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Community CALENDAR

Keswick Trick or Treat

City of Keswick
Friday, Oct. 31 from
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Delta Haunted House

Delta Fire Station, 103
N. 2nd St, Delta
Oct. 31
8 p.m. to midnight

Blood Drive

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

Wilson Memorial Library Spooktacular Halloween Bash

Thursday, Oct. 30, 4:30
- 5:30 p.m.
109 E. Washington Ave,
Keota

KCCN Haunted Kewash Trail Fundraiser

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

Hedrick Halloween

Oct. 31
Trick or Treat from 6-8
p.m.
Parade at 5:30 p.m.
Trunk or Treat on Main
Street following parade
Hot Dogs in
Community Center

Trick or Treat Around Square Sigourney

Oct. 30th 3:30 pm - 5pm
Trick or Treat Night
Sigourney 6-8 p.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 - ?

\$9,900,000 Bond Referendum for Sigourney High School Building Updates in Voters' Hands

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

Sigourney - "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?"

This question will be up to voters in the Sigourney School District to decide in the upcoming election, held on Nov. 4. If this bond referendum passes, the high school will begin a large-scale infrastructure update, similar to the infrastructure update carried out at the elementary over the summer of last year. This vote comes after months of planning and community involvement, including surveys sent out to households, meetings with staff and students, and the creation of a community task force to help decide which updates to prioritize.

The district held two open-houses, on Oct. 15 and 22, where members of the public were given an overview of the project and given a tour of the school building, which opened in 1967. Superintendent Kevin Hatfield stated that the planned updates, requested by staff, students and the community, were practical, basic upgrades. He stated that there is not a full design for the project yet, just a basic outline and items they plan to focus on. Hatfield noted that the elementary upgrade, which was funded by borrowing



One of the nearly 60-year-old heaters.



The school entrance



The school's water pipes

against the district's SAVE dollars, ended on time and under budget.

Hatfield explained that the following updates are planned:

- Adding a new secure front entrance with a pass-through visitor check-in and student services area. Hatfield explained that this would add a "person trap" like the one at the elementary, where guests will need to scan an ID before being let into the office, and then let into the school. Hatfield also stated that they will need to add similar security measures at the back entrance.
- Upgrading the fire alarms and adding voice-annunciation. Hatfield explained that the current alarm system has false alarms once a week and contains parts that can't be replaced.
- Adding ADA-compliant exterior and interior doors.
- Complete restroom renovations, including renovating the restrooms to make them ADA compliant. Hatfield explained that the current restrooms are too cramped for someone in a wheelchair to use and that they planned to renovate the

restrooms by the cafeteria, the ones by the high school gym, and the restrooms by the south door in the junior high.

- Replacing and upgrading classroom heating and cooling units. Hatfield explained that many classrooms have 50-year-old heaters that leak and that some of them do not work. Maintenance Director Jason Shifflett stated that he has to scavenge parts off other heaters to keep them running.
- Upgrading the gym HVAC for better airflow and dehumidification. Hatfield explained that the gym ventilation doesn't work properly, resulting in it getting hot and sweaty, which forces them to sometimes stop volleyball games because of the humidity. He clarified that they would not be adding air conditioning, but would be increasing airflow in the gym.
- Installing new water heaters and hot water piping. Shifflett stated that years of hard water had been hard on the boiler system and that it was difficult to turn some of the valves. He stated that it currently works fine, but that

they will have problems with the boilers in the future.

- Removal and abatement of asbestos flooring.
- Improving lunchroom access and circulation.
- Updating the main electrical systems and distribution.
- Adding a new energy management control system.
- Replacement of aging sanitary and water lines.

If the bond referendum passes, district residents will have to pay \$2.70 per \$1,000 of taxable property over the course of twenty years. Hatfield compared this to giving up a pizza every month. He noted that the district's tax

rate had gone down in recent years; ten years ago, the tax rate was \$14.36 per \$1,000, compared to the current \$11.36. Hatfield stated that, despite the higher rate, the district didn't upgrade the school in the past. He stated that, unlike most districts, Sigourney hasn't had debt for 15 years, but that they needed to now borrow money for larger projects. Hatfield explained that there is a tax calculator on the school website residents could use to see how much they would have to pay if the referendum passes.

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What Cheer Community Club Costume Contest

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Sigourney, Iowa
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County Ambulance Service Considering Tax Levy for Equipment and Payroll

By Casey Jarmes |
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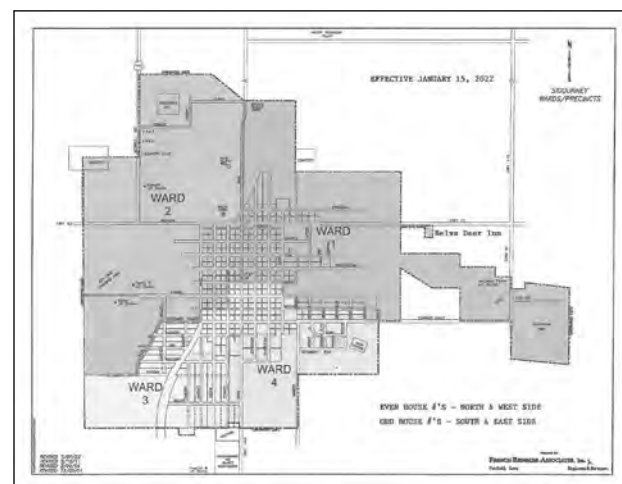
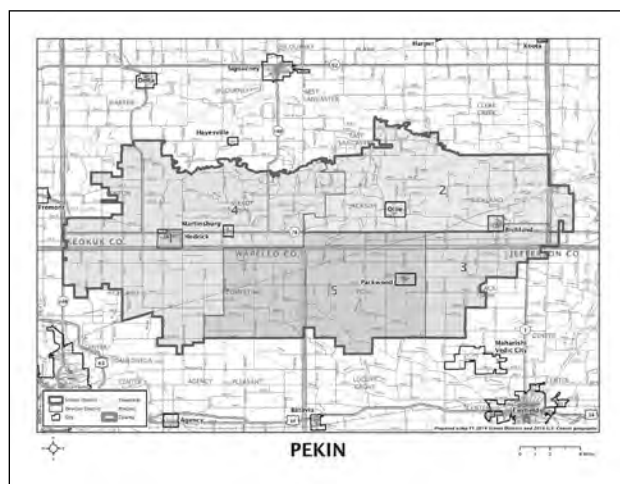
SIGOURNEY – During the Oct. 27 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, Cody Davis and Taylor Zehr from Keokuk County Ambulance spoke with the supervisors about potentially having a tax levy to help pay for a budget deficit in payroll and equipment. The vote for this tax levy will not be on the ballot next week and would be voted on in a later year. Davis explained that the money raised would also go to support the seven volunteer non-transport EMS services in the county. He noted that the last ambulance they purchased cost \$300,000 for just the truck, more with the equipment. Zehr stated that, a few years ago, they obtained a grant to give LUCAS chest compres-

sion devices to the smaller EMS services and that these devices cost \$11,000 each and \$1,000 for the batteries.

Davis stated that they were allowed to levy up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property, but stated he didn't know how much that would generate. He stated that he didn't think they would need the max levy and that he, as a taxpayer, didn't want the max levy. Zehr stated that they can make a budget once they find out how much the levy will generate. Davis said they might just need just a 50 cent levy. Supervisor Mike Hadley estimated a 50 cent levy would generate around \$350,000.

Auditor Christy Bates explained that the ambulance

TAX LEVY
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Voting Districts

Members of the Sigourney City Council and Pekin School Board are elected from specific wards/districts, unlike the other cities and schools in Keokuk County, which feature all at-large seats, where everyone is allowed to vote for the candi-

Unopposed	Challenger	J.D. Olinger
Larry Chmelar		District 5 (Packwood)
At-Large		Incumbent John Joseph Greiner, Challenger Linda Brock
Challenger David Goldman, Challenger Jordan Alspach		At-Large
Pekin School District		Unopposed
District 1 (Hedrick)		Incumbent Kortney Baumberger
Unopposed	Incumbent	

Keota Council Approves Putting Stickers on Properties with Overgrown Lawns

By Casey Jarmes |
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KEOTA – During the Oct. 20 meeting of the Keota City Council, the council approved changing mowing ordinances to state that, when a resident has a lawn violating city ordinances, like the ordinance requiring grass longer than six inches be cut, the city code enforcer will place a notice on the property, notifying the property owner of the violation. This ordinance was copied from the Sigourney mowing ordinances.

Councilman Keith Conrad stated that they would give notification in the spring via the newspaper, stating whose lawns need to be mowed. He stated that door hangers or stickers would be placed on properties, giving people four days to mow and that, if lawns are not mowed, the city will send someone to mow it and charge a fee to the homeowner. Councilman Heath McDonald explained that, in the past, they'd had problems with people not taking care of their properties, being sent multiple letters, and then, when the city goes to take care of the property, claiming they hadn't received the letters. He explained that the stickers would be proof residents were notified.

The council looked over a \$12,000 offer from the Keota school district to purchase a city-owned lot on Ellis Street, next to the school; a public hearing about this lot will be held before the Nov. 3 council meeting. The council approved offering pool passes to purchase as Christmas gifts; City Clerk Hunter Bruns stated that these passes were very popular last year and that they would also be selling monthly passes and aerobics only passes this year. She asked the council if she could donate pool passes to local fundraisers or auctions; the council stated she could, and that this should be judged on a case by case basis. Councilman Mike Bender stated that the city had received no bids for the garage discussed at previous meetings meaning it would be torn down.

Mayor Tony Cansler stated that the city was in discussion with the Keokuk County Sheriff's Department to provide police coverage. He stated that nothing had been agreed upon yet, but that a 28e agreement had been drawn up for both parties to look over. Cansler stated that this was the closest they had been to getting new police coverage.

Cornhole Tournament Benefit Held in Hedrick

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HEDRICK – A cornhole tournament benefit for James Myers, a local man suffering from Stage 3 Metastatic Melanoma, was held at the Carl Craft Civic Center on Oct. 25. Half of the proceeds from the tournament went to Myers's medical bills. The benefit also featured arts and crafts, a welding simulator, and a silent auction featuring a South African safari.

"Anytime we get an opportunity to help anybody in our community, we're willing to jump in and help," said one of the event's organizers.



Greenhouse Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course Now Available

SIGOURNEY — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office will host a Greenhouse Pest Control Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations

across Iowa. The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office 400 220th Ave Suite A, Sigourney, IA 52591. Pre-registration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the

ISU Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office at 641-622-2680 or ebelvel@iastate.edu.

The course will fulfill 2025 continuing instruction requirements for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 3G. Some of the topics covered will include information on pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehen-

sion; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

To obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the ISU Extension and Outreach office in Keokuk County at 641-622-2680.

Additional information for this and other courses offered by the PSEP can be accessed at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/>.

Trick or Treat Around the Square

Located on the Square:

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

<p>Sigourney Christian Church 308 S Jefferson St, Sigourney</p> <p>Stone Cottage Care Center 900 S Stone St, Sigourney</p> <p>Amy's Salon House & Spa 202 N Main St, Sigourney</p>	<p>MidWestOne Bank (Sigourney branch) 112 N Main St, Sigourney</p> <p>Manor House Care Center 1212 S Stuart St, Sigourney</p>	<p>Deer View Manor 1200 S Stuart St, Sigourney</p> <p>Cassen's Mill 108 Ringgold St, Sigourney</p> <p>Sigourney Lumber 802 N. Lumber, Sigourney</p>
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Community CALENDAR

(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.

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Nov. 7th 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m
Windhorst Club Harper

Ladies Night Nov. 20th

4:00p.m - 8:00 p.m
Start at KCED Office. 112 E. Washington St. Sigourney.
First 100 Ladies will receive a tote bag of goodies

Sigourney American Legion Post #19

Meets 4:00 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
208 1st Ave E. Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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.
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
Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

Grief Share

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

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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He explained that the district receives approximately \$350,000 in Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) funds and \$350,000 in Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) funds each year. He stated that half of this goes towards maintenance and half is used for buses or new technology. Hatfield stated that, by the end of the year, 3/4 of that \$700,000 is used up, and that they would only be able to do one bathroom with that money.

Matt Gillaspie of investment bank Piper Sandler explained that most homes qualify for multiple tax credits, like the homestead tax credit, and that there are other tax credits for seniors, veterans and farmers available. He explained that agriculture land is taxed not based on market value, but rather based on its productivity, which is much lower. He estimated that the average farm would be taxed based on 10% of market value, coming out to around \$3.10 per acre per year. Gillaspie stated that, as property values go up, the \$2.70 tax rate could go down to compensate. Alternatively, the school board could continue to levy for \$2.70 and use that extra money to pay the debt off faster, meaning the levy would end in less than twenty years.

An attendee asked about something he'd heard about the Iowa Senate wanting to get rid of tax rollbacks. Gillaspie stated he didn't think that would happen, because the rollbacks are so ingrained and because the system works. He stated that the legislature dislikes rollbacks because they're confusing, not because they don't work. He stated that, if the rollbacks were removed, this would vastly change how property was assessed and double residential taxes, something that was absolutely unfair. He stated the legislators realized last session how much of an impact getting rid of rollbacks would have and that they would not get rid of it, but may put caps on levies.

An attendee asked Hatfield what the plan b was, if the referendum failed. Hatfield stated that they may have to deal with system failures, but would "bandaid" things the best they could. He stated they may have problems heating the school fully. Hatfield stated that they would do what they could out of PPEL and SAVE, but that they still needed those funds for maintenance and new buses. He stated he believed that, if the referendum failed, the public would bring it back a few years later. Hatfield stated that the difficult thing was that, if the referendum fails and passes a few years later, everything will cost 10% more and they will not be able to repair as much. Hatfield said that, if the referendum fails, they're just "kicking the can down the road."

An attendee asked what things they weren't planning to fix. Hatfield stated they were focussing on the biggest units and systems in the school. He stated that they were not planning to remodel classrooms, add more bathrooms, extend the gym, or add a new weight room, all ideas discussed during

community meetings. He stated that, even if they wanted to, they don't have a good enough electrical grid for all those updates. Hatfield stated that the plans didn't contain "frills" or "bells and whistles" and just focussed on basic systems, ADA compliance and security. He stated that he wasn't sure what they would cut if the bond referendum was pushed back a few years.

An attendee asked if the updates would affect class-time. Shifflett stated that the contractors wouldn't plan more than they could do over the summer. Board member Tim Brunns stated that the project would be done in phases, with little class interruption, and was still in the planning phase.

After Hatfield and Gillaspie's presentations, those attending the open house were given a tour of the school entrance, gym, boiler room, and a high school math classroom. While touring the classroom, Daryl Wood, who was a member of the community group earlier in the year, noted that the classroom had the same heating unit from when he graduated 44 years ago. Another attendee, Gary Iosbaker, stated that he was part of the first class that went through the high school and that the heater was the same as when he was a student. Wood stated that he'd seen space heaters warming classrooms when the community group took their tour earlier in the year, and that they had to do something, or otherwise would have to begin cancelling school in the winter.

"I'm like everyone else, I think I pay too much in property tax, but the bottom line is, if we don't do something, if this bond issue doesn't pass, and we don't make these improvements to the school, where's the school gonna be in five to ten years? Is it even going to be here?" said Wood.

"We've got to have this school, or we're not going to have a community," added Iosbaker.

"We went through that school, it was pretty new. Now it's our turn to help pay for the generations to come, to have a good school," Wood said.

Iosbaker stated that, if they wanted their homes to have any value in twenty years, then there would have to be a community around those homes, and that they won't have a community without the school. He noted that Keokuk County lost 30 people every year and stated they were running out of people. Hatfield noted that residential enrollment had gone down, with the district losing 100 kids in 18 years. However, he stated that school enrollment had begun going up in the last five years. He stated that they haven't recovered fully, but were getting more kids through open enrollment, because they know that Sigourney has good teachers, good buildings, and a public that loves the school.

"This is the premiere place to be, especially ten-fifteen years from now. This is where people are going to want to send their kids, and so we do have to take care of it. How we do it is up to the public," said Hatfield.

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MENUS

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Oct. 30th
Herbed Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Margarine, Green Beans w/Onions, Peaches, Wheat Roll.
Oct. 31st
Cheeseburger on Bun, Lettuce Leaf/Tomato Sl Mayo/Mustard, Sweet Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail.
Nov. 3rd
N/A
Nov. 4th
N/A
Nov. 5th
N/A

Pekin

Oct. 30th
Breakfast: WG French Toast, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Pizza, Green Beans, Romaine Salad, Cinnamon Apples, WG Chex Mix.
Oct. 31st
Breakfast: WG Long John, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Sloppy Brains, Baked Bugs, Severed Fingers, Eyeballs, Fruit, Ghost Sticks.
Nov. 3rd
Breakfast: French Toast, Yogurt Cup, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, WG Mexi Rice, Refried Beans, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Pears, Tropical Fruit.
Nov. 4th
Breakfast: WG Pop Tart, Go Gurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Pizza Pasta, Broccoli w/Cheese, Cucumbers, Pineapple, Orang Wedges, Bosco Stick.
Nov. 5th
Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Bacon Cheeseburger, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Raisels, Juice.

Keota

Oct. 30th
Breakfast: Donut, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Italian Pasta Bake, Green Pepper Strips, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Wheat Bread & Jelly, Sugar Cookie, Milk.
Oct. 31st
No School.
Nov. 3rd
Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Applesauce, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Soft Shell Taco, Romaine and Tomatoes, Corn, Apples, Chips and Salsa, Milk.
Nov. 4th
Breakfast: Mini-Cinni, Mix Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Sub, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slice, French Fries, Peaches, Milk.
Nov. 5th
Breakfast: Cereal, String Cheese, Apples, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Sweet Potato Puffs, Baked Beans, Orange, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

Tri-County

Oct. 30th
Breakfast: Pancake Bites.
Lunch: Wrapped Mummy Dog, Sweet Potato FF, Slimy Applesauce.
Oct. 31st
No School
Nov. 3rd
No School
Nov. 4th
Breakfast: Cereal.
Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Corn, Applesauce.
Nov. 5th
Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait.
Lunch: Hot Beef Sundae, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Peaches.

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Oct. 31st
Salmon Loaf, Creamed Potatoes & Peas, Jello w/Fruit.
Nov. 3rd
Ham & Beans, Corn Bread, 3 bean Salad, Pumpkin Bar.
Nov. 5th
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Scalloped Cabbage, Chocolate Pudding/Cake.

English Valleys

Oct. 30th
Breakfast: Colby Egg Omelet, Assorted Cereal w/Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs w/Focaccia Bread, Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Focaccia Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 31st
Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy and Sausage Patty, Assorted Cereal w/Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Noodle Bowl w/Italian Bread, Cheesy BBQ Beef on a Bun w/Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Pumpkin Spice Krispie Treat, Milk.
Nov. 3rd
N/A
Nov. 4th
N/A
Nov. 5th
N/A

ASK SOMEONE,
HOW CAN I HELP?

Sigourney

Oct. 30th
Breakfast: Colby Egg Omelet w/Muffin Square, Assorted Cereal w/Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs w/Focaccia Bread, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Sweet N Sour Salad w/Focaccia Bread, Garden Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn, Fruit, Milk.
Oct. 31st
No School.
Nov. 3rd
Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Bird Dog, Mozzarella Dunkers, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 4th
Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Cereal w/Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Super Nachos, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Nacho Munchable, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 5th
Breakfast: Breakfast Bowl w/ Toast w. Margarine, Assorted Cereal w/Toast w. Margarine. Waffles w/toppings, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/Hot Roll, Breaded Beef Fingers, Pizza Munchable, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.

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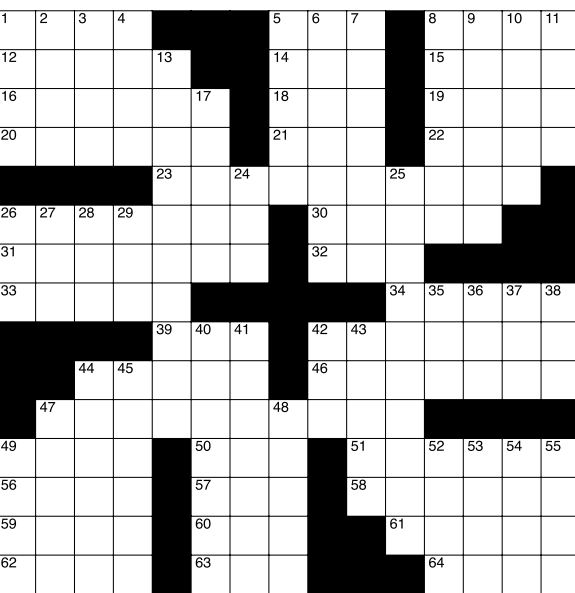
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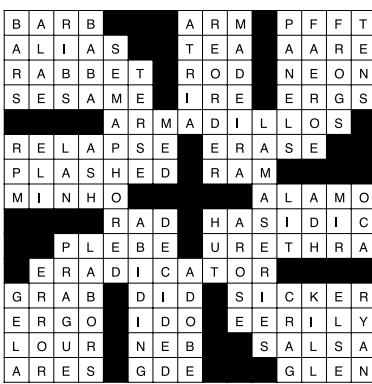
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1. El ____, Texas town
5. Rocker's tool
8. A lot
12. Traveling by ground
14. Spelling competition
15. Two-toed sloth
16. Small perfumed bag
18. "Much __ about nothing"
19. Tough-skinned mollusk
20. Removes from record
21. It warms the planet
22. Leafy green
23. Quality of arriving favorably
26. Living thing
30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
31. Got around a rule
32. Resin from burned substance
33. Iraq seaport
34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it
42. Samson's influencer
44. Italian city
46. A quality of lacking interest
47. Predatory tropical fishes
49. Nobel physician Isodor
50. Luck
51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
57. One point south of due east
58. It follows 79
59. Paper currency
60. Anger

61. Spanish seaport
62. Sleep in a rough place
63. Famous museum
64. Sels

CLUES DOWN
1. Bullfighting maneuver
2. From a distance
3. Soul and calypso song
4. Expressions of delight
5. Lower in esteem
6. Inner region of an organ
7. Flowers
8. A bog
9. Remove a fastening
10. Membranes
11. Enormous
13. One who abstains from drink
17. Malayan wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Rejecting all moral principles
26. Sino-Soviet block

27. Egyptian unit of weight
28. Wrong
29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location
36. Boxing's "GOAT"
37. Where wrestlers compete
38. Timid
40. Disney town
41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
42. Male parent
43. Remove for good
44. Simple shoes
45. Flowers
47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
48. Not pleased
49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
52. CIA officer and writer
53. Hoodlum
54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
55. Woolen rugs

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



WHAT'S POPPIN' WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AIR
- BAG
- BUCKET
- BUTTER
- CARAMEL
- CHEESE
- CORN
- CRUNCHY
- FLUFFY
- GARLAND
- HULL
- KERNEL
- KETTLE
- MICROWAVE
- MOVIE NIGHT
- OIL
- POPPING
- SALT
- SEASONING
- SNACK
- STOVETOP
- THEATER

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Floyd Bair and Airplane Crashes

By Casey James |
The News-Review

I've received a lot of excellent help in finding information for this column from the Keokuk County Historical Society in Sigourney. They have filing cabinets full of old newspaper articles, split by subject. A while back, I went there to look at their folder on What Cheer fires, which was used to write the previous three columns. Anyway, right behind the What Cheer Cheer Fires folder was one marked "PLANE CRASHES, DROWNINGS AND ACCIDENTS." It featured articles about electrocutions, farm accidents, and a cruise ship crash, which I might write about some other time, but what caught my eye was the articles on plane crashes. That's plane crashes plural; there's been more than one.

On April 26, 1947, Gibson farmer George McKay took high school senior Larry Williams, also of Gibson, on a recreational flight in a small, single-engine airplane. The plane was co-owned by McKay and two other farmers, Frank Axmeier and Bruce Shaull of Thornburg, who used it for

cropdusting. Robert Storey, a classmate of Williams who was set to take the next ride in the plane, said that he heard the engine miss as it flew by. Five minutes after take-off, the plane spun out and crashed into a pasture a quarter mile from McKay's farm. McKay and Williams were killed instantly. The plane bust into flames during the crash, forcing investigators to identify bodies by their seating positions and jewelry. When McKay's body was removed, his charred hand was still tightly gripping the center stick.

On March 23, 1950, Captain Paul McPherson of Sigourney died during a routine flight in Tuscon, after the plane caught fire mid-air. Only two members of the flight's fourteen member crew were able to parachute to safety.

On May 23, 1950, Ensign William Shaver of Sigourney, then a navy pilot stationed in the Pacific, flew a dentist and his assistants out to the Maleolap Atoll in the Marshal islands. As he took off to fly back to base, the left wing float of his plane dug into the water, causing the plane to bounce, ripping a hole in its hull which quickly

filled with water. Shaver, his eleven crew members and six passengers, all made it into a rubber life raft without injury. They were picked up by Marshallese fishermen, who took care of them for a few days before they were picked up by a patrol boat. In a letter to his parents, published in the Sigourney Review, Shaver stated that, when he flew over the island to drop instructions to the salvage ship, he would also drop cigarettes as a thank you to the Marshallese.

On March 22, 2003, training flight crashed at the White Pigeon Airport near North English. The instructor, Chaplain Major Christie Battle of Des Moines, was killed, while the pilot, Oskaloosa High School librarian and Civil Air Patrol volunteer Lieutenant James Johnson, survived.

On Nov. 17, 1942, an Army airplane crashed into the side of Baldy Mountain in New Mexico during a training flight. The plane's rear gunner, Sergeant Peter Michel of Sigourney, survived the crash, as did all but one member of the crew. The crew was marooned in the mountains for 50 hours before being rescued.

bomber crashed near Delta during a routine flight, after clipping tree-tops and crashing into the Skunk River, which was dry at the time. His plane dug 15 feet into the mud, then exploded.

Of the 47 Keokuk County men who died in World War II, seven died in plane crashes. These men include Floyd Bair, Donald Robison and Harold Kelson of South English, Raymond Callister and George Dupuis of Keota, Daryl Glandon of Sigourney, and Hubert Ruggles of Hedrick. Notably, none of these plane deaths occurred during combat; all seven of these men died on American soil, during travel or training flights.

What sets the death of Lieutenant Floyd Bair apart from the others is how close to home it happened. Bair was a member of the Army Air Forces, stationed in South Carolina at the time. On Oct. 31, 1943, Bair and five other men took a training flight, which passed over Bair's family's farm, right outside of Thornburg. Bair wrote his family in advance; when the plane flew low, over the farm, they rushed out, and watched as he waved and gave a "V for Victory" sign from the plane. They also watched as, when the plane attempted to pull up, it collided with a pine tree in their front yard. The tree ripped off part of the plane's tail, causing it to crash two miles away, on the Tish farm, and burst into flames. Bair wasn't piloting at the time of the crash. He and his crewmates (Roy Schott, Robert Miller, Robert Love, William Weaver and Robert Craig) were all killed in their crash. Their bodies were identified from their dog tags.



The Gibson crash

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DELTA
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

Religious-Ed Sundays 9:30-10:45am

United Church of Faith
 201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
 Keota, IA 52248
 (641) 636-3825
 keotaucf@cloudburst9.net
 www.keotaucf.org
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

KESWICK
Keswick and Webster UMC
 Pastor Brandt 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)
 Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)
 G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)
 PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

Union Mills Christian Church
 Pastor Josh Martin
 1405 Parkin Ave, New Sharon, IA 50207
 641-637-2339
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:35 a.m.

NORTH ENGLISH
St. Joseph's
 221 N Knollridge St.
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
 319-664-3325
 Mass Time: Saturdays 5:00pm (Nov through Feb: 4:00pm)
 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

OLLIE
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
 Ollie Pastor Tom Grove
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship
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Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church
 Pastor: Steven Lamb
 641-667-2502
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 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship,
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 10:30 a.m. Worship

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

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

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 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 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.

The Bethel Church
 Pastor Nick Needham
 319-329-6070

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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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 29252 137th St., South English
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 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.
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 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

Meet the Candidates: Nathan Greiner

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – Nathan Greiner is running for the Keota School Board. Greiner told the News-Review that he feels it's his time to give back to the community by serving. "My main goal would just to be to make sure the future looks bright for Keota schools," said Greiner.

Greiner stated that Keota is currently facing challenges with retaining students due to many families open enrolling out of the district. He stated that he wanted to bring people back or find out why they're leaving and what they can change to keep them here. He noted that this will be a community-wide effort to keep people going to Keota. He stated that he was excited about the planned daycare,

calling it a step in the right direction that he thinks will make a big difference, and saying he hoped it would be successful.

Greiner is a lifelong Keota resident who works on his family farm. He serves on the state-level Iowa Simmental Board and the Iowa Propane and Gas Association Board. He believes this experience will help him on the Keota board and stated that he will bring outside-the-box thinking. Greiner has four children who attend the school; one in seventh grade, one in fifth, one in first, and one pre-k.

"My kids are going to be here, I want to make sure they graduate Keota. Me and my wife both graduated Keota, so I want to make sure that we do everything we can to keep that going," said Greiner.

Meet the Candidates: Jordan Alspach

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – Jordan Alspach is running for the At Large seat on the Sigourney City Council. Alspach grew up in Sigourney and told the News-Review that he had seen the town change recently, in a big part due to no longer having a city police force. He stated that there were problems with children riding scooters and four-wheelers and that he wanted to make things safer around town.

"I just want some structure. I want people to feel safe. I've had several instances where kids have pulled out in front of me, or, a couple weeks ago there was kids riding four wheelers up on the square and the park, but there's nothing, we don't have anyone really to call other than the county.

We have no one patrolling," Alspach said.

Alspach stated he thinks more law enforcement presence will cut down on the number of homeless people sleeping at that's one of my biggest things, is making sure the kids are safe to go to the park and don't have to worry about kids getting hurt," said Alspach.

"I do have five younger kids, so I'm definitely looking at kids safety. That's one of my biggest things, is making sure the kids are safe to go to the park and don't have to worry about kids getting hurt," said Alspach.

Meet the Candidates: J.D. Olinger

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

HEDRICK – J.D. Olinger is running for the Hedrick City Council. He stated that, as an already involved citizen, he would make a great candidate for the council. Olinger stated that the city has a set of goals already aligned to improve the town and that he wants to support the council in executing these goals. He also stated he would like to enforce city ordinances to clean up some of the eyesore and dilapidated properties.

Olinger moved to Hedrick in 2005 and stated that, shortly after arriving, he was welcomed by a few families that have grown to be some of the best people he's ever knows. He was a member of the fire department for several years and still volunteers in city events and festivities. Olinger stated that Hedrick is missing the community involvement it used to have and that volunteers are now nonexistent. "I've lived here 20 years now and we are not going anywhere," Olinger wrote in an email to the News-Review. "I'm reminded every

day when I return from work when I look at our sign and see the slogan "Where friends meet" and reminds me of when I came to the city and how the people were then and like to make it that way again."

Olinger is also a member of the Pekin School Board, appointed earlier this year to fill a vacancy, and is running for a full term. He stated that, after being on the board for part of a year, he knows that he has a lot of things to learn to be a real benefit, but is catching on, asking questions, and learning things he didn't know he cared about. He stated that he wants to try to ask the right questions to help the board as a whole make the right decisions for students, parents and staff.

"We have struggled with teacher, staff, student and administrator retention for a while now and with the people we have in all the positions now I firmly believe that we are headed in the right direction with all the right people to make Pekin a desired place to be by all in the near future," said Olinger.

Meet the Candidates: Sandra Van Patten

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

WHAT CHEER – Sandra Van Patten is running for reelection to the What Cheer City Council. Van Patten, a current member of the coun-

cil, has been a member of the city council several different times over the years.

"I have lived in What Cheer

VAN PATTEN
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Pekin Receives 270 Acres of Farmland

The Pekin Board of Directors is honored to announce a tremendous gift to the district: 270 acres of farmland bequeathed by the late Roland L. McCreery. A long-time neighbor and steward of the land surrounding the old Navy Runway, Mr. McCreery generously left the property to the district in his will, ensuring his legacy will continue to enrich the lives of Pekin

students for generations to come.

This extraordinary gift will have a lasting impact on the district's educational programs, particularly the FFA (Future Farmers of America) program and the Scholarship Program available to all graduating seniors. In tribute to Mr. McCreery's generosity and lifelong connection to the community, the district

will establish the Roland L. McCreery Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually during the May Awards Assembly.

The Pekin Board of Directors officially accepted the gift at its October 13th board meeting. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. McCreery and his family for their enduring contribution to our students and our future.

Iowa state revenue fell 8.1% in fiscal year 2025, nonpartisan agency report finds

By Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch
The state of Iowa's general fund revenue for fiscal year 2025 is roughly \$200 million less than predicted when state lawmakers were moving forward with the budget, according to a Legislative Services Agency report.

The nonpartisan LSA document found the state collected \$8.8 billion in the fiscal year covering July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This is a drop of \$780 million in revenue compared to the state's \$9.6 billion revenue in FY 2024 – an 8.1% decrease.

Part of this funding decrease was expected, as Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a law in 2024 speeding up previously approved income tax cuts. When state legislators reconvened for the 2025 legislative session, Republican leaders said they were expecting to draw from the \$3.75 billion Taxpayer Relief Fund, as well as the state's \$2 billion budget surplus and \$961 in reserve accounts to make up for the expected shortfall caused by the tax cuts.

The Revenue Estimating Conference predicted in March that Iowa would see a revenue of \$9.020 billion in FY 2025, excluding lottery and other transfers. The updated total from the LSA is \$198 million below that prediction.

State Auditor Rob Sand, who is running for Iowa governor, said in a statement the LSA report shows Iowa Republicans' "irresponsible budgeting practices" have led to a predicted financial crisis. "I warned of a fiscal time

bomb back in May, and now we are seeing it detonate before our very eyes," Sand said in a statement. "The decline in state revenues is even worse than anticipated, raising serious concerns about funding for services that Iowa's families and communities depend on."

He and other Democrats have criticized both the move to a single 3.8% income tax rate, as well as the state's Education Savings Account program awarding public funding for private school tuition and associated costs.

Democrats have warned these GOP-backed initiatives will cause major issues as the state draws from its reserves. According to the LSA, the state's Taxpayer Relief Fund contains \$3.6 billion and the state retains a \$1.6 billion surplus as of July.

Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, said in a statement earlier in October that the LSA's report shows "the governor's five-year projections are looking pretty rosy compared to the state's fiscal reality." Earlier in 2025, Petersen had made a Freedom of Information Act request to the Iowa Department of Management requesting the release of the administration's five-year financial plan, which showed the intention to transfer money from the Taxpayer Relief Fund from FY 2026 through 2030.

"Republican lawmakers planned to spend more than we take in for at least the next five years," Petersen said. "Our reserves won't last forever. Just how much, or for

how long, are they willing to deplete our reserves to cover their budget malpractice?"

In addition to the confirmed lower revenue in FY 2025, the state is expected to bring in less money in future years. This is not only because of state tax law changes – Reynolds said in September some of the individual and corporate income tax law changes approved through the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" will also result in a \$437.5 million decrease for Iowa's general fund revenues in fiscal year 2026, according to initial Iowa Department of Revenue projections. Struggles in the agricultural economy are also expected to have a negative impact on Iowa's economy.

But in a social media post after the LSA report was released, Reynolds highlighted the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis report on GDP growth data, which found Iowa's GDP grew by 3.7% in the second quarter of 2025, "ranking Iowa in the top 20" in the country.

"With \$20B of new capital investment in the last 18 months, we're continuing to drive growth and diversification for Iowa's economy," Reynolds wrote.

The REC is next scheduled to meet Oct. 16 at the Iowa State Capitol.

Read more from Robin Opsahl online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Endowment Awards Two Different \$25,000 Grants

Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation (KCCCEF) is excited to announce that there are two \$25,000.00 major grant winners! Awards will be given to: Keokuk County Childcare Network (KCCN) for startup needs and the City of Richland

for new ballfield upgrades! KCCCEF board unanimously agreed that both organizations were deserving with their presentations and both projects will make a huge impact within Keokuk County! Congratulations!

KCCCEF is an organization that is committed to

improving the quality of life throughout Keokuk County by investing in nonprofit organizations through our grant programs and providing individuals, businesses, and families who love our communities with a way to give back through philanthropy. www.kcendow.org



The annual Hayesville Bonfire was held on Oct. 18



The Ollie Baptist Church held its third annual God's Portion Sale on Oct. 11.



The Sigourney Volunteer Fire Department held a fundraising breakfast on Oct. 19.



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Poem for a Fall Day

By Sheryl L. Carter
Canada Geese
 Flying high overhead, like dots they pockmark the sky,
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 While out vast and loud from the flock,
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 Each one is a masterpiece of bird creation lore,
 Fashioned with taupe and gray, black and white feathers more.

The grace of head, long neck that flows into trim oval design,
 Feet tucked back within the folds of purposeful flight sublime.
 They sway and meld, and soar and glide, changing all the time,
 Intent upon their pursuit of food and drink in some pastoral clime.
 If this fair wonder of joy to behold should happen to

occur
 Close by where human eye can see and fly right over them,
 Then human heart rises and falls with every wing beat observed.
 And human soul wishes they, too, could also be unfurled,
 Up in God's vast and far-flung sky, completely free at home,
 Amidst pearled-gray loveli-

ness constantly to roam.
 Wide wings out swept, long necks stretched out, soaring, magnificent unhindered.
 But human creatures are bound below, no wings do join their members
 But as brave beauty flies overhead, so close could almost touch them,
 A tear is caught within the eye, as earthbound souls fly with them.

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service would need approve from the board to have a vote on a levy. Supervisor Daryl Wood stated that they would need to give a presentation on what the tax dollars would be used for.
 Hadley stated that a lot of rural hospitals are getting rid of their emergency rooms and stated he'd hate to lose the service we have. Zehr stated that the ambulance service has 19 employees, but

struggles to attract new hires, because they are the lowest paying service in the area. Wood stated it would take time to promote the levy to the public. Bates called it an uphill battle, noting that it was hard to get the county to approve Local Option Sales Tax. Wood stated that no one wants to raise taxes, but that he wants the ambulance to respond when he calls.
 Also at the Monday meet-

ing, Wood stated that the 10-15 transit service, which takes people to doctor appointments in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, was having issues, due to one of the private medical providers offering Lyft rides to their office, but not back. Wood explained this had resulted in people ending up stranded at the VA and calling to ask 10-15 to take them home. He also stated the provider was bad

about giving appointment times in time for the bus service to schedule its route.
 County Engineer Andy McGuire gave a report on the highway department's roadside herbicide use. He noted that they had sprayed every mile of pavement this year and were spraying less chemicals, but getting more coverage. He stated their goal was more targeted spraying.

Aerial Applicator Continuing Instruction Course is November 5

SIGOURNEY – The Aerial Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators is on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. The program is provided by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).
 The course will fulfill 2025 continuing instruction re-

quirements for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 11. Some of the topics covered will include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management and pesticides.
 The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office 400 220th Ave Suite

A. Sigourney, IA 52591. Pre-registration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the ISU Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office at 641-622-2680 or ebelvel@iastate.edu.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program.
 Interested participants should bring their CCA number.
 Additional information for this and other courses offered by the PSEP can be accessed at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/>.

In Memory of Myron Hammes

By Levi Lyle, Keokuk County Childcare Network
 Not long ago, the Keota Child Care Initiative received a call that left a lasting impact on all of us involved. It was from a man named Myron Hammes—someone many in the area may not have heard from in years,

but whose roots in Keota run deep. Though he now lives in Arizona, Myron grew up right here in the Harper-Keota area, and his voice carried the unmistakable tone of someone who hadn't forgotten where he came from.
 He had heard about our effort to raise seed funds to

establish a licensed childcare center in Keota—a vital need for working families in our rural community. Myron wanted to support the cause. But as we spoke, he also shared part of his story, one that left me humbled and moved.
 As a child, Myron endured unimaginable loss. His eight siblings were killed in a car accident, and not long after his birth, his mother passed away. His father died in 1972 and from that point he was raised by his aunt, Viola Conklin. She lived in Harper and Myron graduated from Keota with the class of '76. Through all the hardship, the town of Keota left a lasting imprint on him—a sense of care, resilience, and community that never left his heart. Despite the pain of his childhood, Myron spoke of Keota not with bitterness, but with care, and a kind of reverence for the people and place that shaped him.
 He told me he want-

ed to give back—not just as a donor, but as someone who understands, perhaps more than most, how much children need safety, care, and community in their earliest years. His contribution was more than financial—it was personal. A way of helping ensure that no child in Keota is ever without the support they need to grow, heal, and thrive.
 I can't fully express the gratitude I feel for Myron Hammes. His generosity is a reminder that this work we're doing is felt and supported well beyond our community. People like Myron are the reason this initiative will succeed—because they believe in the power of community, even from miles away, and because they understand just how much a single act of kindness can change a life.
 We are building this childcare center brick by brick, heart by heart. Myron's story shows us why it matters. And as we continue to raise the funds and support needed to bring this vision to life, I hope others will follow his lead. Keota's children deserve a future full of hope—and it will take all of us to make that future possible.



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MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins
 Sunday, October 26, 2025...I almost forgot to sit down and do this. Sure wish I could figure out a solution to my word processing situation. When I find time I will figure something out. Another week gone and here we are almost in November! Time continues to be busy, but our construction project sure needs to step up the pace. Everything needs to happen in steps and one thing that has to be completed before moving on to the next.
 Today we drove south to Monroe County to celebrate grandson Bryce's 23rd and Greg's sister Karen's birthday 25 as well. Alicia hosted with Jordan smoking pork chops – perfect! Avery, age two, provided the entertainment and enjoyed the cows and

seeing the train pass, something kids don't see a lot of anymore.
 I spent Thursday in Keota with the gals at Fiddle Dee Dee, "sitting and stitching." Oh, I am so glad to have found this group!
 We moved some iris last week and if anyone is interested in ryzones, let me know. I can't tell you exactly what the colors may be, but they are all beautiful!
 I think this will be short as I am tired, and thoughts are not coming. I am looking forward to the next Sixty Plus and am working on something relating to our local veterans. Please join us on the First Tuesday of the month for our co-op lunch and fellowship at the Fremont Community Church in Fremont.

Meet the Candidates: Rick Shafranek

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
WHAT CHEER – Rick Shafranek is running for reelection to the What Cheer City Council. Shafranek, a retired carpenter, has been on the council for three years.
 "I grew up basically around here. I attended English Valley High School. I went to the service, then moved around a bit from 1980 to about 2015. I guess I'd seen all I needed to see and came home in 2015," said Shafranek.
 Shafranek stated that What Cheer was a little town, no different from any other, and faced the same problems. He stated that he wanted to see the streets get repaved and get the city infrastructure in better shape. He stated that the sewer and water systems were dated and needed to be addressed.
 "One of What Cheer's biggest problems is, like other small towns, it's slowly dy-

ing, because it's a bedroom community. It's been a bedroom community for Sigourney and Oskaloosa both for years. When Sigourney lost Boise Cascade, that really hurt What Cheer. We lost the pottery, the mines closed, so Boise Cascade came to Sigourney and that kinda bred life back into the town for a long time, but now that's gone. There's no industry really close by to support it," said Shafranek.
 Shafranek stated that, if the city got a different council who wanted to see changes made, that would help the town move forward in a progressive manner, instead of trying to kill or maintain the town. He stated that there were a lot of things they could do to make the town more attractive and make industry think of coming to the town. He stated he wanted to redo streets, water and sewers, because no industry would look at the town right now.

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my entire life. It's something I feel pretty strong about, and so, when the time would arise, and there wasn't enough people to run, then I would run, but life gets busy and then I didn't run, then I'd be back on the council again," said Van Patten.
 Van Patten stated that she and the current council had taken down several abandoned houses in recent years and that she would like to take down more abandoned houses in the future, as finances allow. She stated that all small towns face challenges with never having enough money to do what they want to do. Van Patten stated that residents don't always understand that the city has to work within specific parameters for money it receives, for example only being able to use

road money to repair roads. She noted that What Cheer has no large debt, something rare for small towns, having paid off the debt the city took to install new water lines two years ago. Van Patten stated that, since then, they have been able to work within a budget without borrowing money.
 "What Cheer is a nice place to live, said Van Patten. "We have a lot of things going on in our town right now. We have a new home being built, a couple of large buildings going up, and there's several people doing complete remodels of houses, and so I think if we can continue to make our town look as good as we can, and try to have a positive view about things, I think we can improve it even more."

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Panthers take down Earlam in first round of the playoffs

By Scott Jackson |
Ottumwa Courier

PACKWOOD — It didn't long for the to deliver the first blow.

Right from the opening kickoff, the Pekin Panthers set the tone for the first game of the Class A state football playoffs. Gabe Lockner had the ball jarred loose on a huge hit by Pekin's kickoff return team, leading to the first of Earlam's five turnovers on Friday night at Tom Stone Field.

Just two plays later, Pekin landed another haymaker, this time coming from their senior running back. Nolan Glick broke a pair of tackles rushing to the left and broke away from the rest of the Cardinal defense, dashing in for a 32-yard touchdown run that gave the ninth-ranked Panthers a lead they would never give up dominating on both sides of the ball in a 42-7 win over Earlam on Friday night.

"After that first hit that took (Lockner) out of the game, I think they realized we weren't here to play around," Glick said after rushing for 145 yards and four touchdowns. "I was running mad. I just felt like every time I carried the ball, I had to get in the end zone."

Pekin, back home for the first time since surviving a scare in overtime against North Mahaska three weeks earlier, improved to 9-0 on the season earning at least one more home game this season. That home game will be this Friday night as the Panthers will take on eighth-ranked North Linn (8-1) with the winner facing either top-

ranked Saint Ansgar (9-0) or West Fork in the state football quarterfinals on Nov. 7.

"I feel like we've been disrespected. We've seen in some statewide rankings where the 27th-ranked team in the state," Glick said. "There's nothing we can do about it except to keep working harder every week and to keep it going."

Pekin's physical play resulted in Earlam being held to just 24 total yards gained and a 110-23 advantage in total rushing yards in the first half. Besides the ground attack paced by Glick, Riley Smith also completed seven of his 11 pass attempts for 111 yards including a 34-yard swing pass to Aljah Brock that capped Pekin's second drive of the game with a second touchdown, lifting the Panthers to a 14-0 lead.

"They're a confident group and they stick together," Pekin head football coach Klynt Weber said. "We found that out at the end of the regular season. We pulled out games in which we were probably beaten twice, but the the guys are relentless. They've got the attitude to never quit and we've found ways to make it happen."

"All I ask every day are three things. Get one percent better, have energy and don't have any excuses. This group doesn't make excuses. They battle 48 minutes a night."

Smith scored on an 11-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter, capping Pekin's third straight scoring drive, before connecting with Glick on a 25-yard pass that set up Glick's six-yard touch-

down run with just over four minutes left in the first half giving the Panthers a 28-0 lead.

Landon Crow made sure Earlam never got any momentum going on in the first half, picking off a pass that led to Glick's second touchdown run before recovering a fumble late in the half to protect Pekin's lead after Earlam recovered a fumble in Panther territory.

"We moved things around defensively and it kind of worked out," Crow said. "I'm usually at safety, but I was bumped up into the box and was able to make things happen."

Josh Winey's nine-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter capped a 13-play scoring drive that put Earlam on the board, cutting Pekin's lead to 28-7. The Panthers responded by driving back down the field twice more in the final period culminating with two more touchdown runs by Glick to close out the contest.

Besides carrying the ball 28 times for 145 yards and four touchdowns, Glick also made a pair of catches for 34 yards and recovered an onside kick attempt by Earlam in the second half. The night could have turned out much differently, however, if Glick had not replaced a pivotal piece of playing equipment.

"I'm glad I got some new gloves," Glick said with a smile. "My old gloves were falling apart. Those new gloves saved me. If I hadn't had those, there's no way I would have been able to hold on to that ball."



Members of the English Valleys girls cross country team pose with their state qualifying banner after finishing second at the State qualifier meet held in Ottumwa on Oct. 23. It is the second-straight year the English Valleys girls team has qualified for the State meet.

Glosser wins district meet, EV girls qualify for second-straight State meet

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

OTTUMWA - A little bit of a slow start wasn't going to hold her back.

Especially since she knew the course as well as she did.

That's why the slow start by Pekin senior Chloe Glosser didn't worry her on Thursday afternoon at the class 1A State qualifier meet held in Ottumwa.

"I wasn't able to get an amazing start to the race," Glosser said. "That seems to be kind of a theme at this course."

Glosser took her time finding her footing, especially in the uphill portion that dominates the first half of the Wildwood Park cross country course. Once she was able to get her footing, the senior charged up to the front, where she would stay for the rest of the race.

"I have really been struggling with the upsills the last couple of weeks," Glosser said. "I knew I just had to power through those and then use the momentum from the hills for the downhills. I was able to take the lead, and I knew that the second place runner was right there and ready to take the lead if I let her."

Throughout the course Glosser was able to keep her pace, and eventually pull away from the rest of the field. The second lap seemed to be an easier one for the senior as she was able to stride away for a winning time of 18:46.4 to win the meet and stamp her ticket to the State cross country meet. She won the State qualifier meet by just over 12 seconds.

"I felt smooth and like my stride was working really good for me," Glosser said.

"I felt good after I passed the finish line during the first lap. I was able to build my lead and use the momentum I built up for the second lap."

After finishing third last season at the State meet, Glosser, who is ranked third in class 1A could enter the State meet with a lot of high expectations. However, the senior is just trying to enjoy her final high school cross country runs.

"I don't have any strong expectations for next week," Glosser said. "I don't want to put too much pressure on myself. I am confident with my training and my placing. I am also confident in God's plan for me."

Glosser wasn't the only athlete that had success at the district meet in Ottumwa on Thursday.

English Valleys runner Anna Luers would run to a 10th place finish in the race, finishing with a time of 21:01.7. That qualified her for the State meet as well. However, she would later learn that the rest of her team was going to join her at the State meet.

Overall the English Valleys girls cross country team finished with a team score of 68, which placed them second, just behind Martensdale-St. Mary's with 43 points.

With the second-place finish the Bears were able to qualify to the State meet.

"It is very exciting for us. We are looking forward to competing at State once again," said English Valleys cross country coach Luke Caster. "Hopefully the girls have a little bit more experience under their belts. Last year we were mostly just freshmen and sophomores. I think the experience from last year should

make this year better. I just hope we do a good job, and preform well."

Last season the English Valleys girls team placed fifth at the State meet, just three points away from third.

"All year we've just been a team that runs as a cluster together," Caster explained. "We did what we needed to do to qualify."

Addison Achenbach would finish 16th overall in the race with a time of 22 minutes. Kaylynn Caster was able to finish 19th with a time of 22:37. In 22nd place was Aubrey Achenbach. Kailor Lown finished 23rd with a time of 22:53. Kaylee Frazier was 32nd overall.

"We have worked hard all summer and put in a lot of miles throughout the season," Coach Caster said. "We are starting to see all the benefits from the miles we put in. Success starts to breed success and we are seeing that."

Sigourney did not qualify anyone to the State meet. Leading the way was Addison Yates who finished 11th, with a time of 21:14. Ellie Yates was 14th overall with a time of 21:36. Brynn Clarahan was 26th. In 40th was Cloee Wilson and Kia Montgomery finished 60th.

The Sigourney girls finished fifth overall.

Pekin's team was 6th overall. Abby Guise was 21st overall. Maddy Petrehn was 34th. Hailey Pedrick was able to finish in 44th. Callie Deuschle was 46th. In 48th was Bree Earnest, Harper Guise finished 53rd.

The State meet will take place Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge with the girls race starting at 2 p.m.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Lane Fariss (1176) leads a big pack of runners during the early stages of the State qualifying cross country meet held Oct. 23 in Ottumwa.

Pekin boys, Klett, Frazier stamp tickets to State

Cole Millikin wins
State qualifier race

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

OTTUMWA - When it came time to prove what they could do, five of the local runners proved just how fast they were.

Although all of their journeys to the top of the standings were just a little bit different.

Cole Millikin, the senior for Pekin had one of the easier paths to the front. Early on Millikin joined teammate Lane Fariss at the lead of the pack. After the first lap Fariss started to fade and Millikin easily passed his teammate. Once he was out front Millikin never looked back.

The senior would continue to lead the rest of the race, eventually winning with a time of 16:47.8.

Just behind Millikin wasn't a teammate, but rather another local runner who was trying to make a statement.

Sigourney senior Troy Klett was trying to chase down Millikin, but the lead that Millikin had was just too much.

"I let Cole get out a little bit too far during the second mile, there, and I wasn't able to catch him for the rest of the race," Klett said. "I know I need to hang on for the second mile a little bit when it comes to the race next Saturday."

In order to finish second Klett was able to use his big strength to get past a few Pekin runners that had formed at the top of the pack.

The Wildwood Park cross country course is one that features a big uphill portion to start the race, before descend-

ing into the rest of the course. Klett, who is more of a downhill runner, was able to use the downhill portion of the race to get into position.

"I made up a lot of ground on the downhill portions of the race," Klett said. "I've always felt that I am really good on the downhills. That's where I made up most of my ground."

Klett finished second with a time of 17:13, which qualifies him to his second-straight State cross country meet. Klett finished 78th at the State meet last season.

Three other local runners would finish in the top-10 on Thursday. Lane Fariss would fade to fifth overall in the race with a time of 17:29.6. Teammate Mason Dahlstrom finished sixth with a time of 17:39. Those times qualified both of them to the State meet.

Dahlstrom ran at the State meet last year, finishing in 83rd.

English Valleys sophomore Isaac Fraizer would finish eighth overall with a time of 17:46.3, which qualified him to a second-straight State meet as well.

"I'd like to see him improve from last year," English Valleys coach, Luke Caster said about Fraizer. "Going to the State meet as a freshman is



Pekin senior Cole Millikin runs towards the finish line during the State qualifier meet held in Ottumwa on Oct. 23. Millikin won the meet to stamp his ticket to the State meet.

not an easy thing to do. Now that he has that experience under his belt, I think he has continued to press and work hard, and I think it will all pay off next week when we run at Fort Dodge."

As a freshman Frazier finished 90th at the State meet last year.

The Pekin boys team finished with 69 total points, and second overall in the team standings, which qualifies their whole team to the State meet.

Landon Fariss finished 28th overall with a time of 19:38. Brody Sobaski was 31st overall with a time of 19:56. Clayton Harvey was 36th and Hayden Miller was 78th overall.

The class 1A State boys cross country race will begin at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge.

Photos by Mark Schafer

Eagles soar past Bears, fall in second round

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

KEOTA - Last Monday there was nothing, but smiles to be had.

That's what happens when a volleyball team wins their first post season match in over two years.

The Eagles were able to start off the class 1A regional tournament with a 3-1 win over English Valleys last Monday. It was the first time that the Eagles had won a first round tournament game since 2023, but it was their first comfortable first round win since 2019 when the Eagles swept Tri-County in the first round.

"We are so extremely proud of the team, and the season that they have had," said Keota co-head coach Shannon Greiner. "We are just so proud of the team. We started the season a little slow, and especially the conference play a little slow too."

Even in their 3-1 win over English Valleys the slow start crept in a little bit for the Eagles.

Early on it seemed like Keota might fly away with the win, as they built an 18-9 lead in the opening set. English Valleys would eventually go on a run and bring the score 23-22 before the Eagles soared back to win the final two points and get the win.

However, things seemed to fall apart in the second set. Keota took a slight lead to start the set, but then English Valleys would score 15 of the next 17 points to take a 15-3 lead.

The Eagles fought back and closed the score 21-15 late in the second set, but the Eagles still had plenty of fight in them. Despite going down 24-

15, Keota scored the next four points to close within 24-19. Any shots of making a comeback in the set were dashed as a tipped ball fell out of bounds and gave the set point to the Bears.

The second set, 25-19 setback, seemed to inspire the Eagles.

"Sometimes we just seem to put on bricks for shoes in between sets," Keota co-head coach Jillian Redlinger said. "Sometimes we just get very sluggish and hesitant. If we don't get into a flow we are just off on everything. I think a lot of that second set we played with a lot of hesitation like we were expecting someone else to make the play."

The Eagles fell down 5-3 in the start of the third set, then they seemed to wake up. They immediately tied the set at five, and then scored the next seven points to take a 12-5 lead. The rest of the way English Valleys seemed to be the one wearing the cement shoes.

"Addy Purkeypyle told us and the team that she didn't want her last volleyball game at home to be a defeat," Greiner said.

"So the girls really took the mistakes of the second set to heart, and that set us on the path to finish out the rest of the match."

Keota won the third set 25-13, as they looked like a completely different team than the one that played in the second set.

In the fourth set the Eagles fell behind early, but two long service runs helped the Eagles secure a 12-5 lead. They would use that momentum to gain an eventual 25-17 win, and move onto the next round of the class 1A regional tournament.

For English Valleys their season ended with an 11-15 overall record.

Keota advanced to play Cedar Ridge Christian on Oct. 22. There, the Eagles were swept 3-0, which ended their season.

Cedar Ridge Christian won the first set 25-11. The second set ended 25-6. In the third set Cedar Ridge Christian won 25-12.

Overall the Eagles finished the season with a record of 11-10.



Keota's Jaylah Redlinger (3) challenges English Valleys Anna Gorsh (left) for a ball at the net during an Oct. 20 match played in Keota. Redlinger would eventually win the point for Keota. Photo by Mark Schafer

Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Cole Millikin

Home course advantage proved to be the biggest advantage for him.

Thursday, at the State qualifier cross country meet held in Ottumwa, Pekin's Cole Millikin was able to use his senior knowledge to excel at Wildwood Park.

Millikin didn't take the lead until after the first mile of the course was done, but once he took the lead, there was no stopping the Pekin senior. Millikin extended his lead throughout the second lap of the race and was even-

tually able to cross the finish line with a winning time of 16 minutes 47 seconds. That was more than 23 seconds ahead of the next closest finisher, Troy Klett of Sigourney.

Millikin's win not only automatically qualified him for the State cross country meet, his first place finish helped his team qualify for the State cross country meet as well.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Millikin on being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



Blake Baker

He scored the first touchdown of the game, and that was just the start of everything for the sophomore.

Friday night Blake Baker, as well as the rest of the Sigourney-Keota team, were able to win their first round playoff game. One of the main reasons why the Cobras are advancing to the second round of the playoffs is because of Baker.

Offensively Baker scored two touchdowns, and led the

Cobras with 125 total yards rushing, averaging 9.6 yards per carry.

Baker wasn't just strong on offense either. Defensively the sophomore finished with 3.5 total tackles in the game with a sack. Baker also had an interception that he returned for nine yards.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Baker on his outstanding week of play, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



Sigourney, Pekin fall in regional first round games

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

EDDYVILLE - Going up against the defending State runners-up there wasn't much room for mistakes.

Although the Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont team that played Sigourney is vastly different than the EBF team that finished second in 2024, Sigourney still entered the match last Monday wanting to play well.

Although the Savages did play well throughout the match, EBF was able to take a 3-1 victory.

The Rockets won the first set 25-19, but Sigourney answered in the second set with a 25-23 win. Both teams continued to pile on the scoring in the third set. Eventually, EBF was able to take a 25-21 victory to take a 2-1 match lead.

The fourth set was close with both teams pressing each other, but EBF was able to win 27-25 to continue their season.

Sigourney finished the

season 12-10 overall.

Panthers fall in four WINFIELD - They had their chances in every set, but the ball just didn't seem to roll their way.

In the opening round of the class 1A region 2 tournament the Pekin Panthers fell to Southeast Iowa Super Conference foe, Winfield-Mt. Union, 3-1.

The Wolves started off the match with a 25-20 victory in the first set. Pekin powered back and seemed to take control of the match with a second set, 25-16 victory.

Both teams battled each other throughout the third set before Winfield-Mt. Union would grab a 25-22 victory. In the fourth set both teams seemed to struggle to pull away from each other, but eventually the Wolves were able to grab a second-straight 25-22 victory. That ended the match, and the Pekin season.

Overall the Panthers finished 12-15 on the year.

Cobras close road on I-35, prepare for Beckman Catholic in the next round

Sigourney-Keota starts playoffs with 45-0 win

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - It wasn't the scoring pace that won them the game, instead, it was the often times invisible force that delivered a win, and a sense of healing.

Friday night, the Sigourney-Keota football team didn't start out the game with terrific scoring pace, but what they did bring to the gridiron was a brute force that eventually led to the pain from the near past heal.

On Friday night the Cobras made a statement as they were able to shutout Interstate 35, 45-0 to advance to the second round of the playoffs. With the victory, the Cobras were able to erase a bit of the lingering pain they felt from their first round playoff defeat to West Branch a year ago.

Early in the game, the Cobras wanted to take control of the game. They did so by using their physicality and running game.

All the momentum for the game seemed to come off the first drive the Cobras had when they were able to march down field and take the lead. On top of that, they took more than enough time off the clock too.

"That first drive of the game really sets the tone," Jared Jensen, the head coach for the Sigourney-Keota football team, said. "When you're a team that can just get the three and half yards, play after play, that is demoralizing for the opponent. Interstate 35 tried to stop us, but we just had so many holes, that our guys were able to find the hole and attack it. The offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage, and our backs were able to get those three and a half yards, especially on the first drive."

Little by little, the Cobras were able to get their backs through the holes. The drive ended when sophomore running back Blake Baker was

able to stomp across the goal line from one yard out for the score.

At the end of the drive, the Cobras not only took the lead, but they also had eaten more than eight minutes off the clock.

"If you can control the game from the first drive, then that is huge because you can set the tone for the rest of the game," senior quarterback Brayden Wood said. "If you're setting the tone like we did, then the other team has to think, how are we going to stop them? Once you get them to think that, then the mental mistakes are just going to continue to come. When you can milk the clock, then that is going to just keep things going well."

In the closing minutes of the second quarter, the Cobras would use their defense to create an opportunity for their offense, and kill off the momentum that the Roadrunners seemed to be building.

The Roadrunners had thrown the ball well throughout the drive and were threatening to score. As they neared the end zone, the Roadrunners went for a corner pass at the goal line. As the ball floated through the air, a sophomore defensive back for the Cobras, Landon Fisch, tracked the ball down.

Fisch was able to jump in front of the ball to get the interception. He was able to return it for 18 yards before he was tackled.

"That interception by Landon was absolutely huge," Jensen said. "They were able to make some ground up. Then Landon made that play

and was able to really step up. For a sophomore player that has played JV most of the season, he was able to get a big time play. He's a player that everyone is going to know really quick."

With the ball back, the Cobras used their physicality to drive down the field and add to their lead after Carson O'Rourke rushed it in from five yards out.

The modest 14-0 halftime lead would soon ramp up as the physical play of the Cobras would wear down I-35 during the second half.

"I think when you can set the tone with physicality early on then you have a great opportunity to bury a team early on," Wood said. "It's not like we were able to bury them early with the score, but we were physical the whole game. We got some turnovers off of that, and then we wore them down and that was a big part of the difference tonight."

The Cobras came out on a mission in the second half as they scored off a 28-yard field goal, before adding a 12-yard touchdown pass from Wood to John Berg. The third quarter ended when Baker scored his second one yard touchdown rush of the game.

"We just wore them down," Wood said. "We knew if we kept the physicality up throughout the game, then eventually they were going to break down."

The scores kept up into the fourth quarter. Landon Conrad scored off a six-yard touchdown run. O'Rourke capped off the scoring with a nine-yard touchdown rush

with 4:12 left in the fourth quarter.

More importantly, the Cobra defense kept Interstate 35 completely off the scoreboard.

"When we started to sub there at the end, our coaches told the players we needed to keep the zero on the board," Jensen said. "It motivated them. Defense has kept us a float most of the season. Tonight, our offense was able to compliment our defense. To get a shutout in the playoffs against an evenly matched team and hold them to zero points is something that we can build off of."

Not only does the win advance the Cobras to the next round of the playoffs, it helps eliminate the sour taste left in the mouth from last year's early playoff exit.

"It is great to get this win," Wood said. "Last year was tough because you never want to walk off your own field like that. To not only get the win, but also put up that goose egg on the scoreboard and score 45 is huge for everyone."

The Cobras finished the game with 285 rushing yards, led by Blake Baker, who had 13 carries for 125 yards and two scores. Landon Conrad added 60 yards off 14 rushes and a touchdown. Wood had 41 yards off 10 rushes.

Wood completed two of his three passes for 18 yards and a touchdown. Berg caught a 12 yard pass and Hunter Sellers brought in a six yard reception.

The defense of Sigourney-Keota held Interstate 35 to just 80 yards of offense.

Chase Clarahan had five tackles to lead the team. Owen Menke added three tackles of his own. Blake Baker had 3.5 tackles, Jacob Libe and Ryker Van Den Heuvel had two tackles each.

Menke recovered a fumble. Fisch and Baker both had an interception each.

The win advances the Cobras to the second round of the playoffs where they will take on Beckman Catholic (8-1) in Dyersville on Oct. 31.

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Sigourney-Keota running back Ayden Galindo (22) powers through a couple of Interstate 35 players during a run in the second half of the game.

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Oct. 22nd
Defendant Brooke Erin Sue Vannoy; Plaintiff Community 1st Credit Union; Judgment Default.
Oct. 23rd
Defendants Chad W. Baker, Emily Baker, Elite Concrete Coatings LLC; Plaintiff Pro-Line Building Co of Iowa Inc; Petition Filed.
OWI
Oct. 20th
Defendant Devin Lee Fleener; Payor Holly Dickey; Order of Arraignment.
Oct. 21st
Defendant Joseph L. Winn; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Arraignment.
Small Claims

Oct. 21st
Defendant Brett Arthur Buehnean; Plaintiff Veridian Credit Union; Small Claims Original Notice.
Defendants Christy Lea Burdock, Kevin Lee Burdock; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc; Small Claims Original Notice.
Oct. 22nd
Defendant Alicia Crosby; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant William J. George; Plaintiff Cavalry SPC I, LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.
Defendant Kirk M. Puttman; Plaintiff Daniel L. Zielstorff; Small Claims Original Notice.
Criminal
Oct. 17th
Defendant Nathan Glenn Smith; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.
Defendant David Alan

Heady Jr.; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Notice of Appeal.
Defendant Shawn Lynn Howard; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Arraignment.
Defendant Matthew Lee Lanman; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.
Defendant Sheffney Shae Thomas; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Oct. 18th
Defendant Matthew Lee Lanman; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Oct. 19th
Defendant William Braxton McCarroll; Plaintiff Criminal Complaint.
Oct. 20th
Defendant Clifford L. Fritz; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Defendant William Braxton

McCarroll; Plaintiff Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Defendant Holly Noel Morrison; Payor Jordan Simon; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Max John Thomas Dotson; Payees Jefferson County Sheriff Office, Keokuk County; Payor Shannon Price; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Genevieve Lea Dannels; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Saidriek James Wesley Geromini; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Oct. 21st
Defendant Nathan Glenn Smith; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Probation Revocation.
Defendant Matthew Allen Slaughter; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.

Defendant Jasmine Jean VanPatten; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Oct. 22nd
Defendant Ashley Beth Zamora; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Tyler Joseph M. Ellis; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint, Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Oct. 23rd
Defendant William Braxton McCarroll; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment.
Defendant William Braxton McCarroll; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Trial Information.
Scheduled Traffic
Oct. 17th
Defendant Lisa P. Copeland; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Oct. 18th
Defendant John Brennan Hunter Whitacre; Speeding 55

or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Oct. 19th
Defendant Andrea Nicole Kiefer; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Andrea Nicole Kiefer; Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.
Defendant Thomas Irwin Thornton; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Oct. 20th
Defendant Mark Allen Hardy Jr; Registration Violation.
Oct. 21st
Defendant David M. Dyke; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Oct. 22nd
Defendant Francool Bangwete; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Christopher Clubb; Registration Violation.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oct. 13th
Warranty Deed: Timothy B. Denny to Troy J. Denny; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, PT SE SW 25-75-13, SW SE 25-75-13, EXCEPT MISC RECORD B32 P35.
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Warranty Deed: Thomas

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Trustee Warranty Deed: Leonard Junior Starr Trust, Deborah Neff Co Trustee, Brenda Starr Co Executor to Brenda Starr; UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN, PT SW 27-74-11, EXCEPT PLAT B347 P70, NW SW 03-74-10, SW NW 03-74-10.

Warranty Deed: Alan Grimm, Vicky E. Grimm to VCM Management Corp; KESWICK KESMONT Lot: 02.
Oct. 17th
Trustee Warranty Deed: Laurie L. Luetjohann Co Trustee, Keith E. Luetjohann Co Trustee, Laurie L. & Keith E. Luetjohann Family Trust, Laurie L. Luetjohann Family Trust to H & M Farm & Home Realty LLC. SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Lot: 05 Block: 02, SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Lot: 08 Block: 01, PT SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Lot: 07 Block: 01, PT ALLEY SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Block: 01, PT LAFFER STREET SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Block: 01, LAFFER ST PT SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Block: 01, LAFFER ST PT SIGOURNEY SHAFERS ADDITION Block: 02.

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First National Bank Omaha, FFA supplies \$339.06
FNBO, senior trip \$5,211.13
HLV Community School District, gate \$670.25
Latham Sierra, reimb for supplies \$744.00
Mahaska Bottling, senior pop \$404.52
National FFA Organization, convention \$540.00
Thomas Hometown Harvest, mums \$804.00
Activity,*BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL * \$8,889.66
General-October 2025
All American Termite & Pest Co, pest control \$75.00
Alliant Energy, service .. \$4,749.54
Amazon Capital Services, supplies \$2,223.19
Anderson Erickson Dairy Co., milk \$1,749.51
Rebecca J Appleget, reimb for conf/mileage \$343.30
Atwood Electric Inc, service \$293.36
Autumn Acres, field trip \$217.00
BGM CSD, 25-26 SICL \$48.00
Capital One, supplies \$375.55

Caseys General Store INC., vehicle gas \$1,122.86
Column Software PBC, service \$290.30
Combustion Control Company Inc, service \$843.25
Cox Sanitation & Recycling Inc, garbage service \$252.00
Cranston Landscaping LLC, grounds service \$11,462.50
Electronic Engineering, service \$1,361.17
Farmers Lumber Company, supplies \$17.99
First National Bank Omaha, supplies \$1,059.12
FNBO, supplies \$23.30
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North Central International LLC, bus parts \$84.34
Indian Hills Comm. College, 25FA classes \$17,720.80
Ion Environmental Solutions LLC, service \$638.00
Iowa Communications Network, service \$188.52
Iowa FFA Association, CTSO Dues \$590.00
Iowa School Counselor Association, registration fee \$175.00

Iowa School Finance Information Service, background checks \$42.00
Jim Elwood Impl Inc, parts \$255.86
Johnson Controls Fire Projection Lp, service \$3,598.04
Jostens Inc, graduation \$91.05
Key Cooperative, LP gas \$1,113.75
Martin Bros Distributing Co Inc, food supplies \$7,621.41
Moose Mechanical, service \$35,574.00
Multi-County Oil Co Inc, fuel \$6,456.11
Educational and Community Supports, annual SWIS \$950.00
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power, postage \$364.00
Poweshiek Water Assn., water \$412.75
School Bus Sales Co., bus parts \$91.62
Sinclair Napa, parts \$254.40
Vista Software LLC, support \$1,650.00
West Music Company, supplies \$34.00
Windstream, phone service \$1,383.81
General,*BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL * \$146,255.04
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PUBLIC NOTICE Tri-County CSD • Minutes 10.15.2025

TRI-COUNTY CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 15, 2025 - 5:30 pm
Board Room
3003 Hwy 22
Thornburg, IA 50255
MEETING MINUTES
Board President Chad McKain called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Beckie Appleget, Board Secretary, acknowledged a quorum of the board by roll call.
Board members present: Chad McKain and Derek Hall. Ben Molyneux was present via cell phone and then arrived at 5:41 p.m.
Board member absent: Jacob Edmondson and Heather Schmidt.
Also Present: Superintendent, Chad Straight; Principal, Jennifer Berg; Athletic Director, Amanda Sowers; and Board Secretary, Beckie Appleget.
Reading of the Mission Statement by Jennifer Berg.
Approval of Consent Agenda
Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried 3/0.
Amend/Approve Agenda: None.
Minutes: The minutes from the September 17, 2025, regular meeting. Financial Reports: SBO, Stacey Kolars, provided the board with financial reports. Summary List of Bills: General/PPEL/SAVE/Nutrition Funds bills totaling \$146,255.04, and Activity Fund bills totaling \$8,889.66. Resignations: Brianna Taddonio, food service worker.
Communications and Reports
Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations: Ms. Berg recognized the student of the month recipients. Elementary: 3-year-old Preschool: Rodrigo Mendez Cepeda. 4-year-old Preschool: Serenity Keys. Kindergarten: Jasper Taddonio. 1st Grade: Jaxon Taddonio. 2nd Grade: Elliot Edmondson. 3rd Grade: Eilenor Winkelman. 4th Grade: Willow Roorda. 5th Grade: Paisley Edmondson. 6th Grade: Dax Tuttle. Secondary: Easton Krumm and Naz Davis. Community/Public Request: Samantha Brumbaugh, school nurse, was present to request epinephrine auto-injectors

(EpiPens) for use in our school buildings. These will be maintained in accordance with state guidelines and used in the event of a severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis emergency. The EpiPens are free annually to the school. It was the consensus that the board to pursue the free offer to provide a safer environment for students, staff, and visitors.
Board Report: None. Superintendent Report: Mr. Straight thanked all staff for an excellent start to the school year. He shared information about solar, and he has sent out requests for proposals to solar vendors. The IASB school board convention will be November 19-21, 2025.
Principal Report: Ms. Berg thanked What Cheer Fire for presenting on Fire Safety Week to grades PK-3, and she also thanked FFA for hosting Feed a Farmer Day. The onsite Food Pantry was approved for another year. Ms. Berg is applying for the Keokuk County Endowment Grant to help our extracurricular/athletic funds. 8th Grade Career Day is set for November 21st. SIAC will set educational goals at the next meeting on October 22nd. Activities Director Report: Coaching Positions; resignations: none; recommendations: none. Current Open Positions: JH baseball, HS boys wrestling, and JH & HS girls wrestling coaches. Girls' Wrestling (HS & JH) the HS and JH girls will be wrestling with Sigourney. The head coach will be scheduling a meeting here with the girls sometime soon. We will provide transportation to and from Sigourney. Volleyball games at TC went well. We had a good turnout for both HS and JH. Fundraising; we sold 45 shirts through the Elite fan store. We are in the process of getting senior banners done. We received our Track State Qualifiers Champions banner for the gym. Meetings and trainings; monthly AD meetings was 10/1, and the Southeast District Meeting was 10/6. They are encouraging ADs to become registered or certified ADs. Mrs. Sowers is looking into that. Mrs. Sowers will be attend-

ing the new AD workshop, part 2, in November.
Old Business
Action/Discussion on PPEL and SAVE Projects: The cafeteria air conditioning has been installed.
New Business
Employment of Personnel: Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall to approve contracts to Laurie Henning; food service worker, and Shyanne Brackelsberg, associate. Motion carried 3/0. Action/Discussion on 1st Reading of Board Policies 208, 208R, 401.01,502.07, 506.01, 506.01E1-E5, 507.02, 708, 710.01E1, 802.02, 804.05: The board reviewed the policies. IASB updated the policies. Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux to approve the 1st reading of the policies. Motion carried 3/0. Action/Discussion on School Report Card: Mr. Straight and Ms. Berg shared and discussed the School Report Card. Both the elementary and secondary were rated commendable, and neither school was targeted. This is great news for the district, they thanked the staff for doing an excellent job.
Action/Discussion on Certified Enrollment: Mr. Straight shared and discussed the certified enrollment numbers with the board. Enrollment numbers are slightly down this year. He reported that enrollment fluctuations are typical and enrollment trends will continue to be monitored.
Action/Discussion on Changing Time of Next Board Meeting: Hall moved, seconded by Molyneux to change the November 19, 2025 meeting time to 12:00 (noon) in order for board members to attend the school board convention. Board members will be offered school lunch that day, prior to the meeting. Motion carried 3/0.
Adjournment: Molyneux moved, seconded by Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.
President, Chad McKain
Board Secretary, Beckie Appleget
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 10.13.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 13, 2025
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, October 13, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.
Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.
Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of October 6, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.
Engineer McGuire was absent although he communicated the following matters regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department: he would like to use the Rural Basic funds in the Board of Supervisors budget for crack-sealing in various areas, that includes the road to Belva Deer. He has spoken with a Denco representative and they could be available next week, as well as provide better pricing since they are in the area. Board consensus was approval to proceed with said project. Wood shared several road regrade complaints regarding south of Gibson, further noting the intersection has been improved to maneuver large equipment.
Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of quarterly report of fees collected by the County Auditor and Sheriff and monthly report

of fees collected by the county Recorder and Clerk of Court as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.
Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a RUSS meeting. Weber attended a Decat meeting. Hadley had no scheduled meetings last week.
Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Bates reminded of the early closing this Friday, October 17, 2025 for testing of the new generator. Wood suggested contacting Ace Electric to inquire of interest in maintaining the new generator. Atwood Electric provided a quote to hard wire the desk setup in the Clerk of Court's Office that was forwarded to District Court Administrator Baker for approval of payment thereof. The final equalization order notice was received from the Iowa Department of Revenue indicating no adjustments to the 2025 property in Keokuk County.
On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.
The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.
Approved:
Disapproved:
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber
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PROBATE
DIXIE L. RICHARDSON ESPR038642

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIXIE L. RICHARDSON, Deceased.
PROBATE NO.: ESPR038642
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL; OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons interested in the estate of Dixie L. Richardson, deceased, who died on or about August 28, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on October 13, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dixie L. Richardson, deceased, bearing the date of September 21, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that the undersigned was appointed as Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or there-

after be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.
Nicholas E. Richardson, Executor of the Estate
32731 325th St.
Richland, IA 52585
Scott D. Flynn, Attorney for Executor
204 E Broadway Ave
PO Box 47
Keota, IA 52248
Date of Second Publication
5th day of November, 2025.
Published in The News-Review on October 29, and November 5, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 10.15.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
The following are summarized minutes of the regular city council meeting on October 15, 2025.
The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, Clark, McLaughlin, Iosbaker and Lentz. Others present were: Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Rose Fisher; Eric Webb; 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 Clark, to approve the tentative agenda with the removal of item 9-D. Roll call vote Ayes: 5

Iosbaker moved, seconded by McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2025, Financial Report, Payroll Expenses, ACH, Monthly Transfers and Miscellaneous expenses for September 2025, October 2025 Library Claims; Brent Gilliland to attend the Iowa Rural Water Association Conference in February 2026 with Hotel and Meal Accommodations; Alcohol License for Grant Ranch LLC; Display ad for 2026 Soccer Director; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the November 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call votes Ayes: 5
Clark moved seconded by Lentz to approve Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$24,996.68. Roll call vote Ayes: 4, Abstain: 1

Clark moved seconded by Schultz to approve the Second reading of Ordinance Title III - Public Order, Safety and Health - Chapter 14 - Unlawful Occupation of Public Property. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
Clark moved seconded by Schultz to approve the Third reading of Ordinance Title III - Public Order, Safety and Health - Chapter 15 Hours of Operation for City-Owned Parks. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
Clark moved seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Second 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: 5
Lentz moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve the renewal rate and for the City to pay 80% and the employee to pay 20% of the premium for dental insurance. Roll call vote Ayes: 1
Lentz moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve the renewal rate and for the City to pay 80% and the employee to pay 20% of the premium for vision insurance. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
Clark moved, seconded by Lentz, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
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Ayes: 5
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Lentz moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve the renewal rate and for the City to pay 80% and the employee to pay 20% of the premium for vision insurance. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
Clark moved, seconded by Lentz, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 5
The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Minutes and Claims 10.21.2025

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Minutes
1. Call to Order
The Keota City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cansler.
Council Members Present: H. McDonald, P. Tinnes, M. Bender, K. Conrad
Council Members Absent: M. Greiner
City Staff Present: Clerk Bruns
Also Present: Casey Jarmes, News Review, Janie Westendorf, Library Board.
2. Consent Agenda
Motion by Bender, second by McDonald to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and bills.
Motion passed unanimously. (Greiner absent.)
3. Public Forum
No public comments.
4. Department Reports
Public Works: None.
Library: Librarian Greiner was absent. Board member Westendorf reported that the coffee program continues to go well. The library is preparing for their Halloween event on October 30. The quilting group has started meeting again, and completed quilts are donated to various organizations.
5. Resolutions & Ordinances
a. Resolution 2025-66 - Switch Life Insurance Provider
Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to approve Resolution 2025-66 to switch the City's life insurance provider from Dearborn to BEAM - Nationwide with Farm Bureau.
Motion carried.
b. Resolution 2025-67 - Qualified Offer for Ellis Street Property

Correction noted that the property in question is the Ellis Street Property.
Motion by Conrad, second by McDonald to accept the qualified offer and discuss the sale during a Public Hearing on November 3, 2025.
Motion carried.
6. New Business
a. First Reading - Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance
Council Members Conrad and Bender each read portions of the new ordinance aloud for attendees.
Motion by Conrad, second by McDonald to approve the first reading of the Sigourney Ordinance adoption.
Motion carried.
b. 2026 Summer Pool Pass Promotion
Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to approve the 2026 Summer Pool Pass Promotion.
Council Discussion:
• Tinnes: Rates look good; proceed with promotion as a great way to promote the pool.
• McDonald: In favor if it helps promote pool
• Bender: Great idea; would make a nice Christmas gift.
• Conrad: Supports the promotion to help drive pool interest.
Motion carried.
c. Donations of 2026 Family Pool Pass
Council discussed allowing donation of pool passes for local fundraisers and events.
Council Discussion:
• Bender: Asked if the City is allowed to donate; supportive if permitted.
• Conrad: Confirmed that cities can donate to organizations/events; sees it as good community outreach.
• Tinnes: Supports donations; recommends leaving discretion to the City Clerk on recipients and quan-

tity.
• McDonald: Agreed; supports allowing the Clerk's discretion on donations.
Council requested the Clerk provide updates at future meetings on the number of passes donated and to whom.
d. Set Public Hearing - Sale of Ellis Street Property
Motion by Bender, second by McDonald to set a Public Hearing for November 3, 2025, to discuss the sale of the Ellis Street property.
Motion carried.
7. Council Comments
• Conrad: Apologized to the community for rescheduling Monday's meeting to Tuesday, October 21. Explained that multiple ordinance readings are intended to keep the public informed. Recommended future discussion on fines, fees, and door hanger notifications.
• Tinnes: Reported a citizen concern about trick-or-treat safety; confirmed that Micah will place a stop sign for safety. Noted the upcoming election.
• McDonald: Expanded on ordinance adoption - residents have claimed they aren't receiving mailed violation notices. Suggested door hangers as visible notifications to ensure compliance.
• Bender: Believes the new ordinance will help clean up properties around town. Noted no bids received on the Keokuk Avenue garage and recommends proceeding with demolition.
8. Mayor's Comments
• In contact with West Des Moines PD and Keokuk County Sheriff's Office regarding a potential 28E agreement for police coverage.
• Reported that rental property tenants have signed new leases and are current on water bill.
• Will have an update soon regarding litigation attorney options for

the City.
• Audit remains in progress and may take additional time.
• Employee evaluations are approaching.
• Budget planning will begin soon.
• Encouraged residents to get out and vote in the upcoming election; noted one more council meeting remains before Election Day.
9. Adjournment
Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.
Minutes prepared by: City Clerk, Hunter Bruns
Approved by Council on: Mayor Signature:
Date:
Bills Pd
Entry Description Payables..... Amount
Jonathan Draker\$200.00
CARGILL, INC\$6,446.38
US CELLULAR\$234.54
BADGER METER\$60.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED\$405.75
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR\$213.25
TRENT GREINER LOGGING\$800.00
Cloudburst 9\$975.79
JAMES FAMILY GREENHOUSE\$4,200.00
WELLMARK\$2,680.98
MALLEY HARDWARE & VARIETY\$62.02
Payroll
Bruns, Hunter S1,604.77
Clarke, Kristen875.55
GREINER, ASHLEY123.33
Greiner, Bridget M232.36
GREINER, TONIA1,221.54
HARMSEN, MICAH1,863.22
Phillips, Myra85.57
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L1,870.01
Total7,876.25
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City of Keswick • Minutes and Claims 9.11.2025

KESWICK CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, MAYOR
The Keswick City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday September 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
The Mayor called the meeting to order. Roll Call: R. Leer, K. Leer, Schmidt, Watts Absent: Sieren, Approve the Agenda, 1st R. Leer 2nd by Schmidt. Previous Months Minutes read, Motion to Approve - Schmidt 2nd, Watts. All Ayes. Financial Report: Motion to Approve Financial: Watts 2nd by R. Leer, All Ayes Claims R. Leer 2nd by Schmidt, All Ayes. Reports and Communication: None. OLD BUSINESS: Mayor reported that the S. Irons Road project needed to put up signs and due some more seeding. Harvest Days are all set up.
NEW BUSINESS: Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 for street work on S. Irons St. payment request of \$15,598.41. Motion to approve payment by Schmidt, 2nd by Watts, All Ayes. Iowa DOT claim for reimbursement of project costs, signed by the mayor, will be submitted for payment.
Motion to adjourn: Watts, 2nd R.

Leer. All Ayes. Next meeting, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Committees are as follows: Fire Board: K. Leer, Zittergruen and Sieren; Sewer: Sieren and R. Leer; Sanitation: Watts, Sieren, and K. Leer; Streets: Schmidt, R. Leer, Zittergruen; Mayor Protem: R. Leer; Keokuk County Endowment: Schmidt, R. Leer; Emergency Management: Zittergruen and Watts.
FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND
08/11/2025, Residents, \$150.00..... W/S/G
08/11/2025, Residents, \$238.44 ... W/S/G
08/11/2025, Residents, \$356.24 ... W/S/G
08/11/2025, Residents, \$2,091.97..... W/S/G
08/26/2025, Residents, \$150.00 ... W/S/G
08/26/2025, Residents, \$2,185.34 ... W/S/G
08/26/2025, Residents, \$2,348.64 ... W/S/G
08/26/2025, Residents, \$2,838.15 ... W/S/G
08/29/2025, Residents, \$663.33...

08/29/2025, Residents, \$2,105.97..... W/S/G
08/29/2025, Residents, \$2,461.50..... W/S/G
TOTAL, \$15,598.58..... W/S/G
08/20/2025, Keokuk County Treasurer (May), \$229.48..... General
08/19/2025, State of Iowa (Road), \$1,919.55..... Road
08/27/2025, State of Iowa (1% tax), \$1,965.84..... General
08/15/2025, State of Iowa (Road), \$200,740.36..... Road
TOTAL\$204,855.23
08/31/2025, Interest, \$27.73..... General
TOTAL\$27.73
TOTAL\$220,472.54
DISTRIBUTION AUGUST
DATE, CK#, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, FUND
08/29/2025, EFT, ipers, \$208.82... W/G
08/29/2025, EFT, ipers, \$227.70... W/G
TOTAL, \$436.52 W/G
07/23/2025, EFT, Charge Back Item Check 5693, \$500.00..... W/S/G
07/23/2025, EFT, Charge Back Fee, \$8.00 W/S/G

07/23/2025, EFT, Sales Tax, \$ 48. W/S/G
TOTAL, \$508.48 W/S/G
08/14/2025, 3426, Brooke Zittergruen (Aubrey Mowing), \$240.00..... General
08/11/2025, 3428, Joy Denison (Salary), \$602.42..... General
08/15/2025, 3429, Tim Garrett, \$215.15..... Water
08/11/2025, 3431, RUSS, \$7,617.90Sewer
08/12/2025, 3432, Wapello Rural Water, \$1,871.44..... Water
08/12/2025, 3437, Heuer Construction Co., \$215,330.07.. Road
08/14/2025, 3438, Modern Coop. Tel. Co., \$34.60..... General
08/15/2025, 3439, Quill (ink), \$283.52..... General
08/13/2025, 3442, Iowa One Call, \$5.40..... General
08/28/2025, 3447, Joy Denison (for adobe), \$254.27..... General
TOTAL\$226,454.77
TOTAL\$227,399.77
Beginning Balance.....\$382,153.72
Credits.....\$220,472.54
Debits.....\$227,399.77
Ending Balance.....\$375,226.49
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EV Bears Football Turns the Tide with Winning Season

By: Kaleb Bolinger

The EV Bears football team ended their season with a record of 5-3, completely flipping the script from last year when they finished 1-8. Senior Cael Grove said he was happy to have a winning season during his senior year, noting that it was his first winning season in high school.

The Bears were undefeated on the road, but not as fortunate at home, where they went 1-3. They wrapped up conference play 2-3, with wins over HLV and a big victory against WACO, marking the first time in school history that the Bears have defeated WACO in an 8-man game.

The Bears experienced both highs and lows throughout the season but finished on a strong note with a decisive win over the Meskwaki Settlement Indians. They also had the unique opportunity to play at Graceland University, where they dominated the Sidney Cowboys 60-8.

Despite their successes, the Bears fell just short in a few crucial matchups, including two close "barn burners" against Winfield-Mount Union (24-26) and Belle Plaine (50-56).

Throughout the season, the Bears battled adversity and injuries but continued to show resilience. Players stepped up when their team needed them most, demonstrating the determination and teamwork that defined their season.

Although they narrowly missed the playoffs, the Bears' effort and improvement were undeniable. All things considered, it was a season to be proud of.



English Valleys Marching Band Thrills Audiences with Michael Jackson Tribute

By: Hunter Offerman



The English Valleys Marching Band, directed by Mr. Dusdieker and featuring more than 30 high school musicians, wowed audiences this season with a lively halftime show inspired by the legendary Michael Jackson.

The band performed three of his biggest hits: "Beat It," "Thriller," and "I'll Be There," originally by The Jackson 5. The songs showed off the band's strong brass section and powerful percussion line, while the marching formations were sharp and exciting. One of the highlights of the show came during "Thriller," when the band surprised the crowd with a fun "zombie" routine that got everyone cheering.

The band performed their show three times during football game halftimes and once during the school day, giving all students the chance to enjoy the performance. Members put in many hours of practice, and their hard work really showed on the field.

As the season comes to an end, the band will be saying goodbye to five seniors who have been great leaders and role models. They will definitely be missed, but the rest of the band is already looking forward to next year and continuing the tradition of great performances.

English Valleys Junior High Boys Win 1A State Cross Country Championship; Girls Finish Strong

The English Valleys Junior High Boys Cross Country Team had a standout performance at the 32nd State Middle School Championship, earning the 1A Boys title. English Valleys finished first with 55 points, topping a competitive field of 22 schools. Ankeny Christian took second with 81 points, while Nodaway Valley placed third.

Leading the Bears was Isaiah Luers, who finished 7th overall with a time of 12:05.2. Lucas Sieren followed in 11th place (12:25.0), and Ashton Caster finished 13th (12:32.2) to give English Valleys a strong front group. Canton Caster came in 24th (12:54.6), Asher Frederick placed 43rd (13:20.3), and Jase Offerman rounded out the team in 58th (13:57.9).

The Bears' consistent effort and teamwork throughout the season paid off with a well-earned championship finish at the state meet.

The English Valleys Junior High Girls Team also had an impressive showing, finishing 5th out of 22 teams in the 1A division. Leading the girls was Finley Achenbach, who placed 6th with a time of 13:21.8. Mylie Morrison finished 28th (14:32.0), closely followed by Abby Koehn in 34th (14:47.6) and Brynn Montross in 36th (14:52.5). Raelynn Westphal contributed in 75th place (17:17.1) to complete the team's effort.

Both teams showed tremendous determination and skill throughout the season, capping it off with strong performances at the state meet.



Upcoming Activities:

October 29:
Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

October 31:
No School



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Senior Spotlight

REESE CONRAD

This week's senior spotlight is Reese Conrad. Reese's dad is Keith Conrad; he graduated from Keota High School and has a fur farm that he works. Her mom is Susan Conrad; she graduated from Independence High School, and she works with insurance. Reese has two siblings; Mia is 14, and Brynn is 16. Reese's plan after high school is to attend Iowa State University in the fall and major in animal science with possible plans to go into the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. When she was younger, she wanted to have her own farm with lots of different animals on it. Reese is very daring because she is willing to take on any challenge. She's very adventurous because she always wants to explore or try new things for herself. She is also very compassionate and knows that everyone will need help at some point in time.



Reese has been involved in many extracurriculars that involve volleyball, basketball, track, speech, CYM, EagleRock!, science fair, 4H, FFA, 4H county council, student council, NHS, class officer, silver cord, PAC, fall and spring plays, youth volleyball coach, DARE role model, 4H officer (president, secretary, and treasurer), and NHS secretary. Her most memorable memory in high school was T'ping her freshman year. Reese's favorite class and teacher was Hobbs because she helped Gavin and Reese out with their science fair projects and showed her how much she loved science. Her favorite school tradition is homecoming because of the activities with friends to celebrate our school and community. Reese does not like when people don't use the proper hygiene for your body. After high school, Reese will most miss the small community environment and all of those who have contributed to it. For anyone who will be a senior, her advice is to work hard in the years prior to senior year because you will not have the motivation to do anything when you're getting ready to graduate.



By: Kaylee Kindred

KEOTA VOLLEYBALL

The Keota Eagle volleyball team has a current record of 9-9 on October 13. They had their senior night at Keota while they played Lynville-Sully Keota won in 3 sets with a comeback in the first set by being down by a lot, but they came through and won in three sets. There are four seniors that got honored for being seniors; Kennedy, Reese, Addy and Olivia. Thursday at Belle Plaine the volleyball girls went there and battled their way through the game going 5 sets with winning. Then Keota eagles are hosting the first round of playoffs Monday playing English Valley. The game ended in four sets 3-1 with Keota moving on to the next round of playoffs.



By: Kaylee Kindred

ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

This week's elementary spotlight is Brison White. He is in the 5th grade, and his teacher is Mr. Overturf. He's 11 years old, and his favorite class is math groups. When he grows up, he wants to be a YouTuber. In his free time he likes to play video games. His favorite color is teal. He doesn't have any siblings and has many pets. His fish are named Piggie, Hawkeye, Red, Spot and Spike. His cats are named Simba and Princess. He has an axolotl named Dragon and dogs named Rocco and Ember.



By: Kaylee Kindred

SIGOURNEY-KEOTA FOOTBALL

The Sigourney-Keota football team just played Durant on October 10th. They played at Sigourney with a score of 14-44, with SK winning. That makes the Cobra record 3-4. They just had played Cardinal at their school; the end results of that game are 49-0, with Keota-Sigourney winning. After this game Sigourney Keota will have their first playoff game, and we're hoping they will make it far in the playoffs this year. Ayden Galindo, junior and Keota player, spoke about the past and upcoming game: "It was good. Going into it, we knew they would be a physical team, and we knew we had to be more physical. Going into the Cardinal game, we feel good. If we win, we get a home game in the first round of the playoffs. Being second in our district feels pretty good".

By: Kaylee Kindred



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EVENTS

- 29 VB Regionals - TBA
- 29 SICL Leadership Conference @ BGM w/Coach Stout
- 29-Nov 1 National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis, IN
- 31 2nd Rd FB Playoffs - TBD
- 31 NO CLASSES
- Nov. 1 State XC Meet - TBA
- 3-6 Girls' State VB Tournament
- 4-5 Fall One-Act
- Play "A Very Bad Day for Brandon Butterworth"
- 5 FFA Meeting
- 6 NHS Officers' Meeting
- 7 No Classes

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL?

DR. CULLETT
STAFF



"Tiger"

EMILY MAHAN
12TH



"Dog"

PORTER CAVE
11TH



"Cheetah"

AVA WULF
10TH



"Cat"

PEYTON BAUGHMAN
9TH



"Cat"

CASSIDY MCCOID
8TH



"Dolphin"

CADIEN LUERS
7TH



"Cow"

DNR fall community trout stockings delayed due to warm weather

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is postponing the fall community trout stockings scheduled for October 23, 24 and 25 due to warm water temperatures.

East Lake Park Pond (Mount Pleasant), Wilson Lake (Donnellson), and Lake of the Hills (Davenport) stockings and associated fishing events are postponed until November 14.

The East Lake fishing event is planned for No-

vember 14, at 10 a.m. The Lake of the Hills event is fishing rescheduled for November 14, at 12 p.m. The Wilson Lake fishing event is rescheduled for November 14, at 12 p.m.

Trout stockings at Otumwa Park Pond, Liberty Centre Pond (North Liberty), and Prairie Park Fishery (Cedar Rapids) will be rescheduled once water temperatures reach acceptable levels. A press release will announce the new stocking dates.



Greenhouse Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course Now Available

By: Suzette Striegel,
Mahaska County

Horticulture and Education Program Coordinator

The Greenhouse Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators is now available. The program is provided by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP).

The course will fulfill 2025 continuing instruction requirements for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 3G. Some of the topics covered will include information on pesticide use

and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

To obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Suzette Striegel at the ISU Extension and Outreach office in Mahaska County at 641-673-5841. The registration fee is \$45.

Additional information for this and other courses offered by the PSEP can be accessed at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/>.

Contact: Evan Alderman, Pesticide Safety Education Program, 515-294-1122, alderman@iastate.edu

Cover Crop, Relay Intercropping and Water Quality Field Day to Be Held Near Crawfordsville Nov. 6

By: Elizabeth Ripley

AMES —Iowa Learning Farms will host a cover crop, relay intercropping and water quality field day near Crawfordsville on Thursday, Nov. 6, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Iowa State University Southeast Research Farm. The event is open to farmers and landowners at no cost and includes a complimentary meal.

"In a relay intercropping system, where three crops are grown in two years, benefits include a marketable small grain for use as a cover crop and additional winter cereal rye growing following corn harvest revenue for the farmer," said Liz Ripley, conservation and cover crop outreach specialist with Iowa Learn-

ing Farms. "Similar to cover crops, a relay intercropping system can provide many benefits to farmers and landowners, including reduced soil erosion, weed suppression, reduced nutrient loads entering water bodies, increased organic matter in the soil and forage for livestock."

The field day will include an introduction to relay intercropping with Mark Licht, associate professor and cropping systems specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, who will share updates from relay intercropping research conducted on-site at the research farm. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit cover crop demonstration plots, located a short walking distance from the main building on site. Weather

permitting, Cody Schneider, ISU Southeast Research Farm manager, and Mila Victorio Pessotto, ISU Department of Agronomy post-doctoral research associate, will lead attendees through a tour of the plot to discuss cover crop best management practices and answer questions. Additionally, Ripley will discuss a smart agricultural drainage project led by ISU researchers.

The field day will be held at the Iowa State University Southeast Research Farm, located at 3115 Louisa-Washington Rd, Crawfordsville, IA, 52621. The event and open to farmers and landowners, though reservations are required to ensure adequate space and food. For reasonable accommodations

and to RSVP, please contact Liz Ripley at 515-294-5429 or ilf@iastate.edu by Oct. 30. Attendees will be entered in a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey.

Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. This event is planned in partnership with the Iowa State University Southeast Research Farm and supported by a USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation grant award NR233A750011G012 and U.S. National Science Foundation award 2125484. For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit the Iowa Learning Farms website.

Cover Crop and Water Quality Field Day to be held near Oskaloosa November 4

AMES —Iowa Learning Farms will host a cover crop and water quality field day near Oskaloosa on Tuesday, November 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Drost Farms. The no-cost event is open to farmers and landowners and includes a complimentary meal.

This field day aims to equip attendees with best management practices for establishing and managing cover crops. Cover crops offer many benefits to farmers and landowners, including reduced soil erosion, weed suppression potential, reduced nitrogen and phosphorus loads entering water bodies, and increased organic matter in the soil.

Jackson and Amanda Drost are multi-generation farmers located in Mahaska County. While renting his first acres

in 2002, Jackson has been involved on the farm as early as he can remember, noting that his dad would take him and the diaper bag with him to do field work and chores. Jackson is now passing down that love of farming to their sons, Richard and Andy, who have started their own popcorn business supplying the local Little League and selling to neighbors, friends, and family.

The Drosts raise corn, soybeans, and alfalfa along with an Angus cow-calf herd. Starting around 2010, the Drosts flew on their first acres of rye cover crop to graze with their cow-calf herd. Those initial acres have increased in recent years, and while using primarily rye and oats, they have begun incorporating other species like turnips and camelina. Addi-

tionally, they utilize buffer strips, contour farming, sediment basins, terraces, waterways, and are in the process of implementing a saturated buffer through EQIP.

In addition to the Drosts, the field day will feature Mark Licht, ISU Extension cropping systems specialist, sharing best management practices for cover crops during the field tour of nearby cover crops, weather permitting. The Iowa Learning Farms will present their Conservation Station On The Edge trailer and Liz Ripley, Iowa Learning Farms conservation and cover crop outreach specialist, will discuss a smart agricultural drainage project led by ISU researchers. Ryan Wolf with Iowa Missouri Seed, LLC will also be on hand to address cover crop questions.

The field day will be held at the Drost Farms located at 2215 212th St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. The no-cost event and open to farmers and landowners, though we require reservations to ensure adequate space and food. For reasonable accommodations and to RSVP, please contact Liz Ripley at 515-294-5429 or ilf@iastate.edu by October 28. Attendees will be entered in a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey.

Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. This event is planned in partnership with U.S. National Science Foundation award 2125484. For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit www.iowalearningfarms.org.

Secretary Naig, Governor Reynolds Encourage Farmers to Plant Fall Cover Crops to Save Money on Crop Insurance

Farmers who plant fall cover crops can save \$5 per acre on next year's crop insurance premiums as part of the Crop Insurance Discount Program

DES MOINES, Iowa (Oct. 23, 2025) – Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Governor Kim Reynolds are encouraging Iowa farmers to plant cover crops this fall to improve water quality and save money on next year's crop insurance premiums. The savings are offered through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's (IDALS) Crop Insurance Discount Program.

The innovative annual program, part of the implementation of Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy, provides farmers who plant fall cover crops the opportunity to apply for a \$5 per acre discount on their crop insurance premiums. There is no cap on

the number of cover crop seeded acres that can receive the crop insurance discount.

"We've seen strong interest in our cover crop cost-share programs this summer and fall, and we anticipate just as much enthusiasm for our Crop Insurance Discount Program when the online sign-up opens in December. This innovative program has been effective in advancing the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy by boosting cover crop adoption while helping farmers reduce their crop insurance costs," said Secretary Naig. "I encourage farmers and landowners to sign-up online or visit with their crop insurance agent for help to get enrolled. This program is one of multiple options to secure funding for cover crops and conservation practices."

"The Crop Insurance Discount Program is one of many options available to farmers interested in planting cover crops and implementing conservation practices. This voluntary and innovative program not only

encourages cover crop adoption but also offers farmers a discount on their crop insurance premiums. Our farmers understand the connection between soil health and crop production, and know what's best for the fields they plant," said Governor Kim Reynolds. "I'm proud to support Secretary Naig in announcing this annual program and encourage farmers to learn more about it."

The sign-up period will begin on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, and will close on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026. Participants can learn more about online enrollment by visiting CleanWaterIowa.org or by contacting their crop insurance agent. New this year, farmers can quickly express interest in the program now and receive notifications and follow-up reminders via e-mail when the program sign-up window is open in December and January.

The program is jointly administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and

the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA). To qualify, the cover crop acres cannot be enrolled in other IDALS or USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) cost share programs. Some insurance policies, such as Whole-Farm Revenue Protection or those covered through written agreements, may be excluded. Participants must follow all existing farming practices required by their respective policy and work with their insurance agencies to maintain eligibility.

Now in its ninth year, this innovative program has become a model for other states as well as the federal government. To date, nearly 2,000 farmers have enrolled more than 1.4 million acres of cover crops in the program.

To learn more about conservation and water quality in Iowa, visit CleanWaterIowa.org.