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Community CALENDAR

KCHC Auxiliary Annual Fall Vendor Fair

November 13 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Iowa's Civil War Generals

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2:00 p.m. at EV History Center, North English

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

Keota Holiday Market Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Proceeds to go to the KCCN - Little Eagles Daycare

Christmas in Keota

Dec. 6

Tri-County Winter Concert

December 11, 6:00 p.m. at High School Gym

Breakfast w/ Santa

Dec 13th @ 9:00 am at Sigourney Public Library

Christmas in Sigourney

Dec. 13 from 4-6:30 pm Soup Supper & Silent Auction w/ Santa. Parade @ 7:00pm.

Hometown Holiday Magic

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 pm at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, What Cheer

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



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Unofficial Election Results

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOKUK COUNTY – Local elections were held on Nov. 4, bringing upsets and changes to the status quo across the county. Results will not be made official until after the final canvass, which will happen on Nov. 12 for most districts in Keokuk County and on Nov. 18 for districts that cover multiple counties.

Perhaps the most notable results came from the Sigourney School District, where voters were asked if the school would be allowed to raise \$9,900,000 for a massive infrastructure update at the high school, funded by an increase on property taxes. A slight majority favored the bond referendum, with the issue receiving 401 YES votes (52.35%), compared to 365 NO votes (47.65%). However, Iowa law requires a 60% approval rating for referendums of this nature to pass, meaning the referendum failed to pass.

Following the vote, the Sigourney Schools Facebook account posted "While the bond referendum was not approved, we

appreciate the community's engagement throughout this process. Facility needs at the Junior/Senior High School remain, and the district will take time to reflect and determine next steps."

The ballot measures to change the term length for Richland mayor and city council members both passed, with 88 YES (68.75%) to 40 NO (31.25%) votes for the mayor change and 88 YES (67.68%) to 42 NO (32.31%) votes for the council change.

The ballot measure to adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Tri-County Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund passed, 148 YES (88.10%) to 20 (11.90%) NO votes.

Other results from around the county are as follows, with winning candidates written in bold:

Delta Mayor
James Ahlberg - 23 (95.83%)
Delta City Council
Melvin Lambert - 23 (22.77%)
Nathan Slagter - 23 (22.77%)

Barbara Fisher - 22 (21.78%)
Dolores Carey - 17 (16.83%)
Shannon Kleinschmidt (Write-in) - 5 (4.95%)
Gibson Mayor
Steve Van Zee - 9 (100%)
Gibson City Council
Tom Stein - 10 (25%)
Greg Ehret - 9 (22.50%)
Sherry Ehret - 9 (22.50%)

Jim Schultz (Write-in) - 6 (15.00%)
Stacy Schultz (Write-in) - 6 (15.00%)
Harper Mayor
Luke McCarville (Write-in) - 7 (87.50%)
Harper City Council
Roberta Peiffer - 13 (22.03%)
Connie Baker - 13 (22.03%)
Mary Lou Kane - 9 (15.25%)
Colton Altenhofen (Write-in) - 7 (11.86%)
James Sines (Write-in) - 6 (10.16%)

Mayor of Hayesville
Chris Gammack - 10 (90.91%)
Hayesville City Council
Zebulen Webb - 11 (55.00%)
Larry Bird - 9 (45.00%)
Hedrick Mayor
Mike Spilman (Write-in) - 49 (51.58%)

Robert Crawford - 39 (41.05%)
Hedrick City Council
Christine Norris - 75 (39.27%)
JD Olinger - 63 (32.98%)
Ethan Cernic - 42 (21.99%)
Keota Mayor
Ryan Carr - 159 (68.24%)
Anthony Cansler - 73 (31.33%)
Keota City Council
Chad M. Greiner - 161 (24.10%)
Keith Edward Conrad - 137 (20.51%)
John Todd Mather - 111 (16.62%)
Patty Tinnes - 97 (14.52%)
Julie Gibson - 82 (12.28%)
Mike Bender - 56 (8.38%)
Grant Hill - 19 (2.84%)

Keswick Mayor
Mark Zittergruen - 26 (81.25%)
Keswick City Council
Ike Schmidt - 32 (21.05%)
Chloe Lundy - 29 (19.08%)
Nicholas Watts - 29 (19.08%)
Kyle Leer - 28 (18.42%)
Rebecca Leer - 23 (15.13%)
Michael Todd Cranston - 10 (6.58%)
Kinross Mayor

Ben Mast - 6 (100%)
Kinross City Council
Carol A. Gehman - 6 (20.0%)
Lindsey Gillespie - 6 (20.0%)
Mark Lingard - 6 (20.0%)
Maleah Mast - 6 (20.0%)
Charles Sandersfeld - 6 (20.0%)
Martinsburg City Council
Todd Harbison - 8 (34.78%)
Robert L. Wells Jr - 8 (34.78%)
Mary Wells - 7 (30.43%)
North English Mayor
Daniel Strohmman - 110 (96.49%)
North English City Council
Beth Carter - 105 (49.07%)
Andrew Custer - 104 (48.60%)
Ollie Mayor
Scott Vetter - 19 (100%)
Ollie City Council
Justin W. Haile - 18 (41.86%)
Chris Winn - 16 (37.21%)
TIE: Kathy Heisdorffer/Dana Miller (Write-in) - 4 (9.30%)
Whether Heisdorffer or

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Keota Students Perform One-Act Play

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – On Nov. 4 and 5, Keota High School students performed "A Very Bad Day for Brandon Butterworth," a one act play written by Scott Haan. The play starred Peyton Baughman, Dakota Dodd and Kennedy Jackson as three women who all discover they are dating the titular Butterworth, a philandering photographer played by Luke Moeller. After the women discover Butterworth's cheating, they decide to get back at him by all meeting at the same coffee shop at the same time, forcing him to scramble to keep them from running into each other. Rounding out the cast were Grayson Sprouse as the coffee shop's barista and Rowen Horning as an aggressive biker who gets into a fight with Butterworth. The play was directed

by long-time Keota drama coach Jane Edwards. This play is set to be the second-to-last directed by Edwards, who plans to say goodbye to drama after the spring play and retire, after 51 years of teaching and roughly 70-80 different plays over the years. The fall play featured a small cast, consisting of three freshman and three seniors. Edwards stated this was due to students being busy with sports, working, or wanting to play on their phones instead. She stated that she would have done a second one-act play this fall if more kids tried out, but that the play went really well and that she enjoyed the small cast. Edwards stated that she picked this play in particular due to its twist ending, where it is revealed that Dodd and Jackson's characters are not in fact dating Butterworth, and instead pretending to

date him as part of a scheme to scare of Baughman's character, an aggressive stalker. "I've never had a play take me a complete 180 that way. That's why I picked it," said Edwards.

The cast were able to work on the play only one night a week, over the course of ten weeks. Horning was cast in the play last minute, only two weeks before showtime, after the original actor playing his part was marked ineligible. The date of the play was also changed last minute, to accommodate one of the cast members getting her wisdom teeth out.

"This group was so easy to work with, A: because they're so small, B: because they've all done it before. Luke would come from cross country, and Kennedy would come from volleyball, and they just were all flexible and made it work," said Edwards.

Moeller and Sprouse noted that they loved their one-on-one argument scenes. Dodd stated she loved the play's twist. Baughman stated that she loved Horning's character and that she got to throw water on Moeller.

"We didn't get many practices in, but for what we've got, it's pretty good so far," said Moeller.

"It's been going great. We've had a really fun group to work with," said Dodd.



"The freshman are pretty cool, they get the job done, so I can't complain," said Moeller.

"And the seniors are obviously a lot more experienced than us, so everyone's bringing a different energy. It's been very easy to learn because the seniors are patient," said Sprouse.

"They help direct us to what we need to learn," said Horning.

"Yeah, the freshman are pretty good, so it's not a whole bunch of teaching we have to do, because it just kinda comes natural for them," said Dodd.

"There's a lot of one on one acting involved, so that's always interesting," said Moeller.

"I would say my character is pretty funny to play. He's

quite snarky. That's his main personality. So it's very fun to act out," said Sprouse.

"My character is very loud. I get to yell, so it's pretty fun," said Horning.

"My character's pretty fun. It's not really how I am in real life, so it's pretty fun just to act differently than how I would normally," said Dodd.

"Obviously, everyone's worried about missing a line of two, but with this play, I think it's just easy. If you do miss something, you can just run right over it, continue on. The story just keeps flowing anyway," said Moeller.

"Sometimes it's a little difficult, because there is funny parts, and you have to try not to laugh when you're on stage, which I struggled with a little bit, but it's just really fun," said Dodd.

Print your favorite memories



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Sigourney, Iowa
(641) 622-3110
M-F 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



CORRECTION

In the story "Keota Council Approves Putting Stickers on Properties with Overgrown Lawns," published in the Oct. 26 issue of the News-Review, the paper stated that the

city would notify people whose lawns needed to be mowed via the newspaper in the spring. This was false. In reality, the city will publish the mowing ordinances in the news-

paper, and notify people via stickers or door hangers on their property. The News-Review apologizes for any confusion this error may have caused.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 29 edition of the News-Review, an article submitted by the Keokuk County Childcare Network about Myron Hammes

donating to the daycare was mistakenly given the title "In Memory of Myron Hammes." This was an error, that implied Myron

Hammes had passed. Myron Hammes is very much still alive. The News-Review apologizes for this error.

Sigourney Council Informed of Christmas Festival

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY – During the Nov. 5 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, Jenny Thompson from the Christmas committee informed the council that the annual Sigourney Christmas Festival was set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 13. She stated it would feature a soup supper, Santa at the new pavilion, and a lighted parade at 7 p.m. Thompson explained that, because they are short on time, the square will be lit on Nov. 26, without any lighting ceremony. Donations during the festival will go towards raising money for new Christmas decorations.

Thompson brought up the large Santa decoration, noting it was controversial, with some people liking how traditional it is and some people thinking it's creepy. She stated that it wasn't the best looking Santa, but that she would personally miss it if it wasn't put up. The council

informally approved letting the Christmas committee make the decision on whether or not the Santa would be put up.

The council approved having a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Dec. 3, right before the next council meeting, regarding the proposed water tower rehabilitation project. Public Works Director Brent Gilliland explained that contractors would sand-blast the interior and exterior of the water tower, as well as repaint it. He stated that they would not be allowed to start until June 1, to give time to reline the city pool, and that the completion date would be set for Oct. 15 of next year. The council also informally agreed to put the city logo on the south side of the water tower.

The council approved the third and final reading for the new square occupation ordinances, designed to prevent loitering, the blocking of sidewalks, and overnight camping on the

square. Councilman Adam Clark explained that the city attorney had suggested a few minor tweaks to the ordinances, including: removing the exception allowing camping on the square if emergency shelters are full, because Sigourney doesn't have any; clarifying the requirement of city approval for events camping on the square to specify that permission will be obtained from the council at a meeting; and changing the civil penalty, previously listed as \$25-50, to be \$25 for first offense, \$50 for second offense, and \$100 for each subsequent offense. The council also approved the third reading of ordinances banning parking on either side of Stuart Street between Spring and West Pleasant Valley.

The council approved a \$2,862 quote from MCG to update the camera on the southeast corner of the square, which is not working properly because its Wi-Fi tech is outdated.



Sigourney Key Club students trick-or-treated for UNICEF, raising \$200

North English Council Discusses Tree Lighting, Knoll Ridge Pool

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
NORTH ENGLISH – During the Nov. 5 meeting of the North English City Council, locals Vicki Oswald and Jane Luetje requested permission to hold a tree lighting on Nov. 30, at 6:00 p.m. Luetje explained that the tree lighting would decorate five evergreen trees on the south side of the North English Veterans Memorial. She stated that the event would be called "North English Presents: Kickoff for Christmas - A Celebration of Community and Love" and be done to remember friends and family. Luetje stated that community volunteers would put decorate and put ornaments on the trees and requested that Mayor Dan Strohmman be the "Clark Griswold" and flip the switch.

Oswald explained that they will serve apple cider and cookies at the event. She stated they would like to do this yearly and begin selling lights in memory of specific people. She stated that they would put out donation buckets to

pay for the electrical cost and requested the city store ornaments and lights between seasons. Luetje stated that the English Valleys industrial Art class was willing to make ornaments and 18-inch stars for the tree; Oswald stated the care center also wanted to make ornaments. Jane Luetje stated that, in the future, they could plant a tree at the memorial specifically for decorating. Strohmman stated that he thought this was a great idea and the council approved having the tree lighting.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, the council discussed a request from the Friends of the Knoll Ridge Pool to sign a 28e agreement to have the city help the pool obtain grant money. Strohmman stated that the city was not interested in running the pool, and that acting as a fundraising conduit was a "grey area." City Clerk Tara Heyne stated that the city's attorney, Josh Kraushaar, had said they couldn't act as a fundraising conduit. Councilwoman Kathy O'Rourke

stated that she recalled doing something like this in the past; Heyne stated that they had run money through the city to help the pool get a grant once, but were later told they couldn't do that by the state auditor.

Strohmman stated that Kraushaar had stated the agreement would cost \$3-3,000 to set up. Councilman Andrew Custer stated this was too big of a grey area. Public works employee David Knipfer stated that 28e agreements are for two parties that help each other out and asked how the pool was helping the city. O'Rourke stated that she thought 28e agreements were supposed to be for municipalities. Councilman Lou Garringer asked why the city was being asked to take over as a transfer point and not another 501c3 in town. O'Rourke asked who would do it. Strohmman explained that the pool didn't qualify as a 501c3, although he wasn't sure why. The council ultimately decided to have Kraushaar come and talk to them about this at the next meeting.

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Casino Night

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

5:30 P.M. - DOORS OPEN
 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. - SUPPER IS SERVED
 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. - GAMES AND DRAWINGS
 8:00 - 11:00 - ENTERTAINMENT

THE KEOKUK COUNTY EXPO

21+ ONLY • TICKETS AVAILABLE WITH KCED BOARD AND AT THE DOOR

Keota Purchases New Snow Plow

During the Nov. 3 meeting of the Keota City Council, the council approved spending \$11,059 to purchase and install a new snow plow, which will be attached to the new city work truck. Public Works Director Micah Harmsen stated that he did not have enough money for this in the snow equipment savings account, but that they would be able to pay for it using the \$5,088 in snow savings, \$5,000 from the street equipment fund, and the \$2,565 they received for the old truck. He stated that they will need to set aside more money in the budget for a snow plow in the future. Harmsen noted that the new snow plow blade was bigger than the one he currently uses, which should cut down on the time to clear snow.

Also at the Monday meeting, Harmsen stated that there was a small water leak in town that they were unable to find,

resulting in water usage being at around 100,000 gallons, instead of the normal 75-80,000; he stated that he had called Rural Water, who would come and try to find the leak that week.

During the council and mayor comments time at the end of the meeting, City Councilman Keith Conrad noted that none of the people running for election the next day, besides for him and fellow council members Mike Bender and Patty Tinnes, had attended any council meetings in the past three months. He stated that, if the challengers thought they were doing such a bad job, he figured they would have come to meetings so they could "hit the ground running." Tinnes agreed with this, stating that people needed to be involved and attend meetings to get a full understanding of the city and saying it would be benefi-

cial for people to attend. Tinnes stated she had enjoyed her time on the council and hoped she could stay. Councilmen Matt Greiner and Heath McDonald both said they were glad they were not up for reelection that year. Longtime Mayor Tony Cansler agreed with Conrad, stating that a lot of people campaigned on the changes they would make, but didn't attend meetings to see what was going on. Cansler stated that he would tell the new mayor, assuming he lost, to go back through the past two years of meeting minutes and see what he was responsible for. Cansler stated it had been a pleasure being mayor.

The next day, Cansler lost in a landslide to challenger Ryan Carr. Tinnes and Bender also lost reelection, with their seats being won by Chad Greiner and John Todd Mather.

Rates worth gobbling up!

10 Month CD
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19 Month CD
3.55% APY*

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Community CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sigourney Kiwanis

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keota School Board
 The Keota School Board meets the second Thursday of

each month, typically at 6 p.m.

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

Keokuk County Historical Society
 Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Keokuk County Public Health
 Keokuk County Public Health is here to serve you. We offer an array of services such as: home health services, immunizations, education, diabetic care, foot

care, partner's program, etc. We have walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, etc. to loan out free of cost. Please call us if you or a loved one is in need. For more information, call (641) 622-3575.

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota
 AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly
 Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm. Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

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

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

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

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Miller will be given a spot on the council will be determined by the drawing of lots.

Richland Mayor
 John Capps - 99 (81.82%)
Richland City Council
 Steve Pfeifer - 105 (21.17%)
 Michael T. Hadley - 100 (20.16%)

Jim Gaines - 91 (18.35%)
 Cyndia Crafton - 87 (17.54%)
 Joseph Adrian - 82 (16.53%)

Sigourney Mayor
 Gary Iosbaker - 398 (97.07%)

Sigourney City Council (At-Large)
 David Goldman - 276 (63.74%)
 Jordan Alspach - 152 (35.10%)

Sigourney City Council (Ward 2)
 Jesse Hannam - 70 (57.38%)
 Stephani Lentz - 50 (40.98%)

Sigourney City Council (Ward 4)
 Larry Chmelar - 93 (97.65%)

South English Mayor
 Edward Shafranek - 22 (91.67%)

South English City Council
 Cameron Miller - 21 (21.43%)
 Emily Clarahan - 19 (19.39%)
 Nicholas Frazier - 19 (19.39%)
 Hope Frazier - 18 (18.37%)
 Andi Albert (Write-in) - 5 (5.10%)

Thornburg Mayor
 Steve Bos - 5 (100%)

Thornburg City Council
 Jayne Garcia - 5 (33.33%)
 Dale A. Walker - 5 (33.33%)
 Debra Walker - 5 (33.33%)

Webster Mayor
 Bran E. Lee - 14 (100%)

Webster City Council
 Steve Black - 16 (22.86%)
 Scott A. Mihal - 15 (21.43%)
 Gerald Glandon - 14 (20.00%)
 Steven Street - 14 (20.00%)
 Scott Shifflett - 11 (15.71%)

What Cheer Mayor
 Darrell Wilkening - 97 (85.09%)

What Cheer City Council
 Donna S. Rogers - 83 (14.36%)
 Sandra Van Patten - 72 (12.46%)

Frank Calvert - 68 (11.76%)
 Lisa Breckelsberg - 67 (11.59%)
 Dwight Danner Sr. - 65 (11.25%)

Mike Danner - 44 (7.61%)
 Michael Jay MacCready - 37 (6.40%)
 April Dumermuth - 32 (5.54%)
 Rich Shafranek - 27 (4.67%)
 Travis Acord - 26 (4.50%)
 Brandon T. Bell - 23 (3.98%)
 Faye Jones - 19 (3.29%)
 David Campbell - 14 (2.42%)

English Valleys School Board
 Trent Forrest - 231 (41.10%)
 Steven D. Axmear - 172 (30.60%)
 Ashley Dickey - 151 (26.87%)

Keota School Board
 Daniel Redlinger - 230 (42.12%)
 Nathan W. Greiner - 159 (29.12%)
 Erin McGuire - 147 (26.92%)

Keota School Board (To Fill a Vacancy)
 Pat Hammen - 273 (97.50%)

Pekin School Board (District 1)
 JD Olinger - 285 (97.60%)

Pekin School Board (District 3)
 Ray Fear (Write-in) - 26 (50%)

Pekin School Board (District 5)
 Linda Brock - 196 (54.75%)
 John Joseph Greiner - 160 (44.69%)

Pekin School Board (At-Large)
 Kortney Baumberger - 377 (92.85%, Washington and Wapello votes not included)

Sigourney School Board
 Adam Sellers - 546 (29.85%)
 Cody Branstad - 437 (23.89%)
 Steven Seeley - 397 (21.71%)
 Allan Glandon - 366 (20.01%)

Tri-County School Board
 Ben Molyneux - 155 (52.90%)
 Derek Hall - 134 (45.73%)

Indian Hills Community College Director (District 1)
 Beth Danowsky - 1211 (99.26%)

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MENUS

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Nov. 14th
 Chili Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Jello w/ Fruit, Cookie.
 Nov. 17th
 Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Fruit Salad.
 Nov. 19th
 Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Scalloped Carrots, 4 Layer Butterscotch Dessert.

Sigourney

Nov. 13th
 Breakfast: Egg, Bacon, And Cheese Bagel, Assorted Cereal w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Crispito w. Nachos, Mango Habanero Chicken Bites w. Garlic Toast w/ Tater Tots, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Fresh Salad w/ Combread, Fresh Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 14th
 Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Loaded Baked Potato w/ Focaccia Bread, Tenders w. Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Fresh Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Garden Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Fruit, Goopy Butter Cookies, Milk.
 Nov. 17th
 Breakfast: Fruit and Yogurt Parfait w/ Muffin Square, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square.
 Lunch: Chicken Alfredo w/ Italian Bread, Pepper Jack Grilled Cheese w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 18th
 Breakfast: Pumpkin Pie Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Cheesy Ham & Potato Soup w/ Cornbread, Buffalo Chicken Bites w. Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Corn Bread, Garden Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 19th
 Breakfast: Cheesy Ham & Egg Casserole w/ Toast w. Margarine, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine.
 Lunch: THANKSGIVING FEAST: Roast Turkey w/ Hot Roll, Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Pumpkin Bar, Milk.

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Nov. 13th
 Philly Steak Sandwich on Wheat Bun, Swiss Cheese, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Dutch Apple Pie, Vanilla Ice Cream.
 Nov. 14th
 Closed.
 Nov. 17th
 Beef Enchilada Casserole, Rice & Beans, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Mandarin Oranges.
 Nov. 18th
 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Four Way Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, WW Bread Butter.
 Nov. 19th
 Chicken Fettuccine, Pasta, Big Bowl of Tuscan Greens, Dressing, Peach Crisp, Breadstick.

Pekin

Nov. 13th
 Breakfast: Wafflers, Sting Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
 Lunch: Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Cup/ Cranberry Salad, Pumpkin Bars.
 Nov. 14th
 W/G Donut Holes, Yogurt Cup, Fruit, Juice.
 Beef Dippers, Potato Wedges, Pepper Slices, Cinnamon Apples, Grapes.
 Nov. 17th
 No School
 Nov. 18th
 Breakfast: WG Cereal, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
 Lunch: Chili, Baby Carrots, String Cheese, WG Saltines, Raisels, Juice.
 Nov. 19th
 Breakfast: Egg Bites, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice.
 Lunch: Sausage Pizza, California Blend, Cherry Tomatoes, Pears, Blueberries.

Keota

Nov. 13th
 Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage Sandwich, Peaches, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Orange, Corn Muffin, Milk.
 Nov. 14th
 No School
 Nov. 17th
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Baked Chicken, Drumstick, Fresh Broccoli, Corn, Peaches, Savory Rice, Oatmeal Roll & Jelly, Milk.
 Nov. 18th
 Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Pizza Burger on a Bun, Tri-Tater, Baked Beans, Kiwi, Milk.
 Nov. 19th
 Breakfast: Egg Bites, Toast & Jelly, Orange, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Lasagna, Garden Spinach Salad, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Apples, Breadstick, Milk.

Tri-County

Nov. 13th
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza.
 Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Biscuits.
 Nov. 14th
 Breakfast: Cheese Omelet & Toast.
 Lunch: Turkey & Bacon Croissant, Carrots & Ranch, Grapes.
 Nov. 17th
 Breakfast: Cereal & Pop-tart.
 Lunch: Corn Dog, Green Beans, Baked Chips, Mandarin Orange.
 Nov. 18th
 Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich.
 Lunch: Italian Chicken Sandwich, Cooked Carrots, Baked Beans, Strawberries.
 Nov. 19th
 Breakfast: Pancake Bites.
 Lunch: Pork Chipette, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce, Roll.

English Valleys

Nov. 13th
 Breakfast: Egg, Bacon, & Cheese Bagel, Assorted Cereal w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Crispito w. Nachos, Mango Habanero Chicken Bites w. Garlic Toast, Tater Tots, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Chicken Bacon Ranch Salad w/ Cornbread, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 14th
 Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Loaded Baked Potato w/ Focaccia Bread, Tenders w. Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Caesar Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Fruit, Goopy Butter Cookies, Milk.
 Nov. 17th
 Breakfast: Fruit & Yogurt Parfait, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Chicken Alfredo w/ Italian Bread, Pepper Jack Grilled Cheese w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Turkey Jack Sandwich, Garden Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 18th
 Breakfast: Pumpkin Pie Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Cheesy Ham & Potato Soup w/ Cornbread, Buffalo Chicken Bites w. Garlic Toast w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Southwest Chicken & Avocado Wrap, Garden Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk.
 Nov. 19th
 Breakfast: Waffles w/ Toppings, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Milk.
 Lunch: THANKSGIVING FEAST! Roast Turkey, Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Pumpkin Bar, Milk.

Masked Protester Unmasks, Uses Council Meeting as Soapbox

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – In recent weeks, a masked protester has been standing on the corner of Main Street and Highway 92 in Sigourney, next to the Family Dollar, holding a variety of signs promoting left-wing political beliefs, with a heavy focus on opposition to the Trump administration's immigration policies. During the Nov. 5 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the protester, now unmasked, read off a prepared statement explaining why he had been doing what he had. The protester, now identified as Mathew Lentz, Sigourney resident and husband of Councilwoman Stephani Lentz, claimed that he had been holding signs to raise awareness and encourage good faith discussions.

He stated it was important to stand up for what he believed in, because a day may come soon where we are not allowed to speak up about any issue.

Lentz stated he had received heavy pushback, including constant shouting of homophobic and ableist slurs and daily threats of violence. He explained that he received a lot of anger for the fact that he wore a mask, with people demanding he take it off and asking why he would cover his face if he had nothing to hide. These complaints came while Lentz held a large sign explaining that he, an unarmed peaceful protestor, was wearing a mask to show how scary it was for armed ICE agents with "only a de-

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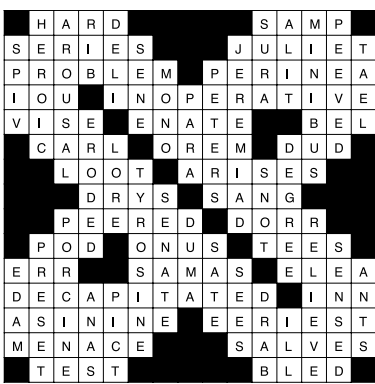


- CLUES ACROSS**
- Expression of surprise
 - Keyboard key
 - One who works on lights
 - Notable children's story
 - Fall back into a bad pattern
 - Eye parts
 - Atomic #18
 - Of she
 - Farm state
 - One point south of southeast
 - British media entity
 - Asian garment
 - Drench
 - Expressions of pleasure
 - Turf
 - UK trade union (abbr.)
 - Bleated
 - Fifth note of a major scale
 - Paddle
 - Monetary unit of Italy
 - American classical pianist
 - Shuts down for the day
 - Seize
 - Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - Greeting
 - Some cars still need it
 - Atomic #22
 - Let go
 - Marched in public
 - U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
 - Hostilities
 - Speak aloud
 - River in NE Scotland

- CLUES DOWN**
- Razorbill genus
 - Longtime Baltimore tight end
 - Performs on stage
 - Supports a sentiment
 - Rugged mountain ranges
 - Broadway songwriter Sammy
 - Snake-like fish
 - Men's fashion accessory
 - Hospital worker
 - Something to scratch
 - No (Scottish)
 - Volcanic ash
 - Of this
 - American jazz drummer Watts
 - Drop down
 - English dialect
 - Predatory seabirds
 - Imams' deputies
 - Fertility god
 - Fence material
 - Parks and DeLauro

- ro are two
- Distinctive smell (Brit.)
- Protein-rich liquids
- Touch lightly
- Season for Catholics
- Boat race
- Police actions
- Chinese river
- Waterfall (Scottish)
- Walk ostentatiously
- Type of carpet
- Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
- Sea eagles
- An enclosure for confining livestock
- Dry
- An increase in price or value
- The highest point of something
- Government lawyers
- Larry and Curly's pal

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



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

WORDS

- ARCHIPELAGO
- BASIN
- CONTINENT
- DELTA
- DESERT
- EQUATOR
- EROSION
- GLACIER
- HEMISPHERE
- ISTHMUS
- LATITUDE
- LONGITUDE
- MOUNTAIN RANGE
- PENINSULA
- PLATEAU
- PRIME MERIDIAN
- RAINFOREST
- RIVERS
- SAVANNA
- TOPOGRAPHY
- TUNDRA
- VALLEY
- WATERSHED
- WEATHER

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Cotton Etter and World War II

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

Last week, I went through old newspapers from 1942. The writing from that year that interested me most were the frequent editorials by the Sigourney Review publisher Cotton Etter, where he often gave his thoughts on the war. For example, as discussed last week, Etter frequently wrote about his fears about the county being unable to collect that year's large harvest with so many young men drafted into the military, advocating that farmers be exempted from the draft. I found these columns fascinating, because they were a glimpse into a time of uncertainty, of what scared or inspired an ordinary man, as war began.

On Feb. 11, he wrote that people discussing "Win-

ning the Peace" were getting ahead of themselves, guessing there were even odds the U.S. would lose. He noted that "the worst of it is that if we lose we lose everything, if we win we win nothing." On April 1, he wrote that, while dog fights were the "most spectacular part of warfare, it takes no more courage to fight with a quarter million dollars worth of machinery at five miles above the earth than it does to face a dollar's worth of bayonet at a distance of three feet." He wrote on May 13 that people who believed the war would be over by the end of the year were too optimistic. On July 29, he wrote that social progress would go back a thousand years if the Allies lost; he said that was the chief reason it would be a long war, because both sides knew that the losers

would lose everything. He was frequently critical of the Farm Bloc, which wanted to freeze prices on everything but farm products, writing on Sept. 9 that they didn't represent farmers very well. On Oct. 28, he wrote that the nation was 40% organized by war, but would have to be 100% organized before they could win; he stated it was "certain that we will lose plenty of ships, men and materials before the war is over." On Nov. 18, he wrote that isolationism must become a thing of the past, and that if high tariffs were used to stop the importing of raw rubber and throw "thousands of brown and yellow people" out of jobs, there would be "another war after a generation has forgotten this one." He wrote that the world was small, and that it was "just as necessary to 'live and let live' on a world wide scale as it has always been in your own city or neighborhood."

On Feb. 4, he wrote that a lot of people hadn't realized that the nation was at war, or that they would have to sacrifice their high standard of living to win. He mocked isolationists and fence sitters, like Iowa Republican Governor George Wilson, for believing America could never be attacked before Pearl Harbor and only supporting war after the U.S. was attacked. On May 20, he wrote that, if Republicans had been the majority in Congress the past two years, "our white boys would be pulling rickshaws through the streets of Sigourney right now, with Japs in them."

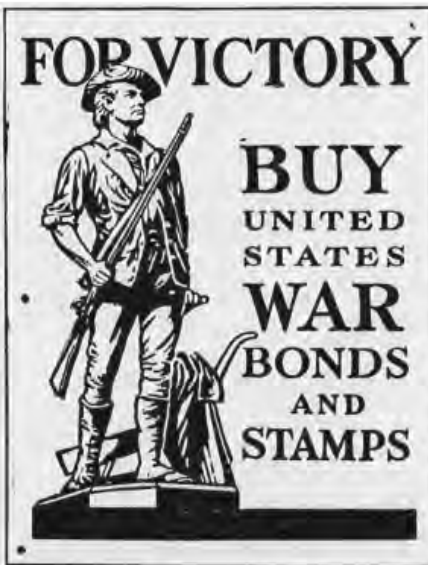
Etter's column was complicated, when read 83 years later; there were occasional bursts of racism, but also often surprisingly progres-

sive beliefs for his era. He wrote on Jan. 21 that Hitler believed the way to rule the world was to divide and conquer, using propaganda to turn different classes, religions, races and occupations against each other, so people were unable to unite and defend their country. On Feb. 25 he advocated an end to British rule of India, because why would Indians fight for independence if they didn't have any? He criticized Japanese intervention on March 18, writing that Japanese-Americans could be immensely valuable to the war effort, but were instead being put behind fences. On July 8, Etter wrote that local men born in Germany were the most patriotic citizens and criticized locals for being hostile to men with accents.

On the other hand, on April 22, he wrote that the Nazis would be easier to beat than the Japanese, because they were smarter and would surrender when they realized they had no chance of winning, while the Japanese would "have to be cleared entirely out, like a hornet's nest." Etter was much too generous in his belief that the Nazis would surrender when they realized they were outmatched, and of course the idea that Japan would never surrender was proven incorrect in 1945.

On June 24, Etter compared the Axis Powers to large landowners who own half a county and treat the little people like they don't count, saying he thought the time of rich landowners would end after the war; he wrote that the little people weren't fighting for

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 108 W 3rd St.
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Delta Methodist Church
 Pastor Vince Homan
 Worship: 9 a.m.
 Sunday School for Elementary age children is at 9:30-10:15 a.m.

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

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 Pastor Robb Bruns
 Sunday School, 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

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 Pastors Amy McGriff and Robert Elgin
 Worship, 10 a.m.
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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.

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 206 Park St. Hedrick
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.;
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 Pastor Michael Elrod
 203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick
 641-653-4477
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
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Good Neighbor Fellowship
 126 E Broadway
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 Keota, IA 52248
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 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.

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 www.nsfcc.org
 Pastor Eric Sneed
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 Worship 10 a.m.
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 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
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 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.

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 www.newlifefellowships.org
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 newlifefellowships@gmail.com
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 Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)
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 Rev. Dar Eckley, Pastor
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 Sunday school-10:15 a.m.
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 Ollie Pastor Tom Grove
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 10:30 a.m. Worship

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 319-456-2251
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 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 206 Main St,
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 1005 Jasmine Ave,
 641-919-8922
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 11 a.m. Contemporary
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a democracy that "makes it possible for a corporation executive to draw a half million a year," but rather for a democracy that makes it possible for the ordinary people to have "all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life, freedom to think, work and worship as he pleases."

He had nuanced beliefs on the U.S.S.R., regularly praising the vital sacrifices they made fighting the Nazis and the fact that, without the Soviets, all of Europe would have been overrun, but also noting that the Soviets would likely take control of Germany and recruit Nazis to run it after the war. This prediction was fairly accurate, although he didn't predict the Americans would do the same. On Sept. 16, he discussed the Battle of Stalingrad, one of the deadliest and most important battles of the war, remarking that Americans needed the courage the Russians had shown and that "the fanatic believers in Communism may prove to be the saviors of freedom in this world." On Oct. 21, he wrote that "In the Russian defense of Stalingrad we see what a people can do against overwhelming odds just by trying harder than seems possible. This country must try to do some of that before this war can be won. And that spirit must prevail not only among the men under arms, but the entire nation." Perhaps I will go back some

other week to read the rest of Etter's thoughts, but, to close this column, I skipped ahead to his August 1945 writings, to see how he reacted to the war's end. On Aug. 8, after the Bombing of Hiroshima but before the Bombing of Nagasaki, Soviet invasion of Manchuria, or Japanese surrender, Etter wrote in awe that scientists had harnessed the power of some strange thing called "atoms." He advocated immediately dropping more nukes, saying that the lives of a single American boy was worth more than every person in Axis countries and "If we have to destroy a few hundred thousands Jap civilians to make things easier for our combat men over there, the quicker the better."

The next week, after Japan surrendered, his reaction was reserved, writing that the U.S. had won because their men were simply better than their opponents. He talked about how they still needed to think about that year's harvest, and speculated that the atomic age would bring amazing scientific advancements.

I'll leave you with these words from that 1945 column:

"If the American people can devote as much thought and effort to peace time pursuits there is no limit to the high standard of living which they may attain. They can do anything. They can get anything."

PROTESTER from pg. 3

sire to inflict pain on people different from themselves" to hide their faces.

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, usually shortened to ICE, has received heavy criticism in the past year, coinciding with massive increases in budget and power given by President Donald Trump, for the agency's violent tactics, their frequent detaining of American citizens, the high number of deaths of people in custody, the squalid conditions of their internment camps, and the agency's refusal to abide by court orders. The tendency for ICE agents to wear masks and refuse to show badges has been a sticking point for many Americans. ICE claims that its agents wear masks to protect their safety and prevent them from being doxxed.

Lentz asked, if ICE's actions are legal, why would they need masks? He claimed that ICE agents hide their identities because they are not peaceful and do not want to be held accountable for the crimes they commit. He stated that ICE agents hide like cowards. Lentz stated that local sheriff's deputies don't need to wear masks, because they serve their communities. He claimed that ICE agents feel invincible behind their masks, don't care about our communities, and feel free to point loaded weapons and throw grenades at U.S. citizens. He claimed that ICE agents employ illegal and dangerous tactics

against peaceful resistance, in an attempt to suppress our freedoms of assembly and freedom of speech.

Lentz stated that, with his mask off, people can now focus on the content of his message. He stated that many people in this country ignore facts, blindly follow pedophiles and rapists, and worst of all celebrate their hate and ignorance.

"To those who only spewed insults and threats as they drove past, I offer you only pity and shame. Your hate blinds you to the truth and beauty of our world and universe," said Lentz.

Lentz thanked the few people who had had genuine discussions with him, and noted that he had also received heavy support, with people giving him enthusiastic waves, thumbs ups and car horns, taking photos, offering him food, and joining in his protest.

"For many of us who feel alone, helpless, overwhelmed, or just apathetic, to stand up or speak out can feel like an impossible or useless task. After these past few weeks, I'm here to tell you, with absolute certainty, you are not alone, and your voice does matter," said Lentz.

Lentz urged people to read the constitution and know their rights, saying that democracy is fragile, and that it would take all of us standing up for the freedoms of all Americans to protect it from those wanting to destroy it.



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy."
 Philippians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Security In Family

Around this time in the fall, we are often reminded of the importance of our family and overall communities. On the Thanksgiving holiday itself, we may have family rituals where we share something we're grateful for, and the season certainly has no shortage of discussion around the topic of gratitude itself. Reflection on these matters during this time, then, is great for a number of reasons. We may not always show the people in our life how grateful we are, or what we are specifically thankful for. Directly bringing up your gratitude to a family member or friend, and simply telling them how they make your life better, can be an effective way to ensure your appreciation for their relationship is not overlooked. In our families and friends, we find both our security and simple reasons for appreciating every day. Throughout his letters in the New Testament, Paul regularly indicates the gratitude he possesses for the communities in faith he is corresponding with. In displaying this regular gratitude, Paul both expands on Christ's message and also shows the fact that we display our appreciation for God when we do so for others.

-James Stone

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The Delta Town and County Center held a Fall Family Harvest Supper on Nov. 6. Proceeds from the free will offering will go towards maintaining the old school building



Greiner Tractor Ride Makes Donation to Keota Veterans Memorial Foundation

The 5th Annual Travis Greiner Memorial Tractor Ride drove through Keokuk County on Saturday August 23, 2025, with a route that included Keota, Richland, Packwood, Ollie, Sigourney, and Harper. Farming families from all around the region drove through country roads and small towns with lots of cheering and waving from local folks and stops for refreshments and lunch along the way. The ride honors Travis Greiner, of Keota, who passed away in June of 2020 at just 28 years old. Since his death, each year, the community celebrates his life and his legacy as a community-minded family farmer with a tractor ride throughout the area.

The tractor ride is sponsored by the Southeast Iowa Tractor Association, and each year a free-will donation goes toward community non-profits that support different aspects of small-town life in Iowa. This year, the riders, donors, attendees, and supporters donated over \$14,000, which was divided between two groups, the Keokuk County Childcare Network, and the Keota Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The Keota Veterans Memorial

Foundation supports, maintains, and promotes the Keota Veterans Memorial, a beautiful collection of monuments that recognize the many members of the Keota community who have served in the United States military. Located on the west end of Broadway Avenue in Keota, IA, the memorial includes black stone monuments engraved with the names of thousands of Keota veterans, and a recently renovated monument specifically recognizing those Gold Star veterans who died in service. It serves as a place for folks to remember family and friends, and a constant reminder of the importance of military service in our town.

We in the Keota Veterans Memorial Foundation would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Greiner family, the Southeast Iowa Tractor Association, and all the riders and members of the community who supported this great tradition. It was a pleasure to help with the event, and we look forward to using this generous gift to preserve the history of our military veterans.



Fry Trucking sponsored Sigourney High School students to attend the ISU Go Further STEM Conference on Oct. 30. Go Further is a one-day conference on the Iowa State campus for students to learn about STEM fields and how to infuse their passions within a career. The students attend interactive sessions to explore STEM opportunities, hear from professionals and WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) student speakers, and eat lunch with undergraduate STEM students.

Back in Carolina



RICK JANSEN

Nov 3, 2025

My wife and I recently took another trip back to South Carolina to visit our son and daughter-in-law. My son appeared in another show at the Greenville Theater, and she worked on the backstage crew. That was a great excuse to travel South to see them. They live in the Northwest corner of South Carolina and are very close to the Smokey and Blue Ridge Mountains, so fall is a wonderful time to visit.

We took two days to make the trip down to South Carolina and stopped just north of Louisville, KY which is just

over halfway. Once you start heading into the mountains of Tennessee into North Carolina the scenery changed dramatically. We could tell the leaves were just starting to change colors, but they had not peaked yet. We were hoping that things would be perfect on our return trip. Even though the trees had not reached their full color potential, it was still a glorious site. We have made this trip several times, but we still are amazed at the wonders of the mountains.

We arrived at my son's house just in time for some wonderful smoked chili. My son acquired a fancy smoker, and he has become a true master of producing some unusual meals on that device. For this meal he prepared the chili sauce early and then put a large "meatball" on his smoker and put the chili pot under the meatball to catch all the

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EagleRock! presented \$450 raised through the Hats for Hunger fundraiser to the UHC food pantry

Tri-County FFA Member Awarded National American FFA Degree

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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Chloe Zittergruen, a member of the Tri-County

Community FFA chapter in Thornburg, Iowa and cur-

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Obituaries

Dr. Louis A. Lorenzo

†2025

Williamsburg—Dr. Louis A. Lorenzo, 77, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family members, Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 in Williamsburg, Iowa. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Louis Anthony Lorenzo, Sr. and Mary Rose Lorenzo (née Grieco).

Lou, known as "Dr. Lou" to his patients and friends, grew up in New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Monmouth College before earning a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Soon after graduation from Palmer, Lou established his practice on Beverwyck Road in the Lake Hiawatha section of Parsippany, NJ, where he served thousands of patients from 1981 to 2016.

Lou was united in marriage to Francine Striegel on July 18, 1983, in Parsippany, NJ.

Known for his warm and unwavering commitment to his patients' wellbeing, Lou had a decades-long career grounded in a passion for holistic health and natural healing, and that extended well beyond his office walls.

A member of the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, Dr. Lou spoke regularly to students at local schools and elsewhere in the greater community about chiropractic, healthy living and the power of positive thinking. As a volunteer, he cared for golfers participating in the PGA Tour during tournaments in New Jersey and New York. Throughout his lengthy career, he treated many high school, college and professional athletes.

"A lot of people don't like their jobs, but I love what I do. I love serving the public," Lou said in a 2007 newspaper interview.

He was also an active, longtime member of the Kiwanis of Greater Parsippany and the Sons of Italy Lodge 2561.

Prior to attending chiropractic school, Lou lived in Merced, California where he worked for several years as a city planner. He retired to Williamsburg, Iowa in 2021.

Lou will be deeply missed by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Francine Lorenzo, daughter, Patrice Lorenzo of Turlock, California; son Daren Lorenzo (Lindsay) of Lamar, South Carolina; son Jay Lorenzo of Twentynine Palms, California; daughter-in-law Stephanie Lorenzo of Williamsburg, Iowa; sister Marilyn Dolan of Cedar Knolls, NJ; sister Millie Payack, of Austin, Texas; and six grandchildren: Jayce Nikolas McVey, Loren Rose Bostrom, Ayden Joshua Lorenzo, Alessandra Vera Lorenzo, Oliver Daren Lorenzo and Lana Rose Lorenzo. He is predeceased by his parents and younger brother Joseph Lorenzo.

Celebration of Life Gathering will be Friday, November 14, 2025, at the K. C. Hall in Harper, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Please come and join the family for lunch and fellowship during this time. Powell Funeral Home in Williamsburg is caring for Lou and his family. Messages and tributes may be directed to www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Celebration of Life : Nov. 14, 12-3 p.m.
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WILLIAMSBURG

Obituaries

David Schaffner

1961-2025

Millersburg—David Eugene Schaffner was born June 19, 1961, in Sigourney, Iowa, the son of Russell and Betty (Himler) Schaffner. He graduated from Deep River Millersburg in 1980 and was confirmed at the Millersburg United Methodist Church.

David's work career started early in life like most farm kids do, helping local farmers around the area, and that career continued throughout his life. He worked raising cattle, hogs, chickens, goats and sheep. He always had a dog and cats to fill his spare time. He enjoyed his 4-H career with the Dayton Rockets and going to the Iowa County Fairs. He worked his entire life on the farm and also at Clow and later Bender Foundry, where he took co-workers to work for many years when they needed rides. Farming, especially feeding cattle was, David's passion. He enjoyed watching newborn calves and it was a special treat to him when he had a bucket bottle calf to share with his great nephews at fair time. He walked many miles of electric fence keeping cattle within their boundaries and taught his cows to come at his whistle.

Machine auctions were a great treat to him especially if a Kalona Bar was available. Family meant a lot to David, whether it be a niece or nephew or his great nieces and nephews, that showed up at the door for Sunday meals or just to spend the night. Whether he grumbled, teased or just said hi, they all knew it was his way of welcoming them. He showed them that an older Uncle could jump rope and juggle balls. He even taught some of them his way of whistling.

David died on Monday, November 3, 2025, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, at the age of 64 years.

David will be greatly missed by his brothers Gary Schaffner (Marnita Beal) and Stephen Schaffner; his sisters Pat (Arlen) Fisher, Charlene Oehl, Mary (Bryan) Greene and Deb (Dave) Grimm all of the Millersburg/North English area. Also 21 nieces & nephews, 46 great nieces & nephews and 2 great, great nephews, with 2 more coming soon.

He was preceded by his grandparents Art & Alda Himler and Lloyd & Aura Schaffner; his parents Russell & Betty Schaffner and a great niece Joely Schaffner.

Visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the Powell Funeral Home in North English. A public graveside service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, in the Zion Cemetery, North of Millersburg. The family invited friends, classmates and anyone who knew David to come to a gathering at Millersburg City Hall for a lunch following services Monday. Memorials may be given to the Iowa County Fair in David's honor. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Services: Nov. 10, 12 p.m.
Visitation: Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m.
POWELL FUNERAL HOME
NORTH ENGLISH

Obituaries

Sally Ann McCombs

1934-2025

Sally Ann McCombs, 91, died at Parkview Manor in Wellman, Iowa on November 6, 2025. She was born April 2, 1934, to Clair and Mildred (Feaster) Denny near Delta. She graduated from Delta High School in 1952. Sally went to work at Hayesvilles Savings Bank and later Younkers in Des Moines. On February 22, 1959, she married Wayne Leland McCombs. Sally and her husband farmed outside of South English where she was a homemaker and farmers wife. After Wayne's death in 1976, Sally and her sons took over running the family farm.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and brother Bill Denny.

She is survived by her sons Randy McCombs of Sigourney and Danny McCombs of South English and her sister Marilyn Denny of Oskaloosa.

Services were held Monday November 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Holm Funeral Home. Burial in South English Cemetery.

Arrangements by the Holm Funeral Home, Sigourney.

Services: Nov. 10, 11 a.m.
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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

Fall is Really Here

By Sheryl L. Carter

As in: Baby, it's cold outside! After a balmy October, this morning, as I write this on late Sunday afternoon, November 9, it was co—old outside—you could even see your breath. But the sun was shining and it was still a lovely day. We have the warm clothes, warm vehicles, and homes—at least I hope everyone reading this does! I even went upstairs to the walk-in closet and brought down the heavy sweater coat that reaches down to my knees, and you don't get cold wearing that thing. So, I was bundled up good for Sunday school and church this morning.

It's been a nice week with Election Day on Tuesday, and I was up there at our polling place at the Community Building in good time to mark my ballot. I have never missed an election since I was 18 years old—especially the big general elections. I probably have missed a few of the local ones, but not this year.

Wednesday was a full day beginning with our ladies Bible study out at church at 9 a.m., afterwards got a haircut uptown at AllyCuts, then headed down to Pella to enjoy

lunch with a good friend, got some groceries for the week, and was homeward bound. That night was our night ladies Bible study at church which is for those women who may work outside their homes, and not able to attend the morning one. We had a wonderful prayer time and good lesson.

Thursday, I put the finishing touches on the load already in Jazzy's cargo area for the big craft show on Saturday, put the new PillowWare tags on my handcrafted pillows, and got them bagged and in the car, picked some apples off the big tree in the back yard, and balanced the check book. I had said to a friend that if it didn't balance out quite with my figures, that was ok. She said when hers doesn't jibe she had to find the last penny. I said, I used to, but I got over it.

Friday, I did some housework, and put clean sheets on the bed—that always feels good when you crawl in at night, and did a quick visit out at Many Treasures for their monthly haul. Dorothy and Scottie were also out there, so I came back home and put on a pot of coffee for when they stopped by.

Saturday, yesterday, was

the big craft show at the Pella High School, and in spite of not having a whole lot of sleep the night before, I was out on the road by 7:30. I had been watching the weather forecast carefully, knowing if the temp went below 32 and the rains came, we were going to be in trouble. Thankfully, the rains came, but it stayed warm enough, so driving was not a problem. I was glad I could go.

The rain did not stop all those shoppers who love this annual market, as we had lots of people go through all morning long. It finally tapered off around midday and by 2-2:30 hardly anyone was coming through, so around 2:40, I quickly got loaded up and was heading home a little before 3. It was a long day and it gets dark early now, so I was plenty glad to be driving in my garage safe and sound a little while later.

I met some nice folks yesterday, and had some meaningful conversations with a few, plus I sold some books. They are always kind of blown away when I tell them that either my mom, my daughter, or me had done the paintings for each cover—all without any intention of using them for that.

Today was Sunday school and church, good as always. I was glad to come home to the warm house, get some lunch, and watch Iowa's Meet the Press—they've been interviewing the various candidates for governor, and then later settle in for a cozy nap in my lymph pump on the couch. Then it was feed the kitties their wet kitty food out in their shed before the sun went down and it got dark.

The leaves are really falling now, as just a few days ago all those bright trees in town were brilliant fall color bouquets, and now today many of those leaves are lying like colorful cloaks spread on the ground all around the tree trunks. The rain and the cold have done it. Tons of leaves are everywhere. And you haven't lived until you have a big gigantic sycamore in your back yard as when those huge, dinner plate size leaves fall, it's like a huge thick blanket over everything. Hopefully, my trusty neighbor next door will chomp up those leaves with his mower attachment which makes quick mulching work of them. A huge time saver.

Well, that about wraps it up for this time, so take care all of you's out there!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, Nov. 10...I just realized that I had thought about a writing for this week – so here it goes, once again in cursive.

It was a chilly weekend and as I look out upon the roof of the garage, I see a little snow!

We enjoyed the Veteran's Brunch in Hedrick on Sunday. A very nice attendance and I enjoyed visiting. And the selection of pies was amazing! Breakfast selections, lunch items and dressing! Folks were sure enjoying that!

Last week was full of food opportunities! Sixty Plus provided guests the spread as usual. With November being Veteran's month, we remembered the service of several of our Vets and the things we perhaps didn't know about them. Did you know that Willis Ahrens who lived west of Fremont was drafted in WWII and was selected to be a clerk at McArthur's headquarters? Did you know that Floyd Berry served on Iwo Jima? Both had left writings on their experiences and their stories were amazing! These were men we saw frequently and we had no idea the parts they played during WWII. We also remembered the Veterans from our community.

Tomorrow, on Veterans Day, members of the Fremont Piecemakers will be honoring Veterans residing at Homestead in Oskaloosa. Then it will be time to get out the sewing machines and fabric and make a new supply of quilts.

Our struggle with technology continues! Not only in the phone and iPad frustrating to me, but now the television is quite the challenge! Oh how the good old days when you new what was on and when, and simply turned the dial to find what you wanted. All this "convenience" only takes me much longer and is confusing! I still don't know my vehicle either!

I hauled to Keota on Tuesday and so enjoyed that time. And stopped in Hedrick on the way back for the Legion Auxilary meeting. Also during the week attended ARTE Club, Garden Club, ate with the American Legion and then met friends from Grinnell at the VFW on Saturday evening. It was a week of marathon food!

Enjoy your week! And remember: it's okay to wear old clothes, to not upgrade your phone, to buy second hand items, to live in a simple home. It's okay to live a simple life.



New members Drayvon Dennis, Emery Hall, Aubrey Zittergruen, Alyssa Hadsell, Saige McKain, and Sienna Molyneux were inducted into the Tri-County National Honor Society



The Pekin Iron Chef Team won the IHCC Fall 2025 Culinary Arts competition with their "Little Bites of Horror" menu, themed after the film "Little Shop of Horror"

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rently the Iowa FFA President, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo on November 1, 2025.

Sponsored by Bayer, Cargill, Case IH, John Deere, Rabobank, and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned at least \$10,000 or earned at least \$2,000 and worked at least 2,250 hrs. outside of class time through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business, hold a professional position as an employee, or conduct research. Recipients

must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through the completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

After being recognized at the national convention, each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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smoked drippings. It was very tasty. Later in the week he also smoked a full chicken that he had brined overnight and cut out the breastbone so it would lay flat. Another treat for us.

My son works at Furman College. This is a small-ish private college that sits on a beautiful campus. We were able to visit him at work, and he took the time to walk us around the obligatory lake and campanile. I wonder if the students that attend Furman realize what a gem of a school they go to? I am sure I never thought about such things as a young college student.

I had taken my golf clubs along with the idea of getting in a round of golf with my son. He had a better idea. He took me and my wife to a frisbee golf course in a wonderful park. I have played on other frisbee courses around Iowa, but this course was NOTHING like those. When I watched my son put on his hiking boots to go play frisbee golf I should have taken the hint. This course followed a small creek through some hilly areas. The hole baskets were set in between trees on the sides of the hills. Since I am nowhere close to being proficient at frisbee throwing, I often threw my frisbee in the creek. Luckily for me my son had on his waterproof hiking boots and retrieved my frisbee. I thought it was just my

lack of skill, but I watched several other players who had all the bags of frisbees make the same errors. On some holes just climbing up to the basket had me out of breath. I should also mention that this park also has an awesome outdoor pickleball area with 20 outdoor courts. I took the time to watch the players for a few moments, wishing I had brought along my pickleball gear.

After staying a few days, seeing a great play, eating wonderful food, and enjoying our wonderful kids, it was time to head home. Of course, the day we left it started raining. We had been anticipating seeing the trees in full fall colors on the way home, but we knew the rain would put a damper on that.

Heading into the mountains we could see why they are called the Great Smokey Mountains. With a fine mist falling the "smoke" was rising through the fall foliage of the mountain sides. While not the "bright" day we were hoping for it was still pretty spectacular. It never rained so hard that we could not enjoy the view, but just enough to subdue the bright colors.

It was a great trip. The more I travel to the area, the more I enjoy it. I will be thinking of the lyrics to a James Taylor favorite of mine. "In my mind I am going to Carolina, going to Carolina in my mind."

Tri-County Audit

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. today released an audit report on Tri-County Community School District in Thornburg, Iowa.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The District's revenues totaled \$4,644,981 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 9.05% decrease from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$4,773,223

a 1.47% increase from the prior year. The decrease in total revenues was primarily due to a decrease in revenues from operating grants, contributions, and restricted interest while the increase in total expenses occurred primarily in the instruction function.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. reported four findings found on pages 58 through 60 of this report.

The findings address issues related to segregation of duties, the certified budget, financial condition and the student activity expenditures. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson provided the District with recommendations to address these findings.

Three of the four findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Community School District's Board of Education

has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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State crowns five new volleyball champions

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

IOWA CITY - Only one school had what it took to repeat as champions.

In class 2A Denver was able to become the only repeat champions. After winning the class 2A title over EBF a year ago, Denver ran the table again, this time taking a 5-set win over Hinton.

That class 2A battle was just one of the many exciting matches at the State volleyball tournament as the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union crowned five new State champions last week.

Class 1A

The class 1A field was wide open this year as the returning champion, Ankeny Christian, failed to make the State tournament. Saint Ansgar entered as the No. 1 seeded team, and they proved to be well worth that ranking. In the first round they swept East Mills. In the semifinals they were able to sweep Dunkerton.

Janesville met Saint Ansgar in the championship, and although the Wildcats were able to take the first set, Saint Ansgar won the next three sets to bring home the championship.

Janesville had advanced to the championship after besting Gladbrook-Reinbeck and North Tama in the quarterfinals and the semifinal matches.

Class 2A

Being the defending State champions afforded Denver the No. 1 seed in the class 2A bracket. In their quarterfinal match they made quick work taking down Wapsie Valley in three sets.

Grundy Center won over Beckman Catholic 3-1. No. 2 seeded Dike-New Hartford swept Aplington-Parkersburg and Hinton survived against Iowa City Regina, 3-1.

In the semifinals Denver used four sets to eliminate Grundy Center. No. 3 seeded Hinton bested Dike-New Hartford 3-1.

In the championship both



English Valleys sophomore Joslyn Bender (front) sends a ball over the net during an Oct. 20 match against Keota played in Keota.

teams battled. Denver won the first set 25-22, but Hinton won the second set 28-26 and the third set, 25-21. Denver won the final two sets 25-19, 15-11 to take the championship.

Class 3A

Some of the biggest upsets in any class took place in the class 3A tournament. The quarterfinal round started off with No. 1 seeded Western Christian eliminating 2024 champion, Mount Vernon, in three sets.

No. 5 seeded Humboldt swept Cherokee. Davenport Assumption swept Mid-Prairie. No. 6 seeded Kuemper Catholic won 3-1 over No. 3 Red Oak.

In the semifinals Humboldt came back from a first set defeat to down Western Christian 3-2. Assumption was able to also erase an early deficit as they bested Kuemper Catholic 3-1.

In the championship the Cinderella run of Humboldt came to an end. Davenport Assumption had a sweep to earn the win.

Class 4A

North Scott walked away with the class 4A championship over Sioux Center.

North Scott was a team that had upset on their minds as they entered the Xtreme Arena in Iowa City. The No. 5 seeded team started off with a 3-1 win over Dallas Center-Grimes in the quarterfinals.

Other quarterfinal ac-

tion had No. 1 seeded Clear Creek-Amana sweeping Sergeant Bluff-Luton 3-0. No. 2 seeded Sioux Center won over Marion, 3-1. Pella, the No. 3 seed bested Norwalk 3-1, which included a 31-29 second set final score.

In the semifinals North Scott took out the No. 1 seeded team with a 3-2 victory over Clear Creek Amana. Sioux Center swept Pella.

The championship saw North Scott falling in the first set, but winning the next three to take their championship.

Class 5A

The No. 1 seeded team in the class 5A tournament left as the No. 1 team overall.

Waukee Northwest seemed to show no mercy throughout their State title run as they swept all three of their opponents on the way to the win.

In the quarterfinal round Waukee Northwest started with a sweep over Indianola.

Ankeny was the No. 5 seed and they won 3-1 over Dowling Catholic. No. 2 seeded Ankeny Centennial won over Iowa City West 3-0. No. 6 seeded Valley West Des Moines bested Pleasant Valley, 3-2.

In the semifinals Waukee Northwest swept Ankeny. Ankeny Centennial was able to sweep Valley.

In the championship Waukee Northwest won 3-0 over Ankeny Centennial.



Reece Brisby from Pekin (back) tries to tip the ball over the block attempt of a Keota player during a Sept. 2 match played in Pekin. Brisby was named to the honorable mention list of the All-SEISC team.

Three Panthers make All-Conference team

Paislee Coleman named to first-team list

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

PACKWOOD - It was a season of change for the Panthers this fall.

After being able to erase some recent history the Panthers finished the volleyball season with a 12-15 overall record. Through their play three Pekin players were named to the All-Southeast Iowa Super Conference team.

On the first team list was Paislee Coleman. Two other players, Reece Brisby and Carlie Gambell, were both named to the honorable mention list.

In her junior year Paislee Coleman was able to finish with a team-leading 184 kills, which was the third-most in her conference. She was also in the top-five in terms of total blocks, finishing the season with 32.



Carlie Gambell (6) from Pekin saves a ball during a match earlier this year. Gambell was an honorable mention member of the All-SEISC team.

Coleman's kill efficiency of .218 was the second-best in conference play this fall.

Coleman proved she could cover the floor extremely well as she added 35 assists. On top of that she also finished with 134 digs.

From the service line Coleman had 91 percent of her serves land in play. She collected 25 total aces on the season.

Two Panther players were named to the honorable mention list. Sophomore Carlie Gambell had a strong season for Pekin. She finished with 386 assists, 67 kills. Additionally, she had 92 digs, 19 blocks, with 10 of those being solo.

Gambell added 46 aces and had 86 percent of her serves land in play.

Junior Reece Brisby finished the season with 101 kills, the second-most on her team. She added four assists. The junior had 94 digs, 19 total blocks with six solo.

From the service line she was able to gain 21 aces throughout the season.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Paislee Coleman lines up a shot during a match earlier this year. Coleman finished the season being named to the first-team All-SEISC list.

28 teams set to battle in State football semis

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

CEDAR FALLS - For 28 teams their journey to a potential State championship is still alive.

The State football semifinals were set last weekend as the final four teams separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

Class 5A

In the biggest class in Iowa there were a few upsets. A new State champion will be crowned as Iowa City Liberty bested Southeast Polk 31-28, ending the Rams recent run of State championships.

Dowling Catholic blanked Iowa City, West, 35-0. Valley beat Johnston 28-21. Waukee Northwest downed Sioux City, East in a back-and-fourth game, 48-34.

This Friday Dowling Catholic will play Valley, although the two schools share a stadium in West Des Moines, they will make the trip north to play Friday night in Cedar Falls. Waukee Northwest will play Iowa City Liberty in the second semifinal game.

Class 4A

Like Southeast Polk in class 5A, the defending class 4A football champions fell just shy of a chance to return to the Dome.

Sergeant Bluff-Luton pummeled the defending champions, North Polk, 55-15. Xavier was able to win over ADM 45-7, and Newton finished the take down of the Raccoon River Conference teams with a 42-14 victory over Gilbert.

Not all the class 4A games were high scoring. Pella won 7-6 over Decorah.

The 4A semifinals kick-off at 4 p.m. on Nov. 13 as Sergeant Bluff-Luton plays Pella. Followed by Xavier playing Newton.

Class 3A

The first chance for a repeat champion comes in the class 3A field where Wahlert Catholic is vying for a second-straight State title after they beat West Delaware 27-6 to advance to the Dome.

Nevada upset Clear Lake 24-14, while Solon bested Winterset 21-6 (Winterset is the fourth Raccoon River Conference team to lose on Friday night). Bishop Heelan won 35-14 over Sioux Center.

In the Dome Bishop Heelan will play Wahlert Catholic at 4 p.m. on Nov. 15. Solon will take on Nevada at 7 p.m.

Class 2A

The overwhelmingly favorite team in class 2A, Kuemper Catholic, continued to roll as they won their quarterfinal game 43-26 over Cherokee. It is the first time since the Knights won the class 2A title in 2013 that Kuemper has returned to the Dome.

Van Meter bested Mid-Prairie 28-21. Wilton moves to the Dome after beating PCM 21-17 (two teams that Sigourney-Keota played). Osage won 12-7 over Alburnett.

On Nov. 15 the class 2A games will kick-off at 10 a.m. with Osage taking on Van Meter. Followed by Kuemper playing Wilton.

Class 1A

The top four teams in class 1A all made it to the

Dome.

West Lyon, the No. 1 team in the class, won over Underwood 57-22. Grundy Center eliminated Beckman Catholic 21-0.

Third-ranked Regina won 49-7 over Pleasantville. No. 4 seeded South Hardin won 27-14 against Treynor.

Class 1A will play their semifinal games on Nov. 14 starting at 10 a.m. when Grundy Center takes on Regina. West Lyon and South Hardin will kick off around 1 p.m.

Class A

In the A class the northern part of the state seemed to be the most dominant. MMCRU was able to pick up a 42-6 win over Woodbury Central. West Sioux won 24-14 over AC-GC. Saint Ansgar bested North Linn 49-21. Wapsie Valley won 22-16 over Lynnville-Sully.

The class A semifinals start on Nov. 13 when Saint Ansgar and Wapsie Valley kickoff at 10 a.m. MMCRU and West Sioux will follow at 1 p.m.

Eight-player

The eight-player games took place on Thursday night. Bishop Garrigan won by 30 points over Don Bosco, 51-21. Gladbrook-Reinbeck won 54-18 over Edge-wood-Colesburg.

Woodbine downed Fremont-Mills 50-12. Audubon survived a 26-19 win over Iowa Valley.

The eight-player semifinals begins at 10 a.m. on Nov. 12 as Bishop Garrigan plays Audubon. Woodbine and Gladbrook-Reinbeck will kick off at 1 p.m.

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Sigourney senior Addy Fineran celebrates after scoring a point in a match this season. Fineran was a first-team All-Conference selection, finishing the year with 31 blocks.



Bailey Gretter from Sigourney prepares to hit a ball during a match this season. Gretter was named to the first-team All-Conference list this season.



English Valleys junior Ava Gehrking leaps up for a kill attempt during an Oct. 20 match against Keota. Gehrking was named to the first-team All Conference list after collecting the third most kills in conference play.

Five players named to All-SICL team

Sigourney's Fineran, Bailey Gretter earn first team honors

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY - On the

court there proved to be no better, at least in conference play.

The conclusion of the volleyball season led to area athletes learning of their nominations to the All-Con-

ference lists last week. For the South Iowa Cedar League (SICL) five local athletes were named to either the first or second team list.

Starting with the first-team list there were three local athletes that made the team. English Valleys junior Ava Gehrking made the first-team. Two Sigourney players, senior Addy Fineran and junior Bailey Gretter were also on the first-team list.

There were two local athletes that made the second team list. English Valleys junior Hadyn Bender and Keota's Elise Lyle.

Junior Ava Gehrking had another strong year playing volleyball, a big reason why she was named to the first-team list. The junior finished with the third most kills in conference with 253 recorded this fall. The tall junior led the conference with 65 blocks recorded on the year.

Of her 65 blocks she had 31 solo blocks, which was the fourth-most in conference play. Gehrking also had 16 assists on the season. Throughout the fall Gehrking picked up 213 total digs. She added 27 aces.

Sigourney senior Addy

Fineran was able to finish the year with 145 total kills, the second-most on the team. Fineran was a menace at the net as she collected 31 total blocks this season with all 31 being credited as a solo block. She also recorded 10 digs. Fineran added one ace this fall.

Junior Bailey Gretter led the Savages with 161 total kills this year. She finished with 10 assists. Gretter proved she could play defense as well as attack at the net. The junior led her team with 349 total digs on the year. This fall she added 17 aces, the second-most on her team.

Hadyn Bender had a strong junior season for the Bears. She was able to collect 536 assists on the season. That was the second-most in conference play. She also finished the year with 19 kills.

Bender proved to be an all-around player as she had 180 digs, 20 total blocks with six solo recorded. She also added 32 aces and saw 93 percent of her serves land in play.

Keota sophomore Elise Lyle was an all-around player for the Eagles, which is why she was named to the second-team All-Conference



Keota's Elyse Lyle tracks down the ball for a kill attempt during an Oct. 20 game. Lyle led her team with 147 kills and was named to the All-Conference second-team list.

list. Lyle finished the season with a team-leading 147 kills. She also added six assists. She had 20 blocks, leading her team and finished with 15 solo blocks.

The sophomore added 49 digs and served up 23 aces throughout the fall.

All three area schools also released their players that made the honorable mention. For Sigourney they had Becca Gretter and Clara Hanselman named to the honorable mention list. Keota named Kennedy Jackson and Jaylah

Redlinger to the honorable mention team.

English Valleys named Joslyn Bender and Anna Gorsh to the honorable mention team.

The Bears also named Olivia DeBevec as a Golden Award recipient. The Golden Award is an award for a player that coaches felt would have made the All-Conference team, had they not missed most of the season because of an injury or illness.

Photos by Mark Schafer



English Valleys setter Hadyn Bender sets up a pass for a teammate. Bender was named to the SICL second-team All-Conference list.

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Defendant Dustin Dean Moore; Plaintiff US Bank National Association; Order for Judgment.
Small Claims
Oct. 31st
Defendant Robert J. Davis; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.
Nov. 3rd
Defendant Eric J. Reinier; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.
Defendant Traci Lee Ande-way; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, Small Claims Original Notice.
Nov. 4th
Defendant David John Kopsieker; Plaintiff Midland Credit Management, INC; Dismissed w/ Prejudice.
Defendant Michael Robert Alan Karr; Plaintiff Citibank NA; Small Claims Original

Notice.
Defendant Jeremy Sackman; Plaintiff Hauge Associates INC; Small Claims Original Notice.
Nov. 5th
Defendant Brandi Rae Simons; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.
Criminal
Oct. 31st
Defendant Vance Edward Ellis; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Megan Jo Wickenkamp; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.
Defendant Tyler Joseph M. Ellis; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment.
Defendant Travis Wayne Schuchert; Payees Johnson County Sheriff, Keokuk County; Payor State wide Cash Bonds LLC; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Travis Wayne Schuchert; Payee Keokuk County; Payor State wide Cash Bonds LLC; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Nov. 3rd
Defendant Kelby Wayne Nernes; Payee State of Iowa;

Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Defendant Jamie Sue, Molyneux; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Nov. 4th
Defendant Justin Ryan Ingle; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.
Nov. 5th
Defendant Jayden Elvin Thompson; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Samuel Earl Boughner II; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.
Defendant Justin Ryan Ingle; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Nov. 6th
Defendant Stephanie Marie Heisdorffer; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.
Schedule Traffic
Oct. 31st
Defendant Michael Wayne Pringle; Operation without Registration Card or Plate.
Nov. 1st
Defendant Micheil Alan Farr; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

Defendant Xzavior D. Patterson; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).
Nov. 2nd
Defendant Robert Lee Brauns; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant James Allen Lanman; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Jasmine Jean VanPatten; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Hunter Rodney Brackelsberg; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Jasmine Jean VanPatten; Dark Window or Windshield.
Defendant Hunter Rodney Brackelsberg; Failure to Use Seat Belt-Minor.
Defendant Hunter Rodney Brackelsberg; Operation without Registration Card or Plate.
Defendant Dominic Alejandro Vega; Failure to Maintain Control.
Defendant Jose Yedidiyah Reyna; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Defendant Jose Yedidiyah Reyna; Dark Window or Windshield.

Nov. 3rd
Defendant Jonathan David Boos; Driving while License Denied, Suspended, Canceled.
Defendant Danilison Mpeal; Leave Scene of Accident-Property Damage Only.
Defendant Danilison Mpeal; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Jonathan David Boos; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Jonathan David Boos; Following Too Close.
Defendant Carl Gene Carnahan; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Carl Gene Carnahan; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).
Defendant Ashley Nicole Iseton; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant Ashley Nicole Iseton; Open Container- Driver 21 Yrs Old and Older.
Defendant Ashley Nicole Iseton; Failure to maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.
Defendant Ashley Nicole Iseton; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).
Defendant William Den-

nis Conley; Dark Window or Windshield.
Defendant Franklin Fredrick Vogel; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).
Defendant Aiden Maxwell Knepper; Fishing and Hunting - No License Over \$10
Defendant Klayton Kenneth Wehr; Restriction on Taking Game- Deer and Turkey.
Defendant Zoe Lynnette Hutt; Unsafe Passing.
Nov. 4th
Defendant Andrea Dawn Jaeger; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Nov. 5th
Defendant Adam Marsh Fish; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).
OWI
Nov. 1st
Defendant Debra Ann Acosta; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.
Nov. 3rd
Defendant Zachary Earl Brian; Payees Teresa K. Barin, Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.
Defendant Debra Ann Acosta; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oct. 27th
Deed Quit Claim: Martha E. Fritchen to Martha E. Fritchen Revocable Trust; RICHLAND CHARLTONS ADDITION (RICHLAND) Lot: 01 Block: 14, RICHLAND CHARLTONS ADDITION (RICHLAND) Lot: 02 Block: 14.
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Court Officer Deed: Theresa M. Greene Estate, MidWestOne Bank NA, EX to Terrence A. Greene, Richard M. Greene; PT SE SW 16-77-12, PT SW SW 16-77-12, PT SW SE 16-77-12.

Warranty Deed: Donald Blumer, Shannon Allen Power of Attorney to Samantha Stanley; DELTA ORIGINAL PLAT DELTA Lot: 09 Block: 11, PT DELTA ORIGINAL PLAT DELTA Lot: 08 Block: 11.
Oct. 28th
Warranty Deed: William L. Miller, Bonnie J. Miller to William L. Miller, Bonnie J. Miller; NW NW 11-76-13, NE NW 11-76-13, PT NW NE 11-76-13.
Oct. 30th

Sheriff's Deed: United States Secretary of Agriculture, United States of America, David A. Canaday, Community First Credit Union, Keokuk County Sheriff to Numa Property Management LLC; L03 Lot: 10 NW SW 27-74-10, PLAT B4 P142.
Warranty Deed: Aaron K. Schwenke to Nathaniel J. Wood, Sarah E. Wood; PT NW SE 22-76-12, PT SW SE 22-76-12, EXCEPT PLAT

2010-0614.
Warranty Deed: Shellie Long, Bryan Long, Sonya Mutchler, Sonya Hayworth Cooksey, Todd Mutchler to Brody James Long, Ashley Long; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 03 Block: 48, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 04 Block: 48.
Oct. 31st
Warranty Deed: Kerkman Corp to Garret L. Oliver, Whit-

ney Oliver; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 10 Block: 30, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 11 Block: 30, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 12 Block: 30.
Survivor Spouse: Wayne L. Kracht Deceased to Kathryn L. Kracht; SW SW 34-76-12 Parcel: AUD PAR B, PLAT 2025-1536.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • FY2025 AFR

STATE OF IOWA 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA DUE: December 1, 2025	16205401200000 CITY OF SIGOURNEY 100 N Main Street SIGOURNEY IA 52591 POPULATION: 2004
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NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

ALL FUNDS	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1169755		1,169,755	1,136,859
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	1,169,755		1,169,755	1,136,859
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	313,753	0	313,753	308,898
Licenses and Permits	8,963	0	8,963	9,550
Use of Money and Property	54,960	68,851	123,811	91,360
Intergovernmental	452,216	0	452,216	510,518
Charges for Fees and Service	49,497	1,402,195	1,451,692	1,436,300
Special Assessments	0	103,322	103,322	103,360
Miscellaneous	289,904	70,222	360,126	272,890
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	129,500	487,705	617,205	654,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,468,548	2,132,295	4,600,843	4,523,735
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	182,238		182,238	687,500
Public Works	449,513		449,513	802,325
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	335,046		335,046	511,782
Community and Economic Development	103,514		103,514	288,384
General Government	458,101		458,101	569,183
Debt Service	317,456		317,456	323,000
Capital Projects	128,745		128,745	56,500
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	1,974,413	0	1,974,413	3,238,674
Business type activities		1,521,161	1,521,161	2,484,300
Total All Expenditures	1,974,413	1,521,161	3,495,574	5,722,974
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	134,000	483,205	617,205	654,000
Total All Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	2,108,413	2,004,366	4,112,779	6,376,974
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	360,135	127,929	488,064	-1,853,239
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	2,976,384	3,296,496	6,272,880	4,308,610
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	3,336,519	3,424,425	6,760,944	2,455,371

NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:

Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds 1,184,712	Pension Trust Funds
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds

Indebtedness at June 30, 2025		Indebtedness at June 30, 2025	
Amount		Amount	
General Obligation Debt	2,755,000	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	4,963,000	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	7,460,367

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Ordinance Chapter 14

**TITLE III – PUBLIC ORDER, SAFETY AND HEALTH
CHAPTER 14 – UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

3-14-1-Purpose
3-14-2-Definitions
3-14-3-Prohibited Acts
3-14-4-Exceptions
3-14-5-Enforcement and Penalty
3-14-6-Severability
3-14-7-Effective Date
3-14-8-Obstruction of Sidewalks
SECTION 3-14-1 – Purpose
The purpose of this chapter is to protect public health, safety, and welfare by prohibiting unauthorized camping, sleeping, loitering, obstruction, and improper use of public property within the City of Sigourney. The City finds that unregulated use of public spaces interferes with intended public functions, creates safety concerns, and burdens municipal services. This includes keeping sidewalks clear for pedestrian use, ensuring streets are unobstructed for snow removal in the winter and street sweeping in warmer months, and preserving public areas for their intended use.
SECTION 3-14-2 – Definitions
1. "Public Property" means any property owned, leased, maintained, or controlled by the City of Sigourney, including but not limited to parks, sidewalks, streets, alleys, right-of-way, parking lots, municipal building grounds, and vacant city-owned parcels.
2. "Camping" means residing or dwelling temporarily or permanently with or without bedding, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, personal items, or other means of shelter or outdoor habitation.
3. "Sleeping" means the act of resting in a reclined position or lying down with the intent to sleep, whether in the open or inside a vehicle, with or without a covering.
4. "Loitering" means remaining in a specific public place, without engaging in activity typical for that location, after having been informed by a peace officer or authorized city personnel that the conduct is causing:
a. obstruction of pedestrian or vehicular movement,
b. interference with access to a building or facility, or
c. harassment, intimidation, or a specific disturbance to others present.
5. "Obstruction" means placing or leaving any item, structure, or material on a public sidewalk or public property in a manner that restricts or impedes free and clear pedestrian passage.
6. "Sigourney Square District" means the area encompassing the public square bounded by Main Street, Jefferson Street, Marion Street, and Washington Street, including the sidewalks adjacent thereto, and extending one-half block in any direction from said streets.
SECTION 3-14-3 – Prohibited Acts
It shall be unlawful for any person to:
1. Camp, sleep, or otherwise occupy public property for the purpose of overnight habitation without written authorization or permit from the City.
2. Erect, place, or maintain any temporary shelter, tent, bedding, or similar structure on public property.
3. Remain on public property in a manner that:
a. blocks pedestrian or vehicular traffic,
b. prevents access to public or private entrances, or
c. interferes with emergency or maintenance operations, and the individual continues the conduct after receiving a verbal warning from law enforcement or authorized city personnel.
SECTION 3-14-4 – Exceptions
This chapter shall not apply to:
1. Individuals participating in an event that have been authorized and approved by the City Council.
2. Constitutionally protected activities, including peaceful assembly or protest, provided such activities do not involve camping or physical obstruction.
SECTION 3-14-5 – Enforcement and Penalty
1. A violation of this chapter shall constitute a municipal infraction and shall be subject to a civil penalty, 1st offense of \$25, 2nd Offense of \$50 and third offense and beyond will be \$100.
2. Law enforcement or authorized city personnel may issue a verbal or written warning and provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to vacate the premises before a citation is issued.
3. Unattended personal property found in violation may be removed and impounded in accordance with city procedures for abandoned property.
4. An individual shall not be cited under this chapter unless they have been notified by an authorized officer that their conduct violates a specific subsection of this ordinance and have been given a reasonable opportunity to comply.
SECTION 3-14-6 – Severability
If any provision of this chapter is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 3-14-7 – Effective Date
This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.
SECTION 3-14-8 – Obstruction of Sidewalks
1. General Prohibition. No person shall place, store, or leave any object on a public sidewalk in the City, except as provided in subsection (2).
2. Business Exception. A business located in compliance with City zoning and other applicable regulations may place objects directly in front of its building for business purposes, provided a minimum of five (5) feet of sidewalk clearance is maintained for pedestrian use.
3. Square District Rule. In the Sigourney Square District and within one-half block of the Square on Main Street, Jefferson Street, Marion Street, and Washington Street, only businesses may place objects on the sidewalk, and a minimum of five (5) feet of unobstructed pedestrian passage must be maintained. Residents and nonbusiness individuals in this area are prohibited from placing objects on the sidewalk.
4. The City of Sigourney reserves the right to require the immediate removal of any obstruction determined to pose a safety hazard or interfere with city maintenance or emergency services.
First reading of Ordinance Amendment: September 16, 2025
Second reading of Ordinance Amendment: October 15, 2025
Third reading of Ordinance Amendment: November 5, 2025
Publication date: November 12, 2025
Effective date: November 12, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Ordinance Chapter 3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III – COMMUNITY PROTECTION
CHAPTER 3 – TRAFFIC CODE
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA:**
SECTION 1. PURPOSE. AMENDMENT to Title III – COMMUNITY PROTECTION, Chapter 3 – TRAFFIC CODE of the City Code of Sigourney. Section 3-3-28 STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES is amended for additional "No Parking" areas.
3-3-28 STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES
No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or Law Enforcement Officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358)
28. Warren Street from Jackson Street to Ringgold Street there will be no parking on the east side of the street.
29. Cherry Street from Pleasant Valley Street to Hickory Street there will no parking of either side of the street.
30. Hickory Street from South Main Street to Stuart Street there will be no parking on either side of the street.
31. Stuart Street from Spring Street to West Pleasant Valley there will be no parking on either side of the street.
32. Any vehicle parked on the street determined by the Chief of Police or Law Enforcement Officer to create a hazard to other vehicular traffic.
33. Parking of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles
a. No person shall park a motor truck having a freight capacity greater than one ton or any tractor-trailer, semi-trailer, truck tractor unit, tractor, road tractor, boat, camper, recreational vehicle, motor home, trailer (any size or type) or equipment of any type at any time upon any portion of any street or alley in the City except for such reasonable time as may be necessary to load or unload passengers, freight, or other merchandise.
A permit may be obtained from the City Council to allow parking upon the streets in certain situations. The application must be approved by the City Council during a regular City Council meeting. The permit fee is \$20.00 per day and may be granted for up to ninety-six (96) hours.
After a permit fee has expired these items must be parked at an approved trailer park or campground. Small utility trailers, camping trailers and boat trailers, with or without boat may be parked in side or rear yards. No living quarters shall be maintained for more than ninety-six (96) hours, nor any business conducted in connection therewith while such trailers are parked or stored.
b. No person shall park any non-licensed construction equipment upon any portion of any street or alley in the City, except while actively using the equipment during normal working hours.
c. No person shall stand or park any other vehicle or combination of attached vehicles/trailers having an overall length of more than 16 feet or a total width of more than 76 inches upon any portion of any street or alley in the City, except for such reasonable time as may be necessary to load or unload passengers, freight, or other merchandise, or mechanical breakdown, in which event repairs shall be completed as expeditiously as conditions permit.
Signs shall be posted as specified by Iowa Code. Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and/or a municipal infraction, and anyone violating this section shall be subject to a fine as specified in section 3-3-63, plus the costs of prosecution.
Any vehicle illegally parked in a prohibited area as provided in this section may be towed away at the request of the City Police Department or Street Superintendent of the City, and towing and storage of the vehicle shall be charged to the owner thereof, and the owner thereof shall not be entitled to the possession of said vehicle until said towing and storage is paid to the person, firm, or corporation towing away and storing the vehicle.
SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect upon publication from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE Sigourney City Council this 4th day of November, 2025.
Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
ATTEST: Ashley Fry, City Clerk
First reading of Ordinance Amendment: October 1, 2025
Second reading of Ordinance Amendment: October 15, 2025
Third reading of Ordinance Amendment: November 5, 2025
Publication date: November 12, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE City of North English • Annual Snow Publication

TO THE RESIDENTS OF NORTH ENGLISH:
Please note the following ordinances:
135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW. It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2])
69.11 SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during any snow event unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. The no parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of the storm except as provided upon streets which have been fully opened. The ban shall be of uniform application and the Mayor is directed to publicize the requirements widely, using Hometown Current, the City newspaper, in early November of each year.
(Code of Iowa, 321.236[1])

1. There will be a fine of \$50.00 the first time a vehicle is not in compliance with this chapter.
2. After a second offense, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense, and there will be a fine of \$100.00.
3. All costs incurred through the Iowa County Sheriff's Department and the impound procedure will be at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
69.12 SNOW ROUTES. The Council may designate certain streets in the City as snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[12])
136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS. The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks.
If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2b & e])
REMINERS:
1. Do not push snow into the street.
2. Do not park on the street when there is snow and streets need plowed.
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City of North English • October 2025 Claims

USDA - RURAL DEVELOPMENT, OCT2025 USDA LOANS 02.04.05.....	15,509.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, OCT2025 WATER EXCISE TAX	1,195.41
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, OCT2025 SALES TAX.....	253.95
DELUXE BUSINESS SYSTEMS, DEPOSIT SLIPS.....	160.80
ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, BOOKS.....	387.43
ALLIANT ENERGY, OCT2025 ALLIANT BILLS.....	4,869.99
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUBLICATIONS.....	300.73
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING INC, SEPT2025 CURBSIDE SERVICE.....	2,814.00
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO, INSURANCE.....	84.00
ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, STREET DISPLAY, TECH.....	464.06
ELAN CITY INC, SPEED SIGN.....	3,900.00
HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS.....	841.52
HUPP ELECTRIC MOTORS, INC, EQUIPMENT.....	265.53
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, LAB TESTING.....	668.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES, 2026 ANNUAL WATER USE FEE.....	115.00
JETCO, INC., EQUIPMENT.....	3,210.00
LEAF, MINOR EQUIPMENT.....	213.16
MULTI-CO OIL CO, VEHICLE FUEL.....	963.72
NORTH ENGLISH CO-OP TEL CO, OCT2025 PHONE BILLS.....	247.88
OXLEY, DEREK, TECHNOLOGY.....	250.00
R.E.I.C., 2nd QTR FY26 ASSESSMENT.....	7,987.50
RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC, ROADSTONE.....	241.84
TIP RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP, ELECTRICAL.....	1,685.27
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC., SEPT25 -QTRLY PEDISPHERE.....	4,010.81
WADE'S GOLF AND MOW, SMALL TOOLS.....	60.98
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL, INSURANCE.....	4,188.81
IOWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT.....	42,433.25
FY26 QTR2.....	42,433.25
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, BOOKS.....	147.42
EO JOHNSON, OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES.....	136.78
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, BOOKS.....	274.66
LEAF, OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES.....	63.75
MICRO MARKETING, AUDIO VISUAL.....	385.07

NORTH ENGLISH CO-OP TEL CO, OCT2025 PHONE BILL - LIBRARY.....	78.73
SHANNAHAN, ANNETTE, MILEAGE.....	16.80
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, OCT2025 SERVICE - LIBRARY.....	30.00
CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, DEPOSIT PD ON ACCT#60500 S. JACOBUS.....	200.00
BADGER METER, SEPT25 TECHNOLOGY - METERS.....	65.73
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUBLICATIONS.....	155.25
ELAN CARDMEMBER SERVICE, TECHNOLOGY.....	34.84
FREEMAN FOODS OF NORTH ENGLISH, JANITORIAL.....	11.48
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY CO, MISC SUPPLIES.....	73.68
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, LAB TESTING.....	493.00
LEAF, MINOR EQUIPMENT.....	11.25
MULTI-CO OIL CO, VEHICLE FUEL.....	754.47
STANDARD PEST CONTROL, OCT2025 SERVICE - CITY HALL.....	30.00
TIP RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP, LIFT STATION - POWER.....	1,458.38
CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, DEPOSIT PD ON ACCT#62300.....	32.24

THOMPSON, ALEXANDRA, DEPOSIT REFUND.....	167.76
YOSS TREE SERVICE, LLC, TREE REMOVAL.....	1,600.00
CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, 2025 '10 CITY HALL MISC POSTAGE.....	50.00
SMITH ELECTRIC, AED INSTALLATION.....	600.00
CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH, DEPOSIT PD ON ACCT#54700.....	200.00
52, Grand Total (excluding void checks).....	104,393.93
OCTOBER 2025 EXPENSES BY FUND	
001 GENERAL FUND.....	61,565.26
031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS.....	387.43
110 ROAD USE.....	5,755.68
600 WATER FUND.....	15,974.09
610 SEWER FUND.....	20,711.47
TOTAL.....	104,393.93
OCTOBER 2025 REVENUES BY FUND	
001 GENERAL FUND.....	102,228.05
031 GIFTS & MEMORIALS.....	67.85
110 ROAD USE.....	11,897.32
121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....	13,768.95
600 WATER FUND.....	24,899.17
610 SEWER FUND.....	35,294.86
TOTAL.....	188,155.20

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Claims 11.5.2025**

CITY OF SIGOURNEY NOVEMBER 05, 2025	
Access Systems Leasing- Services.....	\$221.10
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.- Services.....	\$70.00
Altorfer Cat- Services.....	\$1,219.26
Arnold Motor Supply- Supplies.....	\$117.60
Ashley Fry- Milage Reimbursement.....	\$562.44
Atwood Electric- Supplies.....	\$253.30
Bailey's Office Outfitters- Supplies.....	\$133.98
Brother's Market- Supplies.....	\$21.49
Column Software PBC- Services.....	\$271.57
Compass -Supplies.....	\$950.10
Dakota Supply Group- Supplies.....	\$115.00
Design House- Services.....	\$135.00
Electric Pump- Services.....	\$26,327.08
Elliott Oil Company- Services.....	\$105.82
H&M Farm & Home- Supplies.....	\$272.42
Hach Company- Supplies.....	\$143.04
HM Consulting- Services.....	\$200.00
IMWCA- Services.....	\$973.00
Iowa One Call- Services.....	\$26.10
Keokuk County Auditor- 28E Services.....	\$1,900.00

Keokuk County Hwy Dept- Services.....	\$1,646.77
Keystone/Microbac Laboratories- Services.....	\$772.50
M41 Concrete- Services.....	\$2,638.00
MCG- Services.....	\$989.98
Sigourney Cleaners- Services.....	\$61.00
Sigourney Fire Department- Apportioning.....	\$3,000.00
Sigourney Treecare, LLC Services.....	\$400.00
Sinclair Napa- Supplies.....	\$157.65
Sinclair Tractor- Supplies.....	\$183.06
Summit Fire Protection- Services.....	\$689.35
T-Mobile- Services.....	\$214.20
Tremmel Backhoe Service- Services.....	\$2,250.00
Truck Equipment- Services.....	\$743.14
Verizon- Services.....	\$78.69
Water Deposit Refunds:	
Steven Clubb.....	\$125.00
Debra Cobb.....	\$150.00
Brenda McArtor.....	\$150.00
Matt Stewart/Stewart's Auto.....	\$125.00
Drayce Webster.....	\$125.00
Christine White.....	\$150.00
Roger Wilcox/Andrew Wilcox.....	\$13.82
City of Sigourney-R.Wilcox.....	\$111.18
Total.....	\$49,959.73

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Co Fair • Simple Cash Reconciliation**

KEOKUK COUNTY FAIR WHAT CHEER, IOWA SIMPLE CASH RECONCILIATION	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR).....	93,515
PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	+199,082
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES.....	-205,184

ENDING CASH BALANCE (LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR).. =87,413
LESS TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS (BALANCE OF LOANS PAYABLE)..... - 0-
NET ENDING CASH STANDING (AS OF LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)..... =87,413
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Iowa DOT • Storm Water Discharge**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE
The Iowa Department of Transportation plans to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be covered under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities."
The storm water discharge will be from construction activity located in Keokuk County on IA Highway 78. The project is bridge replacement over small unnamed creek, 3.4 mi. W. of IA 1.
The Public Lands Survey location

is Township 74N, Range 10W, Sections 29/32.
Storm water will be discharged into the following streams: road ditches to unnamed creek to Des Moines River.
The public may obtain further information or request to review the NOI after it has been received by the DNR at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/stormwater/>, or by contacting the Iowa DNR at 6200 Park Ave Ste 220, Des Moines IA 50321, by phone at 515-725-8200, or by emailing stormwater@dnr.iowa.gov.
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**PROBATE
LUANNE WARD BROWN ESPR038648**

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUANNE WARD BROWN, DECEASED
PROBATE No. ESPR038648
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons interested in the Estate of Luanne Ward Brown, Deceased, who died on or about October 12, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on October 29, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Luanne Ward Brown, deceased, bearing the date of November 7, 2024 was admitted to probate in the above-named Court and that McKensy Bainbridge was appointed Executor of the Estate of Luanne Ward Brown. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the Decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be-

ever 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 October 30, 2025.
McKensy Anne Bainbridge
11815 Pompano PL SE
Albuquerque NM 87123
Executor of Estate:
Attorney for Estate:
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**PROBATE
BRADFORD S ALLISON ESPR038647**

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADFORD S ALLISON, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038647
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bradford S. Allison, Deceased, who died on or about June 13, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on October 22, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on October 28, 2025.
Angela M. Allison
Angela M. Allison, Administrator of the Estate
202 Broadway St.
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Washington Law Office, LLP
Craig A. Davis, ICIS#: AT0001931
Attorney for the Administrator
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cated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on October 20, 2025.
Keith Reed, Administrator of the Estate
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Brunswick, GA 31525
Debra Anderson
2005 Baker Ave
West Branch, IA 52358
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**PROBATE
Michael David Bucher ESPR038645**

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Michael David Bucher, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038645
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Michael David Bucher, Deceased, who died on or about October 2, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on October 17, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four

months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on October 20, 2025.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of North English • Minutes 11.5.2025

CITY OF NORTH ENGLISH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 6:30 p.m.
- The North English City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Strohm, Haugland, Garringer, Carter, Custer, and O'Rourke. Also present: City Clerk Heyne, City Employees Knipfer and Lee, Casey James, Vicki Oswald, Jane & Rob Luetje.
- Haugland, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Jane and Rob Luetje and Vicki Oswald addressed the council with the idea of starting an annual Christmas event called, "North English Presents Kick-Off to Christmas." The idea is to have a commu-

nity Christmas tree lighting event at the Veteran's Memorial on Main Street with the city providing an electrical source. Garringer, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve the event as discussed. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Haugland, seconded by Garringer, made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10: CD Rollover as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Knoll Ridge discussion ensued. Custer, seconded by Carter, made a motion to invite City Attorney Kraushaar to the December meeting to discuss further. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Strohm reported on ongoing property clean-up efforts. Heyne

shared a positive comment regarding how nice the town looks from a previous resident who had recently visited.
- City Services:
- Heyne reported the office computer had died the previous month. She is currently using a loaner and will need to order a new computer. She intends to use the loaned computer until the new cloud-based software is implemented.
- Knipfer reported the guys are in town to chip the dump site brush. Their broken-down machine is still there.
- Knipfer reported they are ready to begin the process of taking bids on the old truck.
- Custer, seconded by Haugland, made a motion to approve the Oct. 1st Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Garringer, seconded by O'Rourke, made a motion to approve the

Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Carter, seconded by Custer, made a motion to approve Nov 2025 bills to be paid as indicated on the handout (\$15,506.42) plus a bill received from SE Iowa Insurance in the amount of \$266. Motion carried with roll call vote as follows: Haugland, yes; Garringer, yes; Carter, yes; Custer, yes; O'Rourke, yes.
- Utility Report was shared.
- Public Comments: Vicki Oswald asked about the title for the QRS vehicle.
- Council Communications: Custer asked about mowing properties; entire property needed mowed?
- Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
Tara Heyne, City Clerk/ Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041567

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY STATE OF IOWA
KEOKUK COUNTY
Iowa District Court Keokuk County Case #: EQEQ041567
Civil #: 25-000477
COUNTY BANK, AN IOWA BANKING CORPORATION
VS
ERIC M STANLEY, A SINGLE PERSON, SHANNON L DENNIS F/K/A SHANNON L. STANLEY, STATE OF IOWA, AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION
X Special Execution
General Execution
Other
As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)
X Real Estate
Personal Property
X Described Below
On attached sheet:
To satisfy the judgment. The Prop-

erty to be sold is
LOTS NINE AND TEN IN LORTSCHER'S THIRD ADDITION, AND THE ALLEY EXTENDING IN A NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ADJOINING LOTS NINE, TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE IN LORTSCHER'S THIRD ADDITION, AND THAT PART OF BUCKEY STREET DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NINE IN LORTSCHER'S THIRD ADDITION, THENCE SOUTH FORTY FEET . THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET, THENCE NORTH FORTY FEET, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND THAT PART OF WILLOW STREET LYING NORTH OF LOT TEN AND THE VACATED ALLEY IN LORTSCHER'S THIRD ADDITION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT TEN, THENCE NORTH TEN

FEET, THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED FORTY FEET, THENCE SOUTH TEN FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT ELEVEN IN LORTSCHER'S THIRD ADDITION, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED FORTY FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE CITY OF WHAT CHEER, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA.
Property Address: 407-409 N BARNES STREET, WHAT CHEER, IA 50268
The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:
Sale Date 12/23/2025
Sale Time 10:00
Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591
X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff

will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.
Redemption: After the sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within _
X This sale not subject to Redemption.
Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.
Judgment Amount \$120,133.93
Costs \$29,865.52
Accruing Costs PLUS
Interest \$5,529.45
Sheriff's Fees Pending
Date 11/04/2025
Casey J Hinnah
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF
Attorney
PAUL ZINGG
104 S COURT ST BOX 493
OTTUMWA, IA 52501
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 10.27.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 27, 2025
The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, October 27, 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 James, News-Review.
Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.
Met with Engineer McGuire re-

garding the Keokuk County Highway Department. McGuire summarized the 2025 Weed Commissioner Report that specifies the noxious weeds and herbicides used in Keokuk County. Also mentioned was usage of drones for spraying that was discussed at a Roadside Manager meeting and that he had attended a leadership meeting in Ames last week on road funding.
Met with Keokuk County Ambulance Manager Taylor Zehr and Cody Davis, Assistant, regarding Essential Service and Emergency Medical Services levy. The max levy is 75¢ per thousand, although stated their plan is transparency and to levy for the deficit between

payroll and necessary equipment only. Currently the ambulance department supplies all paper products to the volunteer non-transport service (QRS) individuals. Board consensus was to continue investigation of the process.
Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended 1015 Transit and Sigourney School Board issue meetings. Weber attended a Keokuk County Economic Development (KCED) meeting. Hadley attended a Pipeline meeting last week.
Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. The Board of Supervisors signed a letter authorizing removal of old and addition of new signatories on the

County of Keokuk – Community Services Fema bank account as requested by Fidelity Bank & Trust.
On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041589

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY STATE OF IOWA
KEOKUK COUNTY
Iowa District Court Keokuk County Case #: EQEQ041589
Civil #: 25-000445
HILLS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
VS
CHIEF INVESTMENTS, LLC, DAVID W BROWN, LISA M BROWN, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION
X Special Execution
General Execution
Other
As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was is-

sued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)
X Real Estate
Personal Property
X Described Below
On attached sheet:
To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is
AUDITOR'S PARCEL "A" OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE, TOWNSHIP SEVENTY-SIX NORTH, RANGE ELEVEN WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN IN BOOK 331, PAGE 59; IN KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
Property Address: 26291 HIGHWAY 92, SIGOURNEY, IA 52591
The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for

cash only as follows:
Sale Date 12/16/2025
Sale Time 10:00
Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591
X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after the service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.
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X This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.
Judgment Amount \$210,000.00
Costs \$47,739.74
Accruing Costs PLUS
Interest \$7,456.44
Sheriff's Fees Pending
Date 10/27/2025
Casey J Hinnah
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF
Attorney
ANDREW R NORDYKE
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HILLS, IA 52235
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English Valleys Bearometer

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Issue: X - Student Recognition Issue

English Valleys Elementary Students of the Month



Fletcher Short



Ember Tillery



Cadence Morrison



Wendy Luevano
Vieyra



Alex Hardy



Taryn Gent



Ben Snakenberg



Marlie Holliday



Kellan Render



Isaiah Martinez



Kai Overy



Joel O'Dell



Mackenzie Street



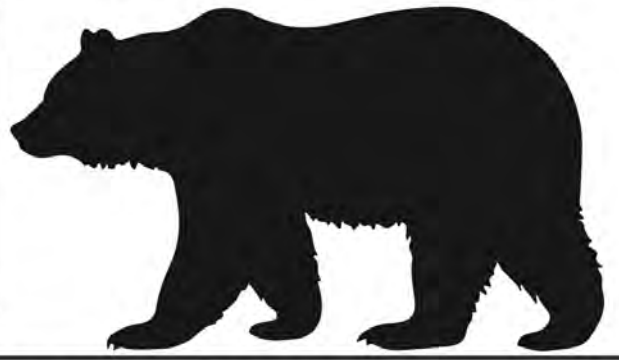
Madison Briggs



Ansley Montross



Maeson Bouslog



English Valleys MS/HS Students of the Month



Emma Neumiller



Adam Forbes



Kaylynn Hoylman



Ean Gorsh



Peyton Conrad



Owen Mather



Connor Harris



Bella Schott



Aidan Grimm



Brecken Hoylman



Jackson Jennings



Brynn Montross



Kynlie Keeney



Boone Frederick

English Valleys Bear Student-Athletes Lead the Way at SICL Leadership Conference

A group of outstanding English Valleys Bear student-athletes proudly represented the school at the SICL Leadership Conference on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The event brought together student leaders from across the conference for a day focused on growth, teamwork, and leadership development.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in workshops and discussions designed to strengthen their communication skills, foster collaboration, and inspire them to lead both on and off the field or court.

The English Valleys Bears demonstrated the same commitment, energy, and character that make them leaders in athletics and beyond. Their participation reflects the true spirit of English Valleys, where teamwork, integrity, and hard work define what it means to be a Bear.



Bears Continue Tradition of Excellence with Strong Showing at State Meet

The English Valleys Cross Country program concluded an exceptional season with strong performances at the State Meet, continuing a tradition of excellence and growth.

The English Valleys girls' team earned its second consecutive trip to State. The Bears advanced to State after a stellar performance at the Class 1A Qualifying Meet at Wildwood Park, where they finished second with 68 points.

At State, competing against a talented field, the Bears placed 8th out of 16 schools in the Class 1A division. Anna Luers led the team with a 41st-place finish in 20:37.1, followed by Addison Achenbach (75th, 21:25.9), Kaylynn Caster (90th, 21:52.6), Aubrey Achenbach (92nd, 21:55.0), Kaylee Frazier (114th, 22:29.8), and Kailor Lown (123rd, 22:46.0). Their combined efforts secured a top-ten finish.

On the boys' side, sophomore Isaac Frazier represented English Valleys at the State Meet for the second consecutive year, placing 68th overall with a time of 17:49.5. Frazier earned his spot by finishing eighth at the district meet in 17:46.25.

EV Cross-Country demonstrated determination, teamwork, and perseverance throughout the season. Their accomplishments at State highlight the dedication and competitive spirit that define being an English Valleys Bear.





THE EAGLE'S WING

Issue No. 4

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



EAGLEROCK! PARENTS' NIGHT

On October 28th EagleRock! had their yearly performance for the elementary school in the day-time at school. Then later that night they had their Parents' Night for people in the community to come to see them sing and dance. The performance began with Dacin Redlinger performing a piano solo, then , "Taking Care of Business" with former EagleRock! members, "Fire On Up," "Dream Small," "Counting Stars," and "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." Seniors in EagleRock! are Luke Meoller, Dakota Dodd, Emily Meoller, and Emily Mahan. For juniors, there are Emily Conger, Brynn Conrad, and Calli McCoid. Sophomores are Cameron Haifley, Steve Bird, Marlee Greiner, Halle Heisdorffer, Tesla Kerr, Elyse Lyle, and Ava Wulff. Freshman are Mia Conrad, Drew Dodd, Dacin Redliger, and Rowen Horning, and an 8th grader Greyden Horning.



By: Kaylee Kindred

1st ANNUAL HAUNTED TRAIL

On October 30th 2025, Keokuk County Childcare Network held the 1st annual Kewash Haunted Trail from 6:30-9:40 as a fundraiser for the new Little Eagles Daycare. Nearly 200 people came to walk the trail and at least 50 high school kids helped with scaring. People that were working the trail included the Dutch Creek Flyers and the 76 Progressives 4-H groups. It was \$5 per person to walk the trail, and the kiddie area with bouncy house and corn pit was free. The original cost of \$5 for the kid area and \$10 for the trail was discounted thanks to sponsorship by Greiner Pump & Well.

When people first started to arrive at the trail they could let their child play in the kiddie area. When they were ready to walk the trail they would have to pay the fee to be able to go on the trail. Every five minutes a group was sent up the trail. That group would walk the glowing part of the trail until they got to the table at the end of the glowing part of the trail. Once they got to the table they would get into a ranger then they would ride until zombies started chasing the ranger then they got out and walked on the trail until the end and as monsters and eerie creatures were jumping out to scare them. Some highlights included a reaper with a scythe and Michael Myers with a chainsaw.

The 1st Annual Kewash Haunted Trail was a success thanks to everyone that helped. KCCN would like to thank both 4-H clubs and students for helping scare, as well as, the many community volunteers that helped organize the event and Greiner Pump & Well for sponsoring. We also want to send a huge thanks to the Keokuk County Childcare Network for putting this on for everyone to enjoy. We all hope that you enjoyed the haunted trail, and if there is another one in the future, we all hope that you will come enjoy it again.

By: Peyton Baughman

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING



1st Place: Haunted House Swanson



2nd Place: Grinch Jamison



3rd Place: Witch McCombs



EAGLE'S WING STAFF
2025-2026
KAYLEE KINDRED
 ADVISER: Dr CULLETT
 This page was composed and designed by Keota High School students. The News Review is not responsible for the makeup or editorial content expressed.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



1st Place: Seniors, The Lorax



1st Place: Addy Chapman, Alian
3rd Place: Steve Bird, Michael Myers



2nd Place: Sophomores, 3 Little Pigs



1st Place: 7th Grade, Despicable Me



2nd Place: Freshmen, Care Bears



1st Place: Seniors, Talladega Nights



2nd Place: 7th Grade, Football Players



2nd Place: Danielle Shirley, Angel

EVENTS

- 12 Senior Mtg w/ Keota Educ Found Committee - 12:40 PM
- 13 JH (G) BB vs Colfax - 4:15 PM
- 13 JH (B) W @ Columbus - 4:30 PM
- 13 JH & HS Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:15-8:15 PM
- 13 Seniors & Parents: ICAN Financial Aid Session - Zoom Rm - 6:00 PM
- 13 School Board Mtg - Elem. Lib. - 6:00 PM
- 14 No School
- 14 1A FB Semi-Finals @ UNI
- 16 Keota Speech Boosters Fundraiser: "BINGO" Night @ Lagos Acres - 4:00 PM
- 17 JH (G) BB @ North Mahaska - 4:15 PM

- 18 Gr. 7-12 Honor Choir @ Montezuma - 9:30 AM Practices / 7:00 PM Concert
- 18 S/K (G) W @ Sigourney - 5:00 PM
- 19 Dental Screenings (Kdg. & 9th Gr)
- 20 Nat'l Honor Society Mtg - EA w/ Mrs. Conrad
- 20 Juniors: ASVAB testing - 1:00 PM
- 20 JH (G) BB @ BGM (Brooklyn) - 4:15 PM
- 20 JH (B) W @ English Valleys - 4:15 PM AM
- 22 (G) BB @ Lone Tree - 7:30 PM

MRS. HEMSLEY STAFF

GAVIN SIEREN 12TH

MAYA DALTON 11TH

ELLA GREINER 10TH

ASPEN GALINDO 9TH

XANDER MYERS 8TH

RYKER SHEETZ 7TH



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

SIGOURNEY ARTS CORNER

By Becky Shaw

Artist of the Month:

Raymon Popelka is Mr. November, our Artist of the Month! Raymon is mainly interested in Space and Video Game Art. His ideas come from his mind, the night sky, and the video game Team Fortress Two. He really doesn't have any artists that inspire him. Raymon's words of wisdom are, "Art has Never Been About Following the Rules". Very inspiring, Raymon!



• Contact rebecca. art and craft supplies shaw@sigourney- and monetary dona- schools.com for more tions! This helps our art information! Want to rooms run amazing! help? We always accept



You can still purchase your 2026 Sigourney JHHS Yearbook. They are \$30.00, cash or check made payable to Sigourney Schools.

Sigourney Artists Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Elementary Art Room



Kindergarten: F is for Fish. The kids had a fun time representing Rainbow fish with their sparkly projects!



The 2nd grade Ocean Mural turned out great, 2nd grade!



1st: Spooky Silhouettes. 1st grade worked on their Spooky Silhouettes, using black oil pastels to draw their spooky characters, and watercolors to add their backgrounds. They look so cool.



4th is finishing their Shape collages. They did such a nice job with their unity of their shape ideas.



Yearbook Crew: We have decided on a Music Theme, complete with scannable codes for play lists and videos representing the groups and individual students! The Yearbook staff members are as follows: Seniors: Ava Kopp, Bailey Pfannebecker, Jolie Wehr, Hiley Brisse, Chloe Wallerich, Emily Conger. Juniors are Cooper Hammes and Chloe Martin. Sophomores are Eden Hahn, Chris McLennan, Karma Coble, & Erica Clubb. Freshmen are Levi Weber, Bella deOliveira, Emerson Snakenberg, and Shelby Pfannebecker.



Colorguard: These ladies did a great job this Football season, and I wanted to take the time to recognize them! Seniors: Chloe Wallerich, Cora Bernardt, Ava Kopp, Gracie Gillam, Hannah Williams. Junior Lilly Glandon.

High School Art Room

The High School: The students had their Art Display during parent teacher conferences. They mainly showed 2D classes Pixel Art, Art 1 and their Contemporary Sculptures, and various Independent projects. This display was very impressive, and there were a lot of compliments.



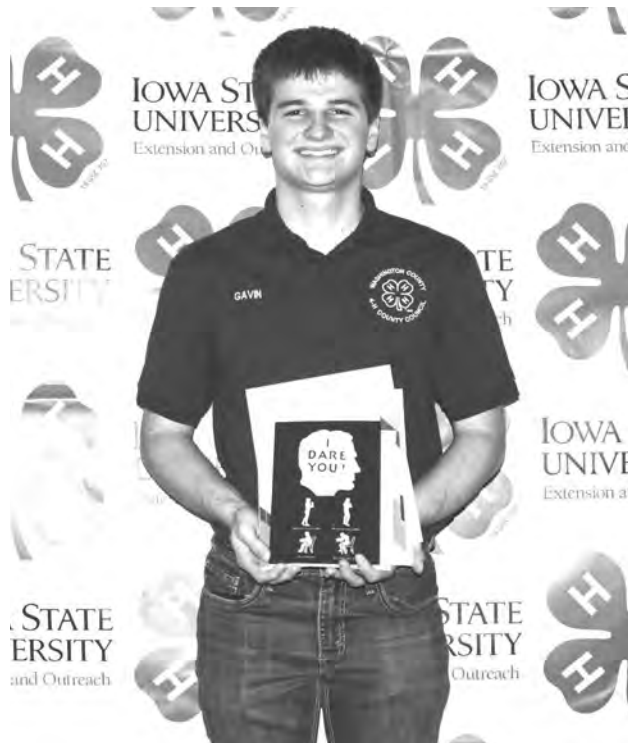
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Gavin Sieren was named the 2024-2025 recipient of the I Dare You Award at the 4-H Awards Celebration November 2. This is the highest honor given to Washington County 4-H youth.

4-H'er Gavin Sieren honored with "I Dare You" Leadership Award

Washington County 4-H member Gavin Sieren was awarded the national I Dare You Leadership Award in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership at the 4-H Awards Celebration November 2. This is the highest honor given to Washington County 4-H youth.

The I Dare You Leadership Award is presented each year by the American Youth Foundation (AYF) in cooperation with principals, counselors, county 4-H agents, church groups, and other organizations across the country. The award was first offered in 1941 by the late William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who challenged young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. The award takes its name from the book, *I Dare You!*, written by Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social and spiritual development as the backbone of leadership.

"As nine-year member, Gavin has done a lot of learning and growing personally through 4-H but also investing in this program. He is an outstanding role model and represent 4-H well in his daily lives by being organized, creative, and thoughtful. This past year he represented

Washington County 4-H in Washington D.C even at the national Ignite by 4-H Conference. I appreciate Gavin's willingness to go above and beyond and step out of his comfort zone," said Amy Green, Washington County 4-H & Youth Coordinator. "We are so proud of him and know he will continue to make the best better after his 4-H membership years are complete."

Sieren, the son of AJ and Denise Sieren, is a member of the Dutch Creek Flyers 4-H Club and 4-H County Council. "It is hard to know where to start when listing good things about Gavin. He stepped into leadership early as a 4-H jr camp counselor and has been an awesome mentor for those younger members. They are and we are lucky to have him," said Green.

In addition to a certificate of recognition, these honored 4-Hers receive a copy of Danforth's inspirational book, *I Dare You!* This award is sponsored in Washington County 4-H by Moore's Towing. To learn more about Washington County 4-H or how to support youth leadership awards and events, contact Amy at Washington County Extension, 319-653-4811. Follow "Washington County 4-H - Iowa" for more photos on the 4-H Awards Celebration.



Joyce Farmer, Biranna Belvel, Terry Farmer



Clara O'Rourke and John Armstrong

Farm Safety Buckets Delivered to 200 Keokuk County Farmers During Harvest

SIGOURNEY - As combines rolled across the fields this fall, Keokuk County farmers received a boost of support to help them stay safe during the busy harvest season. Thanks to the efforts of Keokuk County Extension and Outreach and a host of generous local sponsors, 200 Farm Safety Buckets were distributed to farmers throughout the county. The Farm Safety Bucket initiative provides farmers with practical tools and safety reminders to promote awareness and preparedness during long harvest days. Each bucket included essential items such as first aid kits, flashlights, gloves, snacks, and other useful supplies aimed at supporting safety and well-being in the field. In addition to physical safety items, the buckets also contained information and resources focused on farm stress, mental

health, and overall well-being—recognizing that safety on the farm extends beyond equipment and includes caring for one's mental health during the busy and often stressful harvest season.

This effort was made possible through the support of financial sponsors: County Bank, First Mainstreet Insurance, John Wehr Law, Keoco Auction, Libertyville Savings Bank, River Hills Community Health Center, Washington Keokuk County Corn & Soybean Growers Association, and Sigourney Lumber.

Many local businesses also contributed by donating items for the buckets, including Atwood Electric, Barn Wired, Bender Foundry Services, Brother's Market, Case IH JJ Nichting, Countyline Mart, County Bank, FCA/Vision Ag LLC, Freeman Foods, Hog Slat, Kelsey Hammes - Farm Bureau

Agent, Keokuk County Farm Bureau, Keokuk County Hospitals & Clinics, Lifetime Dental Solutions, MidWestOne Bank, Sigourney Café, Sinclair Tractor, and the Washington Keokuk County Corn & Soybean Growers Association. Keokuk County Extension and Outreach supplied all remaining items to complete the buckets.

"This project is a great example of how our community comes together to support local farmers," said Emily Belvel, with Keokuk County Extension and Outreach. "Harvest season can be a stressful and exhausting time, and our goal is to remind farmers to take care of themselves—both physically and mentally—while working hard to feed our communities." This community collaboration highlights the strong local commitment to supporting the agricultural

community and promoting farm safety. The Farm Safety Bucket program not only provides helpful tools but also serves as a reminder that safety remains a top priority—especially during the demanding harvest season.

Plans are already underway for next year's Farm Safety Bucket distribution. If you would like to make a donation toward this project, please contact the Keokuk County Extension Office for more information.

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Iowa Beef Center's New Video Podcast Provides Connections throughout the Beef Industry

Iowa Beef Collective off to strong start
By: Sherry Hoyer

AMES - The future of information sharing is so much more than in-person meetings, and Patrick Wall is making it even better. The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef field specialist hosts a new video podcast from Iowa Beef Center called the Iowa Beef Collective. Regardless of your role in the beef industry, he said you'll find something of interest and value.

Patrick Wall stands in a beef facility "We're in a time of unprecedented prices, but we're also going to look at things from everyone's perspective because when one segment of the industry is doing really well, we know there are challenges in other segments," Wall said. "It's important that we all understand where everyone through the supply chain is, what their challenges are and how we can make it better, and that's what this podcast does."

He said session guests will include folks from Iowa and

beyond, to cover the gamut of the beef industry. From industry icons to Expected Progeny Differences topics, and from the feeding/packing segment to livestock judging, the podcast appeals to all listeners and viewers. And because all sessions are available on the new Iowa Beef Collective YouTube channel, they're available whenever the timing works.

"Of course we'll bring you technology with ear tags and processing," he said. "We'll also cover some tougher topics like mental

health, family transfer and generational transfer of farming that can be easier to listen to and learn from initially without needing to sit across the table from family members in difficult circumstances."

This podcast is provided through a partnership with Iowa Beef Industry Council, and Wall said updates from Iowa Cattlemen's Association are also planned.

Contact Wall for more information by phone at 515-450-7665 or email at patwall@iastate.edu.

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Water Summary Update: Drought watch issued for southeast Iowa after dry October

By: Jessica Reese McIntyre | Iowa Department of Natural Resources

DES MOINES - Warmer temperatures and rainfall deficits in October have led to deteriorating drought conditions across the state, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

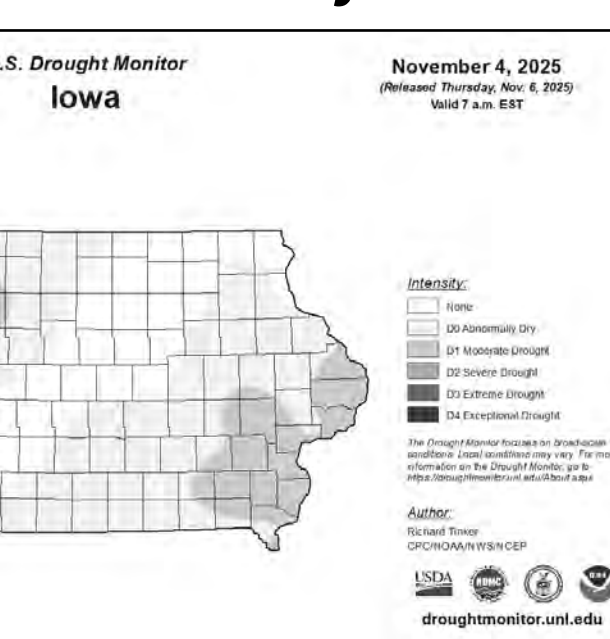
Reduced rainfall since late summer finally took a toll as drought returned to the state in early October and expanded in southeastern and northwestern Iowa. Much of the state is experiencing abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions, with portions of southeast Iowa carrying a drought watch designation.

At the end of October, Iowa's statewide precipitation totaled 2.06 inches, or 0.62 inches below normal. Some reporting stations in northwest and southeast Iowa showed deficits of one to two inches or more for the month. Statewide temperatures averaged 57.2 degrees for the month, 6.2 degrees above normal, ranking it near the top 15th warmest October in the 153-year record.

The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) shows that two-thirds of Iowa is abnormally dry, with moderate drought impacting both the southeastern and northwestern

regions. According to Iowa's Drought Plan, nearly all drought regions experienced worsening conditions in October, with the sole exception in southwestern Iowa, where conditions remained mostly unchanged. Despite these widespread precipitation deficits, the southeast drought region is the only area currently under a drought watch.

The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center's November outlook indicates an equal chance for above, below, or near-average precipitation across the entire state and an increased likelihood of warmer-than-average temperatures. The seasonal outlook suggests continued concern for drought development in areas where deficits are already established, particularly in



southeastern Iowa. "After several months of rain deficits, drought returned and expanded across much of the state in October, coinciding with our entry into the typically drier time of the year. This persistent dryness has led to a drought watch designation for southeastern Iowa. Looking ahead, the latest seasonal outlooks indicate that there is potential for additional drought development in the southeastern region, with dry conditions likely persisting through January," said Jessi-

ca Reese McIntyre, DNR Environmental Specialist.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, visit www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

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