Trinity Parish
 109 N Lincoln St.
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
 Office Phone: 641-636-3883
 Sunday Mass: 8:30am

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United Church of Faith
 201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
 Keota, IA 52248
 (641) 636-3825
 keotaufc@cloudburst9.net
 www.keotaufc.org
 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
 Hwy. 22 South, Keswick
 319-738-3851
 Pastor John Stringfellow
 Service Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
 Teaching Tuesday is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 Evening of Praise: every third Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

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
 Youth Group: Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 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
 Pastor David Pinkerton
 2083 Hwy. 102
 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
 641-637-2561
 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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 G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)
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Union Mills Christian Church
 Pastor Josh Martin
 1405 Parkin Ave, New Sharon, IA 50207
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 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
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 Religious-Ed: Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm

Christian Church
 Pastor Luke Caster
 131 N. Howard St.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Ph. 319-664-3338

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Grace Family Church
 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: 641-224-9797
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Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church
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 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship,
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 Oskaloosa
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 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. in person or Facebook page.

Trinity Friends Church
 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 206 Main St,
 641-919-8922
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Woolson Friends Church
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 1005 Jasmine Ave,
 641-919-8922
 Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

ROSE HILL
Rose Hill Community Church
 Pastor: 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.

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.

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 Pastor Nick Needham
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 Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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 215 N Jefferson St, Sigourney
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 641-622-2247
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Christian Church of Sigourney
 308 S. Jefferson, 641-622-2151
 Pastor Dan Glandon
 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
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 Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m.
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Sigourney United Methodist Church
 Website: sigourneymc.org
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SOUTH ENGLISH
English River Church of the Brethren
 29252 137th St., South English
 319-667-5235
 Worship 10 a.m.

WHAT CHEER
What Cheer Baptist Church
 Pastor DJ Danner
 641-660-9948
 109 E Briney
 What Cheer
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

What Cheer Methodist Church
 The Rev. Vince Homan
 Sunday School, 9:30; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Second Tuesday - Local food event for Tri-County and Delta
 Fourth Tuesday- Food Truck from Ottumwa Food Bank- Anyone in Keokuk County

What Cheer Hilltop Chapel
 506 E Briney St., What Cheer
 641-634-2990
 Pastor John Bacon
 Sunday Worship: 10 -11:30 a.m.
 Kids Church: 10:30 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
 Men's fellowship: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 Community Kids Club: first-sixth grades Thursdays at 6 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting: Third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Free Grace United
 107 East Broadway St. What Cheer, IA 50268.
 10 a.m. Sunday service with Kids Church.
 Recovery meeting weekly
 Wednesday 7 pm

Op-Ed: Why Vote Yes on the Sigourney School District Bond Issue?

By Darian Graff

#1: Bottom line — because our kids and our community deserve our support.

#2: Because changes to state funding are pushing rural districts toward extinction — and we're fighting to survive.

#3: Safety matters. It can happen anywhere, even here. I don't want to look back one day and wonder what if.

#4: Like a home, if you don't fix the foundation, it eventually fails — and our school is at that point. These repairs aren't in the regular budget because school funding rarely covers major building fixes or replacements.

#5: Why now? Because the costs, and the issues, will only keep increasing.

As a volunteer on the community advisory committee, I saw firsthand the outdated state of our high school, built in the 1960s. Touring beyond the familiar spaces revealed just how much the building needs attention.

One of my fellow committee members could not access all areas due to mobility challenges. Seeing the facility through his experience helped me realize how inac-

cessible and outdated parts of our school have become.

We gathered input from staff, students, a community survey, and the professional facility assessment. It was remarkable how consistent the feedback was. Everyone pointed to the same core issues — plumbing, electrical, heating, and safety.

We are fortunate to have a school board committed to fixing necessities instead of chasing "nice-to-haves." This bond focuses on addressing what's beneath the surface: the real problems.

I encourage every voter in the district to ask questions. Visit the bond referendum website to learn the facts. Everything our committee reviewed — the data, feedback, and recommendations — is available there.

Please don't rely on rumors. Take time to learn the facts for yourself and make an informed choice. Our kids — and our community's future — are worth it.

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The What Cheer Fire Department taught Tri-County students about fire safety on Oct. 8.

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buried in rubble. After the explosion, George helped carry a burnt, mutilated body to the Patriot-Chronicle office, which was used as a morgue; hours later, he learned that the body he carried belonged to his brother.

Roland was pulled out of the rubble, but died of his injuries hours later. Also pulled from the rubble was 77-year-old Otto Bruh, who suffered a fractured skull and numerous bruises and cuts, but ultimately survived the ordeal. His son John, who had gone into the

meat market to retrieve receipts they kept in the icebox, was unharmed.

The What Cheer fire truck was completely destroyed, after being battered by flying bricks. Fortunately, the Sigourney, Oskaloosa, Thornburg and Delta fire departments quickly arrived and put out the blaze. In total, the fire and explosion caused \$35,000 (\$872,000 with inflation) in property damage. But, of course, the cost to the small town was far greater.

Meet the Candidates: Faye Jones

By Casey James | The News-Review

WHAT CHEER — Faye Jones is running for the What Cheer City Council

"With all of crime and the chaos that there is in the larger cities, many families are looking to move to smaller towns, smaller communities, to raise their families. When I moved here two years ago, I was asked 'Why What Cheer?' Well, I would answer, 'Why not What Cheer?' This town is not dying. You hear all the time, of little towns and what not that 'Oh they're just dying up.' They're not dy-

ing. What Cheer's not dying. What Cheer's being strangled to death from within," said Jones. "Without equality, without fairness, without justice, without integrity and most importantly transparency, you can't save any town. This town, as it sits right now, it's like it's on life support, just waiting for somebody to pull the plug. And I don't want that," said Jones.

Jones stated to the News-Review that her goal was to grow the town, stating that, if What Cheer does not

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“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?”
 Psalm 27:1 (NIV)

Facing Our Fears

Many of us may have found that the fears we encountered as children have significantly changed as we grew older. Of course, this is normal, but sometimes, addressing our fears as adults can actually be a more difficult undertaking. A child may overcome their fear of a dark room upon a light switch being turned on, as they recognize there was nothing in the room for them to be afraid of. In the same way, we may overestimate the effect of our fears on ourselves, so it is quite important to stay grounded in this regard. This can be done by reasoning through our fears and their effects. Some determinations we can try to make are finding whether the fear is justified to begin with, whether it is a fear based in uncertainty, or whether it is a fear based on an impending occurrence that we're aware of. It is also quite important to remember that we do not face our fears alone. As we develop relationships as we continue to grow in age and character, we may find it much easier in addressing fears, or really, any problem, by utilizing the support of our families, friends, or communities in faith. While the nature of our fears surely changes throughout our lives, we may find there are certain approaches to facing them that are universally beneficial.

-James Stone

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Meet the Candidates: John Mather

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

KEOTA - John Mather is running for the Keota City Council.

"I am running for city council to help make a difference in a town that can be great! Keota is where I was a raised and where my wife and I are raising our children. In order for us and other families to keep doing so the town needs support from caring members with the city's best interest in mind! I am hopeful that with all the candidates in this election new council members can be appointed and motivate others to run in the future. In my opinion we've had who we have for way too long, and it's time for CHANGE!" Mather wrote in an email to the News-Review.

Mather stated that he would like to implement a department of recreation to overlook the city's pool, library and parks. He stated that, by having a person or persons overlooking these assets, the city can assure they get full attention and not take away time from other city employee or official's time to

do their original duties. Mather also stated he would like to implement safer neighborhoods and streets, by supporting stronger law enforcement presence, better traffic safety measures, and proactive efforts to clean up rundown or neglected properties.

Mather is a graduate from the Keota High School who has lived in the area for more than 25 years. He currently works as an Automotive Technician at Keota Transmission & Repair. He previously worked as a farm hand.

"Keota's main challenge is survival," Mather wrote. Over the last few years small businesses have been coming to town and that is perfect! We need to do our best to support them and encourage others to come and open up as well. The city's economy relies on these businesses to keep people in town and doors open! Bringing more families to town or keeping current families in town is essential for our school system, without the school it will be difficult for businesses and community members to continue to thrive."

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family, the people she loves most. She stated that she still doesn't understand how a grown man, a father and a police officer, could cause so much pain. E.M. stated she was thankful it was her under that trailer, not someone else, because she never wants someone else to have to experience what she went through.

And yet, despite her pain and anger, E.M. requested mercy. She stated that one of Heady's kids was in her class, and shouldn't have to go through childhood without a father. E.M. stated that prison was for people who hurt others on purpose, a place where they can learn from their mistakes. She stated that everyone has learned from this and that she knows Heady didn't mean to hurt her. She stated that justice was knowing he had lost so much, including losing his career and reputation, the pain his wife and kids will continue to go through, and the fact that Heady will never be able to go back to the life he had before. She stated this punishment was enough and would follow for the rest of Heady's life.

"Our community needs to heal, and our community includes you and your family," said E.M.

Other victims felt less merciful. Tracy Pfannebecker, parent of an injured girl, read off a letter from her daughter, where her daughter stated that she had put her trust in Brubaker and Heady and that Heady could have prevented the accident by simply telling Brubaker to not drive drunk or by not giving him alcohol.

"I will never forget when we crashed and the first thing you did as you got out of the truck was not to help the children or call 911, but to discuss with the driver what you were going to say to law enforcement when they arrived," Pfannebecker read.

The letter stated that Heady could have killed a child, but God decided to give him luck and only severely injure the kids. Pfannebecker's daughter wrote that she was thankful she would never have to worry about Heady again. Pfannebecker also spoke herself, stating that her daughter had been so excited for the party and begged her to let her go. Pfannebecker stated that she let her daughter go because she thought the fact that a cop organized the event meant her daughter would be in good hands and that she wouldn't have let her go if she knew there would be drinking. She stated that the kids will never forget that night and will have to live with that nightmare for the rest of their lives.

"I will never forget the call I got that night, thinking I could have lost my daughter, or my daughter could have lost one of her friends. Just because of you, David, for

being stupid and supplying alcohol to yourself and Dan. Drinking was more important for you two that night," said Pfannebecker.

She explained that her daughter walked away with a swollen eye, headache and shoulder injury, which required physical therapy and chiropractor trips to heal. She stated her daughter had fallen behind in school because she was worried about friends, missed a season of playing basketball, and lost friends over trust issues.

A state attorney read off a letter by parent Nicole Tracy, where Tracy stated that, as a cop, Heady had made a commitment to hold himself and others accountable. She stated that he had abandoned this commitment, leaving the community with fear, anger, and grief.

"This was not an accident. It was a choice. A choice to ignore duty, ignore safety, and to ignore the very oath that was sworn, and it has caused harm beyond words," wrote Tracy.

Parent Annie Burrow stated that families entrusted their children to Heady, who gave them over to a man who drank heavily. She stated things were difficult because David and Victoria Heady refuse to take responsibility. Burrow stated that Brubaker took responsibility and plead guilty, but Heady forced the case to go to trial and forced the children to relive their trauma in court.

"Attempting to shift all responsibility onto Dan is beneath the dignity expected of someone who once wore a badge of public trust," said Burrow. "Refusing to own his own choices is unjust. It's a failure of integrity, that sets the worst possible example for every child. Pretending innocence and shifting blame does not show strength of character, but instead reveals deep moral lateness and a cowardly form of dishonesty"

She stated that Heady's crimes weighed heavier because he was an officer, and that they should have been able to trust him to not put their children in harms way. Burrow stated that actions have consequences and justice requires accountability. She stated that it hurt that Brubaker and Heady's children would be collateral damage, but that this does not erase the consequences laid out by the law.

Ultimately, Judge Wilson gave Heady the minimum sentence, ten years for the Child Endangerment Resulting in Serious Injury charges and five years for the Child Endangerment Resulting in Bodily Injury charges, served concurrently, for a total of ten years. He issued minimum fines, stating that higher fines won't help the victims or anyone else.

Meet the Candidates: Bunny Peiffer

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

HARPER - Roberta "Bunny" Peiffer, a retired nurse, is running for the Harper City Council.

"It's just a small town, and I care about the town. Care about how the town looks. I just care. I think we need

people to care about and have pride in the town," said Peiffer.

Peiffer stated that she wants to clean up properties in town and trim weeds. She also stated that she wants to put a flag on the town flagpole again.

"I'd just like to see everybody work together to make it a nice little town," said Peiffer.

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grow, the town will not survive. She stated that there are only two businesses in What Cheer, Dollar General and Casey's, and that they cannot support the town, forcing people to go elsewhere for work. She stated that no one wants to drive 60 miles for work and that this pushes people to move out of What Cheer and closer to their jobs. Jones stated that What Cheer struggles to bring back kids after they go to college or a trade school and that, if they don't do something now, the current generation of children are going to leave What Cheer, leaving them unable to

maintain the town. She stated that a manufacturing company had wanted to move to the south side of town, but that they had been shut down before they could start.

"You cannot grow a town, or even sustain a town, when there's nothing here for these kids when they graduate school," said Jones.

Jones noted that she isn't originally from Iowa and claimed that people are treated like outcasts for not having the right last name, not being part of the right social circle,

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Obituaries

Gary Lee Hildebrand

1946-2025

Gary Lee Hildebrand, a man whose laughter was as infectious as his generosity, passed on October 10, 2025, in Austin, Texas. Gary was born in New Sharon, Iowa, on February 28, 1946. His roots ran deep in the soil of his family farm in Montezuma, Iowa where his lifelong passion for nature was kindled.



Gary Lee Hildebrand

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Pamela (Sellers) formerly of Sigourney, Iowa, his daughters, Melanie (Kevin) Locke of Purmela, TX., Meleia (Dale) Cox of Liberty Hill, TX., and Michelle Hildebrand of San Marcos, TX. He had 4 grandchildren, Allison (Tyler) Lee of Denver, CO., Kristin (Ron) Reid of Bertram, TX., Kamryn (Garrett) Locke of Purmela, TX., and River Hildebrand-Scott of San Marcos, TX. He has one Great grandson, Wylee Pearce, and one future Great granddaughter Rylann Lee Reid. One brother Richard Hildebrand who is now living in Houston, TX., and one sister, Sandy James, who lives in Puyallup, WA, and many nieces and nephews. His parents, Ray and Opal Hildebrand of Montezuma, Iowa, who, predeceased him, undoubtedly are preparing a heavenly welcome

Gary's early years in Iowa were filled with the simple joys of small-town life. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1966. He developed strong family values and the work ethic of growing up on a farm which defined him. He carried these values with him through his life enriching the lives of his beloved family and friends. Gary attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Laverne College in 1973 while being on active duty in the military.

Gary's love language was through acts of service to his country, his family, his community, and his neighborhood. In 1968, he joined the United States Air force as a Ground Radio Repair Technician in the Security Service. During that time he was stationed in California, Libya, Turkey, and Misawa, Japan.

His commitment to service continued throughout his civilian career. After returning to the United States in 1978, he was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, where he was later discharged and joined the reserves. It was in San Antonio that he bought his first home and began his career with Johnson Controls. He served as a Project Manager and Sales Representative for HVAC for over 30 years, working with prominent companies while negotiating and bidding projects in new construction of airports, schools, universities, manufacturing facilities, hospitals and churches. His Top-Secret Security Clearance allowed him contracting foreign based U.S. Embassies. His technical expertise led him to work in both San Antonio and, later, in Austin, Texas, for Johnson Controls. He then worked for Central Texas A/C & Heating (CTCA), Austin Controls, and IEC Controls. Gary and Pamela moved to Arkansas, where he worked for TL Services as a Regional Sales Manager. Gary and Pam moved back to Austin in 2005, where he continued to work to grow TL services as a Sales Account Representative in Texas. In 2006, he went back to work for one of his dearest friends, Roland Hampton, owner of CTCA, until 2011, when he retired.

Those who knew Gary will remember him as a man who greeted everyone with a smile and was always ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. Leiomyosarcoma may have been his toughest audience, but Gary faced it with the same determination and humor that characterized his entire life. He left this world as he lived in it, on his own terms, with a smile for those he loved, and a joke to lighten the heavy hearts he knew he'd leave behind.

The family would like to thank Austin Hospice for their support and loving care, and all our neighbors and friends, we couldn't have done it without you!

A Celebration of Life will be planned later to honor his memory. The family requests no flowers but memorial donations be sent to the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation or Plant a Tree Foundation. More information can be found on www.harrellfuneralhomes.com

Celebration of Life: held at later date
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Obituaries

Cheryl Joyce Sieren

1948-2025

Cheryl Joyce Sieren of Keota, Iowa, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2025, at the age of 77. Joyce was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a cherished member of her community.



Cheryl Joyce Sieren

Born on April 24, 1948, Joyce dedicated her life to caring for others. Her boundless love and commitment were evident in everything she did, whether caring for her family, supporting her wide circle of friends, or helping others through her work as a physical therapy assistant at assisted living centers. Joyce's tireless work ethic and generous spirit left a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

A creative soul, Joyce found joy in gardening, woodworking, and baking, ensuring that no one ever left her home hungry. Annual trips to lake Lacey with her extended family were a highlight where Joyce shared her magic and campfire stories with the kids. Her kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand were constants in her life. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the shining lights of her heart.

Joyce was a loving wife to Larry, sharing together 57 happy years of marriage. She was devoted to her children: Aaron (Jeri) Sieren, Lori (Dan) Stout, Jered (Jessica) Sieren, and Jeff (Shauna) Sieren, grandchildren: Lexi (Koltan), Nate (Macy), Sam, Chase, Cole, JD (Korinne), Sawyer, Keegan, Ava, Mia, Bailey, Hunter and Aspen, and great-grandchildren; Scottie, Koe, and one on the way (due in April). She is survived by her siblings Janis (Dick) McNurlen, John (Janie) Hammes, Jake (Sue) Hammes, Jeff (Jeni) Hammes, Kevin (Debbie) Hammes, Vernon (Lailah Coulter) Hammes, Bryan Hammes, Dennis Hammes, Lisa (Jamie) Uphold, Shelly (Pat) Hammen, and Kelly Mousel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Virginia Hammes; her brother Jim; her sister Jill; her nieces Brittany Syndergaard and Alaina McNurlen.

Joyce, cherished member of the Be the Light Ministry, radiated unwavering faith and love in all she did. Recently baptized in a joyful affirmation of her devotion to Jesus, she poured her heart into helping create a stunning life-size manger scene of Jesus - a lasting testament to her artistry, spirit and deep love of her Savior.

Joyce's legacy of love, hard work, and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. A celebration of life for Joyce will be held 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 at Cleer Creek church, Harper - all are welcome. Memorials can be sent to, 22528 280th Ave, Harper, IA 52231, or donations may be made in her honor to Halcyon House of Washington IA.

Celebration of Life: Oct. 23, 4-7 p.m.

Obituaries

Hazel Greiner

1935-2025

KEOTA - Hazel Lucille Whitaker Greiner, 89, passed away on October 13, 2025 at the Harvest Acres Nursing Home in Keota, Iowa.



Hazel Lucille Whitaker Greiner

Mrs. Greiner was born near Brighton, Iowa, on November 5, 1935 to Syrrrel and Mary Jane (Rich) Whitaker. She graduated from Brighton High School in 1953 where she was a basketball player and for many years enjoyed watching University of Iowa women's basketball games. She married Danny Greiner from Keota, Iowa on June 2, 1953 at Pleasant Plain Catholic Church. They were married for over 71 years. They farmed near Keota, Richland, and Brighton, Iowa. Mrs. Greiner was employed by Advance Ross in Washington in its assembly line until its closure. She also worked as a bookkeeper for the Montgomery Ward retail store in Washington and Fansteel Corporation, also in Washington. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, traveling and attending the Old Threshers Reunion in Mount Pleasant where she and Danny enjoyed dancing to various bluegrass and country groups. She also volunteered at the Polishville Community Center during Sunday night dances where she baked pies and assisted with kitchen cleanup. She also provided help for the Polishville Bingo nights, until the COVID epidemic, which contributed to the end of those events.

Mrs. Greiner is survived by her brother Lester (Kay) Whitaker of Pleasant Plain, her son Paul, a daughter Becky, 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Danny; her parents, her brothers, Elmer Lee, Guy, Syrrrel Dale, Clarence Otis, and Russel; and her sisters, Winifred Lauderdale, and Geraldine Heston.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Powell Funeral Home in Keota, with Fr. Bernie Weir officiating. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Cemeteries - St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Harper. Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home.

The family requests no flowers and requests that any donations in Hazel's name be made to the Alzheimers Association online at alz.org, mail to Alzheimers Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011; or the Harvest Acres Nursing and Rehab, 204 N. Keokuk Washington Road, Keota, Iowa 52248.

Services: Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m.
Visitation: Oct. 16, 5-7 p.m.
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KEOTA

COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

The Week That Was

By Sheryl L. Carter

I was gone for four days straight this past week, as I write this on late Sunday afternoon, October 19, and they were all good.

Tuesday, four of us drove up to Ankeny to help celebrate one of our birthday's, and I think it was a good time for her—it sure was for me! I don't get to big towns much to shop, so it was plenty special. We started off with an early lunch at the Olive Garden, with a nice waitress, a clean restaurant, and delicious food. One of the girls produced a birthday cake which we enjoyed, and then off to the next on the agenda.

Which was The Attic on the west side of Ankeny, and which features all consignments items of very nice pieces of furniture, dishes, and other home décor, plus some jewelry and ladies' wear. Oh, yes, I did find a lovely Woolrich heavy cardigan sweater plus a white mock turtle neck for good prices. My fall-winter wardrobe has needed beefing up since I got rid of a whole lot of stuff the last two times I switched seasonal clothes.

Then we went to Kohl's, and I found a couple of nice cotton long sleeve tops, and a pretty soft pale gray cardigan, and then over to T.J. Maxx where I found a really lovely dark olive green cardigan. All of these will help out my wardrobe and I was so glad to find them and all good prices, too. You know me, the Thrift store queen, so this was out of the usual to find nice NEW clothes.

On Wednesday, our WCF

ladies Bible study group headed off to Sigourney for the day. Yes, I was in some of your neighborhoods! Our first thing was a tour of the Old Stone House, built in 1855, with the thick interior walls made of stone hauled from some ways away, and which took eight years to complete. What a nice little house! Of course, no electricity or plumbing, but it had two stoves—one for cooking in the kitchen and a big nickel-plated pot belly in the living room. I bet they heated the place pretty well, as the ceilings were not real high—probably 8 ½ to 9 feet, and the rooms were not large. Up the steep stairs were two cozy little bedrooms—oh, it was a charming little house you could live in so well! The downstairs bedroom was well lighted with both north and east windows. Outside was a stone path to the out-house in the backyard. Yeah, we used to live that way for the first 18 years of my life, and I never felt put upon.

Thursday was a visit to my eye dr. in Newton. On the way I called up my good friend up there, but she was already on her way out to an appt in another town, so we will see each other another time. My checkup went well, my eyes are doing pretty good in spite of cataracts, which we won't bother at this time. I stopped at the revitalized Walmart for the week's shopping, which had recently gone through the Big Change, switching everything around, and filling the store to the brim with even more stuff, it looked like. It looked really nice, and I was

able to find most of what I needed and even some wants.

The next day, Friday, I left here at 7:10 am, arriving at Scottie and Dorothy's by 7:40. Soon Lawrence and Norma joined us, we all piled into my freshly gassed up Jazzy, and Scottie drove us the 140 miles down to Trenton, Missouri to see my sister, Sherry, and husband, Bob, another of the famous Carter Boys. They had come out from Brush, Colorado, with their son-in-law and daughter, as this is his old stomping grounds, and were staying at an Airbnb—a cozy little old renovated house that was just so perfect for a few days stay for folks with a nice kitchen, bathrooms and bedrooms, etc. We had such a good time visiting, hugging, eating, and drinking coffee—a Carter requirement. By 3:30 p.m., we were back on the road for home, through the wooded hills and valleys of Northern Missouri and Southern Iowa, and I arrived back here at my little place by 6.

Yesterday, Saturday, I got some things done around here, one being cleaning out the small bookcase that sits beside the wood stove in front of the window in the stove room. I have a whole collection of antique and vintage books—old readers, history books, etc, and I had thought, I just need to get rid of these and make room for some of the new ones I keep getting. So, I started in—turned some pages in one, oh, yeah, I still want to read this—and the next one—same thing, until I still had a stack of keepers plus a small pile to put on my bedside table. I do have

a small sack to share with a young friend, should she want them.

My land, the cobwebs and such do like to accumulate, don't they? I was glad to spruce up that area, which means I can see much more ahead that also needs to be done. Ha!

That night I made up a delicious pepperoni and ham pizza with a tasty bottled sauce, and a sprinkle of dried sweet basil leaves from my garden sprinkled over. Yes, it was very good, paired with a lettuce and young greens salad, with seeds, celtic sea salt, and olive oil over the top.

Today has been Sunday School as we began a new study by R.C. Sproul on "The Holiness of God". Our teacher did a good job of presenting it this morning with the notes he provided to go with the first lesson. We had a huge class this morning with every chair filled and it was good to see. A fine mixture of every age group, which is even better to see. For our worship service, and after singing some glorifying hymns, Pastor Jerry, who is preaching through Romans, was in the eighth chapter today. Afterwards, and after chatting it up with some friends, I came back home to pizza in the toaster oven, and later on a good long nap. A good visit with one of my kids, too, which is always a blessing to this mom.

Well, that about wraps it up for this time, fine folks, hope you are all doing well and isn't this just such a lovely fall?? Enjoy the rich bounties of God's blessed goodness! Until next time!

THE SUN SPOT

MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, October 19, 205... Reporting from University Park, Iowa. Such a busy time, the harvest is gearing down and it seems so strange to me as I remember my Dad still at it at Thanksgiving!

Today was a very enjoyable day as we completely ignored the piles and boxes and traveled east to Keokuk County. First stop was Sigourney Cafe where we enjoyed breakfast at noon. It was the right place as we were able to see several folks we know! Cousin Rod and Mary Sieren were there with Rick and Linda Abel. Great to see them! We saw Nancy Weber as well as Andy and Gail and Ed and Roxanne Mosbey! A gentleman at the table across from us caught my eye as he was wearing a jacket with the Mid American Publishing insignia on it. I was imagining he was perhaps someone from the Hampton office and I could not help myself but ask if I could bother him. He told me that he had been in the marketing business in Hampton and later took on driving the newspapers to the towns weekly after their printing. That was an interesting conversation as I quickly told him of my experience with weekly papers. And that is how I met Red who now lives in North English. What fun to meet someone and be able to find something in common!

Next we attended the Open House at the Keokuk County Historical Society. They had a great attendance with the board members and volunteers doing a wonderful job showing everyone around and answering questions. I was happy to meet Toni and Doran Hull as they shared their collection of What Cheer Pottery made by Johnnie Nelson. Now I have met the daughter of Teets and Tobes. Today I was not familiar with this establishment in Keswick and only visited there once shortly before its closing. Keswick was a long ways away back then! Only in the last fifteen years or so did I even know about the pottery! It was so enjoyable and I thank all who help me learn about local history.

It was so good to see my Aunt Betty Adam this week. Sister Cathy and I had a great visit – Hi Betty!

We spent several days in Fremont and they were exhausting! It was fun to have folks stop be and pick out some of my treasures to become theirs. Several have sent photos of how these items are being used now – what fun! Nadine added the pump to her garden, Ann baked apples in the blue and white granite roaster, and Gail decorated her shelves with the flag and wooden boxes. I hope they think of me through these items.

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upgrading the panels through the Power Purchasing Agreement, which would be paid off at a cost of \$2,300 per month for ten years, paid out of the general fund. Harper stated that, alternatively, the district could pay for the entire upgrade at once, which would cost \$107,000. He stated that they had money in the balance for this, but that it would require amending their budget, and that this option could be paid out of SAVE or PPEL.

Board member Ray Fear stated it was better to pay out of PPEL than the general fund; Harper stated that, the more they protected the general fund, the better. Gilbert stated that SAVE and PPEL are currently healthier than the general fund. Harper stated that, when they first put up the panels, they set aside money to allow them to buy the system outright in six or seven years. He stated that they had moved away from that plan, but still

had \$400,000 in a savings account set aside for solar. Board member Josh Ardent stated that they need to update the lights eventually and that, if they have to upgrade the panels, they should do it now. The board approved upgrading the panels as a single payment out of PPEL and SAVE.

Dorman stated that there had been good gains in the State Performance Profiles, with the secondary school being above state average

es in English language arts proficiency, math proficiency, and science proficiency for the first time since he'd been principal. He also noted a growth in attendance and stated he wanted to target growth and Work-Based Learning for improvement. Elementary Principal Aaron Deutch stated that attendance at the elementary had jumped 12 points and that he was also looking into raising growth scores.

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and Councilwoman Emily Clarahan suggested doing something during the fire supper.

Harper stated that she was unsure how the library finances were set up and that the amount in the library account isn't even enough to pay a yearly librarian salary. She stated that there was \$350 in the library account and asked if it could be used for the grant. Lown explained that there were two library accounts, an operating fund which was in the hole, and a "library endowment account" that had unused funds in it. Miller stated that this money likely came from a past endowment that the city hadn't spent like they were supposed to. Shafrank stated that it wasn't good if they hadn't spent grant money and that they might have to pay it back, or end up in trouble. Harper stated that Marianne had only applied for one grant since 2017, for computers. Hope Frazier stated that Marianne needed to go. Miller stated

that she would have had to go through the city to apply for a grant, meaning the money had been there for years, before the current members were on the council. The council ultimately approved matching 10% of the grant money, with Shafrank stating that it was their library and they needed to support it.

Harper asked if there was anything the city did to advertise local businesses or the library to new people who move to town. Hope Frazier suggested having Marianne send out a monthly newsletter about what the library is doing. Lown asked what the policy was for children who are disruptive in the library. Miller stated that they can kick them out. Lown explained that she had seen kids play tag in the library and Marianne do nothing for five minutes until Lown asked her to do something. She stated she was surprised it went on for as it did. Hope Frazier stated that kids like that need to be kicked out, because otherwise

they will knock over book shelves or get hurt.

Shafrank stated that there was another water leak in town, which was leaking 6,000 gallons a day. He stated that he would go around the then upcoming Saturday night and shut off water in sections to narrow down where the leak is before the detectors come.

Shafrank asked if the council wanted to charge people who had tampered with meters, noting that they didn't have anything specific about this in the city ordinances. Miller and Councilman Nick Frazier stated they needed to make sure people who tampered with meters paid the city for the damage. City employee Steven Clarahan stated that he had gone to fix the meter of one man who tampered with his meter three different times. He stated that the meter was currently rewired and working. Miller and Councilwoman Emily Clarahan stated that they should charge the individual if they cut their

meter again. Shafrank noted that most towns turn off water if someone tampers with their meter.

The council approved begin to use GovPay, a 1-800 number people can call to pay their utility bills online, at no cost to the city.

Lown gave the council a summary of all the outstanding balances in town. Shafrank noted that some people on the list don't live in town anymore. Miller stated they needed to start assessing the ones who live in town. Hope Frazier stated they needed to do something and could not have these big balances. Miller suggested giving people til the end of the year to pay, then assessing against their taxes. Steve Clarahan asked which people should be assessed. Hope Frazier stated anyone 31 days or later overdue, while Nick Frazier suggested making the cutoff 60-90 days overdue. Hope Frazier stated that they needed to start cutting service when bills reach a certain point. The council approved assessing accounts that are at least 60 days overdue.

Meet the Candidates: Trent Forrest

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH - Trent Forrest is running for reelection to the English Valleys School Board. Forrest, who works at Iowa Elite Marketing and owns the Main Street Pub, is a lifelong resident of North English who graduated from English Valleys in 2005.

"I'm just really passionate about that area, North English specifically, and that school district. That's where I received my education. That's where my siblings received their education. And so it's very important that it gets taken care of and that it's there for generations to come," said Forrest.

Forrest was elected to the school board in 2021, running after hearing public concerns about the future of the school and its financial wellbeing, enrollment, and test scores. Forrest stated that the current board has improved the district significantly in the past four years, with the school's financial status, school report card, and test scores all improving significantly. The board also invested into the school's infrastructure, handling

maintenances that had been deferred for years on the school buildings. Forrest stated he wanted to continue working on infrastructure if reelected.

"I feel that we have such good things started, that it would be a disservice to step away now, and not see some of these things through," said Forrest.

Forrest stated that, if reelected, he wants to focus on getting the facilities to be top notch, with proper classrooms and amenities, and teachers having the tools they need. He stated that English Valleys has to compete with a lot of great nearby districts and has lost some kids to open enrollment. He stated they needed to take care of and invest in their facilities to make the school successful. Forrest, who is 38, stated that he is on the younger side, and sees the advantage of being progressive minded and looking at different technology and furnishing needs.

"Everything's for the kids. And I think sometimes people lose sight of that, but we're there for the children and getting them an education," said Forrest.

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or for not having enough money in their bank account. She claimed that many ordinances haven't been enforced in years and that some ordinances are only enforced by a select few disliked by the city government. She claimed that money was being spent on unnecessary items, that technology was not being utilized, that growth opportunities are being sidelined, that resources for improvement are not being applied for, and that behind the scenes arguments and decisions are being hid from the community. Jones stated that she wants to begin livestreaming council meetings, streamline ordinances, lower the cost of utilities, strengthen communication between the city government and the community, explore

ways to bring new businesses close to town, ensure tax dollars are spent wisely, ensure that ordinances are enforced legally, and make city hall hours convenient for working commuters.

"I'm a very blunt, very open, honest individual," Jones said. "It is what it is. You cannot please everybody all of the time. But if you are focused on doing what is right, what the law says that you can do, and treating everybody as an equal human being, regardless of what their last name is, you have a better opportunity to grow this town. Nobody wants to move somewhere that they don't feel welcome, or where they're not included, or where they're going to be scrutinized for what they do or their beliefs."

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Adity Fineran from Sigourney bumps a ball over the net during an Oct. 13 match against English Valleys played in North English.

Bears best Sigourney, fall to Iowa Valley in final week

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review NORTH ENGLISH - All three sets were a battle to gain the slightest bit of control.

Both teams split the opening two sets as English Valleys won the first set 25-23, but Sigourney battled back late to win the second set 26-24.

In the second set the Savages had trailed 17-12, before they went on a couple of long service runs. The Savages never gave up and tied the second set at 22, before taking a 23-22 lead. The Bears would battle back and tie the set at 23. They then took the lead at 24-23. After a sideout by Sigourney, the Savages scored three of the final four points to earn the win, and extend the match.

The third set was another battle. Sigourney led early, pulling ahead 14-8 at one point. English Valleys battled back and would take an eventual 24-21 lead. Having seen their large lead disappear, the Savages battled back and took a 26-25 lead. The momentum then swung right back to the Bears as they recorded a kill for the sideout point to tie the set at 26. An ace gave the Bears the 27-26 lead.

Sigourney then tried to set up their attack, but spiked a ball into the net to give English Valleys a 28-26 third set win, and the lead, 2-1 in the match.

Both teams dug in once again to start the fourth set. The fourth set was tied early at one, but English Valleys used their setter to pass the ball around and eventually the Bears grabbed a 17-12 lead.

The Savages gave one more run at the Bears, pulling within 20-18, but English Valleys grabbed the momentum, and the win, 25-19. That gave the Bears a 3-1 victory over Sigourney.

According to the history page on Bound Iowa, the English Valleys volleyball win was the first time since Sept. 27, 2010 that English Valleys had bested Sigourney in volleyball.

The Bears would conclude their regular season on Oct. 23 when they fell 3-1 to Iowa Valley. The Bears won the first set 25-19. Iowa Valley won the second set 26-24. In the third set it was 25-20 to Iowa Valley. The Tigers won the fourth set 25-22.

Overall the Bears are 11-14 on the season.

Sigourney swept by North Mahaska in regular season finale

SIGOURNEY - It wasn't the senior night the Savages wanted.

The Sigourney volleyball team concluded the regular season by getting swept by North Mahaska. The Warhawks were able to win the first two sets by identical scores of 25-18. In the third set the Savages battled back, but would



Ava Gehrking (6) from English Valleys reaches to tap the ball over the net against Sigourney during an Oct. 13 match played in North English. English Valleys won the match 3-1.

eventually fall 25-23. It is only the third time all season that the Savages have been swept by a conference opponent.

Overall the Savages stand at 12-9 on the season. They started their postseason with a match against EBF, which was played Oct. 20 in Eddyville.

Eagles finish regular season with two wins

KEOTA - Going through the last week of the regular season the Eagles weren't afraid of a little adversity.

On Oct. 13 the Eagles were able to win a 3-0 match over Lynnville-Sully. They won the first set 25-23, before winning the second set 25-21. The first two wins seemed to build up the momentum for the Eagles as they were able to win the third set 25-13 to take the match.

On Oct. 16 the Eagles played on the road against Belle Plaine. The Eagles battled throughout the entire match eventually grabbing a 3-2 victory.

Belle Plaine won the opening set, 25-14, but the Eagles responded with a 25-17 win in the second set. Belle Plaine answered back in the third set with a 27-25 win, but Keota battled to a 26-24 fourth set win.

In the final set Keota was able to out pace Belle Plaine with a 15-10 victory to take the match win.

That win moves Keota to 10-9 overall on the season.

Pekin bests WACO in four sets

WAYLAND - The Panthers capped off the regular season with a four set victory over WACO.

On Oct. 14 the Panthers were able to start the match against WACO with a 25-15 first set win. Although the Warriors would win the second set, 25-17, Pekin came back to win the third set 25-18. In the fourth set the Panthers were able to win 25-14 in the to grab the victory.

With the win the Panthers improve to 12-14 on the season.

On Oct. 20 the Panthers started the post season with a match against Winfield-Mt. Union.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Troy Klett (back) from Sigourney chases down a pair of runners during a cross country meet held Sept. 9 in Sigourney. Klett was able to win the SICL conference meet held Tuesday, Oct. 14. Photo by Mark Schafer

Klett wins SICL cross country meet

English Valleys girls claims conference championship

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SEARSBORO - He had been here before and knew what to expect.

In the closing meters of the race the Sigourney senior, once again, made his attack. After trailing Lynnville-Sully's Colton Alberts for most of the course, Troy Klett knew he had just one chance to make his move.

The Sigourney senior knew that going into the small bend right before the finish line there would be an opening. He took it.

Klett mustered all the power he had left in his legs and was able to zoom past the Lynnville-Sully runner. Although it was a sprint to the finish line, Klett was able to

edge Alberts by almost a second at the finish line.

The Sigourney senior won the conference cross country meet with a time of 16:46.43, just ahead of Alberts who finished with a time of 16:47.89.

Overall Sigourney would finish third as a team with 114 points. English Valleys took second in the boys team standings with 92 points. Lynnville-Sully won with 33 points.

Isaac Frazier of English Valleys was fifth overall with a time of 17:41.54. Will Luers was sixth overall with a time of 18:16.85. Evan Koehn was 18th overall with a time of 19:00.23. Dayne Render finished 28th. Drake Offerman was 42nd overall. Hunter Offerman finished 52nd. Davis Burdick was 64th overall.

Outside of Klett, the Savages also featured Levi Myers pacing 22nd. Jordan Ander-



Members of the English Valleys girls cross country team celebrates with their SICL championship trophy after winning the conference meet. Photo courtesy of English Valleys High School/Middle School Facebook page.

son finished 30th. Cole Klett would finish in 31st place. Isaac Jones finished 39th overall.

The Keota boys did not field a full team, so they didn't have a team score. Chase Haifley led the Eagles with a 35th place finish. Hunter Grandstaff was able to finish 38th. Luke Moeller was 45th overall. Will Griener would finish 71st.

English Valleys girls win SICL title

Three runners finishing in the top-16 was all the consistency the Bears needed.

Tuesday afternoon the English Valleys girls cross country team won the SICL title, by scoring 50 points and having all of their scoring runners finish in the top-16. The Bears bested Lynnville-Sully by eight points. Sigourney finished fourth with 84 points.

Anna Luers led the Bears with a third place time of 20:32.65. Addison Achenbach was ninth overall with a time of 21:04. Aubrey Achenbach was 10th with a time of 21:16.81. Kaylynn Caster finished 12th overall in the race with a time of 21:34.34. Kailor Lown would finish 16th overall with a time of 22:36.28. Kaylee Frazier finished 22nd overall.

Sigourney was led by Brynn Clarahan who finished fifth in the race with a time of 20:45.09. Addison Yates finished sixth overall with a time of 20:52.87. Ellie Yates was eighth with a time of 20:57.48. Cloee Wilson finished 18th. Kia Montgomery finished 58th overall.

Both teams will run at the class IA district meet on Oct. 23 which will begin at 4 p.m. at Wildwood Park in Ottumwa.

Panthers down Columbus, prepare for Earlham in playoffs

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

COLUMBUS - Consistency in the first half helped earn them an undefeated regular season.

With the district title already wrapped up, and no threat of losing their home field advantage for at least the first playoff game, it would have been easy to overlook the game on Friday night against Columbus.

Instead the Panthers rolled into the regular season finale with something to play for. They were able to take a 43-14 victory home with them.

"We came out with a sense of motivation to play cleaner," said Pekin head football coach, Klynt Weber. "We were able to score through the air and ground multiple times. Overall, we played really well on

offense. We did have one turnover that I blame on myself. Other than a missed tackle or two we played a pretty solid game on Friday night. Just a good feeling to get out and finish off with a win to end the regular season 8-0."

The Panthers struck quickly in the game. They scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and added another 15 points in the second quarter to retire to half with a 29-7 lead. Both teams scored a touchdown in the third quarter and the Panthers capped off the game with a fourth quarter touchdown.

The Panthers were able to do most of their damage through the ground as they gobbled up 262 yards running the ball. Nolan Glick led the Panthers with 24 carries for 170 yards

and three touchdowns. Henry Adam rushed twice for 76 yards. Riley Smith had nine carries for 15 yards and a touchdown.

Smith connected on seven of his 14 pass attempts for 132 total yards. He threw two touchdowns and one interception.

Alijah Brock had three receptions for 37 yards and a touchdown. Reed Lauderman caught two passes for 41 yards and a touchdown. Glick and Adam both had one catch each for 54 combined yards.

Lauderman finished the game with 5.5 total tackles, leading the Panthers. William Daniels added five tackles. Landon Crow and Glick both had 4.5 tackles in the game. Henry Adam and Cal Miller both had 3.5 tackles each.

"It's a good feeling to be able to finish undefeated," Weber said. "We really didn't feel a big monkey on our back on if we would stay undefeated. We returned a lot of guys that we knew we would be in position to go undefeated. It is a huge accomplishment for our team and especially our guys. That is something no one can take from you."

The win pushes the Panthers into the playoffs with an 8-0 record, and at least one home playoff game.

After the game the Panthers learned they would play Earlham (4-4) in the first round of the playoffs.

"They are a big, physical team," said Weber. "Their skill guys are pretty solid. They like

to pack it in on offense and play smash mouth football. We are going to have to play tough and play for all four quarters. We will be ready for them."

This year Earlham has been a run-heavy team as they finished the regular season with 2,003 yards on the ground and 24 rushing touchdowns. They average 6.4 yards per carry.

The Panthers finished the season with 1,879 rushing yards and 26 rushing touchdowns. Overall they were able to average 7.2 yards per carry throughout the regular season.

The Cardinals were able to pass for 347 yards and six touchdowns. Pekin passed for 1,014 yards and 15 touchdowns.

As for how the focus of the game will be, Weber wants his players to continue what they have done this year.

"We need to stay composed in big moments," Weber said. "We have been in a handful of those types of situations and very close games the last few years. The big thing for the players is that they need to understand that it is a four quarter game. One play here or there won't win or lose the game."

"We just need to stay composed. If we get off to a great start then we need to build on that. If we get behind early then we just need to work to get better and get back into the game."

Kickoff for the game will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 in Pekin.



Pekin's Reed Lauderman hauls in a catch during a game against Danville played Oct. 17 in Danville. The last two weeks Lauderman has had a touchdown catch. Photo by Mark Schafer

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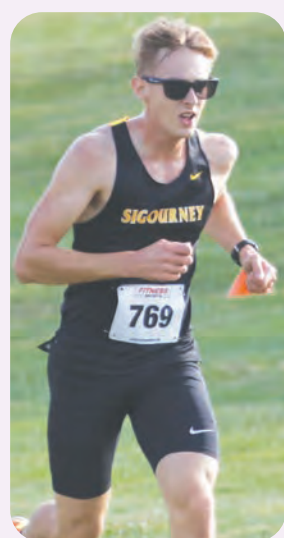
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Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Troy Klett

When he needed to he made the final move to bring home the championship.

At the South Iowa Cedar League cross country meet held last Tuesday, Sigourney senior Troy Klett was able to pass his closest competition in the final legs, and stride out to a win. Klett finished the 5K race with a time of 16:46.43, just over a second ahead of the next closest finisher.

That not only gave Klett the first SICL title of his running career it also helped propel

the Sigourney boys cross country team to a third place finish in the conference meet.

Klett will now set his sights on a return trip to the State cross country meet in Fort Dodge. Klett, and the rest of the cross country runners will run on Oct. 23 at the class 1A district qualifier meet held in Ottumwa.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Klett on his conference championship, and for being named this week's Athlete of the week.



Chloe Glosser

By now she is used to running at the front of the field.

The third-ranked runner in class 1A girls continued to show off her skills last week as Pekin senior, Chloe Glosser, was able to win the Southeast Iowa Super Conference Cross Country meet.

Glosser, once again, proved to be the fastest runner in her conference as she was able to stride her way to a win in the conference cross country meet. Glosser didn't just win, she set a blistering pace.

The Pekin senior finished

with a time of 19:36.2, which was more than 34 seconds faster than the next closest runner. Her pace was unmatched from the starting gun to the end of the finish line.

With the win Glosser will now start to prepare for the Class 1A District meet which will take place this Thursday in Ottumwa.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Glosser on her SEISC win, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.

Comet free zone: Sigourney-Keota caps regular season with 49-0 victory over Cardinal

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

ELDON - A bit of confidence never hurt.

Friday night the Sigourney-Keota football team gained more than a little confidence as they start to focus on the post season. The confidence for the Cobras came via a dominating 49-0 shutout over Cardinal to conclude the regular season.

"It says a lot of our defense," said Sigourney-Keota head football coach, Jared Jensen about the ability to gain the Cobras third shutout of the season. "We were challenged in this game too, its not like we weren't challenged, Cardinal put us in tough situations tonight. It takes a total team effort to preserve that zero on the scoreboard. There are still things we need to work on, but overall it is nice to get that shutout. I don't know if we've ever had three shutouts in one season before. It was good for this group. Hopefully that propels them into the playoff game next week."

The Cobras have shutout three opponents twice in recent history. The first time was in 2023 when the Cobras recorded shutouts over Mediapolis, Cardinal and Colfax-Mingo, all three of those games were at home. During the 2020 season Sigourney-Keota recorded shutouts over Louisa-Muscatine, Cardinal and Pekin with two of those games being on the road. This year the Cobras recorded shutouts against EBF, Louisa-Muscatine and Cardinal with the latter of those two coming on the road.

Cardinal threatened twice in Friday night's game. The first time came just before halftime.

Despite getting to the Cobra four yard line, the Cobras were able to fight off the challenge and eventually force a turnover on downs.

Later, in the third period the Comets seemed destined for the endzone, only for the SK defense to sack the Cardinal quarterback on back-to-back plays, forcing another turnover on downs.

"It was good to come in and do what we needed to do," Jensen said. "Sometimes you never really know what you're going to do in these games where you're going to over match your opponent. You're never sure where the kids mindset is."

The offensive power for the Cobras was quick to display itself on Friday night. It took Sigourney-Keota just five plays to score on their opening drive when Ike Molyneux was able to run it in from one yard out.

The Cobras would score later in the first quarter when Ayden Galindo marched across the goal line from two yards out. The first quarter scoring ended when Brayden Wood rushed it across the goal line from five yards out.

A 21-0 lead after the first quarter was just the start.

Blake Baker scored off a 44-yard touchdown run to start the second quarter. That was followed by Galindo rushing in from 63-yards out to give the Cobras a 35-0 lead at halftime.

Jacob Libe scored off a 14-yard run and Chase Clarahan threw a six-yard pass to Hunter Sellers late in the third quarter to cap off the scoring.

"What we do this week builds into how we approach next week," Jensen said. "So we



Brayden Wood (16) from Sigourney-Keota fights through an arm tackle attempt by a Cardinal defender during a play in the first half of the Oct. 17 game played in Eldon.

were very busy on not just preparing for Cardinal, but also preparing for the next week. Like I told the guys, the time is now, we have to stay locked in the whole game even when we knew that we were the better team."

With the win, the Cobras move to 4-4 on the season and they officially locked themselves into the playoffs and a second place finish in their district.

That gives the Cobras a home playoff game later this week.

Saturday morning, the Cobras were able to learn who their playoff opponent will be. They drew Interstate 35 (5-3) for the first round of the playoffs.

"We need to focus on doing our jobs and staying consistent in what we do," Jensen said. "We started to get a lot more consistent throughout the season. There are still plays here and there that we didn't execute here and there. Next week, we just have to focus on being more consistent in what we do and how we do it."

Both teams are primarily running teams. The Cobras enter the game with 1,847 rushing yards on the season, averaging 6.2 yards per carry. Interstate 35 has gained 1,773 yards rushing this year with a 5.7 average yard per carry.

The Roadrunners have thrown for 482 yards this season. Sigourney-Keota has thrown for 440 yards this year.

For the Cobras, they enter the playoffs trying to move on from last year, when they were upset in the first round of the playoffs.

"Last year isn't going to hurt us any. They were all there and saw when a four seeded team came in and took us out," Jensen said about last year when the Cobras were upset by West Branch. "We are in a situation where we can't let that happen to us again. That's just the reality of the situation. We have to go out and go win, because we are expected to."

The playoffs will begin on Friday night at 7 p.m. when the game kicks off. This is the first time in recent football history that I35 and Sigourney-Keota have played each other.

Brayden Wood led the passing attack for the Cobras completing one of two passes for 32 yards. Clarahan completed his only pass of the night for a 6-yard touchdown. Jacob Libe completed two of his three passes for 46 yards.

Ayden Galindo led the rushing attack with three rushes for 68 yards and two scores. Molyneux rushed three times for 63 yards and a touchdown. Landon Conrad had six rushes for 53 yards. Baker rushed three times for 59 yards. Wood picked up 41 yards on four rushes. Carson O'Rourke had two rushes for 24 yards. O'Rourke and John Berg both had one catch each.

Chase Clarahan led the Cobras with six tackles including 2.5 sacks. Berg had 5.5 tackles on the night. Libe finished with 4.5 tackles and Owen Menke delivered four tackles in the win.

Berg had two interceptions. The Comets were limited to just 125 yards of total offense.



Senior quarterback Drew Fisher rushes down field for a gain during a Sept. 12 football game against Winfield-Mt. Union. Fisher threw for 79 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing for 50 yards and two touchdowns in an 80-20 victory. Photo by Mark Schafer

Bears maul Warriors in regular season finale

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH - It may have been their last game of the regular season, but by almost any account, it was one of their best.

Although the ability to get into the playoffs was completely out of their control, the English Valleys football team made sure to leave a lasting impression. Friday night the Bears gained over 400 yards of offense as they were able to grab an 80-20 victory over Meskwaki Settlement.

The 80 points scored by the Bears is the most points they have scored all season (topping their previous best of 60 set in week 5). The 60-point margin of victory is the biggest the Bears have had this season.

As a football team the English Valleys team hasn't scored 80 points in a game since Sept. 21, 2018 when they bested Montezuma 80-46.

The Bears were on a rushing attack all throughout the game on Friday night as they picked up 372 rushing yards. Braydon Anderson led the rushing at-

tack with two carries for 81 yards and two scores. Drew Fisher rushed for 50 yards and two scores.

Roejert Patterson hadded 25 yards and a touchdown. Jack Osborn had one rush for 72 yards, which was a touchdown. Damien Tillery Meiborg had a four yard touchdown rush.

Everett Bender caught two passes for 54 yards and a touchdown. Christian Tripses and Kane Axmear both caught a pass each for a touchdown.

Fisher completed four of his five passes for 79 total yards.

Osborn led the defense for the Bears with 4.5 total tackles in the game. Owen Mather had 3.5 total tackles. Patterson and William McPherson both finished with three tackles each. Cael Grove and Hunter Offerman had 2.5 tackles each.

Mather had one fumble recovery. Bender, Tripses and Osborn all had one interception each.

Because the Bears missed the playoffs they have the opportunity to play a week nine game, if they are able to find an opponent.



Sigourney-Keota's Landon Conrad (14) breaks free from a Cardinal defender during an Oct. 17 game played in Eldon. Conrad rushed for 53 yards.

Glosser dominates SEISC race

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

KALONA - There's fast and then there's whatever Chloe Glosser was able to do last Tuesday.

At the Southeast Iowa Super Conference cross country meet hosted by Hillcrest Academy, Pekin senior Chloe Glosser seemed to be in a completely different zip code than the rest of the other runners.

Although the time that Glosser turned in at the conference meet isn't the fastest she has ever run, it was still plenty fast enough.

The senior pulled away from the pack early in the race and seemed to only gain speed throughout the course. By the time Glosser snaked her way through the 5K course, Glosser had been running for 19 minutes, 36.2 seconds. Not only did that give her the win, she finished with enough time to seemingly do her homework by the time the second-place finisher crossed the line.

After more than 36 seconds, WACO's Josie Dykstra was able to cross the line for the second place finish. Her time of 20:10.5 was well behind Glosser's.

Pekin teammate Abby Guise finished with a time of 23:11.7. That placed her

22nd overall. Maddy Petrehn was 27th overall with a time of 23:48. Callie Deutsche was 31st. Cambree Earnest finished in 33rd. Harper Guise placed 35th, while Hailey Pedrick finished 36th.

Overall, the Pekin girls finished with 83 points to finish third in the meet. Van Buren County won the meet with 59 points.

In the boys race the Panthers would place sixth overall with a team score of 143. WACO won the meet with 73 points.

Leading the way for the Pekin boys was Cole Milikin, who finished fifth with a time of 17:33.5. Lane Farris was 10th with a time of 17:47.4. Mason Dahlstrom would finish 22nd in the race with a time of 18:34. Brody Sobaski finished 48th. Landon Farris was able to finish 58th. Clayton Harvey placed 66th overall and Hayden Miller would finish 70th.

The next meet for both Pekin teams will be the class 1A district meet which they are hosting, but the site will be in Ottumwa at Wildwood Park. The meet begins at 4 p.m. on Oct. 23 and will qualify runners for the State cross country meet to be held Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge.

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SECTION B, NUMBER 43, 164th YEAR

COURT RECORDS

Civil
Oct. 10th
Defendant Chad Michael Kindred; Plaintiff Capital One, NA; Order for Judgment.
Oct. 13th
Defendants Daniel Joseph Brubaker, Dan Brubaker Tucking, Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Grinnell Select Insurance Company; Plaintiff Amy C. O'Rourke, Mark E. Oroure; Petition Filed.
Criminal
Oct. 10th
Defendant Harold Lucas Meyer; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Ar-

raignment.
Oct. 13th
Defendant Vance Edward Ellis; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Megan Jo. Wickenkamp; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.
Oct. 14th
Defendant Vance Edward Ellis; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Megan Jo. Wickenkamp; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Arrest Warrant.
Oct. 15th
Defendant David Alan Heady Jr.; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Disposition.
Oct. 16th
Defendant Travis Wayne Ehman; Payee Keokuk County;

Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.
Domestic
Oct. 14th
Defendant Kandice Jo Williams; Plaintiff Justin Ryan Ingle, Defendant Justin Ryan Ingle, Petitioner Kandice Jo Williams; Petition Filed.
Small Claims
Oct. 10th
Defendants Jessica Diane Hervey, Trenten Lee Hervey; Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc; Small Claims Original Notice.
Oct. 13th
Defendant David John Kopsieker; Plaintiff CKS Prime Invest-

ments, LLC; Judgment Default.
Defendant Ashely D. Bishop; Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc; Dismissed w/o Prejudice.
Defendant Nicole Leah Sanders; Plaintiff Kenneth Scott Wagler; Order for Judgment.
Oct. 14th
Defendant Ashley Emanuel, Plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Dismissed w/o Prejudice.
Defendant Joshua Ryan Aller; Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc; Dismissed w/o Prejudice.
Scheduled Traffic
Oct. 10th
Defendant Tilok Elimelok Jeri-ong; Dark Window or Windshield.
Oct. 11th
Defendant Waylon William Pierce; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Oct. 12th
Defendant Michael Francis Lindquist; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Michael Francis Lindquist; Speeding 55 or Under

Zone (1-5 Over).
Defendant Tori Jo Kruse; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).
Defendant Jill Amber Winn; Failure to Yield Half of Roadway.
Defendant Thursby Anne Barwick; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Christopher Wayne Parrish; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Oct. 13th
Defendant Johnathon William Draker; No Valid Drivers License.
Defendant Brian Edward Widmer; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Travis Raymond Wilcox; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Chad M. Bevel; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Oct. 14th
Defendant Gary D. Smith; Operating Non-Registered Vehicle.
Defendant Marie Lissa Jackson; Failure to Provide Proof of Finan-

cial Liability.
Defendant Jared Anthony Brown; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Ricardo Juan Felipe; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Defendant Dale Dennis De Sotell; Dark Window or Windshield.
Oct. 15th
Defendant Ashley Dawn Craff; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).
Defendant Justin Dwight Copeland; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).
Oct. 16th
Defendant Chase P. Elder; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Donald S. McAdams; Dark Window or Windshield.
Defendant Robert Glen Jackley; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Defendant Brenda Corona Patlan; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oct. 6th
Warranty Deed; Jacob Butler, Jaclyn Butler to Nathan Stoutner, Brooke Stoutner; KEOTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 01 Block: 07, KEOTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 02 Block: 07.
Court Officer Deed; Larry Dean Sea Estate, Carol Sea Administrator, Caroline Pauline Sea Administrator. PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 07 Block: 36, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 01 Block: 36.
Warranty Deed; Carol Pauline Sea to Alexandria R. Crawford; PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 07 Block: 36, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 01 Block: 36.
Oct. 7th
Court Officer Deed; Maryetta E. Snakenberg Estate, Mamita S. Beal Executor to Marinta S. Beal, Lawrence J. Snakenberg, Nicholas R. Snakenberg; NE SE 28-76-11, SE SE 28-76-11, NW SE 29-76-11, SW SE 29-76-11, PT NE SW 29-76-11, SE SW 29-76-11, NW NE 32-76-11.
Warranty Deed; Nicholas R. Snakenberg, Nicholas Snakenberg to Ronald J. Snakenberg, Wesley J. Snakenberg, Angela R. Snakenberg, Tyler J. Snakenberg, Amanda L. Snakenberg;
1/3 INTEREST TO RONALD, 1/3 INTEREST TO WESLEY AND ANGELA, 1/3 INTEREST TO TYLER AND AMANDA, NE SE 28-76-11, SE SE 28-76-11, NW NE 32-76-11.
Warranty Deed; Lawrence J. Snakenberg, Janice Kae Snakenberg, Janice K. Snakenberg to Ronald J. Snakenberg, Wesley J. Snakenberg, Angela R. Snakenberg, Tyler J. Snakenberg, Amanda L. Snakenberg; 1/3 INTEREST

TO RONALD, 1/3 INTEREST TO WESLEY AND ANGELA, 1/3 INTEREST TO TYLER AND AMANDA, NE SE 28-76-11, SE SE 28-76-11, NW NE 32-76-11.
Warranty Deed; Mamita S. Beal to Ronald J. Snakenberg, Wesley J. Snakenberg, Angela R. Snakenberg, Tyler J. Snakenberg, Amanda L. Snakenberg; 1/3 INTEREST TO RONALD, 1/3 INTEREST TO WESLEY AND ANGELA, 1/3 INTEREST TO TYLER AND AMANDA, NE SE 28-76-11, SE SE 28-76-11, NW NE 32-76-11.
Warranty Deed; Patrick J. Hammes, Merry M. Hammes to Patrick J. Hammes, Merry Melody Hammes; DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 01 Block: 02, DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 02 Block: 02, DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 05 Block: 02, DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 06 Block: 02, DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 07 Block: 02, DELTA REEDS ADDITION Lot: 08 Block: 02, PT ALLEY DELTA REEDS ADDITION Block: 02.
Oct. 8th
Warranty Deed; Chad Mitchell to Jane Caltrider; DELTA VERNONS ADDITION Lot: 11 Block: 02, DELTA VERNONS ADDITION Lot: 12 Block: 02, SECOND ST PT DELTA VERNONS ADDITION Block: 02.
Warranty Deed; Dustin K. MacDonald, Melissa L. MacDonald to William D. Bender Revocable Trust, Joyce E. Bender Revocable Trust, William and Joyce Bender Revocable Trust, Williams D. Bender Co Trustee, Joyce E. Bender Co Trustee; SIGOURNEY BRAYS ADDITION Lot: 06 Block: 04, SIGOURNEY BRAYS ADDITION Lot: 07 Block: 04.
Survivor Spouse; Gertrude S.

Kneeskern Deceased to Wayne D. Kneeskern; PT Lot: 13 SW NE 27-74-10, PLAT B2 P145.
Warranty Deed; Wayne D. Kneeskern to Constance R. Snyder; PT Lot: 13 SW NE 27-74-10, PLAT B2 P145.
Change of Title; Crystal Gallentine, Crystal R. Gallentine to Crystal Renee Hohenshell; PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 13 NE NW 31-77-11, PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 13 NW NW 31-77-11, PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 16 NE NW 31-77-11, PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 16 NW NW 31-77-11, FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 14 NE NW 31-77-11, FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 15 NE NW 31-77-11, PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 32 NE NW 31-77-11, PT FUHRMASTERS SURVEY Lot: 32 NW NW 31-77-11. EXCEPT WARRANTY DEED B78 P357.
Oct. 9th
Special Warranty Deed; Blaine R. Gretter, Blaine Gretter, Callie Gretter, Callie M. Gretter to Blaine R. Gretter Trustee, Blaine R. Gretter Revocable Trust; PT SE SW 29-76-10, PT SW SW 29-76-10.
Oct. 10th
Real Estate Contracts; I A T 111 LLC to Christopher Ehret; PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 01 Block: 12.
Deed Quit Claim; Brett Besser Family Trust, Susan Besser Family Trust, Susan and Brett Besser Family Trust, Brett W. Besser Co. Trustee, Susan K. Besser Co. Trustee to Travis Baumert; SE SW 31-76-13 Parcel: AUD PAR A.

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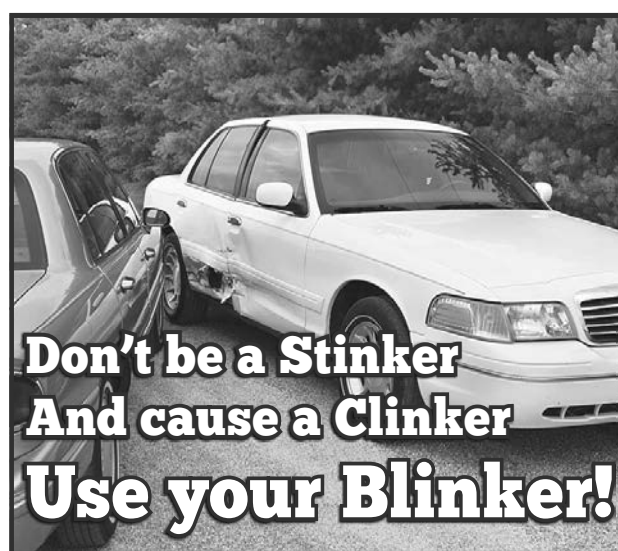
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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Claims 10.15.2025

Table listing claims for City of Sigourney, including items like Access Systems Leasing, Microbac-Supplies, and USA BlueBook-Supplies.

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Delta • Minutes and Claims 9.10.2025

DELTA CITY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 6PM DELTA CITY HALL The Delta City Council met in regular session on September 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor James Ahlberg presiding.

the event and the hard work she puts into everything. Council was asked to input their opinion on a project proposed by the IA DOT in the Spring of 2026.

to some scheduling conflicts. This will be a temporary change, and will be posted in various locations to inform the citizens. Council re-opened discussions concerning the sinkholes reported to B. Fisher.

expressed understanding for his concerns but that they must act in accordance with the ordinances and the law and that they can only do what is set out by the law.

PUBLIC NOTICE Keota CSD • Claims 10.13.2025

Table listing claims for Keota Community School, including items like Vendor Totals Report, BGM Athletics, and BSN Sports.

Table listing claims for Keota CSD, including items like Farmers Cooperative Association, Garden Gate, and Great Prairie AEA.

Table listing claims for Keota CSD, including items like Kalona Cooperatice Technology Company, KCI Radio, and Leet's Refrigeration.

Table listing claims for Keota CSD, including items like Palestrea LLC, Paper Corporation, and Pitney Bowes.

Table listing claims for Keota CSD, including items like Official, Shettler Media LLC, and Sigourney Community Schools.

Table listing claims for Keota CSD, including items like Vips, Elementary Classroom Renov, and Wal-Mart.

PUBLIC NOTICE Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 10.6.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 6, 2025 The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, October 6, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse.

of things, but power will be flashing on and off due to load testing. The Board of Supervisors felt it would be in the best interest of all involved to have Courthouse employees close out of all applications at 3:00 p.m.

Table listing claims for Keokuk County Board, including items like Elliott Bulk Serv, Elliott Oil Co, and Farmers Coop Assoc.

Table listing claims for Keokuk County Board, including items like Manatt's Inc, MAREK SIEREN, and Martinsburg, City Of.

Table listing claims for Keokuk County Board, including items like T I P REC, The Country Junction, and Tifco Industries.

and motion carried. Date of hire was October 1, 2025 at an annual salary of \$70,000. Various Board and Committee reports were not held due to no scheduled meetings last week.

PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • September 2025 Claims

Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like Entry Fee, Activity Account, and Amazon Business.

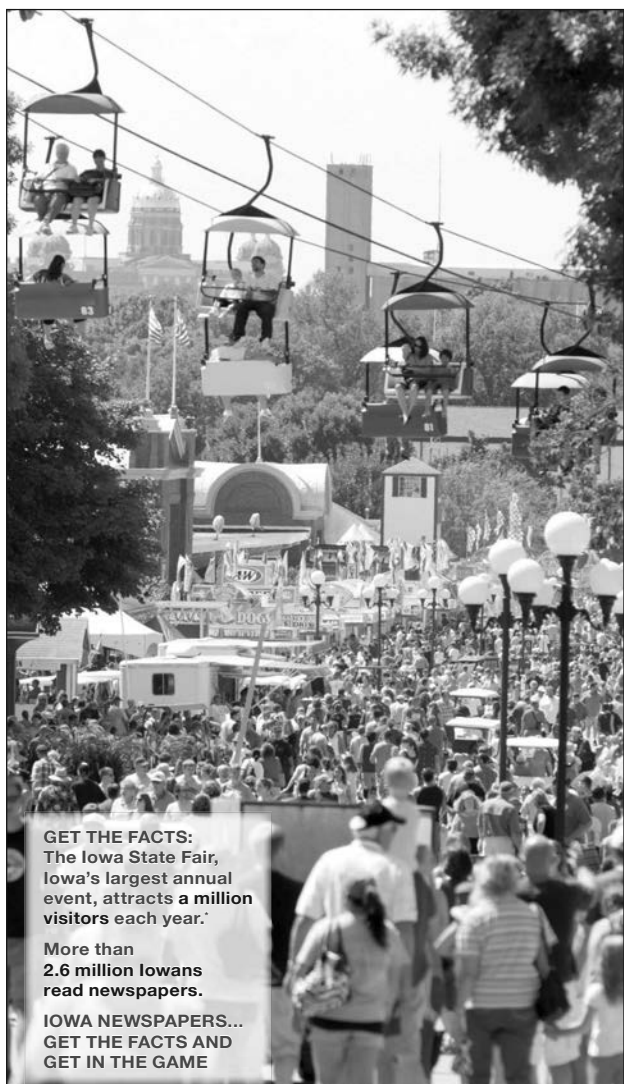
Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like pair parts, Central Iowa Distributing Inc, and Collection Services Center.

Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like HD Supply Formerly Home Depot, Horace Mann, and Infrastructure Technology.

Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like North English Co-Op Tele Co, City Of North English, and Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.

Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like Treasure State Of Iowa, State Income Tax, and U.S. Cellular.

Table listing claims for English Valleys CSD, including items like Woodman Controls, General Account, and Insurance Account.



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City of Sigourney • September 2025 Claims

REVENUES:

General	\$57,571.41
Memorial Hall Restoration	-\$125.00
Tax	2,409.00
Library	\$9,279.46
Road Use	\$30,837.99
Employee Benefits	\$6,803.36
Local Options Sales & Services	
Tax	\$17,978.77
Tax Increment	\$1,372.71
Lewis Memorial Fountain	
	\$402.58
Restricted Gifts	\$2,186.27
Debt Service	\$21,298.15
Water Utility	\$53,624.97
Water Sinking	\$6,750.00
Water Improvement	\$3,000.00
Water Project	\$5,582.98
Wa SRF 2001	\$103.30
Utility Deposit	\$1,654.36
Sewer Utility	\$59,855.62
Sewer Sinking	\$29,485.00
Sewer Improvement	\$1,000.00
Sewer Projects	\$2,025.53
Sewer Surcharge	\$3,558.80
Sanitation	\$22,393.00
Medical Partial Self-Funding	
	\$1,600.00
September 2025 Revenue Total	\$340,773.26

Other Checks Issued:

Voided Check- Jacob Glandon	-\$500.00
Voided Check- Agriland FS	-\$78.84
IA Municipal Finance Officer	\$150.00
Iowa State University	\$224.00
Voided Check- Heather Pozarycki	-\$45.00
Voided Check- Ashley Thompson	-\$125.00

Voided Check- Donald Jones	-\$125.00
Voided Check- Zach Walker	-\$8.02
Voided Check- Ana Medina	-\$73.18
Voided Check-Cody Young	-\$5.00
Iowa Dept of Rev- Excise Sales Tax	\$1,242.81
Iowa Dept of Rev- Water Excise Tax	\$2,574.61
Visa- Library Supplies	\$3,126.56
Visa- City Supplied	\$312.87
gWorks Monthly Fees	\$161.85
gWorks ACH Bad Check Fees	\$10.00
Alliant Energy	\$20,230.29
US Postmaster - Utility Bills	\$497.81
Brent Gilliland - Cell Phone Reimb	\$40.00
Randy Hemsley-Cell Phone Reimb	\$40.00
Don Northup- Cell Phone Reimb	\$40.00
Logan Northup - Cell Phone Reimb	\$40.00
Jonathan Utterback- Cell Phone Reimb	\$40.00
Transfers / Expenses	\$53,919.00
Medical Self Funding	\$4,932.36
Payroll (8/18/2025-8/31/2025)	\$23,939.11
Payroll (9/1/2025-9/14/2025)	\$38,590.04
September 2025 Other Checks Issued Total	\$149,151.27

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Hours of Operations for City-Owned Parks

TITLE III – PUBLIC ORDER, SAFETY AND HEALTH CHAPTER 15– HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CITY-OWNED PARKS

3-15-1-Purpose
3-15-2-Definitions
3-15-3- Hours of Operation
3-15-4- Enforcement and Penalty
3-15-5-Severability
3-15-6-Effective Date

SECTION 3-15-1 – Purpose
The purpose of this chapter is to protect public safety, preserve park facilities, and ensure that parks remain accessible for appropriate recreational use. Limiting Park access during nighttime hours also assists law enforcement in preventing vandalism, littering, and other unlawful activities.

SECTION 3-15-2 – Definitions
For purposes of this chapter, "City-owned parks" shall include, but are not limited to:
1. Legion Park.
2. Town Square Park, located in the 100 block of North Jefferson Street.
3. All City-owned sports parks; and
4. Any other real property owned by the City of Sigourney designated for public recreational use.

SECTION 3-15-3 – Hours of Operation
1. All City-owned parks shall be closed to the public between 10:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. daily, unless otherwise approved by resolution of the City Council.
2. No person shall enter, remain in, or use park facilities during closed hours without prior City Council authorization.
3. City Council approval for extended hours may be granted for special events, community gatherings, or other purposes deemed appropriate by the City Council.

SECTION 3-15-4 – Enforcement and Penalty
Violation of this chapter shall constitute a municipal infraction, punishable by a civil penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 3-15-5 – Severability
If any provision of this chapter is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3-15-6 – Effective Date
This chapter shall take effect following its final passage, approval, and publication in accordance with Iowa law.

First Reading of Ordinance: September 16, 2025
Second Reading of Ordinance: October 1, 2025
Third Reading of Ordinance: October 15, 2025
Publication Date: October 22, 2025
Effective Date:(upon Publication)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • October 2025 Library Claims

OCTOBER 2025 LIBRARY CLAIMS

Access Systems (Services)	\$527.54
Access Systems Leasing (Fire-wall)	\$125.89
All American (Services)	\$35.00
Alliant Energy (Services)	\$728.43
Bancard (Collection (books))	\$8.24
Bancard (Misc.)	\$10.28
Bancard (Postage)	\$22.46
Bancard (Freezer Meals)	\$1,505.89
Bancard (Supplies)	\$1,040.84
Brother's Market (Supplies)	\$23.85

Cathy Yock (Milage Reimbursement)	\$412.30
Greenley's Corp. (Supplies)	\$71.00
Center Point Large Print (Supplies)	\$99.48
ICN Comm. Network (Services)	\$6.51
MCG (Internet/Phone)	\$89.67
Sha-Ran Enterprises (Services)	\$30.00
Baker and Taylor (Video Collection)	\$40.58
TOTAL	\$4,777.96

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 10.1.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker and Lentz. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Director I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Neil Kracht, with Steve Shettler Media; Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Lentz, to approve the tentative agenda with change of moving item 8A after public input. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved, seconded by McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of September 16, 2025; September 2025 Library Claims; Resolution 2025-10-29 Proclamation Halloween Trick or Treat Night; Alcohol License for Keokuk County Economic Development; Alcohol license for Goldman Enterprises; Alcohol license for Elliott Oil Company; Midwest Group Benefits for quarterly payment; Sigourney News Review designated paper for City of Sigourney; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the October 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Clark moved seconded by Conrad to approve Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$25,919.40. Roll call vote Ayes: 4 Abstain: 2

Iosbaker moved seconded by Clark to table reading number 2 until after the Public Safety meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Roll call votes Ayes: 6

Lentz moved seconded by Clark to approve a quote from RenoSys for a new pool liner for the Sigourney municipal pool and the invoice is to be paid out of LOSST funds not to exceed \$160,000.00. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Clark moved seconded by Conrad to approve the ad for a seasonal Employee for Snow removal with the changes of you must be 16 years of age or older and all equipment will be provided by the City of Sigourney. Upon the roll being called, the following voted Ayes: Schultz, Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker and Lentz. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Clark moved seconded by McLaughlin to approve the second reading of Ordinance Title III – Public Order, Safety and Health – Chapter 15 Hours of Operation for City-Owned Parks. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Clark moved seconded by Schultz to approve the First reading of Ordinance Title III – Community Protection – Chapter 3 Traffic Code, with the addition of no parking signs on Stuart Street from Spring Street to West Pleasant Valley Street. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Schultz moved seconded by Lentz to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Lentz moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve Fiscal Year 2025 Iowa Department of Transportation Street and Finance Report and related Resolution No. 2025-10-30. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Minutes and Claims 10.6.2025

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Minutes
Work Session:
• Start: 6:00 PM
• End: 6:53 PM
Public Hearing:
• Start: 7:00 PM
• Accepted Waterhouse bid for 108 W Keokuk Ave, Keota.
• Closed: 7:01 PM
Council Meeting:
• Call to Order: 7:01 PM
• Present: Mayor Cansler, Conrad, Bender, Tinnes, McDonald, Public Works Micah, Library Toni Greiner, Clerk Bruns
• Absent: Matt Greiner
Motion to approve consent agenda: Bender
Second: McDonald
Approved
Public Forum:
• None
Department Reports:
Public Works:
• Tree planting on September 26 went well. Big thanks to Keota FFA, Kelly Waters with Trees Forever, and other volunteers for timely assistance.
• Kevin and Micah started measuring tree heights at street level; Kevin will continue over the next couple of weeks.
• Hydrant flushing planned for October 20-22.
• Dump remains busy and in good order.
• RV park sign is finished; rules still need to be posted. The park has been well received and used by multiple people.

• Micah will be out October 7-9.
• Outside pool bathroom will close November 1 for winterizing pool and bathroom.
Library:
• Coffee and Fun Friday continues successfully.
• Hot dogs and buns have been ordered for Halloween event.
• Quilting scheduled for October 21.
Resolutions:
• 2025-60: Motion Conrad, Second Bender – Passed (Greiner absent)
• 2025-61: Motion Bender, Second McDonald – Passed (Greiner absent)
• 2025-62: Motion Bender, Second Tinnes – Passed (Greiner absent)
• 2025-63: Motion Conrad, Second McDonald – Passed (Greiner absent)
• 2025-64: Motion Bender, Second Conrad – Passed (Greiner absent)
• 2025-65: Motion Conrad, Second Bender – Passed (Greiner absent)
New Business:
• Garage Bids: No bids received. Council discussed options: tear down or leave open for 2 more weeks. Agreed to contact a resident previously interested in purchasing/moving garage. If no bid, proceed with demolition.
• Litigation Attorney: Motion Bender, Second McDonald – Mayor Cansler to contact potential litigation attorneys for the City of Keota.
• Grass/Weeds Ordinance: First reading tabled until next meeting. Motion Conrad, Second Bender.

• Timesheets/Comp Time: Motion McDonald, Second Tinnes – Approved
Council Comments (2-minute limit per member):
• McDonald: Received inquiries regarding the recently burned house. Contacted AGM properly owner; awaiting insurance response.
• Tinnes: Resident concerned about target practicing with bow/arrow and burned house situation.
• Conrad: Clarified council meetings occur 1st & 3rd Monday at 7 PM. Closed sessions for real estate only. Mentioned grants from Wells Fargo available for rural development/business/community organizations within 50 miles.
• Bender: Asked if burned house is boarded up or just taped.
Mayor Comments:
• Has not heard back regarding sale of police equipment; Bender has been in contact. Clerk Bruns has key to basement and evidence room when needed.
• Continuing work on in-house audit.
• Thanked Casey Jarmes with News Review for election interviews.
• Praised council and expressed desire to continue working with them.
• Thanked all city employees for their work for Keota.
Adjournment:
• Motion Conrad, Second Bender
• Time: 7:53 PM
Mayor, Anthony Cansler
City Clerk, Hunter Bruns
Payroll
Bruns, Hunter S1,604.77

Clarke, Kristen799.84
GREINER, ASHLEY123.23
Greiner, Bridget M.267.86
GREINER, TONIA1,292.08
HARSEN, MICAH1,863.22
Phillips, Myra95.77
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.1,870.01

Bills Paid
DESIGN HOUSE\$34.00
US CELLULAR\$113.77
WELLMARK\$1,340.49
SIGOURNEY LUMBER\$272.57
WASHINGTON LUMBER\$50.82
DEARBORN GROUP\$62.01
IPERS\$3,340.04
IA DEPT OF NAT. RESOURCES\$115.00
MALLEY HARDWARE & VARIETY\$169.62
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY\$496.89
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA\$2,532.14
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS\$395.00
SCOTT WESTENDORF\$4,000.00
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS INC.\$169.38
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR.\$113.18
ALLIANT ENERGY\$8,542.70
COX SANITATION\$5,779.00
US FIRST\$76.00
ROGERS BEINHART\$63.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTION\$4,646.77
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN.\$481.55
21 Entry(s), 0\$32,793.93
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Minutes 9.8.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Trent Forrest, Steve Axmear, Katie Taukei, Tom Voss, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Pam Nachtmann, Carrie Burdick, Pam Nachtmann, Melinda Semler, Renee Allison, Megan Knapp, Karen Sieren, John Conrad, Zach Weilbacher, Amy Harger

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the agenda, with additions of a special ed deficit amount, change in minutes date, Carrie Burdick will speak during iReady presentation, and change in van purchase amount of \$48,824. Motion carried.

Communications – Tom Voss read the Mission Statement
A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei to approve the consent agenda:
a. Approve Minutes of Meeting Held September 9th, 2025
b. Approve Payment of Activity Bills
c. Approve Payment of Bills
d. Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 9/30/25
e. Receive and Take Action on Resignations
f. Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts
Tyler Hunzinger – Special Ed Para

Brittney Pinkerton – Behavior Interventionist
Brianna Polton – Pre – K Associate

Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Schaefer aye, Voss aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.

Visitors and Open Forum – Karen Sieren presented a request from the NE Youth Sports Organization for the school to buy hoop attachment for younger basketball players to be able to be used.
Karen discussed the iReady program at the elementary. Mrs. Sieren talked about the uses of the program for students and data collection for the teacher.
Mrs. Burdick discussed how the program is used at the high school. Mrs. Burdick informed the board it gives needed data to the teachers and provides progress monitoring on the students.
The program is tied to state standards. Mrs. Burdick informed the board that the data says that it is a successful tool for the school.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the Wellness Committee and the SIAC Committee as presented with the additions of Amber Gent to the SIAC Committee and an Opaa representative to the Wellness Committee. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve the FFA trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis at the end of the month. Motion carried.
Steve Axmear arrived at 5:40pm.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei, to purchase a 2023 12 passenger Van from Cap-

per for \$48,824.00. Roll call vote Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed replacing a HVAC unit for the special education room in the west wing area of the high school. The board received two bids, Superior being the low bid at \$18,300. The board also discussed that there are two classrooms very near this one that will eventually need replaced. Matt Westphal discussed the work that will be needed to install the new unit.
The board discussed going back to the two bidders and seeing if there would be a price break to get all three done. The board discussed for now moving forward with the one that is the urgent need to be fixed. A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to approve the bid for the one classroom to get a new unit installed for \$18,300 from Superior. Roll call vote Axmear aye, Taukei nay, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

Administration discussed with the board that to get the needed equipment to livestream board meetings, it would cost \$1,700. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Axmear to approve to spend no more than \$1,700 for the necessary equipment to livestream board meetings. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei nay, Voss aye, Forrest nay, Schaefer aye. 3-2 Motion carried.

The board discussed upcoming projects for the facilities. Administration informed the board that a white board and a skin has been ordered so the board can make a decision on which item to purchase. The board discussed getting bids for flooring: LVP vs. epoxy. The board also discussed further about rekeying the high school and at least getting bids. The board also discussed getting the two bids for the additional HVAC units for the two rooms that will soon need to be replaced.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss, to approve the Special Education deficit allowable growth amount of \$204,148.52 from the FY24. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Axmear aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve Greentop Landscape's bid for snow removal. The board discussed that they take care of the sidewalks and parking lots.
Motion carried.

The board discussed the Early Retirement Incentive for this year. The board agreed that during discussion last year, that this model would also be used for this year. A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Taukei to approve the Early Retirement Incentive for FY26. Roll call vote Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the At Risk plan. A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to approve the district's At Risk plan. Motion carried.

Administration discussed with the board of selling old uniforms and equipment. The sale would be advertised on our website and Facebook. The Athletic fund would receive the profits. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Axmear to approve the sale of old uniforms and equipment at ballgames. Motion carried.

The board discussed a resolution to approve the transfer of unused Debt Service monies to the PPEL fund. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the resolution to transfer \$72,439.66 of unused Debt Service money to the PPEL fund. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Axmear to approve the application for EL Learners Excess Cost in the amount of \$4,336.26. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the following fundraisers:
HS PBIS – Selling EV blankets
Motion carried.
Board Committee Updates:
The board discussed Kirkwood information and that English Valleys has a long list of students who participate in concurrent classes at Kirkwood.
The board discussed there is a big student section now at ballgames and the year has started off very well.
The board discussed receiving late open enrollment applications and now the need to act on them. The board agreed to revert back and amend the agenda to make the open enrollment out agenda item an action item.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to amend the agenda to make 23b. an action item, Open enrollment applications. Motion carried.
The board received open enrollments from Lane Fetzter to Williamsburg, Dillinger Burton to TC, Alondra Gingerich to Mid-Prairie, and Beau Beck to Montezuma. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve all these open enrollment applications. Motion carried.
Mr. Weilbacher discussed the Good News at EV High school:
The Soil Judging team was at the state competition that day.
Dr. Harger discussed that young student was recognized at the elementary as one in 17 students statewide to score the highest on the ISASP math section testing last spring.
Mr. Rheingans discussed the District/superintendent goals for the year.
The board discussed how the FCS program was going this fall.
Next regular meeting: November 12th, 2025 at 6pm.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to adjourn at 8:06pm. Motion carried.
Wendy Ayers, Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Co • Notice of City/School Election

NOTICE OF CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION
Qualified electors of Keokuk County are hereby notified that the regular City/School Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

ALL POLLS IN KEOKUK COUNTY OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. & CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.
Precinct..... Polling Location
Adams/Prairie/ What Cheer/Washington..... Hedrick City Hall

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered - such as voters registering to vote on Election Day - and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence.

Public testing of the voting equipment will be held on October 23, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Elections Room, adjoining the Keokuk County Auditor's Office.

- Delta Mayor (Vote for no more than one) James Ahlberg
Delta Council Member (Vote for no more than five) Barbara Fisher-Nathan Slagter-Dolores Carey-Melvin Lambert
Gibson Mayor (Vote for no more than one) Steve Van Zee
Gibson Council Member (Vote for no more than five) Sherry Ehret-Greg Ehret-Tom Stein

- Martinsburg Council Member (Vote for no more than three) Mary Wells-Robert L. Wells Jr.-Todd Harbison
North English Mayor (Vote for no more than one) Daniel Strohm
North English Council Member (Vote for no more than two) Beth Carter-Andrew Custer
Ollie Mayor (Vote for no more than one) Scott Vetter
Ollie Council Member (Vote for no more than three) Chris Winn-Justin W. Haile

Sigourney School Board Member-At Large (Vote for no more than three)
Steven Seeley-Allan Glandon-Cody Branstad-Adam Sellers
Sigourney Community School District - Public Measure MJ
Shall the Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District in the County of Keokuk, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,900,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, and improve the existing junior / senior high school, including HVAC, fire alarm, mechanical, plumbing, and security improvements?

OFFICIAL BALLOT
City / School Election
Keokuk County, Iowa
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
SG1
00800



INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Using blue or black ink, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:
Write-in: To vote for a valid write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and darken the oval.
Notice to voters: To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the oval in front of the word "No".
Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.

City of Sigourney

For Mayor
Vote for no more than One
Gary Iosbaker
(Write-in vote, if any)

For Council Member At Large
Vote for no more than One
David Goldman
Jordan Alspach
(Write-in vote, if any)

Sigourney Community School District

For Director At Large
Vote for no more than Three
Steven Seeley
Allan Glandon
Cody Branstad
Adam Sellers
(Write-in vote, if any)

Indian Hills Community College

For Director District #1
Vote for no more than One
Beth Danowsky
(Write-in vote, if any)

Sigourney Community School District
Public Measure MJ

Shall the following Public Measure be adopted?
Shall the Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District in the County of Keokuk, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,900,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, and improve the existing junior / senior high school, including HVAC, fire alarm, mechanical, plumbing, and security improvements?
YES
NO

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English Valleys Bearometer

October 22, 2025

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Issue: VII

Bears Run to Victory at SICL Meet

It was a big day for the English Valleys Bears at the South Iowa Cedar League (SICL) meet on Tuesday at Big Springs Shooting Complex. The Class 1A No. 9 girls' team raced to victory, taking home the SICL championship with a team score of 50 points, finishing just ahead of Class 1A No. 11 Lynnville-Sully.

The high school girls' team was led by Anna Luers, who finished 3rd overall. Addison Achenbach placed 9th, followed by Aubrey Achenbach in 10th, Kaylynn Caster in 12th, Kailor Lown in 16th, and Kaylee Frazier in 22nd. Their strong, consistent performances helped secure the championship for the Bears.

The boys' varsity team also had an impressive showing, finishing as SICL runners-up. Isaac Frazier led the way with a 5th-place finish, while Will Luers followed close behind in 6th. Evan Koehn finished 18th, Dayne Render 28th, Drake Offerman 42nd, Hunter Offerman 52nd, and Davis Burdick 64th. Together, their efforts earned English Valleys a strong second-place team finish.

In the junior high division, the JH boys dominated the field, capturing the SICL Championship. Top finishers included Isaiah Luers in 2nd place, Ashton Caster in 3rd, Lucas Sieren in 5th, Canton Caster in 6th, Asher Frederick in 9th, Jase Offerman in 14th, and Bryker Frazier in 25th. The JH girls also performed well, finishing 3rd overall, led by Finley Achenbach, who placed 2nd. She was followed by Abby Koehn in 14th, Brynn Montross in 15th, Mylie Morrison in 17th, and Raelynn Westphal in 34th.

Several EV runners earned All-Conference honors for their outstanding performances. Anna Luers and Isaac Frazier were named to the First Team, while Addison Achenbach, Aubrey Achenbach, and Will Luers earned Second Team recognition. Kaylynn Caster received Honorable Mention honors for her efforts.

The Bears hope to carry their momentum into the State Qualifying Meet at Pekin on Thursday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. Congratulations to all the runners and coaches for an incredible performance and continued success this season!



ENGLISH VALLEYS CALLING ALL USED INSTRUMENTS... BAND

DO YOU HAVE A GENTLY USED BAND INSTRUMENT THAT'S NO LONGER BEING PLAYED? CONSIDER GIVING IT A NEW LIFE IN THE HANDS OF AN ENGLISH VALLEYS BAND STUDENT!

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING BAND INSTRUMENT DONATIONS, IN ANY CONDITION! EACH DONATION HELPS SUPPORT THE ENGLISH VALLEYS 5-12TH GRADE BAND PROGRAM. BY DONATING, YOU'RE HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER THE JOY OF MUSIC AND ENSURING OUR BAND PROGRAM CONTINUES TO FLOURISH.

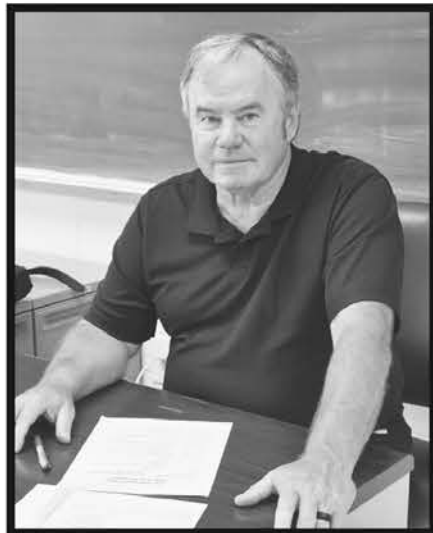
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT FOR YOUR DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT MR. DUSDIEKER AT NDUSDIEKER@ENGLISH-VALLEYS.K12.IA.US

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS!

Meet Mr. Tim Kauzlarich

English Valleys is proud to welcome Mr. Kauzlarich, who joins us for his 21st year of teaching and his first year at EV. Previously, he taught special education at BGM in Brooklyn, Iowa, and brings years of experience and dedication to helping students succeed.

When asked what brought him to English Valleys, Mr. Kauzlarich shared that he had heard many great things about the district and saw an opportunity to join a close-knit, supportive school community. He's excited to get to know the staff and students and to contribute to the positive learning environment here.



Mr. Kauzlarich teaches Intervention and Student Support at the secondary level and Special Education at the elementary school. Outside the classroom, family is a big part of his life. He enjoys spending time with his wife, son, and two grandchildren, who bring him endless joy.

We're excited to have Mr. Kauzlarich join the EV family and look forward to the positive impact he'll make in our schools.

Upcoming Activities

- October 23:**
XC State Qualifying Meet at Pekin - 4:00 pm
- October 27:**
1 pm Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8 pm
- October 20- 29:** Regional Play Volleyball -TBA
- October 29:**
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
- October 31:**
No School





THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



Issue No. 2

Senior Spotlight

ADDISON PURKEYPILE

This week's senior spotlight is Addison Purkeypile. Addison's dad is Dewy Purkeypile; he went to Indian Hills, Kirkwood and Dmacc. He went to school to get his LPN but chose to be a lumber inspector afterwards. Abby Hammas is her mom, and she went to Kirkwood, then Western Governors University. She is a nursing community care case manager. Addison has three siblings; Alexia is 22, Jocelyn is 21, and Leo is 13. She has two plans for after graduation but doesn't know which one she will do yet. She is either getting her radiology technologist and business degree to later on become a radiologist or doing biblical studies to go around the world to inform people about faith. She plans to travel around the world, live in the countryside when she's older, have kids and enjoy her life. When she was younger, she wanted to cure diseases.



Addison is very thoughtful. She loves caring about people and trying to make them feel better when they are down. She is very adventurous and loves to explore new activities, hobbies, and places, and she loves learning about new things and questioning them. Addison has been involved in school activities such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, winter volleyball, FFA, PAC, DARE role model, tutoring kids, CYM, show choir, City Point church youth group, student council, speech, and Eagle Rock. Addison's most memorable high school memory is having a team hug with the opposing team after we lost our volleyball game playing North Mahaska this season. Her favorite class was Practical Finances and making rockets in Hobbs's class. Her favorite school tradition was getting to go all out for homecoming and dressing up for games. She doesn't like crumbs in beds or on couches. After high school, Addison will miss her friends the most and the culture that we are building. Addison wants to be remembered as someone who is supportive, caring and strong in their faith. For anyone who will be a senior, her advice is to not stress about everything, free up your schedule and enjoy your last year.



By: Kaylee Kindred

KEOTA CROSS COUNTRY

Keota High School competes in cross country this year, and Chase Haffley, a senior at Keota out for cross country, says that "The season is going good, getting better as they go on. We are doing great because there isn't a team but individually we are improving. I like that it is fun hanging out with friends and trying something new since it's my first year of it.. Looking forward to the conference meeting coming up to see how my teammates and I compete against other schools and kids since there is a lot they have run against." They have their next meet coming up and are ready to run for it and hopefully place well individually. Running can be a hard sport but we're glad we have more people out for it this year.



By: Kaylee Kindred

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY?

MRS.MCOMBS
STAFF



"Reese's cups"

KENNEDY JACKSON
12TH



"Reese's pumpkins"

BRYNN CONRAD
11TH



"Lifesaver gummies"

TESLA KERR
10TH



"dark chocolate Hersheys"

ALLIE GALINDO
9TH



"Butterfinger"

JOSIE GREINER
8TH



"Nerd gummy clusters"

LUCAUS BENDER
7TH



"candy corn"

HIGH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

This week's student of the week is senior Jacob Libe. When Jacob grows up and graduates high school, he wants to be a physical therapist. His favorite class at school is study hall, and he's involved in some extracurriculars such as football where he is a linebacker, wrestling, golf, baseball, and track. While in track, he runs a 100M dash, a 200M dash, 110M hurdle, 400M hurdle and long jump. His favorite memory at Keota would be when he gets to go and judge soils. In his free time, he likes to play Clash Royale and games on his phone. He has four siblings: Colley, Rylee, Noelle, and Harper. He is the middle child.



By: Kaylee Kindred

KEOTA SOIL JUDGING

The Keota soil judging team placed 7th overall in the district competition, and two members on the team talked about how their experience was. Freshman Emma Greiner says, "It's great; the drives there and back were fun, talking with people from other schools. It was good to do something different. It was good to see the improvement we made". Freshman Zoey Sieren says, "It was a good learning experience, meeting new people and socializing with people from other schools, and we got 7th overall as a team. It was a fun experience, seeing how other schools are in FFA and how they are different from us. It was nice. I would recommend it to anyone if they got the opportunity to do it."



By: Kaylee Kindred

EAGLE'S WING STAFF

2025-2026

KAYLEE KINDRED

ADVISER: Dr CULLETT
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EVENTS

- 22 VB Regionals - w/Coach Stout
- TBA 29-Nov 1
- 23 District XC National FFA
- Meet - TBA Convention @
- 24 NO CLASSES - Indianapolis, IN
- (PD Day) 31 2nd Rd FB
- 24 1st Rd FB Playoffs - TBD
- Playoffs - TBD 31 NO
- 27 School Picture CLASSES
- Retakes - Audit. - Nov. 1 State
- approx. 11:30 AM XC Meet - TBA
- 27 VB Regionals - TBA
- 29 VB Regionas - TBA
- 29 SICL Leadership
- Conference @ BGM

Iowa's Archery, Early Muzzleloader Seasons are Underway

By: Jace Elliott, State Deer Biologist, Iowa DNR

Iowa's archery deer season began October 1, and while the weather was more in line with the Iowa State Fair than deer season, hunters have been out in their tree stands and as of Tuesday morning, reported harvesting more than 5,000 deer.

"We have a really strong contingent of archery hunters in the state," said Jace Elliott, state deer biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "It's their passion and they spend a lot of time in the timber. For many, this is their favorite time of year."

Roughly 70,000 Iowans climb into their tree stands each fall, harvesting an estimated 20,000 deer in 2024. Archery season is the longest of Iowa's deer seasons, offering hunting opportunities from October 1 through January 10, with a 16-day temporary closure for the regular gun seasons beginning Dec. 6.

Also open is the early muzzleloader season that has a quota of 7,500 any deer licenses. The early muzzleloader season is for Iowa residents only, and closes October 19. Hunters reported harvesting more than 2,500 deer during the 2024 early muzzleloader season.

Many hunters will be targeting acorn rich areas as the oaks had a strong production year. Deer are more active in the low light hours of the early morning and late evening and Elliott said studies suggest deer may be on their feet longer in the morning hours this time of year.

"Mornings are a good time to see deer, harvest deer – research suggests that the morning has a longer movement window than the evening during this early part of the season," he said.

While the forecast calls for temperatures to be more seasonal, hunters should have a plan for when they harvest a deer.

"If you're taking it to a locker, be in touch with them before going out. Consider bringing a cooler with ice in it to cool down the chest cavity, and plan to get the hide off early to help it cool down if you plan to butcher yourself," he said.

Archery hunters spend a lot of time in a tree stand, and because of that, the Iowa DNR has partnered with them to collect information on the wildlife they see as part of the bow hunter observation survey.

The bow hunter observation survey has been conducted each year since 2004, collecting population information on deer, turkeys and select furbearers. And this year, hunter participation in the survey has been really good.

"We've had a record response from our bow hunters which is great to see," Elliott said. "It provides really good data and feedback from our hunters."

If bow hunters would like to be part of the survey, they need to make sure to have a current email associated with the DNR account, he said. "We are committed to a strong partnership with our deer hunters, who are primarily responsible for managing the deer herd in the state."

Iowa's deer population varies across the state. In Western Iowa, the herd has



Courtesy of the Iowa DNR

seen a significant population decline over the past decade plus. The DNR is working to reverse that trend through regulation changes to reduce doe harvest while still offering hunting opportunities.

In Central Iowa, the population is considered stable with some pockets where the herd has declined due to recent hemorrhagic disease outbreaks in recent years. Eastern Iowa has a stable to increasing population, especially in east central region where antlerless tags were added to increase doe harvest.

"We will continue to monitor local populations to maintain balanced, quality deer herds," he said.

Hemorrhagic disease has been exceptionally mild this year, with only 16 total suspect reports in the state. The lack of presence of the disease following years of back to back severe outbreaks should help some of the impacted areas to recover.

Information on deer management, chronic wasting disease response plan, deer program reports and more is available online at www.iowadnr.gov/deer

Deer donation program
Hunters may sign up as a deer donor with the Iowa Deer Exchange at www.iowadnr.gov/deer then scroll down to Iowa's Deer Exchange Program link. There, donors can provide their information on what they are willing to donate. The database creates a map and table with information deer donors and deer recipients can use to get connected. Participants requesting venison far outnumber those willing to donate. There is no cost to participate. It is illegal to sell wild fish and game in Iowa.

The Iowa DNR, the Food Bank of Iowa and 31 meat lockers are participating in the Help Us Stop Hunger program for 2025. Hunters are encouraged to contact a participating locker before they harvest a deer to see if the locker has any additional drop-off instructions.

Be sure to report your harvest

Hunters who harvest a deer are required to report their harvest by midnight on the day after it is tagged or before taking it to a locker or taxidermist. The hunter whose name is on the transportation tag is responsible for making the report. If no deer is harvested, no report is necessary.

Successful hunters have the option to report the harvest through the Go Outdoors Iowa app, by texting the registration number to 1-800-771-4692 and follow the prompts, online at www.iowadnr.gov, by phone at the number listed on the tag, or through a license vendor during their regular business hours.

Phone use while hunting
Reminder to hunters that the use of cellphones, one or two-way radios to communicate the location or direction of game or furbearing animals or to coordinate the movement of other hunters is prohibited.

While cell trail cameras are allowed on the landscape, including on public land, they cannot be used on the hunt.

Tree stand safety
Falls associated with tree stand use are the most common hunting incidents during the bow season. Hunters are encouraged to check all their gear to make sure it is in proper working order, especially tree stands and safety harnesses, before heading to the timber.

- Hunters should always wear a safety harness and use caution when climbing. Get familiar with the safety harness and read the instructions for it and for the tree stand so you know how to use it properly and its limitations.

- Select a tree that fits the tree stand recommended limits and follow the three-point rule of tree stand safety – always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder before moving.

- Remember the elements – rain, frost, ice or snow can cause steps to become slippery so check the security of the step before placing any weight on it.

- Use a haul line to pull gear and the unloaded firearm or bow to the stand and to lower the gear on the opposite side of the tree. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back.

- Falls from tree stands are required to be reported to the DNR if a person seeks medical attention for an injury received while entering, exiting or sitting in a stand.

- Basic rules of tree stand safety don't apply to just bow hunters, but to firearm hunters using an elevated device or stand.

Hunters are encouraged to keep their phone on their person and not in a backpack for safety reasons.



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Consistent watering essential for new trees this fall

By: Emma Hanigan, Urban Forestry Coordinator, Iowa DNR

Fall is usually a good time to plant trees with mild temperatures and adequate ground moisture. With drought conditions across Iowa this fall, watering newly planted trees on a regular schedule through the 2026 growing season is essential for a strong start and healthy life. If growing conditions are significantly dry in your area, consider waiting until next spring to plant new trees.

Shade trees can reduce heating and cooling costs, improve the air we breathe, add beauty and color to backyards, provide shelter from the wind and sun, and make our communities a better place to live.

A properly planted and maintained tree will grow faster and live longer than one that is incorrectly planted.

"Properly planted and maintained trees will have a better opportunity for a long, healthy life," said Iowa DNR

district forester Mark Vitosh. "Improperly planted and maintained trees can become stressed more easily or may look otherwise healthy, but then suddenly die in the first 10 to 20 years after planting."

"The work does not stop after planting," explains Vitosh. "Proper tree health monitoring and long term maintenance like watering, mulching, and structural pruning helps promote quality trees long-term."

Follow these simple tips to properly plant and maintain a healthy tree:

- Select a species that matches your site's growing conditions (i.e. soil type, soil drainage, available growing space, full sun or shade, etc.).
- Always call Iowa One Call-811 before you start digging to locate any underground utilities.
- Remove top soil from the original root ball until you can see the first lateral root. This first main root should be just below soil grade when planting.
- Examine the root system and prune any circling roots.

- Measure the distance just above the first lateral root to the bottom of the root ball; that is the depth that you should dig the planting hole. Proper planting depth is key to long-term tree survival. If the hole is dug too deep the tree can settle over time which can cause long-term health issues.

- Dig the hole at least twice as wide as the root ball, to loosen the soil and promote good lateral root growth.

- Once the tree is planted, slowly water the planting hole (focus water in the location of the root ball) to settle the soil. As the tree grows, water the expanding root system further away from the initial root ball.

- If you have planted new trees within the last 3 years consider some supplemental watering during the dry conditions this fall.

Find more tips on how to properly plant a tree, select diverse trees and proper tree care after planting on the DNR webpage at www.iowadnr.gov/planttrees.

Iowa Beef Center's Third Annual Genetic Symposium Is Nov. 19-20

By: Sherry Hoyer

AMES – The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University will host the third annual Genetic Symposium Nov. 19-20 in Ames, at the ISU Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center.

This year's symposium, planned by the Iowa Beef Center and Randie Culbertson, assistant professor and cow-calf specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will focus on the practical implementation of genetic tools and technologies for commercial beef production. The event is designed to provide producers, industry professionals and students with in-depth knowledge and experience to make informed genetic decisions that enhance herd performance and profitability.

Symposium highlights and topics

The two-day event will feature a combination of classroom-style learning and hands-on sessions covering topics crucial to beef production. In addition to producer panels and a panel of leading genetic company representatives, key areas of

discussion will include:

- Current tools for genetic improvement and their application
 - The importance of phenotype and data collection
 - Strategies to effectively use genomics in commercial herds
 - Updates on new Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) and genetic defects
- "Hands-on demonstrations have been a crowd favorite in the past," Culbertson said. "During this year's rotations, participants will get to see several technologies in action, including a demonstration of tissue collection for DNA testing, targeted mating decision using RightMate and an AI simulation model."
- After the first day's sessions, attendees will enjoy a dinner sponsored by Zoetis and prepared by the ISU Meat Lab, followed by some fun activities, including a mock feeder cattle auction.
- Designed to increase the exposure of genetic and reproductive technologies available in the beef industry, the Genetic Symposium has been attended by over 160 cattlemen and women from nine states during its

first two years. Past attendees noted that participation in the program was estimated to increase the farm's economic return by an average of \$7.50 per head for an average of nearly \$1,700 per beef enterprise.

Registration details

The symposium begins Nov. 19 at noon and runs through noon on Nov. 20, with all sessions held at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, located at 2508 Mortensen Road, Ames.

Registration is \$75 per person through Nov. 13, and includes break refreshments, dinner on Nov. 19 and symposium materials. After that date, registration increases to \$85 per person. A block of rooms is available at the Spring Hill Suites, 1810 SE 16th St., Ames, for \$99 per room. Reservation deadline for rooms is Saturday, Nov. 1.

See the symposium website for program schedule, links to registration and lodging, and sponsorship opportunities.

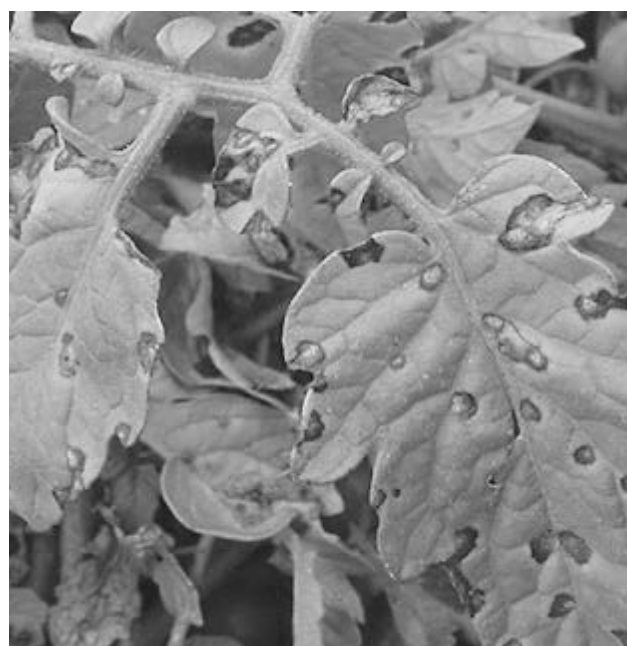
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Septoria leaf spot on a tomato

Autumn Garden Cleanup: A Crucial Step in Preventing Plant Diseases

By: Aaron J. Steil, Chelsea Harbach

AMES, Iowa – As the crisp air of autumn settles over Iowa and the trees begin their colorful transformation, gardeners are turning their attention to one of the most important, and often overlooked tasks of the season: fall cleanup. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach experts advise that neglecting the garden now can promote more disease problems next spring.

During this time of year, plants that are affected by pathogens often display unsightly foliage. “If infected plant debris is left to linger through the winter, gardens become an overwintering site for disease-causing pathogens like fungal spores,” said Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture extension specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “Problems like powdery mildews, rose black spot and tomato early blight can overwinter in dead and decaying leaves and stems, poised to infect plants again with spring and summer rains.”

Chelsea Harbach, plant disease diagnostician with the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at Iowa State University, emphasizes that fall is not merely a time to tidy up; it’s a strategic moment to break the cycle of infection. Removing diseased plant material, cutting back perennials and disposing of diseased fallen leaves are essential steps in reducing the reservoir of pathogens.

“A clean garden in the fall

is your best insurance for a healthy start in spring,” she said.

In some areas of the garden, a thorough cleanup is best. “Many vegetables have a wide range of serious disease issues. Removing plant debris, fallen produce and cleaning support structures like tomato cages is a great start to a healthier garden next spring,” said Steil. He also suggests gardeners consider planting a cover crop or putting down a layer of mulch over winter once plant material is removed to help reduce weeds and soil erosion.

A clean slate may not be necessary in other garden areas. Steil notes that many gardeners want to leave behind stems and leaves from perennials, trees and shrubs to provide overwintering material for native insects and food for animals and birds. In perennial beds, be selective about what gets cleaned and removed. “Hollyhocks covered in rust and leaves from lilacs covered in powdery mildew can be removed, while healthy plant material can stay to help with overwintering,” he said. Any diseased materials should be discarded properly. Do not add this material to home compost piles, as most do not get warm enough to kill disease-causing pathogens.

“Beyond disease prevention, fall cleanup offers a moment of reflection,” Harbach added. “It’s a chance to assess what thrived and what struggled, plan crop rotations and consider planting disease-resistant varieties next year.”

Secretary Naig Announces Eight Additional Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Projects

Projects restore the land while improving water quality and soil health

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig today announced that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is beginning construction on eight additional abandoned mine land (AML) reclamation projects in southeast Iowa. The eight projects, which represent more than \$5 million in combined investment by the Department, are expected to be complete by the end of 2026.

“The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is committed to working alongside our public and private partners to restore and protect our rich natural resources. Each abandoned mine land reclamation project reflects the state’s ongoing investment in conservation and is a visible sign of progress, producing cleaner water, healthier soil, and safer land for future generations,” said Secretary Naig. “These AML projects reduce hazards, improve wildlife habitat and create new opportunities for agriculture, conservation and recreation in Iowa.”

Coal mining began in Iowa as early as the 1840s with coal production peaking around 1917. Years later, the federal government enacted the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which required companies to remove hazards and stabilize coal mines after they finished mining. This legislation paved the way for the Department’s AML program, which began in 1983. Iowa has more than 13,000 acres of AML sites located primarily in Davis, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Van Buren and Wapello counties.

AML sites may include dangerous piles, embankments, high walls, pit ponds and bare acidic soils that need to be graded and neutralized for reclamation. Funding for reclamations is made avail-

able through a partnership with the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) located in the United States Department of the Interior.

These eight projects are in addition to 10 others currently under construction. An additional 12 sites are in the design and planning phase. Approximately 122 projects have been completed during the past four decades, with a total investment of nearly \$112 million dollars. There are approximately 138 sites awaiting reclamation.

Name of Project: Crozier Family

Location: Marion County Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$463,090

Approximate Size: 16 acres

Partners: LT Leon and Associates, Pathfinders Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), OSMRE, Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Nail Excavating, Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 125,000 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of dangerous piles and embankments and dangerous high walls.

Name of Project: Feagins

Location: Marion County Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$246,558

Approximate Size: 6 acres

Partners: Snyder and Associates, Pathfinders RC&D, Marion County, OSMRE, Cornerstone Excavating Inc., Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 33,500 cubic yards of earthwork, highwall and dangerous piles and embankments.

Name of Project: Klootwyk

Location: Marion County Construction Bid Award-

ed: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$2,180,969

Approximate Size: 99 acres

Partners: Trihydro Corporation, Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Marion County SWCD, Nail Excavating, Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 884,000 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of dangerous piles and embankments, dangerous highwalls, spoil areas, dangerous pit ponds, and clogged stream lands.

Name of Project: North King

Location: Marion County Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$1,125,267.25

Approximate Size: 55 acres

Partners: Trihydro Corporation, Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Marion SWCD, Hammes Bulldozing Inc., Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 424,000 cubic yards of earthwork and the remediation of dangerous piles and embankments, dangerous high walls, spoil areas, dangerous pit ponds, and clogged stream lands.

Name of Project: Vander Veer

Location: Marion County Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$349,288

Approximate Size: 13 acres

Partners: Shive-Hattery, Inc., Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Marion County SWCD, Stek Construction, Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 88,000 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of dangerous piles and embankments, dangerous high walls and spoil areas.

Name of Project: B Caves

Location: Van Buren County

Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$233,849

Approximate Size: 10.4 acres

Partners: French Reneker and Associates, Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Van Buren County SWCD, Wilkinson Construction LLC., Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 29,899 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of clogged stream lands.

Name of Project: R Caves

Location: Van Buren County

Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$69,851

Approximate Size: 3.1 acres

Partners: French Reneker and Associates, Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Van Buren County SWCD, Wilkinson Construction LLC., Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 3,936 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of clogged stream lands.

Name of Project: Taylor

Location: Wapello County Construction Bid Awarded: September 2025

Anticipated Completion: December 2026

Approximate Cost: \$358,000

Approximate Size: 9 acres

Partners: French Reneker and Associates, Pathfinders RC&D, OSMRE, Wapello County SWCD, Legacy Grading, Private Landowners

Details: The reclamation will involve the movement of approximately 18,000 cubic yards of earthwork and remediation of dangerous piles and embankments.



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ISU Extension and Outreach Pilots Programming Focused on Improving Electric Grid Resilience

By: Esther Crompton, Luke Seaberg

AMES – Iowans are no strangers to weather that tests their communities. Tornadoes, flooding, drought and hailstorms all leave their mark. But the widespread destruction of the 2020 derecho forced many towns to look more closely at what can be done to limit the fallout of future high-impact events.

As part of its strategic plan, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach identified a new focus area: adaptive and sustainable natural and built environments. One of the first projects in that priority area centers on a key piece of disaster management — strengthening the resilience of communities’ electrical systems.

That effort has taken shape in “Powering Through: A Community Toolkit for Electrical Resilience in Iowa,”

developed by Luke Seaberg, community development specialist, and Esther Crompton, communications specialist, in collaboration with Anne Kimber, director of the College of Engineering’s Electric Power Research Center.

The 12-chapter toolkit leads communities through the process of creating and beginning to implement a resilience strategy. It includes sections on forming a strong planning team, engaging stakeholders, categorizing critical infrastructure, planning and carrying out solutions, and identifying external funding to offset costs. It also explores creative approaches such as local backup generation with solar, battery storage or diesel, and building microgrids to help keep the power on during and after disasters.

This July, the project wel-

comed its inaugural cohort of participating communities: Panorama, Bloomfield/Davis County School District, Danville, Atlantic, Grinnell and Greenfield. Each community brings its own stage of readiness, with different needs and challenges, but all share a willingness to plan ahead. Over the next nine months, local resilience committees will meet with facilitators, including Seaberg, who will guide them through the toolkit while providing education, technical assistance, strategic support and funding suggestions.

“We’re really excited to bring this work out to communities across Iowa,” Seaberg said. “Our team members include people who have worked with both large investor-owned utilities and smaller municipal utilities, on commercial solar projects, in community and economic

development, in science communication and in local government. During the toolkit’s development we also had the opportunity to talk with state and federal emergency management professionals, power systems engineers, first responders and academic researchers studying resilience across various disciplines.”

Funding for the toolkit and pilot comes from a grant to the Electric Power Research Center from the Iowa Economic Development Authority’s Energy Office. The funds serve as a pass-through from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

For more information about the toolkit and future cohorts, contact Seaberg at seaberg@iastate.edu or Crompton at eecrompt@iastate.edu.

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