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Community CALENDAR

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The News-Review will be closed on Nov. 28.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 27, 11 a.m.
Sigourney Senior Center
Call 319-330-9934 for more info

Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday Breakfast

Holy Trinity Hall Keota
Nov. 30th 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
Carryouts Available.

"A Kickoff to Christmas" Tree Lighting

Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
North English Veterans Memorial

Frosted Fairgrounds Keokuk County Expo

Drive-Thru Holiday Lights Display
Dec. 5th-6th & 12th
-13th 6pm-8pm
Free Will Donation

Keota Holiday Market Vendor & Craft Show

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

Christmas in Keota

Dec. 6
9-11 a.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus at Wilson Memorial Library
Carriage Rides 4-7 p.m., Pick up at City Hall

North English Holiday Craft and Vendors Show

English Valleys High School - Gene's Gym, 765 Broad St, North English
Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tri-County Winter Concert

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

Breakfast w/ Santa



Ladies Night

The Annual "Ladies Night Out" sponsored by KCED was held on Nov. 20. Participating businesses include Sigourney Mercantile, Sigourney TV & Appliance, Copper Lantern, The Garden Gate, Uplift Fitness, B's Sweet Treats, Misc on Main, Esthetics By Payton, Amy's Salon House and Spa, Barn Wired, James Family Greenhouse, Toby's Pizza, T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative, Paper Street Custom Art and Tattoo Studio, FCA/Vision Ag, MidWestOne Bank, Sinclair Napa, Sinclair Supply, Sinclair Tractor, Complete Care of Iowa, Salon @ Suite C, Keokuk County Bowl, Samantha Rae Photography, The News-Review, Emily A Styles, Shettler Insurance Services, Lifetime Dental, and Walk'Er Drive Thru.

Keota Council Discusses Troublesome Scooter Rider

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA - During the Nov. 17 meeting of the Keota City Council, the council discussed an anonymous complaint letter about a young man engaging in unsafe behavior on Broadway, including: riding scooters on sidewalks, handrails, brick flower beds and along building walls; jumping bicycles on building structures; and placing a ramp in the roadway to jump over. The letter noted an incident in September, where the youth damaged a business handrail, leading to an argument with the business owner and the youth agreeing to stop riding on the rail, pay for the damages, and write an apology, in return for the business owner not reporting him to the authorities. The letter noted that the youth had resumed riding on handrails in recent weeks, telling a business owner that the rail doesn't belong to them when asked to stop. It stated that, on Nov. 11, the youth was seen lying on the sidewalk, possibly injured, before getting up and continuing to ride on his scooter. The letter also noted that there were problems with U-turns and speeding on Broadway and the side streets.

Councilman Heath McDonald stated he wasn't sure if there was anything they could do about the U-turns, except maybe have a sheriff's deputy sit there for a day. He stated that they legally couldn't do anything about the scooter and bike problems, because there isn't any ordinance banning riding them. He stated that, if they did make an ordinance banning them, it would ban all biking, something he said they didn't want to do. McDonald stated that he had spoken to the youth and been told he was moving soon. Councilman Matt Greiner stated that he had seen the

youth jump off the loading dock at the school, been told to leave, then come back the next day. Greiner said that he believed bikes were technically already banned on sidewalks; City Clerk Hunter Bruns stated that she had checked and that only skateboards were banned. Greiner stated that the best case scenario would be to have the property owners talk to the sheriff's department, although he noted that it wouldn't be a high priority call, nor would the U-turns be a priority. He said they would get farther if citizens and business owners spoke with the youth or his mother.

Bruns stated that the ramp was an issue, because people are having to go around. Councilwoman Patty Tinnes asked if they could make an ordinance banning the youth's actions, but not other things; McDonald stated it was a touchy situation and that he would look into it. Councilman Keith Conrad stated that they could cite the youth for not wearing safety gear, for not stopping for pedestrians, or for destroying property. He said it was annoying, but cautioned against restricting riding bikes or scooters to just public spaces, also noting that downtown was legally a public space.

Councilman Mike Bender stated that there was nothing they could do, except have business owners file charges when their property is damaged. Regarding speeding, Bender stated it doesn't matter if there's a cop in town, because people will just speed on the other side of town, and that they won't catch them all. He noted that they already have a U-turn sign on Broadway, but that it doesn't do any good. Greiner stated that banning bikes would hurt a lot of kids that ride around. He asked what they could do if they told the youth to move his ramp, and he refused to.

Mayor Tony Cansler recommended business owners take a photo of the ramp in the middle of the road and send it to the sheriff's department. He stated that, if someone was willing to sign a formal complaint about a U-turn, the sheriff's department would be willing to come and issue a ticket. Bruns asked if the city would be liable if the youth hurt himself; Cansler stated they would probably not be any more liable than if someone was in a car crash, unless the youth was injured by a big pothole. Bender noted that the sheriff's department had taken away the youth's go cart in the past, but said it was unlikely they would take away a scooter, and that they couldn't cite the youth if there isn't anything in Keota's ordinances. Greiner stated that it was between the youth and the property owners and that there could be fines for trespassing or property destruction. Conrad noted that the youth would be liable for any damage or injuries the ramp caused and that businesses were legally allowed to remove or destroy the ramp if it is in front of their property.

Also at the Monday meeting, the council approved new utility billing and disconnection procedures, which they city had been using, but were not official, due to the city ordinances being vague. Bruns explained that accounts with a past due balance over \$50 are tagged and that water service is disconnected if balances exceed the minimum monthly payment of \$124.97. To be reconnected, residents must pay a \$50 and the full balance, or go to city hall and arrange a payment agreement. Water bills are due the 15th of each month and properties are disconnected around the third of the following month.

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Pekin Approves Adding Sidewalk for Fire Safety

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

PACKWOOD - During the Nov. 20 meeting of the Pekin School Board, Superintendent Dave Harper explained that the fire marshal had inspected the school on Oct. 1, noting problems with an elementary exit door and a kitchen door. One elementary door, which is intended to be used during a fire, leads onto the grass; the marshal stated there needs to be a hard service leading from the door to the parking lot. The kitchen exit door needs to have its dead bolt removed and a panic bar added to meet fire code. The board approved spending \$10,000 to add a sidewalk from the elementary door to the parking lot and \$6,825 to retrofit the kitchen door to meet fire code. Harper stated they had until June 30 to fix this. High school Principal Shawn Dorman stated that the inspection went well otherwise. Harper mentioned that they had been told that only 10% of doors are allowed to be covered by paper and that he would tell teachers to take down decorations.

The board approved spending \$6,000 to contract Denovo to help promote a potential infrastructure bond. Harper explained that Denovo would provide a website, mailers and other things if they moved forward with a facility project. He stated that this was not locking them in for any construction work and that they could walk away if they decided against having a bond vote. Harper stated that he trusted Denovo to do good work and that they needed their expertise to get information to the public. Board member Kortney Baumberger noted that a lot of local bonds

had failed to pass during the most recent election; Harper noted that Cedar Rapids got 59.3%, short of the 60% needed supermajority.

The board approved selling football helmets to seniors wanting to purchase them, at a price of \$300 each. The board approved purchasing \$12,992 worth of strength conditioning equipment; Harper stated that the athletic boosters would pay for \$5,000 of the cost. Harper stated that the solar panels would be in before Christmas break. He stated that SIAC had recommended doing a facilities update, mostly in the elementary, focused on safety and security and on energy efficiency. Harper also stated that SIAC had discussed potentially offering more preschool opportunities, via either adding another four-year-old class or by adding a three-year-old section; Harper stated that the data showed that kids who attend preschool stay at the district. Dorman stated that there was an increase in the number of special ed students at the district, which was difficult because they were short staffed and only had two special ed teachers; he stated that he planned to post a job listing over Christmas break and hire a new special ed teacher as fast as they could.

Baumberger spoke about her experiences at the Iowa Association of School Boards convention, where she attended a presentation from representatives of Saydel, a school that switched to a four-day-week in 2024. She stated that Saydel's data showed significant jumps in test scores and achievement, a 25% decrease in elementa-

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

Supervisors Approve Exemptions For Requests of Security Info

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the Nov. 24 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the board approved adjusting the county's public records policies, to add an exemption for security information. Also at the Monday meeting, County Engineer Andy McGuire stated that the highway department is preparing for the snow season; he stated that he has begun focussing less on when big storms are forecasted to hit and

more on being extremely prepared in advance. McGuire also stated that he and other county engineers had prepared a report for the service bureau board of directors, which will also be given to many county supervisors, that polled county engineers on efficiencies, like sharing equipment and staff between counties. McGuire stated that a lot of elected state-level officials don't understand what county engineers do or think they are good stewards of tax dollars.



Stone Cottage Care Center in Sigourney donated five turkeys towards the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 27. L to R: Mary Dimant, Sharon Kurimski, Carol Bensmiller, Julie Wilson.

Training on Iowa's Open Meeting and Open Records Laws Offered This Winter

Iowa public officials can meet new state requirements and strengthen public trust by attending upcoming Open Meeting and Open Records training sessions from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development.

Under House File 706, all newly elected or appointed public officials in Iowa are now required to complete training on Open Meeting and Open Records. This includes city and county officials, board and commission members, municipal staff and extension council members. The course is approved by the Iowa Public Information Board and fulfills the state's legal requirement.

• Dec. 18, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

This interactive training explains Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22, often called the state's "sunshine laws." Participants learn how to properly post meeting notices, craft agendas, handle closed sessions and manage access to public records in clear, practical terms they can apply right away. "These laws are designed to keep government open and information accessible," said Sara Shonrock, community development specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "When officials understand the rules, it builds confidence and trust on both sides of the table."

The registration fee is \$50 per participant, and enrollment is required in advance.

For details, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/communities/open-meeting-and-open-records-training> or contact Sara Shonrock at sshonroc@iastate.edu.

Sigourney Council Talks With Code Enforcer

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the Nov. 19 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, Code Enforcer Doug Glandon gave an overview of his duties, explaining that he had dealt with 354 violations this year, some dealt with by fines and some dealt with by warnings. He explained that most people pay their fines. Glandon explained that a lot of his job is spent on building inspections and on ensuring that cars are not illegally parked on Monday mornings, during street sweeping. He stated that the number of cars parking on the square

on Monday mornings had gone down from 18 to 4. Also at the Wednesday meeting, the council approved having the Public Works Department provide the poles and labor to install the new walkability signs. Councilman Gary Iosbaker noted that participation at the KCED Raffle was down this year, with 137 tickets being sold, compared to last year's 160. The council approved hiring Lara Davis as the soccer director; this will be her third year as director. Councilwoman Stephani Lentz stated that multiple people had spoken to her about problems with children riding electric scooters or mopeds.

Lawmakers agree water quality is an issue in Iowa

Legislators touched on the outdoor trust fund, cancer, conservation and water quality at Iowa Nature Summit

By Cami Koons, Iowa Capital Dispatch
 Republican and Democratic legislators agreed on Nov. 20 that water quality is a pressing issue in the state along with property taxes and public health – all of which will be necessary to balance as the Legislature returns in January. Water quality, cancer and conservation efforts in Iowa were a key topic on day two of the Iowa Nature Summit at Drake University as a panel of Iowa lawmakers discussed potential 2026 policies.

Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott, D-West Des Moines, said water quality, especially after a lawn watering ban was issued in central Iowa over the summer due to elevated nitrate levels in the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers, is an issue she now hears about all the time. "There's more folks who are paying attention," she said. "For the people who have been doing this for a very long time, it's an opportunity to engage those new people and those new voices in advocacy, because we can't address big challenges unless we're working together across broad coalitions of folks."

Funding the trust
 The Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund was established in the state constitution in 2010, with more than 60% approval from Iowa voters, to fund parks, trails, water resources, conservation efforts and natural areas in the state. Despite its 15 years on the books, the trust has not accumulated any funds, because the Legislature has not levied the necessary increase on sales taxes, of which the fund would receive three-eighths of a percent.

Nature and environmental groups have urged the Legislature to fund the trust in past years. Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said it "may happen" in 2026. "I think it's time we initiate," Jacoby said. "... but we have to be mindful that that three-eighths was supposed to supplement what we're doing, not replace what we're doing."

Trone Garriott said constituents have asked lawmakers to do something about water quality issues in the state and funding the trust is the "number one opportunity." At the same time, however, Trone Garriott said property taxes will be the "biggest issue" at the Statehouse this year.

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- Upcoming virtual sessions are scheduled:
- Nov. 20, 10 a.m.–noon
 - Dec. 3, noon–2 p.m.
 - Dec. 4, 10 a.m.–noon
 - Dec. 10, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 11, noon–2 p.m.
 - Dec. 16, noon–2 p.m.



KCHC Auxiliary had 15 vendors of many varieties at their fair on November 13th from 10:00 -3:00. Ron and Bonnie Barnhart had a table of assortment of wood crafts and quilts for sale. New vendors Terri Bergman with hand painted stones, Rare Bee Collective by Hannah Haile, El-lie Thrapp with Country Grit Boutique and Kimberly Vanderpool with 3-D printed items. This vendor is the size to shop for gifts with a variety of prices and items to choose from. The proceeds of the vendor tables will go to the KCHC Auxiliary Scholarship fund.



The Keota Coding Club won the student choice award at the Indian Hills Byte Jam Competition

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT.

\$2 OFF Any Iowa Wine
Brothers MARKET
 118 S MAIN STREET, SIGOURNEY

25% OFF one regular priced item
 Various items on sale throughout the store.
The Garden Gate
 105 S. JEFFERSON ST, SIGOURNEY

H&M Farm & Home **10% Off**
 All apparel, boots, and shoes. Sale only valid on Sat, Nov. 29
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20% off when purchasing 3 or more regular priced products or gift sets • BONUS 100 Tanning Credits for \$25 when purchasing a Tanning package or a new tanning lotion.
AMYS SalonHouse & Spa
 202 N Main St - Sigourney - 641-622-3772 - Hours 10am-2pm

Antique Mall & Flea Market
 105 E. Marion Street, Sigourney
 Open Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community CALENDAR

Dec 13th @ 9:00 am
Sigourney Public Library

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

Knights of Columbus Harper Pepper Tournament
12/13, 1/10, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Hometown Holiday Magic
Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 pm
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
Bridget's Public House
208 1st Ave E. Oskaloosa, IA 52577
1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10:30am - 12 Noon.

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

Wilson Memorial Library
Mondays 10-6pm
Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10-5pm

Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturdays 8-12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richland Community Food Bank
Located at Richland Methodist Church, 106 W

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

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

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

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

Keokuk County Historical Society
Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
KCHS will be closed the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. During winter, when school is cancelled, KCHS will be closed.

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

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

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

Food Pantry-Sigourney
Food Pantry Community

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ry and middle school office referrals, and an 8% rise in high school office referrals. She stated that they needed to keep this idea on their radar. Baumberger also talked about a school marketing presentation she attended, stating that they needed to look into marketing Pekin more. She stated that Iowa City Public Schools had success with an ad in movie theaters. She brought up the idea of advertising on the side of box trucks, but stated it would look bad for the school if there was an accident.

FFA member Kennedy Long gave a presentation on the Pekin FFA's trip to the

national convention. The board approved making the News-Review the district's official paper; going forward, all public notices and meeting minutes will be published in this paper's B-section. The board swore in reelected members JD Olinger, Kortney Baumberger and Ray Fear and newly elected member Linda Brock. Mike Davis was appointed as the board president. Josh Arendt was appointed as the vice president. Harper stated that he planned to talk to the board about staffing models for a new food service and about an early retirement program next month.

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Public Works Director Michah Harmsen stated that, since they started these new billing procedures, billing had been the most current it had been in four years. He said "hats off" to the clerk's office, nothing that there were some water balances he never thought would get down. Cansler noted that, legally, the city doesn't have to give extensions before disconnecting water. McDonald stated that the current ordinances were a mess and that they were going through them to clean them up; he said clarifying the utility billing policy was a good start.

The council discussed getting radar speed signs that would tell drivers how fast they were going, in hopes this would alleviate problems with speeding. Bruns explained that she was thinking about getting two signs, one stationary and one portable, that would flash and let drivers know to slow down. One of the sign models would also send weekly reports on how many cars were speeding. Both models would cost several thousand dollars, which Bruns stated could be paid out of the police budget. Bender stated this was a good idea, although it would be probably be restricted to main street. Harmsen brought up the idea of teenagers maybe stealing a portable sign and suggested they make their own cart for a portable sign, which would be cheaper. Conrad stated he would prefer a stationary sign. Tinnes stated it was a good idea, but that she would prefer a firmer game-plan on how many signs they would get and where they would be placed. Greiner stated he was not opposed, pointing out the study saying the signs would give a 70% reduction in speeding that Bruns had handed them. McDonald suggested putting a portable sign near the school when school lets out. Conrad suggested putting up multiple poles and periodically moving the signs around town. Bruns stated that the signs could be paid for by a DOT grant; Harmsen stated they could possibly get a roadside grant for the sign. Greiner stated it was worth waiting

for a grant. No action was taken.

Greiner asked if they had sold the police truck yet. Bender stated they were still waiting to hear back. Greiner stated they might be able to use funds from the truck for the speed signs. Bender stated that the process of disposing of old police evidence and equipment would not be completed by the time he left office at the start of next year. Cansler asked Conrad to take over meeting with the man overseeing disposing of old equipment.

The council approved the new mowing ordinances discussed at previous meetings, which will have the city place stickers on the doors of residents with overgrown lawns. During the public comment time at the start of the meeting, a concerned citizen requested the council move the public comment time back to the end of the meeting, because the public sometimes has questions after the meeting. Josh Schreiber of Ion Water reported that flows had stabilized and water use was down. The council discussed needing to do employee evaluations before the end of the year. Cansler stated that he had spoken to the Keokuk County Sheriff's Department about an agreement for police coverage, but hadn't heard back yet.

Tinnes, who lost reelection, congratulated the newly elected council members, but said it was bittersweet. She stated that she didn't have to have a title to be involved with the community and that she planned to continue attending meetings and helping out in any way she can. Tinnes stated that she loved the town, that it meant a lot to have been appointed, and that, for the first time in a long time, she felt like she had a purpose. Cansler, who also lost reelection after 22 years in office, called his time a decent run and said he wasn't ashamed for losing. He noted that he had his "ass handed to" his opponent, Ryan Carr, and gave his hat off to Carr. Carr, who was in attendance, also said hats off to Cansler, noting that Cansler had been running Keota since he was just getting out of diapers.

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MENUS

Keota
Nov. 20th
Breakfast: Donut, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Tetrizzini, Iceberg Lettuce Blend, Steamed Carrots, Strawberries, French Garlic Bread, Milk.
Nov. 21st
No School
Nov. 24th
Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Applesauce, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza, Garden Spinach Salad, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk.
Nov. 25th
Breakfast: Mini- Cini, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nugget, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Fresh Broccoli, Grape Juice, Wheat Roll & Jelly, Milk.
Nov. 26th
No School

Tri-County
Nov. 20th
Breakfast: Apple Bites
Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Peaches.
Nov. 21st
Breakfast: Bagel Bites.
Lunch: Hamburger, Sweet Potato FF, Pears.
Nov. 24th
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Cold MEat Sandwich, Veggie Chips & Ranch, Baked Chips, Diced Pears.
Nov. 25th
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Turkey w/ Cranberry Sauce, party Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Apple Crisp.
Nov. 26th
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Mini Flatbread, Pepperoni, Mozzarella Cheese, marinara Cup, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Oreos.

English Valleys
Nov. 20th
Breakfast: Western Egg 'N' Bacon Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Scrambled Eggs w. French Toast Sticks, Cheeseburger w/ Tater Tots, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Bacon Turkey Avocado Club, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 21st
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: General Tso w/ Rice, Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Seven Layer Dip, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit Milk.
Nov. 24th
Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Griddle, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Honey Bacon Glazed Tender Sandwich, Corn DOg w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Chef Salad w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 25th
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Cuban Sandwich w/ Sweet Potato Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Chicken Fajita Salad w/ Cornbread, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 26th
No School

Sigourney
Nov. 20th
Breakfast: Western Egg 'N' Bacon Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toas, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Scrambled Eggs w. French Toast Sticks, Cheeseburger w/ Tater Tots, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 21st
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: General Tso w. Rice, Hot Dog w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 24th
Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Griddle, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog w/ Seasoned French Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 25th
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Cuban Sandwich w/ Sweet Potato Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Cornbread, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Nov. 26th
No School

Pekin
Nov. 20th
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Peas, Pineapple, Oranges, WG Goldfish.
Nov. 21st
Breakfast: WG Long Johns, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, FF, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Apple Slices, WG Rice Krispy Treat.
Nov. 24th
Breakfast: WG Pancakes, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Lasagna, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, WG Breadstick.
Nov. 25th
WG Pop Tart, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Sidekicks, WG Cookie.
Nov. 26th
No School

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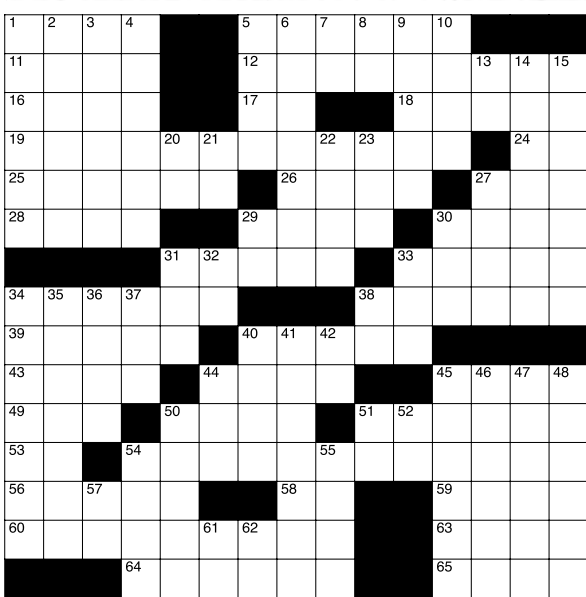

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CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular wine ___ Spumante
5. Greatly impressed
11. ___ and that
12. Uttered with passion
16. Boats
17. Veteran actor Harris
18. Casserole with game
19. Reprehensible acts
24. They precede C
25. Says under one's breath
26. Taxis
27. It transfers genetic info
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students sleep
30. Major European river
31. Taco condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit
39. Khoikhoi peoples
40. Bears QB Williams
43. Scrambled, fried, boiled
44. Price indicators
45. One-time world power
49. When you hope to get somewhere
50. Farm building
51. Choose carefully
53. Magnum was one
54. One who combines
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to Pa
59. Notable river
60. Officially honors
63. Colorless compound
64. A fancy chair
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building
2. Religion of Japan
3. Leggings
4. Officially distributes
5. Arabian Sea seaport
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Currency of Poland
9. Slowly moves into
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Unit of volume
14. Emit
15. With two replaceable hydrogens
20. Title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. One-time tech titan
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. The bill in a restaurant

CLUES ACROSS

34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Cosmetics giant Mary ___
38. Gym class
40. Automobiles
41. Roman honorific
42. Losses in sports
44. Skin tone in summer
45. Distant planet
46. Critical humor
47. Illegally obtained
48. Go back over
50. Home appliance brand
51. Unit of radioactivity
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
61. Most common noble gas (abbr.)
62. Toward

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

WORDS

- ALCOHOL
- ANDROPAUSE
- ANTIGEN
- BALDNESS
- CARDIOVASCULAR
- CHOLESTEROL
- DIABETES
- HEALTH
- HYPERTENSION
- INFERTILITY
- LIBIDO
- MENTAL HEALTH
- MUSCLE
- OBESITY
- PHYSICAL
- PROSTATE
- SCREENING
- SLEEP APNEA
- SMOKING
- TESTICULAR CANCER
- TESTOSTERONE
- WORKOUT

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Achilles Rogers and the Revolutionary War

By Casey James | The News-Review

I'm just going to cut to the chase. There is an American Revolutionary War soldier buried in Keokuk County. This fact surprised me when I learned it, given the large gap between the Revolution and the beginning of this community. The Revolutionary War began in April, 1775, with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. It ended eight years later, in September, 1783, with the signing of the 1783 Treaty of Paris. Iowa was opened to white settlers in 1832, following the Black Hawk War and subsequent Black Hawk Purchases. The southeast corner of this county was opened for settlement following the Second Black Hawk Purchase, in 1837, and the first settler, Aaron Miller, arrived in 1838. The rest of the county, including Sigourney, where this soldier is buried, was opened for settlement in 1842. For a Revolutionary War soldier to have lived here, he would have had to have been a very young soldier, who travelled across the country to settle

in new territory, when he was already elderly.

Sure enough, this guess matches this week's subject. His name was Achilles Rogers, and right off the bat, I'd like to note that this is an excellent name. Rogers was born in Albemarle County, Colony of Virginia, in 1761. In 1781, when he was 19, Rogers enlisted as a carpenter in the Quartermaster Generals Department in the district of Charlottesville. He served from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30. I could find no details about his actual war experience.

In 1814, Rogers married a woman named Eliza; I could find no details about her, other than that she married Achilles Rogers and presumably died sometime before 1846. Achilles and Eliza moved to Indiana and had five daughters: Eliza, Lucy, Maria, Lindsey and Mary. The youngest of these children, Mary, was born in 1827, when her father would have been 66! Achilles Rogers, it seems, did not let his age slow him down. Also, I find it odd that he would name his daughters Mary

and Maria; those names are too similar.

Maria married a man named Martin Jacobs, who was awarded land in Keokuk County for having fought in an Indian War. In 1846, after Martin passed away, Maria wrote to her father, asking him to stay with her and her children on their farm. Rogers, already in his mid-eighties, moved to Iowa.

In 1854, when Rogers was either 92 or 93, a cholera outbreak swept through Iowa. He fell ill and died at the Jacobs farm, a few hours later. Before dying, Rogers requested that a large boulder at the farm be used as his tombstone. He was buried in Pennington Cemetery, south of Sigourney, without a funeral. Maria ended up dying six years later, at the age of either 39 or 40.

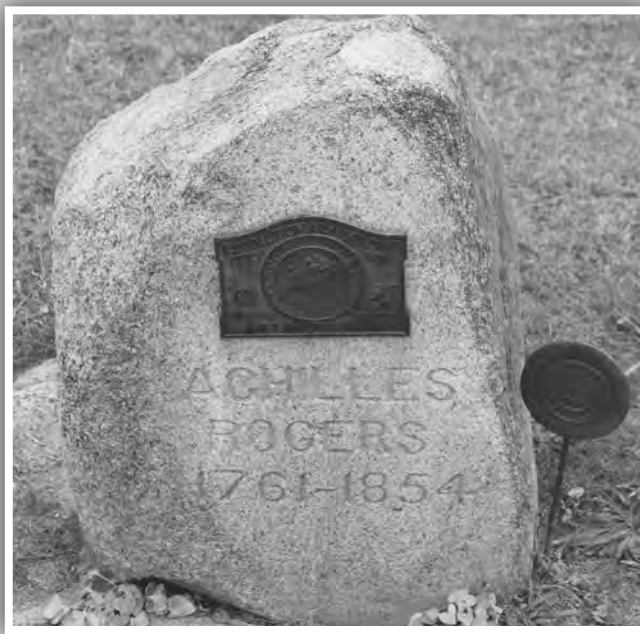
On April 12, 1925, that year's Easter, Rogers was given a proper funeral by the James McElwee Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, who placed a bronze plate and grave marker at his tombstone. The ceremony drew a large crowd and inspired this buck-wild paragraph in the April 16 issue of the Keokuk County News, which begins poetically then veers off into absurdity.

"The sweet spring zephyrs wafting the fragrance of the swelling buds and tender blossoms bespeaking the coming of nature's loveliness together with the balmy air brought to the poetic mind a vision of a lad over a century ago in the springtime of life while just bursting into the bloom of his young manhood answering to the call of patriotism

enlisting in the Continental Army as a carpenter and as willing to lay down his life if necessary to secure American independence and the right of liberty as was that other "Carpenter" who suffered Calvary to give to the world eternal life. Achilles Rogers lived to be 93 years of age and in 1853 when this country was undergoing a scourge of Cholera he became a victim of its ravages and succumbed in a very few hours. No funeral ceremony of religious rite could be performed under the circumstances and his body was consigned to mother earth without the tender words of eulogy he merited. The beautiful ceremonies thus held were after all the eulogy and tribute and everything appropriate to perpetuate his memory."

In my research, I was unable to find any real personal details about Rogers, to give a sense of what he was like, as a person, which was disappointing. The old articles I read about the man focussed almost exclusively on the fact that he is one of only a small handful of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Iowa and the fact that he is the only one buried in Keokuk County. But, the thing is, he isn't. There is another.

On a list of local soldiers, sorted by war, that the Keokuk County Historical Society has, I found another man, Thomas Edenfield, listed as a Revolutionary War veteran. The problem is, I could find absolutely nothing else about Edenfield, other than the fact that he is buried in Knox Cemetery, without a headstone. The historical society told me that they don't know anything more either. Edenfield's story has been lost to time.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Sharon Assembly of God
 www.newsharonag.org
 Pastor Shane Farnum
 Youth Group: Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

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

New Life Fellowship New Sharon
 Lead Pastor Rick Baarda
 www.newlifefellowships.org
 641-637-2561
 newlifefellowships@gmail.com
 Worship Service: Sunday, 9:15am (Church)
 Children's Sunday School during pastor's morning message. (Church Basement)
 Adult Small Group: Sunday, 10:30am (Church)
 Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)
 G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)
 PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

Union Mills Christian Church
 Pastor Josh Martin
 1405 Parkin Ave, New Sharon, IA 50207
 641-637-2339
 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
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Christian Church
 Pastor Luke Caster
 131 N. Howard St.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Ph. 319-664-3338

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

Ollie Baptist Church
 Church Phone: 641-224-9797
 Ollie Pastor Tom Grove
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Thursday: 9 a.m. Sewing and Quilting

Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church
 Pastor: Steven Lamb
 641-667-2502
 27131 Hwy 78, Ollie
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship,
 Followed by Fellowship
 Sunday School 7:50 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

ROSE HILL Rose Hill Community Church
 Pastor: Mike Sennett
 2011 Main St.
 Sunday School- 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship- 10:15 a.m.
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SIGOURNEY Be the Light Ministry
 200 Kramer St.
 Sunday- 9 a.m. Traditional
 11 a.m. Contemporary
 Sunday School (PK-6) 10-10:45 a.m.

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Local Students Make Indian Hills Honor Roll

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 Levi A. Molyneux
 Haley M. Thomas
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 Wyatt R. Wehr
 Zachary T. Guffey
South English
 Kyedan N. Geiger
What Cheer
 Wesley A. Davis

TLS News

Another great meeting we had for our club at Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota, on Friday. Lots of member present, and lots of, again, unbelievable ? stories. Even I can't make this up! Many thanks to Louise for hosting and providing dessert-ranger cookies and pecan tassies!!!

Shirley presented a confusing story about anatomy and bran cats vs raccoons. You all know we've got plenty of these critters everywhere, and even possums stealing cat food, little devils!

Shout out to our neighbor, Steve Hahn, in Sigourney Hospital, post recovery from a very tough surgery. Feel free to call or send a card as those days can get pretty long.

Kate continues to be an awesome nurse for hubby Mick. I think it's the Hammes bloodlines, the compassion, the caring, and of course, the sarcasm..Ha!

School News: aka great news! Day care is coming along nicely with the first of the year opening, kids signing up already and what a gold mine for those young parents out there. Also update on the school's security system, state of the art...Deb just needs to learn the system and not panic. Impossible, being married to a Greiner, it seems we're always in a state of chaos.

Several members have their Christmas tree up, just not decorated. Our famous church, SS Peter and Paul, has decorations in place for their annual symphony concert on the

6th of December. Always a treat with the amazing acoustics.

Sister Deanna outdid herself, again, trying to be super gardener...pulling flowers along the corn field, took a wrong turn, and Boom-corn stalk thru her ankle, yes, ankle! Can't imagine the pain but healing nicely after a boatload of antibiotics!

Turns out the internet, always available, sometimes has it's own little issues. Some sites have been blocked at the school, wait, you're going to have to guess which ones...that's right: Kat's Grain and Tractor House! Love these future farmers!

Reminding every one of fire safety this holiday season. Several stories of dryer fires were shared. Bottom line: never leave the dryer running if you are not going to be around!

Our last story involved a kiss to the wrong husband. This happened at one my favorite hang outs, Leo Keifer's. Evidently Leo heard wrong when asked for a specific Greiner and wanted to give him a big old kiss...OMG! It did all work out in the end. Many a Leo break our kids enjoyed with Mt Dew and Cheese Curls.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season. Remember to enjoy the moments, the great food, and card games. Next meeting is Dec 13th at 11:30 at Fiddle Dee Dee. Toni, Joan, and Crystal to host. Bring your SS present to share as will be guessing who your mystery sister is!



“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”
 Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

One Day at a Time

The rush of the soon approaching holidays can often overwhelm us. Depending on our situation, we may have to plan events we are hosting or attending, purchase gifts for our friends and family, and ultimately, take account of both the money and time we put into these undertakings. Despite all this, there is nothing wrong with taking things one day at a time when it seems like many are in a craze. In practice, this can mean a few things. While we might strive to get the perfect gifts for our loved ones, or host the perfect parties for them, we can only control what is in our power. When we maintain this mindset, we can keep track of what the holidays are truly about, and also come out of the season with a renewed, comfortable approach to similar matters.

-James Stone

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Iowans may comment on rules for fetal development instruction, accreditation

By Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Iowa Board of Education is taking public feedback as it crafts rules for implementing several state education laws signed in 2025 — including one addressing fetal development education.

The board took several actions during its Nov. 19 meeting on rulemaking as directed by the Legislature earlier this year. This included beginning a period of public comments for rules on two laws signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds, Senate File 175 on fetal development education, and House File 295 on community college accreditation.

Democrats had opposed both measures during the legislative session. The law on fetal development instruction was modeled after laws in other states that directly reference the “Meet Baby Olivia” video made by the anti-abortion group Live Action. Iowa’s law requires human growth and development classes for students in grades 5-12 include visuals, such as ultrasound video or computer-generated renderings or animations that depict “the humanity of the unborn child by showing prenatal human development, starting at fertilization.”

The measure also includes a ban on showing materials about fetal development from entities that perform or “promote” abortions, or which contracts, affiliates, or makes referrals to providers that perform or promote abortions.

Democrats and reproductive health care advocates say the law is a means to promote anti-abortion material in public schools, and could lead to the distribution of medically inaccurate information. These concerns were heightened by the ban on materials from institutions that perform or refer patients for abortion care, as the law does not exclude information from organizations that provide abortions when medically necessary or allowed under the state’s six-week abortion ban.

Thomas Mayes, general counsel for the Iowa Department of Education, introduced the proposal to amend parts of Iowa Code to implement these requirements — as well as making a clarification that the state’s ban on materials with descriptions or depictions of sex acts in K-12 schools does not conflict with the fetal

development instruction requirements.

Mayes said in its current form, the rulemaking proposal is “strictly in line with the statute,” and does not contain any “elaboration” on parts of the law that could be in question.

“If there should be some elaboration, that would be generated through public comment,” Mayes said. “So the proposal before you is to put this out for public comment, to allow folks to react to it — is the rule the third bowl of porridge, is it too hot, too cold or just right? And if it’s too hot or too cold, how should it be corrected, consistent with the underlying statute?”

Law limits accrediting agencies

The other law posted for intended rulemaking action was on state universities and community colleges, and accrediting bodies’ ability to take action against community colleges for following certain state laws. The measure states accreditors cannot take adverse actions against Iowa higher education institutions for following or refusing to break state law — and states that if a public higher education institute is “neg-

atively affected by adverse action” for such a violation, the state attorney general can authorize bringing a civil action against the accrediting agency in question.

The rulemaking change would allow more accrediting agencies to sanction public higher education institutes. Under previous Iowa law and rules, the Higher Learning Commission was the only named agency able to perform this duty. The proposed change “broadens the menu of accreditors to any federally recognized accreditor that (the board) in the future may have approved,” Mayes said.

Both of the rulemaking proposals are open for public feedback before implementation. Public hearings will be held Dec. 30 at the Grimes State Office Building, in addition to having video conferences available. Public comments can also be emailed to Mayes at thomas.mayes@iowa.gov.

Read more from Opsahl online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Minnesota Hunting



Rick Janssen

Minnesota would have seen them by now, but I have not. Like most people, it is beyond explanation when they appear. Another thing off my bucket list.

During the time between the morning hunts and the afternoon hunts we all worked on projects around their homestead helping them prepare for winter. I helped with putting away the summer stuff and getting out the winter stuff. We also cut some invasive plants out of their timber area and burned those plants. It was so warm over the weekend that it was nice to help them with those projects.

The second night I got to sit with my nephew in one of their deer stands and again we saw plenty of deer moving. This particular stand faces into his timber area, but there is a field behind the stand. Most of the action happens behind us in the field. Luckily we can spin in our chairs to see what is happening behind us also. I think for the first two evenings I sat out there I saw a total of 16 deer with only one buck in the groups. I can sit and watch deer for a long time. I am always amazed how deer can just disappear into the woods. One moment I am watching a deer, and I turn my head in a different direction. When I turn back, I can’t see the deer I was staring at a moment ago.

My last night in Minnesota was Friday night, and I got to do something special. My nephew’s daughter is a Junior in high school and is a very busy young lady. Between her regular classes, her three college classes and her job at Menards, she does not get much time to hunt. She loves to hunt and has taken several deer, and turkey over the years. On Friday she invited me to sit with her in the stand. I was honored to be asked.

We sat in the stand for over two hours and saw some deer, but it was not the number or size of deer she was hoping for. As the “old man” in the stand I need to move my body more often than she does. It seemed like every time I adjusted my chair, I ended up making a noise. She was very patient with me throughout the entire evening.

With the wonderful weather and a chance to hang with my family I always enjoy my time in Minnesota. It does not matter that I am not hunting but just hanging out. My family are great hosts, and I will be looking forward to repeating the trip next year.

Iowa scientists: climate change driving up cost of insurance

By Cami Koons, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Scientists from universities across Iowa urge a shift to more renewable energy sources and updated building standards to cope with insurance premiums that are mounting due to a changing climate.

Nearly 180 researchers and educators signed the 2025 Iowa Climate Statement, released Nov. 10, which points to rising temperatures and “destructive” weather events as key drivers of rising insurance premiums.

Global temperatures in the past decade have been the hottest 10 years of the past 175 years, according to research cited in the statement. These rising temperatures, combined with the expectation that patterns of drought and flooding will persist, will continue to cause growing insurance costs, according to the statement.

Peter Thorne, University of Iowa distinguished chair in the Occupational and Environmental Health department, said insurance providers are using “advanced climate models” to “align their rates and anticipated losses.”

Thorne said states like Florida, Texas and California that

have seen increased instances of hurricanes, flooding and wildfires have caused drastic increases in premiums. According to a study from the National Bureau of Economic Research, some regions of these states had average annual premiums in 2023 of more than \$4,000.

The climate statement said while Iowa’s rates have been driven up due to building, labor and reinsurance costs, climate change has “amplified” these costs.

Last year, Iowa was rated as one of 15 states with a “mounting insurance crisis.” Events like the 2020 derecho that hit Iowa and parts of the Midwest combined with persistent tornadoes and smaller-scale derechos have all contributed to the increase in premiums. According to a 2024 report, home insurance premiums in Iowa increased 14% from 2023 to 2024.

Insurify predicted home insurance rates would increase 19% in Iowa in 2025.

The Iowa Climate Statement says “we must work quickly to reduce our reliance on coal and oil” and instead shift to more wind and solar energy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and “minimize future climate related property damage.”

Researchers on a call with members of the media Monday morning said in addition, Iowa lawmakers can strengthen building standards to ensure buildings are built “not just quick and cheap” but with materials that will better stand up to fire, hail and flood damage.

David Courard-Hauri, a professor of environmental science and sustainability at Drake University, said hailstorms in Iowa have contributed to higher insurance premiums and lower insurer coverage on hail-related claims, which means consumers have to pay more out of pocket on those claims.

“If we can reduce those damages by building for the current world, we can certainly save a lot of money,” Courard-Hauri said.

The scientists said homeowners can also make some upgrades to their homes, like installing more durable shingles or better insulation, that can lower insurance premiums and prevent serious damage.

Crop insurance

The changing weather patterns are also hurting farmers, who sometimes have to replant crops in the spring due to flooding, only to lose some of the crops in the sum-

mer due to drought.

Thorne said farmers are “especially vulnerable” to exacerbated climate disasters. The cost of crop damage due to climate disasters, he said, is also passed along to taxpayers because crop insurance is subsidized by the federal government.

According to USDA data cited in the statement, crop insurance premiums were \$15.8 billion in 2024 and \$9.8 billion of that was subsidized.

“Farmers and taxpayers will be required to pay the increased costs of more extreme weather events in the future,” the statement said.

Thorne said farmers are saddled with additional premiums to protect things like equipment and grain storage, which can also be impacted by climate disasters.

“This all points to the need to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions that are driving global warming and increasing insurance premiums,” Thorne said.

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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving!

By Sheryl L. Carter

Here we are the week before Thanksgiving, as I write this on Saturday, November 22.

This week some friends and I celebrated two birthdays, even on the same day as their birthdays, which was kind of unusual. Monday, four of us piled into one friend's SUV and drove over to the Malcom area, and out in the country to "Jackie's Country Market". Now this was an unusual experience, as when Jackie invited us into her huge building, a pot of hot coffee was already waiting along with some snacks. We filled our cups and began looking around as she pointed out that there were no prices on things, we were to just come and ask her and she would tell us—and we could barter, or whatever we thought was pertinent.

Well, Miss Jackie was extremely fair in everything I picked up and asked her—even a new long pullover sweater—the tag said \$44—which I didn't even notice till I got home—"5!" she said. What?? This is how the hour inside of Jackie's Country Market went—she asked only very fair and even low prices on her things. What a fun time that was! And the coffee was great. I had two cups.

If you want to drive up to check out friendly Miss Jackie, and browse through her full country store, the address is 3695 120th St, Malcom, IA (North of Hi-

way 6 & 63 intersection). Get on your computer or your phone, if you can, to find the directions. It will be worth your time! Jackie Robey at 641-990-9258. Her hours are Thurs & Fri 10 am-5 pm; Sat 10 am-2 pm and Sun noon to 4 pm. You can also find her online. Jackie welcomes folks to gather a group of friends, and schedule a "coffee retail therapy shopping session", and you can message her for available openings. How about that? Just in time for some Holiday shopping!

After that we drove over to Coral Ridge to enjoy a delicious lunch at Olive Garden, then down into the country to Kalona to some of their country markets such as Stringtown and the Golden Bakery. Finally, we drove back home to Grinnell where they all live, and where my car was, and I bet our friend probably put 200 miles on her vehicle that day.

Tuesday, I was dragging myself out of bed and trying manfully to get around for an early morning appointment in Pella, had to be there by 8:30, so needed to leave here by 8—oh, groan! Then the phone rang at 7:45; my therapist wasn't in the office that day, so we could reschedule. Hooray!! I hope she wasn't sick, but hooray! So, I rested a bit more, and was weary all day, but still got the wash, and the dishes done, and whatever else I did.

Wednesday was WCF out at church at 9 am, another

get out the door in good time meeting. I am thinking seriously of quitting this Bible study that I have been a part of for around 50 years, as with my poor hearing, I can barely hear a thing that is said, as some of these ladies are so soft-spoken. I do enjoy the prayer time, though, as the requests are given and we pair up with one other person next to us.

I came home by 11 am or so, and got in my lymph pump for a good nap, went over my lesson for that night in WOG, and some other tasks, then made it out to church for the evening study. It was my turn to lead, and I had studied the lesson, but wow, I struggled trying to hear what was being said, so much I miss—and decided by the end of the class time that this would be my last time teaching it. I can hear people right beside me pretty well, and around my kitchen table, but I am mostly lost with larger groups. It's ok, I have taught women's Bible studies, kid's meetings, and many home Bible studies for many years, so it's fine to step back.

And on Thursday, guess what? Another birthday outing! This time we met up in Newton with our friend who already lives there, but had been unable to join us on Monday. We had a nice lunch (with hot tea for me) at the Panda Garden on the east side of the square. What a nice restaurant, and the lunch buffet had so much to

choose from.

After that, we drove down southeast into the county to visit The Farmer's Wife, who vacated her Newton town store a few years ago, and has opened a new one right there on her farm site adjacent to her pretty home, and a big party barn that sets just south of the main store. Well, Miss Bonnie has her country store just stuffed with the nice variety we were used to in her town store, so we looked around, and shopped around, and then it was time for me to head home the last remaining 11 miles, whilst the other girls headed back to Newton. My pastor had called me in the restaurant wondering if we could have a visit that afternoon, so he came over after I got Jazzy unloaded.

Yesterday was another Scottie Day, and he installed a new outside faucet, and tilled up the garden, two lengthy jobs to which he gave his full attention. I laid out a nice lunch with some goodies from the Amish markets, and for a change we sat at my kitchen table instead of out by my little lodge, and the campfire. Not near as much work, I can tell you!

Today, I did my morning workout, and have been busy with some other things, and it's almost 2 pm already. Tonight, there is a free-will donation soup and cinnamon roll supper up at the Community Building with stuff going on inside, but also a drive-through should you want to grab supper to bring home, which I want. Saturday night is always pizza night for me, but tonight might be a bit different.

Tomorrow is SS and church in the morning, then our annual Harvest Supper at 6 pm. We need to bring a couple of dishes to share, with the meats, rolls, and table service provided. You can't beat that. Now if I could only think what to fix??

Well, think I will call this done and good.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

THE SUN SPOT

MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, November 25, 2025...Gearing up for a big week with Thanksgiving being only a few days away! Lots of things to be done this week, followed by the first week of December which has at least one event each day.

Thank you to all who mentioned the fact that I had no writing in last week's issue. I planned on doing that on Sunday...and suddenly it was Monday! When Casey asked if there was a column, I realized I had forgotten and had no time before the deadline. It makes me feel kinda good when people miss it.

Another change for our country...After 232 years, the penny is done! The final one cent was minted on Nov. 12th at the Philadelphia Mint. The first penny came to be in 1793. From copper to zinc - from Lady Liberty to Lincoln. Gone is the penny candy and pennies for the child's piggy bank. I've also had my first experience of payment being rounded up to avoid giving pennies for change. Come on - surely there are still pennies out there! Rip Penny 1795 - 2025

It was good to join Sit and Stitch on Saturday in Keota. I was happy that cousin Billie Jo Joined us this time and before we left, Jeff Cave came through. So good to see him again.

The beautiful trees in Oskaloosa sure put on a brilliant show this fall. Suddenly that has changed and we can even see the traffic on the highway from our house. The tree color show is being replaced by holiday displays for the upcoming lighted parade. The downtown lights were turned on Friday evening and if you have not seen them - I'd recommend a drive after dark. Years ago, before the buildings were lit as they are now, I brought Evie to Oskaloosa for a lighted parade. Evie was a foreign exchange student from Switzerland. We parked away from the square, and when we approached the park, she stopped and said "I feel like I am in an American Christmas movie!" Such a beautiful site!

By the time this is printed Thanksgiving will be upon us. I hope you all had a wonderful time of gratitude - and turkey!

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to our property tax structure needs to keep in mind that there's some really important efforts that are happening on a more local level that could be damaged if we make restrictive changes."

She said many local municipalities and counties are also facing the end of life of their wastewater treatment plants. There are expensive infrastructure projects that can lead to increased contaminants, like E.coli, in waterways if they fail.

Some of these issues, such as funding the trust and creating funding for the water quality monitoring networks, can be done at the state level, but Trone Garriott said water quality work is also going to take federal-level funding via an updated Farm Bill.

Rep. Devon Wood, R-New Market, the newly appointed chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, said it will take "overwhelming feedback" from constituents in favor of the tax in order for it to pass.

"They're already crying out, saying that we are hurting on tax situations in other ways, even with recent tax cuts," Wood said. "So that's a balance we have to weigh."

Anna Gray, the public policy director and counsel for Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and moderator for the Thursday panel, said Wood's response sounded like a "challenge for all of us to up the noise and continue to grow our networks and advocacy."

Water quality and cancer
Jacoby said cancer is the "biggest issue" coming up for the legislative session.

He raised, and read aloud, a sign with large black text that read "It's the water."

Reports list Iowa as the state with the second-highest rate of new cancer incidents and one of just two states in the nation with increasing rates of new cancers.

"We need an honest overview of what's causing the cancer rates," Jacoby said.

He advocated to fund the trust, water quality monitoring, watershed work and cancer research.

Public health professionals and cancer researchers said at the Iowa Nature Summit on Wednesday that while there are many factors contributing to Iowa's cancer rates, there is enough evidence linking water quality and agricultural chemicals to cancers for lawmakers to craft policies that address those issues.

Sen. Ken Rozenboom, R-Pella, said he can't "get out of his living room" without

talking about cancer because it has touched the lives of so many Iowans.

He said it's a "deep concern" in the Legislature, but not one he has personally dealt with at a committee level. He said if the "finger is pointed" at agricultural pollution, it doesn't make sense why states like Illinois are not similarly saddled with high cancer rates.

"Once we have apparent solutions or answers, then we can start changing policy or making policy," Rozenboom said. "But I think most of us more have more questions than answers yet."

During his 13 years at the Capitol, Rozenboom said water quality has been the "one common denominator" in the issues he has prioritized.

Rozenboom was part of a group of lawmakers who helped to pass long-term funding for the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy — a plan for voluntary practice adoption to reduce the amount of nutrients that enter Iowa waterways and eventually contribute to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia. He said he recognizes the "ongoing and continuing tension between agricultural production and environmental concerns."

He said while most Iowans know their state leads the nation in corn, pork, eggs and biofuels production, the state also leads in "water quality weapons" like bioreactors, buffers strips, grass waterways, pollinator habitat, conservation tillage and terraces.

"That's part of dealing with the tension between the environment and agricultural production," Rozenboom said.

He said he has "always acknowledged" that more work needs to be done to improve water quality in the state.

Wood, who raises cattle and farms with her family, said there are lots of ways the Legislature can work to "modernize" conservation efforts in budgets that already exist.

"It's not flashy to say that we need to keep doing what we're doing," Wood said. "We need to do new things too, but we need to make sure that we advocate ... in those boring budget line items about infrastructure, because Iowa has previously and continues to recognize water quality as an infrastructure investment."

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Effective ways to manage emotions

Every person experiences different emotions at various points in their lives. Emotions can be fleeting or exhibit some staying power. Emotional reactions are part of being human, but sometimes people may have trouble managing their emotions, particularly those that are considered unsavory.

It's possible to regulate emotions without suppressing them, and such an approach can positively affect mood, relationships and even decision-making. The following are some simple strategies to manage emotions.

- Recognize that emotions develop for a reason. Before being too hard on oneself, PsychCentral says it is important to understand that emotions happen for a reason. There's no such thing as a "bad" emotion, and it is important to find ways to accept your emotions when they come whether you like them or not.
- Understand upbringing affects emotions. People begin to learn how to manage their emotions during childhood, says Medical News Today. As babies are not able to self-regulate emotions, they learn from parents and other caregivers. Those who grew up in unsupportive environments during childhood may have difficulties managing their emotions and more issues with self-regulation than those who were reared in supportive

homes.

- Practice self-care. Self-care activities like exercising, getting adequate sleep, eating well, and engaging in hobbies can support emotional well-being and help tone down more intense emotions, says Verywell Mind.
- Turn on some music or change scenery. Focusing attention outward is a way to tap into something tangible to help manage emotions, as emotions themselves are intangible. Often simply directing focus off of the emotions themselves and onto something else can help reduce the intensity of one's feelings.
- Employ deep breathing. Breathing techniques can help restore balance to emotions. A 2018 systemic review published in Frontiers in Human Neuroscience found deep breathing activ-

ities activate the parasympathetic nervous system, which helps the body relax and restore balance. The "box breathing" method can help. Inhale slowly for four seconds. Hold your breath for four seconds, trying to avoid inhaling or exhaling. Then, slowly exhale through the mouth for four seconds. Hold your breath again for four seconds.

- Keep a mood journal. Writing things down can help people identify patterns of behavior or triggers that heighten emotions. Once triggers and patterns of emotions are established, people can take steps to elicit change, such as stepping away from hostile conversations.

Emotions are part of human behavior, and it is possible to better manage them for emotional and physical well-being.



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Chase Clarahan (left) chases down an Interstate 35 player during a play in the playoff game. Clarahan was named to the first-team All-District team.



John Berg secures a catch for a touchdown during the Oct. 24 game against Interstate 35. Berg was named to the All-District first-team as a defensive player.

10 Cobra players named to first-team All-District list

A total of 21 Sigourney-Keota players make All-District teams

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY - The season may not have ended when or how they wanted, but the Cobras still earned plenty of recognition.

The class 1A All-District 6 team was released and 21 total Sigourney-Keota players were named to the list. That included 10 players on the first team alone.

On the first team offense the Cobras had four players named to the list. Junior running back Ike Molyneux, Owen Menke and Graham Moore on the offensive line. Jacob Libe was named as a utility player.

On defense Wells Clark was named to the defensive line. Chase Clarahan was named as a linebacker. John Berg and Blake Baker were both named as defensive backs. Carson O'Rourke was named as a utility player.

Owen Clark was named as the first team place kicker.

Sigourney-Keota players named to the second team offense included Ayden Galindo, as a running back. Hunter Sellers was a tight end. Cael Jaeger and Aidyn Parker were both named as offensive line players and Brayden Wood was a utility offensive selection.

Defensively Lance Walden was named to the defensive line and Landon Conrad was named as a defensive back.

Blake Baker was named as a returner on the second team special teams list. Chase Clarahan was the second-team punter.

Honorable mention's were



Carson O'Rourke runs with the ball down field during an Oct. 17 game against Cardinal. O'Rourke made the first-team All-District team as a defensive player.



Blake Baker rushes a ball into the endzone during a game on Oct. 24 against Interstate 35. Baker was named to the first-team All-District team as a defensive player.

Aiden Knepper as an offensive lineman and Landon Fisch as a defensive back.

The Cobras were once again a strong running team and it is no wonder why Ike Molyneux was named to the first-team list as a running back. Molyneux was on track for a 1,000 yard season before a knee injury stopped his season short. This season Molyneux finished with 12 rushing touchdowns and 938 total yards.

Overall, Molyneux averaged 6.4 yards per carry. His longest touchdown run of the year was a 30-yard score. He also finished the season with one catch for four yards.

Owen Menke was a senior on the offensive line. Moore finished his sophomore year. Menke was credited with 46 pancakes this season while Moore had 43 on the year.

Jacob Libe finished his senior season completing five of his nine passing attempts for

125 total yards. He also had 16 carries for 117 yards and a touchdown. Libe was also credited with 13 pancakes this season.

Senior Wells Clark ended the season with 33 tackles. That included 16 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for a loss and four total sacks. Clark recovered one fumble.

Chase Clarahan had an outstanding junior season. He finished with 49.5 total tackles. He had 23 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for a loss and half a sack. Clarahan was able to force one fumble this season.

John Berg was a force on defense throughout his senior season. He was able to finish the season with three interceptions for a total of 37 yards. The senior was a proven tackler as well. He recorded 44.5 total tackles with 29 solo tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss.

Sophomore Blake Baker finished with 34 total tackles. That included 21 solo tackles, 9.5 tackles for a loss and three total sacks. In his sophomore season he had two interceptions that he returned for 31 total yards. He also recovered a fumble.

In his junior year Carson O'Rourke was a standout player. He had two interceptions on the season. Additionally, the junior had 13.5 total tackles with six solo tackles and half a tackle for a loss as well as half a sack.

Owen Clark was a consistent player for the Cobras. The junior kicker finished the season making two of his three field goal attempts with a long of 28 yards. He also was 28/30 on point-after touchdown attempts.

Ayden Galindo turned on the speed in the second half of the season. The junior finished with 204 rushing yards off 35 attempts and two touchdowns. He also caught five passes for 128 yards and three scores.

Hunter Sellers hauled in 10 catches for 94 yards and two scores this season. He was credited with 27 pancakes.

Cael Jaeger and Aidyn Parker were both seniors for the Cobras. Jaeger had 41 pancakes. Parker finished with five total pancakes.

Brayden Wood was a do-everything offensive player for the Cobras. He completed 19 of his 38 passing attempts for 254 yards and five touchdowns. Wood also ran the ball 69 times for 259 yards and three scores. He was credited with four pancakes.

Sophomore Lance Walden finished the year with 18.5 total tackles. He had 10 solo tackles. He also had 1.5 tackles for a loss.

Landon Contad had 6.5 tackles on the season with three solo.

As a punt returner Baker had 69 yards off four returns. He also returned nine kickoffs for 302 yards and a touchdown.

Clarahan was the punter all season for the Cobras. He had 22 total punts for 861 yards, averaging 39.1 yards per punt.

Aiden Knepper finished with 25 pancakes. Landon Fisch had 9.5 tackles with six solo and one tackle for a loss. He also had an interception that he returned for 18 yards.

Bronson McCulley was named the district assistant coach of the year.

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Seven new football champions crowned

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

CEDAR FALLS - One game stretched into overtime, and nearly all of the seven State championship football games weren't decided until the final few minutes.

Last weekend the Iowa High School Athletic Association named their seven champions in each class for the 2025 football season.

8-player
For most of the game it looked like Bishop Garrigan was just getting too far behind. Woodbine controlled the pace of the game. Although Bishop Garrigan scored first, Woodbine would score the next three touchdowns, eventually taking a 20-14 lead at halftime.

Woodbine extended their lead 36-14 at the end of the third quarter, but Bishop Garrigan battled back and scored three-straight touchdowns to start the fourth quarter.

The game was tied at 36 with 2:32 to go, but Woodbine scored on a one yard touchdown run to take a 42-36 lead with 1:09 left.

Bishop Garrigan wasn't bothered as they moved down field in five plays scoring with nine seconds left and getting a two point conversion to take the win 44-42.

Class A
From the start it seemed like MMCRU was the team to beat.

Eventually the MMCRU Royals would claim their first championship as a consolidated school with a 30-17 victory over Saint Angar.

The Royals scored the first 17 points of the game to lead 17-7 at halftime. Saint Angar made a field goal in the third quarter to pull within 17-10, but that was as close as the game would get. The Royals scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Class 1A
It seems fitting that the only team to repeat as State champions played in the only game that went into overtime.

After winning the class 2A title in 2024, West Lyon was seeking a title in class 1A, as they took on Iowa City Regina.

West Lyon scored first, but a 17-point second quarter gave the Regals a 17-13 lead at halftime. Regina scored a field goal in the third quarter. Regina would extend their lead 27-13 with 11:16 left in the fourth quarter, but back-to-back touchdowns by West Lyon tied the game at 27.

The score remained tied and went into overtime. West Lyon scored off a 10-yard run. Regina was stopped on the goal line on their possession, giving West Lyon a second-straight State championship.

Class 2A

The last time Kuemper Catholic (Carroll) won the State championship, they needed a game-winning field goal. This time the Knights left no doubt.

Kuemper completed a perfect season by winning 28-7 over Van Meter in the championship game. For the Knights the game had to feel like a relief, not only were they able to win their first championship since 2013, they were able to beat a team that had bested Kuemper in numerous other State tournaments.

The last time Kuemper made the State baseball tournament was in 2022, when Van Meter eliminated Kuemper, in Kuemper's own ballpark, in the quarterfinal round.

Kuemper led 14-0 at half and extended their lead 21-0 by the end of the third quarter. Both teams scored a touchdown in the final frame.

Class 3A

Nevada's run to the State championship won't soon be forgotten. The Cubs were considered the underdog in every one of their playoff games, and never saw their home field after the regular season ended.

Last Friday Nevada capped off a perfect post season with a 27-6 State championship game over Bishop Heelan.

Nevada led 13-0 after the first half. Bishop Heelan's lone score came in the third quarter off a 10-yard touchdown pass. Nevada would score twice in the fourth to take the win, and claim their first ever State championship.

Class 4A

Throughout the championship game it seemed as if Xavier was able to score at-will.

For the Saints they were able to win 31-6 as Pella was held away from scoring through the first 44 minutes of the game.

Xavier started with 31-straight points scored, before Pella scored with 3:42 left in the fourth quarter off a 74-yard pass.

Class 5A

Every time it seemed as if Iowa City Liberty was getting close, Dowling Catholic just extended the lead.

At the end of the day Dowling Catholic was able to win the 2025 class 5A championship with a 27-10 victory over Iowa City Liberty.

The Maroons jumped out to a 10-0 lead, before the Lightning scored a field goal at the end of the first half. Dowling would score two touchdowns in the third quarter to extend their lead 24-3. The Lightning would score at the end of the third quarter, but Dowling added a field goal midway through the fourth to extend the lead, and claim the title.



Ike Molyneux (10) tries to evade a defender during an Oct. 17 game against Cardinal. Molyneux finished the year with over 900 rushing yards and was a first-team All-District selection.

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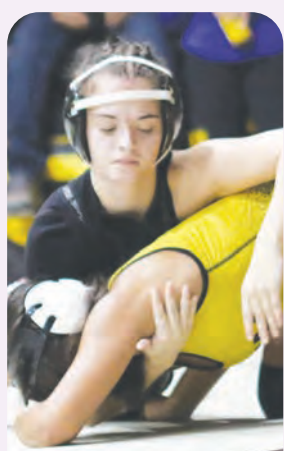
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Athletes of the Week

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Lexa Nelson

The start of her senior year has, so far, been perfect.

Pekin senior Lexa Nelson started the 2025-26 girls wrestling season with back-to-back bracket wins last week.

At the season-opening Sigourney-Keota meet Lexa Nelson was able to pin her way through the bracket, including a 48 second pin in the semifinals. Nelson won the 110-pound bracket with a pin early in the third period.

On Saturday, at the BGM

tournament, Nelson won her first match with a 32 second pin. She then won via a pin in the semifinals. The Pekin senior finished with a win via a pin in the championship match as well.

In six matches so far this season Nelson has won all six with a pin each time.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Nelson on her two tournament victories and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.

Pekin starts season with third place finish at S-K meet

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - The first wrestle of the year is always imperfect.

Last Tuesday two area teams opened up their wrestling season as Sigourney-Keota hosted 22 other schools in a wrestling meet. Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont would win the meet with 178 total points. Pekin finished third with 128 points. Sigourney would place ninth overall with 71 points.

Although the first wrestle of the year can often be filled with uncertainties, one thing that wasn't uncertain was how well some of the Pekin wrestlers were able to show their skills.

Lexa Nelson, for example, seemed to build off her podium finish at the State wrestling meet. The 110-pound Nelson made quick work of all three of her opponents. Nelson started out the meet with a win in the quarterfinal round with a pin in 1:35.

In the semifinals Nelson needed just 48 seconds to pin her Newton opponent.

The championship match was a close one, but eventually Nelson was able to pin her Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont opponent in 4:48 to gain the bracket win.

Hailey Pedrick was able to win most of her matches. Pedrick started her 140-pound bracket with a win by pin in the first round. She needed just 59 seconds to pin her Mid-Prairie opponent. In the quarterfinals, Pedrick pinned her Newton opponent in 26 seconds.

Pedrick continued the quick matches with a semifinal win in just 27 seconds over a Lisbon wrestler.

The championship match featured Pedrick taking on a North Mahaska opponent. However, Pedrick was pinned in 4:32. She finished second overall.

In the 130-pound bracket Lila Miller would place second overall. Miller was able to start her night with a win by pin in the quarterfinals over an East Union opponent. Miller was then able to pin her semifinal

opponent in 24 seconds.

The championship match featured an EBF opponent pinning Miller in 3:21.

Reece Brisby placed fifth in the 125-pound bracket. Brisby was pinned in her first match, but she won her first consolation round match with a pin in 4:23. She would then need just 3:27 to win in the consolation semifinal match. In the fifth place match Brisby needed 1:29 to pin her Centerville opponent.

Ella Rose wrestled in the 145-pound bracket. Rose won her first match by pinning her Columbus/WMU opponent in 2:34. After being pinned in the semifinals, Rose battled well, but was pinned in the first period against a Clear Creek-Amana opponent in the third place match.

Carly Clubb finished fifth in the 190-pound bracket. Clubb was pinned in 51 seconds in her first match. Clubb would then rebound by pinning a Lone Tree opponent in 1:11 in the consolation semifinals. In the fifth place match Clubb pinned a Newton opponent in 3:05.

Rylee Frye finished fifth in the 235-pound bracket. Frye started her meet with a 48-second pin over a Louisa-Muscataine opponent. In the quarterfinal round Frye was pinned by a North Mahaska opponent.

Frye would win her first consolation round match via medical forfeit. She would win her consolation semifinal match by pinning a WACO opponent in 2:17. She would win fifth place after pinning a Baxter opponent in 38 seconds.

After a successful freshman year, Karley Greiner continued to build on that success with a third place finish in her first meet. Greiner started her



Rylee Frye from Pekin grabs Louisa-Muscataine opponent Baylie Laymon (right) during their first round match in the 235-pound division. Frye would finish fifth overall in the meet.

155-pound tournament with a 49 second pin over a Newton opponent.

In the semifinals, Greiner wrestled well into the second period before she was pinned. She moved to the third place match, which featured another second period pin. This time Greiner was able to pin her Washington opponent in 3:45.

Kia Montgomery was one of the top placers for the Sigourney-Keota girls wrestling team. She wrestled in the 135-pound bracket and finished fifth overall.

Montgomery was pinned in her first round match. In the consolation bracket, Montgomery was able to start her tournament with a pin against a Centerville opponent in just 50 seconds. Montgomery then was able to win against a Louisa-Muscataine opponent, pinning them in 1:18.

In the fifth place match Montgomery was able to pin a Moravia opponent in 42 seconds.

Izzy Heisdorffer would place fifth in the 145-pound bracket. After being pinned in 28 seconds in the quarterfinals, Heisdorffer would recover by pinning a Centerville wrestler in 26 seconds. The consolation semifinals featured Heisdorffer pinning Pekin's Brinley Phillips in 35 seconds.

Heisdorffer capped off the night with a 1:17 pin in the fifth place match over a Grinnell opponent.

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S-K wrestlers place eighth at Wilton

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

WILTON - The early season onslaught of tournaments continued on Saturday for the Sigourney-Keota girls team.

After hosting a meet on Tuesday night the Cobras were back in action on Saturday morning when they traveled to Wilton. There, the S-K wrestlers faced many schools a class or two bigger than them, but still finished eighth with 102.5 points. Bettendorf won the meet with 155.5 points.

Every wrestler that made the trip for Sigourney-Keota would end up placing in the meet.

Leading the way was 140-pound wrestler Abyl McCulley who finished second overall. McCulley started her day with a pin in 3:23 over a Solon wrestler. She won the semifinals with a pin in 3:56 over a Center Point-Urbana wrestler. In the finals McCulley battled well into the third period, but was pinned just 10 seconds before the end of the period.

Nevaeh Beinhart placed third in the 130-pound division. Beinhart came up short

in her quarterfinal round, 14-10. She would win her next three matches, pinning an Anamosa wrestler in the first period. She won by medical forfeit over a Solon wrestler and pinned an Iowa City High wrestler in the first period of the third place match.

Kia Montgomery was able to place third in the 135-pound bracket. Montgomery's day started by being pinned in the semifinal round, but she recovered by pinning a Wilton wrestler in 51 seconds in the consolation semifinals. In the third place match Montgomery pinned another Wilton wrestler in 1:38.

In the 145-pound bracket Izzy Heisdorffer was third overall. After being pinned in her first match, Heisdorffer won her first consolation match with a pin in 28 seconds. She needed just 1:22 to earn a pin in the third place match.

Aubrey Utterback would finish fourth in the 115-pound bracket. After starting the day by being pinned, Utterback won her next match with a pin in 59 seconds in the consolation semifinals. She then was

pinned in the first period of the third place match.

Bristol Ward finished fifth in the 125-pound bracket. Ward was bested by a tech fall in her opening match, but won her first consolation match with a pin in 1:14. After being pinned in the consolation semifinals, Ward would win the fifth place match by pinning a Wilton opponent in 1:16.

Izzy McCullough was able to place sixth overall in the 105 pound bracket. McCullough won her first match with a pin in 4:45. She was pinned in her next three matches.

In the 120-pound bracket Amelia Phillips finished sixth overall. After starting the day by being pinned, Phillips won her first consolation match with a tech fall early in the second period. In her final two matches Phillips was pinned.

Kylee Draker would place sixth in the 235-pound bracket. Draker would be pinned in all three matches she wrestled in.

After the busy opening week the Sigourney-Keota girls wrestling team is off for the rest of the month.



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Pekin places third at BGM tournament, EV finishes 12th

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

BROOKLYN - Another tournament and another third place finish for the Panthers.

On Nov. 22 both Pekin and English Valleys competed at the BGM girls tournament. Pekin was third overall with 135 total points. English Valleys was 12th overall with 43 total points.

At the BGM girls tournament meet held over the weekend the Pekin girls team came home with two champions.

In the 110-pound bracket Lexa Nelson moved to 6-0 on the season as she won all three of her matches, and the bracket. Nelson started off with a 32 second pin over a BGM opponent. She then needed 2:30 to win over Hollie Roberts of EBF in the semifinals. Nelson won the championship with a pin in 1:28 over a North Tama wrestler.

Hailey Pedrick was able to win all three of her matches to improve to 6-1 overall on the season. Pedrick started the tournament with a pin in 18 seconds against an English Valleys opponent. Her next round was quicker as Pedrick pinned a Southeast Polk opponent in 17 seconds.

In the championship Pedrick gained her third-straight first period pin as she needed 1:48 to pin an Iowa Valley opponent.

Bree Earnest placed fourth in the 115-pound bracket. Earnest started off with a win by pin in the first round. She needed just 1:37 to gain the victory. During the quarterfinal match Earnest was able to pin her English Valleys opponent in 1:14.

After being pinned in the

semifinals, Earnest fought well, but was pinned in 1:10 in the third place match.

Rylee Frye placed third in the 235-pound bracket. Frye won her quarterfinal round with a third period pin over Bella Schott from English Valleys. In the semifinals Frye was pinned in the third period.

The third place match featured Frye winning by a pin in 2:30 over a Tipton wrestler.

Lila Miller was fourth overall in the 130-pound bracket. Miller won her first match, pinning a North Tama opponent in 52 seconds. In the quarterfinals Miller needed just 1:12 to pin a Grinnell opponent.

Miller was injured in the quarterfinals and had to withdraw from the rest of the tournament.

Ivory Small finished fifth in the 135-pound bracket. Small's tournament started with her being pinned by an EBF opponent. She would recover by pinning a BGM opponent in 55 seconds in the consolation semifinals. The tournament ended with Small pinning a Southeast Polk opponent in 1:58.

Brinley Phillips was sixth in the 145-pound bracket. Phillips started with a win by pin over a WACO opponent in a match that lasted just 1:40. After being pinned in her next two matches, Phillips was pinned in 2:37 in the fifth place match.

Carly Clubb finished sixth in the 190-pound bracket. Clubb was pinned in 49 seconds in the quarterfinals. She would then be pinned in 5:30 in the consolation semifinals, and was pinned in 3:03 in the fifth place match.

Alyvia Trainer was able to place eighth in the 120-pound bracket. Trainer was defeated by tech fall in her first round. Trainer would win her first consolation round match by pinning an

Iowa Valley opponent in 1:07. Trainer was pinned in the consolation semifinals, and was pinned in the seventh place match as well.

Ella Rose was able to finish seventh in the 155-pound bracket. Rose was pinned in 1:57 in the quarterfinals. She then pinned a Southeast Polk wrestler in 1:44 in the first consolation round. After being pinned in the consolation semifinals, Rose was able to win the seventh place match by pinning a North Mahaska opponent in 2:29.

Autumn Coleman also placed eighth. Coleman wrestled in the 125-pound bracket. Coleman was pinned in 38 seconds in her first round match. She would then recover by pinning a WACO opponent in 1:54 in the first round of the consolation bracket. Coleman was pinned in both the consolation semifinals and the seventh place match.

Reece Brisby finished seventh overall. Brisby wrestled in the 125-pound bracket and was pinned in 1:01 in the first round. Brisby won her first consolation round match with a pin in 1:10. After falling short in an 8-7 decision in the consolation semifinals, Brisby was able to pin her teammate, Coleman, in 1:50 to place seventh.

English Valleys wrestled in the BGM tournament as well.

Leading the way for the Bears was 105-pound wrestler, Emily Sieren, who would win her bracket.

Sieren started with a quarterfinal win in 1:03. She would then need just 1:24 to pin her Southeast Polk opponent. Sieren would win her bracket with a pin in 38 seconds in the championship match.

Bella Schott would place fifth overall. After being pinned in the quarterfinals Schott win pin her next two opponents in 1:23. That advanced her to the fifth place match where Schott was able to pin a WACO opponent in 1:42.

Peyten Conrad would finish seventh in the 145-pound bracket. Conrad's first two matches ended with her being pinned in the first period. In the seventh place match Conrad needed just 38 seconds to pin a WACO opponent.



English Valleys wrestler Peyten Conrad gets a pin on WACO's Izabelle Feltz during a match held Nov. 22 at the BGM tournament. Conrad would finish seventh overall in the meet. Photo by Katie Phillips

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COURT RECORDS

Civil
Nov. 18th
Defendant John Robert Morris; Plaintiffs Erica A. Althenhofen, Rachel Elizabeth Witt; Order Setting Trial.

Nov. 19th
Defendants; Agrifund, LLC, Agriland FS, INC, Hills Bank and Trust Company, Hillview Dairy, INC, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, Candace Lynette Wonderlich, Robert Ray Wonderlich; Plaintiff Success Bank; Petition Filed.

Criminal
Nov. 14th
Defendant Samuel Earl Boughner II; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance, Order for Arraignment.

Nov. 15th
Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.

Nov. 17th
Defendant Michael Tyler Castro; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Tina Bertram; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.
Defendant Dakota James Ruggles; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Disposition.
Defendant Gary Edward McAdams; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.
Defendant Michael James Stoner; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Beatrice L. Mango; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.
Defendant Alan Christian Porter; Plaintiff State of Iowa;

Order of Disposition.
Defendant Jasmine Jean VanPatten; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Nov. 19th
Defendant Ashely Beth Zamora; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Defendant Devin Lee Fleenor; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.

Nov. 20th
Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Nathan Glenn Smith; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Michael James Stoner; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Beatrice L. Mango; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

OWI
Nov. 17th
Defendant Debra Ann Acosta; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Scheduled Traffic
Nov. 14th
Defendant Thomas Francis Spalla Jr; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

Nov. 15th
Defendant Tyler Allen Gerot; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

Nov. 16th
Defendant Marie Lissa Jackson; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Logan Dean Cavan; No Valid Drivers License
Defendant Logan Dean Cavan; Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.
Defendant Kennedy Lee Roggenbauer; Speeding 55 or

Under Zone (6-10 Over).
Defendant Matthew Cole Stines; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

Nov. 17th
Defendant Jessica Fry; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Nov. 18th
Defendant Katie Rae Thomson; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

Defendant Edwin Charles Eden; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.

Defendant Brianna Joan Flanders; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Stephanie Rose Threlkeld; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Nov. 19th
Bryan Lyle Buehnen; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.

Small Claims

Nov. 17th
Defendant Amanda J. Alderson; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Judgment Default.

Defendant Bethany Jean Bailey; Plaintiff Hauge Associates INC; Judgment Default.
Defendant Kirk M. Puttman; Plaintiff Daniel L. Zielstorf; Order Setting Trial.

Defendant Gary Art Bias; Plaintiff Jamie Rae Trump; Small Claims Original Notice.

Nov. 19th
Defendant Denise A. Gerard; Plaintiff Midland Credit Management, INC; Judgment Default.

Defendant Chrystal McGuire; Plaintiff Community 1st Credit Union; Judgment Default.

Defendant Austin Ray Brown; Plaintiff Midland Credit management, INC; Judgment Default.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Nov. 10th
Warranty Deed: Saichol Vithsepongse, Joy R. Vithsepongse Attorney in Fact to Thomas Alvin Pietsch, Tamara L. Fry Pietsch, Tamara Fry Pietsch; SIGOURNEY BRAYS ADDITION Lot: 14 Block: 07, SIGOURNEY BRAYS ADDITION Lot: 15 Block: 07, SIGOURNEY BRAYS ADDITION Lot: 16 Block: 07.

Warranty Deed: Thomas A. Pietsch, Tamara Fry Pietsch, Tamara L. Fry Pietsch to Charles Sieren; SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 08 Block: 26.

Court Officer Deed: Marlin A. Greiner Estate, Christine M. Weber to Mark P. Greiner Successor Trustee, Marilin A. Greiner Revocable Trust; PT NW SW 01-75-10, PT SW SW 01-75-10, EXCEPT LAND DEED RECORD B79 P525.

Warranty Deed: Brent E. Johnston to Travis Levi Morse; SE SE 27-74-12 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT B409 P140.

Warranty Deed: Alycia A. Friis, Alycia Horras, James M. Friis to John C. Brinning; KEOTA ORIGINAL PLAT KEOTA Lot: 12 Block: 20.

Deed Quit Claim: Nathan

E. Fritchen, Sharon C. Fritchen to Fritchen Family Farms LLC; SW NE 18-74-11, PT SE NW 18-74-11, EXCEPT PLAT B149 P231, EXCEPT PLAT B150 P40, SE NW 18-74-11 Parcel: PAR A, PLAT B149 P231, PLAT B150 P40.

Deed Quit Claim: Nathan E. Fritchen, Sharon C. Fritchen to Fritchen Family Farms LLC; SW NW 18-74-11, NW NE 18-74-11.

Contract Assignment or Amendment: Nathan E. Fritchen, Sharon C. Fritchen to Fritchen Family Farms LLC; UNDIVIDED FIVE SIXTHS

INTEREST, NW NE 07-74-11, PT SW NE 07-74-11, PT NW SE 07-74-11, PT NW SE 07-74-11, PT NE SE 07-74-11, PT NE SE 07-74-11, SE NE 07-74-11, PT NW SW 08-74-11, PT NW SE 06-74-11, PT SW SE 06-74-11.

Deed Quit Claim: Nathan E. Fritchen, Sharon C. Fritchen; Fritchen Family Farms LLC; UNDIVIDED ONE SIXTH INTEREST, NW NE 07-74-11, PT SW NE 07-74-11, PT NW SE 07-74-11, PT NW SE 07-74-11, PT NE SE 07-74-11, PT NE SE 07-74-11, NE NE 07-74-11, SE NE 07-74-11, PT NW SW 08-74-11, PT NW SE 06-74-11, PT SW SE 06-74-11.

Deed Quit Claim: James

Flynn to James J. Flynn Trustee, James J. Flynn Recovable Trust; CLARK & WOODINS ADDITION 4TH SURVEY Lot: 31 NE SE 35-76-12 Parcel: AUD PAR I, CLARK & WOODINS ADDITION 4TH SURVEY Lot: 31 SE SE 35-76-12 Parcel: AUD PAR I, PLAT 2006-0807.

Deed Quit Claim: James Flynn to A. T. K. P. J. Flynn Farms LLC; PT NE 19-75-10, PT NE SE 19-75-10.

Warranty Deed: Mary Clarence Krumm to Rojann Alpers; SD03 PT Lot: 23 SW SW 22-77-12.

Nov. 13th
Warranty Deed: Jeremy A. Capron, Danielle M. Capron to

Anthony John Pitsch, Yvonne R. Pitsch; PT Lot: 06 NE NW 33-75-12, PT Lot: 07 NE NW 33-75-12, PT Lot: 08 NE NW 33-75-12, PT Lot: 09 NE NW 33-75-12, PT Lot: 12 NE NW 33-75-12.

Nov. 14th
Deed Quit Claim: Christopher Taylor to James E. Tate, Lily June Way Tate, Lily Way Tate; PT KINROSS ORIGINAL PLAT KINROSS Lot: 09 Block: 02, PT KINROSS ORIGINAL PLAT KINROSS Lot: 10 Block: 02.

Warranty Deed: Kathryn L. Kracht to Aaron Nelson Gent; SW SW 34-76-12 Parcel: AUD PAR B, PLAT 2025-1536.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
WN25-0047

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee For Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series SPMD 2004-A, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series SPMD 2004-A,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Constance June Phillips; Midland Funding LLC; United States of America; Iowa Department of Revenue; Unknown Spouse (if any) of Constance June Phillips; Unknown Spouse (if any) of Richard LaVern Phillips a/k/a Richard Lavern Phillips; and Parties in Possession Defendant(s),
Equity No: EQEQ041580

ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT Constance June Phillips 201 Main Street, Martinsburg, IA 52568; Unknown Spouse (if any) of Richard LaVern Phillips a/k/a Richard Lavern Phillips, 201 Main Street, Martinsburg, IA 52568; Unknown Spouse (if any) of

Constance June Phillips, 201 Main Street, Martinsburg, IA 52568; Parties in Possession, 201 Main Street, Martinsburg, IA 52568;
You are notified that there was filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-named Court, a Petition, copies of which are attached hereto.
The Plaintiff's attorney is Chris Irk, c/o The Wirbicki Law Group LLC, 33 W Monroe Street, Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603.
You must register to e-File through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/> and obtain a log in and password to file and view documents in your case and to receive service notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Courts Rules Chapter 16, pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website. For Court Rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules,

Chapter 16
You must, within 20 days after service of this Original Notice upon you, serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file a motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Keokuk County, at the county courthouse in Sigourney, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-684-6502. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.
/s/Clerk of Court
Keokuk County Courthouse
Sigourney, IA
Acknowledged before me this July 23, 2025. IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • Organizational Minutes 11.12.2025

SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SIGOURNEY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Board Secretary Angela Lamberson assumed the role of President Pro-Tem until a new president was elected. The organizational meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM and a quorum of the board was acknowledged.
Board Present: Steven Seeley, Mike Bensmiller, Adam Clark, Cody Branstad, Tim Bruns, Amy Wilcox, Adam Sellers
Also Present: Kevin Hatfield, Jessica Meier, Missy Sellers, Jenny Gay, Casey James, Angela Lamberson
Approval of Agenda
Director Bensmiller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.
Oath of Office to New Board Members
Board Secretary Angela Lamberson administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members: Steven Seeley, Cody Branstad and Adam Sellers.
Election of Board President
President Pro-Tem Angela Lamberson opened the floor for nominations for president. Director Bensmiller and Director Seeley were nominated for President. Director Seeley moved to cease nominations and for Director Bensmiller to be elected Board President by a majority vote of 5 to 2. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0. President Pro-Tem Angela Lamberson administered the oath of office to Director Bensmiller, who then assumed the chair.
Election of Board Vice President
President Bensmiller opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Director Wilcox was nominated for Vice President. Director Branstad moved to cease nominations and for Director Wilcox to be

elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0. Board Secretary Angela Lamberson administered the oath of office to Director Wilcox.
Appointment Board Secretary
Director Clark moved to appoint Angela Lamberson as Board Secretary. Seconded by Director Seeley. Motion carried 7-0. Board Treasurer Jessica Meier administered the oath of office to Board Secretary Lamberson.
Appointment Board Treasurer
Director Wilcox moved to appoint Jessica Meier as Board Treasurer. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0. Board Secretary Angela Lamberson administered the oath of office to Board Treasurer Jessica Meier.
Establish Meeting Date/Time/Location
Director Bruns moved to establish the regular meeting schedule as follows: 2nd Wednesday of the month (3rd Wednesday in July) at 6:00 PM in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High School Library. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0.
Naming of Official Publication
Director Seeley moved to approve the News-Review as the official newspaper for the district for the 2025-26 school year. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.
Designation of Legal Counsel
Director Seeley moved to appoint Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. as the district's legal counsel for the 2025-26 school year. Seconded by Director Sellers. Motion carried 7-0.
Board Committee Assignments & Keokuk County Conference Board Appointment
Director Seeley moved to approve the board committees assignments and appointments as discussed: Finance: Branstad, Wilcox, Seeley; Buildings/Grounds: Bensmiller, Sellers, Seeley; Negotiations: Bruns, Clark, Seeley; Policy: Wilcox, Bensmiller, Sellers; Keokuk County Conference Board: Branstad with Bensmiller as alternate. Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 7-0.

Depository Resolution
Director Clark moved to approve the following resolution:
Sigourney Community School District
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES
Resolution #1122025
RESOLVED, that the Sigourney Community School District of Sigourney, Iowa in Keokuk County, Iowa approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Sigourney Community School District, all funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapters 452 and 452 (1983) as amended by 1984 Iowa Acts, S.F. 2220. The Business Manager and/or Board Secretary are hereby authorized to deposit the Sigourney School District funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below: Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT)-\$5,000,000; MidWestOne Bank-\$12,000,000; Fidelity Bank-\$5,000,000; Bank Iowa-\$3,000,000.
Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 6-0. Director Wilcox abstained.
Authorizations at Approved Depositories
Director Seeley moved to authorize the following people to have access and management of district accounts at district approved depository institutions: Jessica Meier, SBO/Board Treasurer; Angela Lamberson, Board Secretary; Mike Bensmiller, Board President; Amy Wilcox, Board Vice President; Missy Sellers, HR Director/Payroll. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.
Adjournment
Director Seeley moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 7-0.
Mike Bensmiller, Board President
Angela Lamberson, Board Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • Claims 11.12.2025

SIGOURNEY CSD 11-12-2025

GENERAL FUND

A-ONE GEOTHERMAL.....250.00
AGRILAND FS, INC.....2,369.31
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.....377.00
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL.....180.00
ALLIANT ENERGY.....6,988.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....586.56
ANDERSON, LARKIN, & CO, PC.....9,500.00
ANDERSON & PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION BUREAU.....280.00
BROTHERS MARKET.....158.41
CARDMEMBER SERVICE 1.....362.39
CARDMEMBER SERVICE 2.....3,806.13
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.....1,618.00
CITY OF SIGOURNEY.....3,318.28
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES, INC.....435.00
COUNTY BANK VISA.....1,865.18
CULLIGAN WATER TECH.....166.99
D.I.A./ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREAU.....165.00
ELITE SPORTS.....272.50
EOCENE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC.....150.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, LLC.....2,448.24
GARDEN GATE, THE.....132.00
GRANT WOOD AEA.....2,087.80
GREAT PRAIRIE AEA.....10,523.85
GREAT PRAIRIE AEA.....15,925.00
GREENLEYS CORP.....221.40
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY CO.....672.36
H21 GROUP.....1,450.00
HUGLUND BUS COMPANY.....85.69
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....69,104.78
IOWA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.....75.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.....650.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.....26.05
IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION.....1,595.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION.....37.50
IOWA PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION.....180.00
ISFIS, INC.....196.50
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES.....61.10

IXL LEARNING INC.....4,550.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.....353.18
KCII RADIO.....783.96
KELLY, NATHAN.....24.42
KEOKUK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.....1,452.72
KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL & CLINICS.....198.00
KEOKUK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH.....760.00
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LLC.....3,655.07
LEET'S REFRIGERATION, LC.....1,025.05
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.....1,735.19
LIQUID NETWORK.....2,657.20
MAHASKA BOTTLING.....236.00
MENARDS - OTTUMWA.....133.12
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORPORATION.....451.00
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....112.30
MOSE LEVY CO., INC.....826.20
OPEN ROAD DRIVING SCHOOL INC.....1,215.00
PRESTWICK HOUSE INC.....47.98
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.....216.42
RAYMOND GEDDES CO., INC.....0.00
RED LION RENEWABLES, LLC.....1,795.54
SCHOOL BUS SALES.....92.98
SIGOURNEY CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS, LLC.....270.00
SIGOURNEY LUMBER.....3.42
SINCLAIR NAPA.....538.12
SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....55.46
SINES PLUMBING.....986.28
SPECIALTY FLOORS, INC.....4,940.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES.....217.07
U.S. CELLULAR.....97.34
WEST MUSIC CO.....300.71
WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY.....5,670.88
WINGER CONTRACTING COMPANY.....253.26
WRITABLE.....3,923.60
Fund Number 10.....177,798.78

ACTIVITY

ALLISON, STEVE.....125.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....60.86
B'S SWEET TREATS.....80.00
BROTHERS MARKET.....813.78
BSN SPORTS.....1,258.22
CARDMEMBER SERVICE 1.....2,203.05

CARDMEMBER SERVICE 2.....229.70
COUNTY BANK VISA.....750.84
DANFORTH, DANE.....125.00
DEFENSE SOAP.....268.00
DRAMATIC PUBLISHING CO.....235.10
EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.....390.00
FRESH START DISTRIBUTORS LLC.....450.35
GARDEN GATE, THE.....108.75
IOWA GIRLS' COACHES ASSOCIATION.....125.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.....320.00
MAHASKA BOTTLING.....561.98
MCDONOUGH, CHARLES.....100.00
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....178.50
MINARD, JOHN.....125.00
MISC ON MAIN.....810.00
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION.....720.00
NEIRA, ERMILLO.....125.00
PARKER, JARED.....100.00
PARKER, JERRY.....100.00
PARKER, TODD.....100.00
RIPPEY, DAVE.....125.00
ROHACH, STEVE.....125.00
SICL CONFERENCE.....500.00
SIGOURNEY PRIDE.....215.99
STEVENS, MIKE.....125.00
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESALE.....491.50
WOODWARD, SHANNON.....130.00

Fund Number 21.....12,176.62

MANAGEMENT

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC.....1,298.00
Fund Number 22.....1,298.00

SAVE

CDW GOVERNMENT.....39,105.00
WORKSPACE INC.....24,321.05
Fund Number 33.....63,426.05

PPFL

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING.....957.30
Fund Number 36.....957.30

NUTRITION

VISA.....1,454.69
OPAA! FOOD MANAGEMENT, INC.....106,916.72
Fund Number 61.....108,371.41
TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....364,028.16
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Minutes 11.17.2025

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Minutes
Public Hearing – Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance
Time: 7:00 PM
No public comments were received.
Motion to adjourn Public Hearing: Conrad; Second: McDonald
1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.
In Attendance:
Mayor Tony Cansler; Council Members Matt Greiner, Heath McDonald, Patty Tinnes, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender; City Clerk Hunter Bruns; Assistant Clerk Kristen Clarke; Public Works Director Michah Harmsen; Library Representative Janie Westendorf.
Public: Ryan Carr, Chad Greiner, John Mather, Casey James (News-Review), Josh (ION)
2. Consent Agenda
Motion to Approve: Greiner; Second: Tinnes
3. Public Forum
• Janie Westendorf suggested moving the Public Forum toward the end of the meeting so the public can comment or ask questions regarding agenda items.
4. Department Reports
Public Works – Michah Harmsen
• Snow plow has been ordered and scheduled for installation on 11/24.
• Pool is fully winterized.
• Dump continues to stay busy.
• Trent Greiner trimmed trees in the park and at the library that were out of reach.
• Street sweeper was used this week; sweeping is expected to be completed this week.
• Sewer issue at City Hall on 11/04 was repaired by John Henderson.
• Sewer project behind The Roost expected to begin this week.
Library – Janie Westendorf
• Coffee continues to be successful with 12-16 regular attendees.
• Halloween event had strong turnout: 295 attendees, 161 goodie bags handed out.

• Boiler parts installed; water fountain repaired by Chad Greiner.
• Flower beds cleaned.
• Issue with automatic door—Bridget has contacted a repair service.
• Thanks extended to the Library Board for donations (hotdogs, buns, lemonade, and Christmas event supplies).
5. Resolutions & Ordinances
Resolution 2025-68 – Liquor License for VFW
Motion: Greiner; Second: McDonald
Resolution 2025-69 – Liquor License for Keota Eagle Foods
Motion: Bender; Second: Conrad
Resolution 2025-70 – Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance
Motion: Bender; Second: Conrad
6. New Business
a. Third Reading – Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance
Motion to Approve: Conrad; Second: Bender
b. Approval of Utility Billing & Disconnection Procedures
Motion to Approve: Conrad; Second: Bender
c. Resident Complaints Discussion
Topic: Scooters, skateboards, bikes, U-turns, and speeding issues.
Outcome: Discussion held; no action taken.
d. Radar Speed Signs – Discussion
Discussion regarding options and potential grants.
Outcome: No action taken; clerk to research grant opportunities and report back.
7. Closed Session
Motion to Enter Closed Session (8:15 PM): Conrad; Second: Bender
Closed Session Began (8:20 PM) – Iowa Code 21.5 (Real Estate)
Motion to End Closed Session (8:40 PM): Conrad; Second: Greiner
Motion to Resume Regular Meeting (8:48 PM): Greiner; Second: Bender
8. Council Comments
• McDonald: No comment.
• Greiner: Asked about police equipment sale; noted high voter

turnout; thanked current council.
• Tinnes: Appreciated new council members' attendance; thanked current council for the opportunity to serve.
• Conrad: Thanked new council members; reminded that employee evaluations need completed soon.
• Bender: Congratulated new council; encouraged them to utilize current council for information.
9. Mayor's Comments
Mayor Cansler noted:
• A couple projects are in progress and hope to be completed before year-end.
• No additional updates on policing in Keota.
• Awaiting response from Keokuk County Sheriff's Office on 28E agreement.
• Evidence has been reviewed and organized; police files secured.
• Two meetings remain this year.
• Expressed pride in serving as Mayor for 22 years
10. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn: Conrad; Second: Bender
Adjourned at: 8:50 PM
Minutes Prepared by: Hunter Bruns – City Clerk
Mayor – Anthony Cansler
Clerk – Hunter Bruns
Payroll
Total:.....\$8,727.78

Bills Pd

US FIRST.....\$76.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSN.....\$315.00
TRENT GREINER LOGGING.....\$800.00
Winter Wonderland.....\$11,059.00
CARGILL, INC.....\$6,503.73
U S CELLULAR.....\$241.64
OLLINGER ELECTIC.....\$231.10
MALLEY HARDWARE & VARIETY.....\$24.58
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN.....\$342.79
DESIGN HOUSE.....\$17.50
CARSON PLUMBING & HEATING.....\$2,223.00
ALLIANT ENERGY.....\$237.43
WELLMARK.....\$2,680.98
Total:.....\$24,752.75
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • Minutes 11.12.2025

SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library. Board members present included: Allan Glandon, Mike Bensmiller, Cody Branstad, Amy Wilcox, Tim Bruns, Steven Seeley and Adam Clark. Also present were Kevin Hatfield, Angie Lamberson, Missy Sellers, Shannon Webb, Deanna Spence, Jenny Gay, Adam Sellers, Jessica Meier and Casey James.
REGULAR MEETING
Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: President Seeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and acknowledged a quorum of the board.
Approve/Amend Agenda: Director Glandon moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.
Welcome Visitors: None
Non-Action Items: Election results and certified enrollment were discussed. The Legislative Platform was reviewed and the Board was notified of Open Meeting Trainings they will need to take part in. The Notification to term the contract with Varsity Group was discussed. The Operational Sharing Count was reviewed. Superintendent Hatfield gave an update on the Insurance study team. The Construction Academy Program photos were shared with the Board from their house building experience.
Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal Spence gave an academic update on the Preschool Fall Assessment. Spence also mentioned an interest survey will be going out regarding 4 year old preschool. Secondary Principal Webb reported that the Leadership team began the Targeted year 1 Sami process. Webb also stated they are working on a STEM trip to Washington DC and New York for Spring 2027. She stated the end of Trimester is November 14 and a Blood Drive will be November 19. Director Athletic Director

Report gave numbers for the upcoming basketball and wrestling seasons. He also mentioned SICL Honor Choir on Nov 18th at Montezuma. He gave a recap of the Football, Cross Country and Volleyball seasons. The Maintenance Department has been busy with mowing and getting things ready for snow removal. The Technology Department completed a critical phase of infrastructure and endpoint modernization. The entire Chromebook order was successfully deployed. The Department has also been working on security. The Transportation Department reported all the buses and vehicles passed inspection. The Nutrition Department reported that National School Lunch week went well and the kids loved the Around the World Theme.
Consent Agenda: Director Wilcox moved to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:
Minutes from October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting.
Financial Reports from October 2025.
Payment of Bills: General Fund \$177,798.78; Activity \$12,176.62; SAVE \$63,426.05; Management Fund \$1,298.00; PPFL \$957.30, Nutrition \$108,371.41.
Open Enrollment:
IN from Pekin - M Pozarycki and N Pozarycki
Personnel:
Resignations: Alan Sellers - JH Head Football Coach; Bruce Hahn - JH Assistant Football Coach; Bethany Fehr - K-12 Vocal Music Teacher; Sierra VanOtegham - Head High School Volleyball Coach
New Hires: Ross Hemsley - Bus Driver Regular Route; Dustin Bensmiller - Trap Shooting Sponsor
Volunteers: Casey Thompson - JH Girls Basketball Coach
Fundraisers: Metal Yard Signs - PBIS; Tip Night - After Prom; Breakfast to-go - After Prom; Sign Painting Party - After Prom; To-Go Meals - After Prom; Chuck a Duck - After Prom; Music Bingo - After Prom; Round up at Brothers Market- After Prom; Lasagna family-style meals - After Prom
Seconded by Director Clark. Motion carried 6-0. Director Bensmiller abstained.
Board will Focus on Student

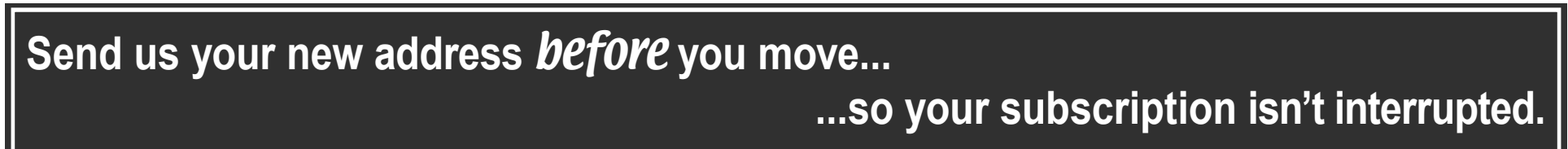
Learning and School Improvement:
1. Moved by Director Bruns to approve the request for early graduation for student Klayton Wehr. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.
Board Will Focus on Finance, Business, and Policy:
1. Moved by Director Bruns to approve the Keokuk County Auditor election results as presented. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Moved by Director Wilcox to approve acting on GPAA District 4 Board election. Seconded by Director Bensmiller. Motion carried 7-0.
Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting: Board Work Session (Insurance) at 5 PM on December 10, 2025. Shared programming with Keota; District 5-year Finance Projections; Possible Voluntary Early Retirement Plan Applicants; Dave Daughton, SAI Lobbyist Visit with the Board; IASB Delegate Assembly Report
The next regular meeting will be November 12, 2025 in the Sigourney Jr/Sr High Library at 6:00 PM.
Closed Session
Director Bensmiller moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, and performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0. The time was 6:42 PM.
Roll Call Vote-AYES, Seeley, Bensmiller, Glandon, Branstad, Bruns, Clark, Wilcox; NAYS: None
By general consensus, the Board went out of closed session at 7:06 PM.
Adjournment: Director Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.
Steven Seeley, Board President
Angie Lamberson, Board Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Numa Property Management re Nancy Winegarden

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY
NUMA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
NANCY M. REIGHARD, a/k/a NANCY M. WINEGARDEN, AS HEIR OF ANTHONY B. WINEGARDEN; SPOUSE OF NANCY M. REIGHARD, a/k/a NANCY M. WINEGARDEN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANTHONY B. WINEGARDEN; CREDITORS OF ANTHONY B. WINEGARDEN; and the UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA, THE WEST HALF OF LOT TWELVE IN BLOCK THIRTEEN IN J.F. WHITE'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOUTH ENGLISH, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Keokuk County, Iowa, a Petition to Quiet Title (Equity) in the above-entitled action upon the following described premises located in Keokuk County, Iowa, to wit:
The West Half of Lot Twelve in Block Thirteen in J.F. White's First Addition to the City of South English, Keokuk County, Iowa, Defendants.
CASE NO. EQEQ041593
ORIGINAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: NANCY M. REIGHARD, a/k/a NANCY M. WINEGARDEN; SPOUSE OF NANCY M. REIGHARD, a/k/a NANCY M. WINEGARDEN, IF

ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANTHONY B. WINEGARDEN; CREDITORS OF ANTHONY B. WINEGARDEN; AND THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA, THE WEST HALF OF LOT TWELVE IN BLOCK THIRTEEN IN J.F. WHITE'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOUTH ENGLISH, KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA
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CASE NO. EQEQ041593
The attorney for Plaintiff is Matthew E. Eck, whose address is Suite 401, 421 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, Telephone: (712) 256-5566.
You are further notified that unless you serve and within a reasonable time thereafter file a Motion or An-

swer on or before December 30, 2025, in the Iowa District Court for Keokuk County at the courthouse located at 101 S. Main St., Sigourney, Iowa 52591, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You should refer to (i) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing; and (ii) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding protection of personal information in court filings.
If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in Court because of a disability immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 641-684-6502. (If you are hearing impaired call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.)
IMPORTANT - YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS
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PROBATE

Sally Ann McCombs ESPR038650

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SALLY ANN MCCOMBS, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR038650 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sally Ann McCombs, Deceased, who died on or about November 6, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on November 10, 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 November 12, 2025 Danny McCombs, Administrator of the Estate 601 Lyman St South English, IA 52335 John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299 Attorney for the Administrator John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law 116 E Washington PO Box 245 Sigourney, IA 52591 Date of second publication November 26, 2025 Probate Code Section 230 Published in The News-Review on November 19 and 26, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of North English • Sealed Bids

The City of North English will be accepting sealed bids for a 2008 Chevy 2500 with steel utility box. Extended cab, 4x4, 6.0 Liter Gas, 90,700 miles. "As Is Condition." The City has the right to reject any and all bids. All bids due to North

English City Hall by end of business day January 6th. Contact Dave Knipfer for more information at 319-653-1793.

Published in The News-Review on November 19 and 26, and December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Keota CSD • Special Meeting 11.20.2025

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Keota Central Office Keota, Iowa 52248 Thursday November 20, 2025 12:00 PM

President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Board members present: Pat Hammen, Andy Conrad, Dan Redlinger, Billie Kindred Board members absent: Erin McGuire

Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge Andy Conrad moved to accept the

agenda as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Action Items Approval of Keota PTO fundraising request - Andy Conrad moved to accept the fundraising request presented by the Keota PTO to sell Keota apparel. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment Dan Redlinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Board President Date Board Secretary Date Published in The News-Review on November 26, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 11.12.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Wednesday, November 12, 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 eyes and motion carried. First tier canvass of the November 4, 2025 City/School election was held. Those present proceeded to canvass said election. Robyn Smeltzer, Elections Designee, was also present. The City of Ollie had two individuals with the same number of write-in votes, therefore the third City Council member was de-

termined by draw. No additional changes were made to the unofficial results. The canvass summary is attached. The second tier school canvass will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 11:50 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 Published in The News-Review on November 26, 2025

PROBATE

Eveline M. Adam ESPR038646

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELINE M. ADAM, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR038646 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL, WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of Eveline M. Adam, deceased, who died on or about September 8, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 18, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Eveline M. Adam, deceased, bearing date of May 11, 1973 and the First Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of Eveline M. Adam bearing date January 31, 1977, were admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will and codicil whose identities are reasonably as-

certainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said 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 later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2025.

Michael L. Adam, Proponent John F. Adam, Proponent Trevanlei Temple AT0010759 Attorney for estate PO Box 168, 207 E. Broadway Keota, IA 52248 Date of second publication 3rd day of December, 2025 Published in The News-Review on November 26, and December 3, 2025

PROBATE HAZEL L. GREINER ESPR038649

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL L. GREINER, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR038649 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Hazel L. Greiner, deceased, who died on or about October 13, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on November 10, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Hazel L. Greiner, deceased, bearing the date of May 12, 2026, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Rebecca Sue Callahan and Paul Dean Greiner were appointed Co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all per-

sons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said 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 later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2025.

Rebecca Sue Callahan Co-executor of the Estate 2322 40th Ave. S St. Cloud, MN 56301 Paul Dean Greiner Co-executor of the Estate 31257 320th Ave. Richland, IA 52585 Trevanlei Temple Attorney for Executor 207 E. Broadway, PO Box 168 Keota, IA 52248 Date of second publication 3rd day of December, 2025. Published in The News-Review on November 26, and December 3, 2025

TRUST NOTICE

Eveline M. Adam Revocable Trust

TRUST NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

Eveline M. Adam Revocable Trust U/T/D August 17, 2023

To all persons regarding Eveline M. Adam, deceased, who died on or about September 8, 2025:

You are hereby notified that Michael L. Adam, John F. Adam and Jeanene M. Redlinger are the co-trustees of the Eveline M. Adam Revocable Trust U/T/D August 17, 2023. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above-referenced decedent's estate. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Keokuk County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice, or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent, spouse of the decedent, and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any claim not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the trust are requested to make immediate payment to the under-

signed trustee. Creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested. Unless creditor claims are mailed by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice, a claim shall be forever barred, unless otherwise allowed or paid.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2025.

Michael L. Adam Co-Trustee of the Trust 906 Winston Way, Waunakee, WI 98104 John F. Adam Co-Trustee of the Trust 2621 Southridge Circle Ames, IA 50014 Jeanene M. Redlinger Co-Trustee of the Trust PO Box 313 Keota, IA 52248 Trevanlei Temple Attorney for Trustee 207 E. Broadway Keota, IA 52248 Date of second publication 3rd day of December, 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 11.10.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 10, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, November 10, 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 eyes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025 as submitted. All eyes and motion carried.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of Eastern Iowa Workforce Development Area (EIWDA) Chief Elected Officials Shared Liability Agreement to fulfill responsibilities for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Services (WIOA) as submitted and appoint Kevin Weber as the designated Keokuk County EIWDA member, time to correlate with his elected Supervisor term. All eyes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of Sigourney Hometown Holiday Event application for use of the Keokuk County Courtyard on December 13th as submitted. All eyes and motion carried. Holly El-

lis, KCED, informed this is a new committee that is taking over the Christmas activities and decorating of the courtyard. KCED will provide liability insurance.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood participated in a Pathfinders meeting by phone. Neither Weber nor Hadley had scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Bates reminded the November 4th City/School election first tier canvass will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m. and the second tier will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Discussion regarding the V45 culvert replacement project indicated it is nearing completion with minimal days left in the contract, patches are formed up and ready to pour.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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 Published in The News-Review on November 26, 2025

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Minutes

Public Hearing - Sale of Ellis Street Property to Keota Community School District

Public hearing opened at 7:00 PM. No members of the public were present.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing: Bender, 2nd McDonald. Motion carried.

Council Meeting Council Present: Mayor Cansler, Council Members Greiner, McDonald, Tinnos, Conrad, and Bender. Staff Present: Clerk Bruns, Assistant Clerk Clarke, Public Works Director Harmsen.

Visitors Present: Casey James - News Review.

1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Bender, 2nd McDonald. Motion carried.

2. Public Forum

Casey James asked if Council Comments and Mayor Comments could be moved to before the

closed session Council agreed that change can be made.

3. Department Reports

Public Works: Harmsen reported he has been busy winterizing city properties.

The dump remains active and well maintained. A small water service leak on North Ellis Street was repaired on October 24. He plans to use the street sweeper in the coming weeks as leaves continue to fall.

Pool World completed the fall winterization of the pool last Friday.

Several small digging projects are planned to be completed before cold weather sets in.

Library: No report.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

None.

5. New Business

a. Second Reading - Adoption of Signum Ordinance

Ordinance read by Bender and Conrad.

Motion to approve the second reading: Bender, 2nd Greiner. Motion carried.

b. Approval of October Time Sheets & Comp Time

Motion to approve: Greiner, 2nd McDonald. Motion carried.

c. Purchase of Snow Plow

Multiple bids were presented for review. Harmsen noted that the plow purchase would be funded through a combination of the snow savings account, street equipment account, and proceeds from the sale of Kevin's old truck.

Motion by Conrad to purchase a Western Wideout XL plow and installation for \$11,059, 2nd Greiner. Motion carried.

6. Closed Session - Iowa Code 21.5 (Real Estate)

Motion by Conrad, 2nd McDonald, to enter closed session at 7:49 PM. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 8:00 PM. Motion by Conrad, 2nd McDonald, to begin closed session. Motion carried.

Closed session ended at 8:35 PM. Motion by Conrad, 2nd Bender, to end closed session. Motion carried.

7. Council Comments

Bender: No comment.

Conrad: Encouraged everyone to get out and vote; wished best of

luck to all candidates.

Tinnos: Urged residents to vote, study candidates, use their best judgment, stay involved, and attend meetings.

Greiner: Wished good luck to all candidates. Reported approximately \$2,000 was raised at the Haunted Trail event hosted by the Keokuk County Childcare Network, noting it was a great event and that kids enjoyed volunteering.

McDonald: Wished good luck to all running candidates.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Cansler encouraged everyone to get out and vote, noting that the council has a lot going on.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Greiner, 2nd Tinnos. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM. Minutes prepared by Hunter Bruns - City Clerk

Approved Monday, November 17, 2025

Mayor Cansler Clerk Hunter Bruns

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • Minutes 11.5.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session at the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz and Schultz. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Director I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey James, Sigourney News Review; Ryan Siskow, Mary Krier, Larry Chmelar, Debbie Winn, Gini Garrett, Jenny Thompson, Matt Walker, Jesse Hannam, Ashleigh Reeves, Nancy Snakenberg, Matthew Lentz, and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Clark moved, seconded by McLaughlin, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2025, Don Northup to attend IA Association of Municipal Utilities; Ashley Fry to attend Budget Workshop in Ottumwa; Annual Interest payments for General Obligation Bonds and Revenue Bonds; Resolution # 2025-11-31 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds; RENOSYS Corporation Submittal Package; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the Novem-

ber 19, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$49,959.73. Roll call vote Ayes: 5; Abstain: 1

Iosbaker moved seconded by Conrad to set the time and date for the bid letting for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Project for December 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Clark moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the third reading of Ordinance Title III - Public Order, Safety and Health - Chapter 14 - Unlawful Occupation of Public Property. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

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

Clark moved, seconded by Iosbaker, to approve the MCG estimate of \$2,862.00, using the camera budget to cover the cost. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

McLaughlin moved, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor Ashley Fry, City Clerk

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KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL VENDOR TOTALS REPORT BY VENDOR

10/10/2025 - 11/13/2025

Beginning Date 10/10/2025; Ending Date 11/13/2025

Vendor Name Total AAA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, IN, WINTERIZE BSB FIELD/FOOTBALL FIELD..... 3,319.88

ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL.....320.00

ALLIANT ENERGY COMPANY, ELECTRICITY..... 7,207.40

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC, SUPPLIES -ROSEWALL/DONALD.....1,996.79

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, PURCHASED FOOD.....1,344.84

BAIN ELECTRIC, FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING REPAIR.....1,328.90

BERMEL, JEFF, OFFICIAL..... 150.00

BLOOMSBURY FARM INC., PUMPKIN PATCH TOUR-KINDERGARTEN..... 160.00

BROOKLYN HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES.....1,513.25

CALDWELL, KEVIN, OFFICIAL..... 160.00

CAPPER AUTO CENTER INC., SERVICE ON BUS.....88.07

CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., TECHNOLOGY PARTS.....238.67

CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES.....1,201.56

CHAMPION TOURS & EVENTS, INC., EAGLEROCK TRAVEL..... 3,000.00

CITY OF KEOTA, WATER/GARBAGE..... 532.91

CLOUDBURST 9, FIBER INTERNET.....309.99

COYLEAKS LOCKBOX, PLAGIARISM/AI CONTENT.....1,800.00

COUNTY LINE MART, LLC, SUPPLIES FOR FFA..... 139.93

COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, IN, GARBAGE COLLECTION..... 1,192.70

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ANNUAL TSA ADMIN FES.....600.00

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, BUS INSPECTION.....450.00

EBERT, JODI, REIMB FOR CROSS COUNTRY SUPPLIES... 80.39

EDWARDS, JANE, REIMB DRAMA SUPPLIES..... 105.31

EMS DETERGENT SERVICES, KITCHEN SUPPLIES.....158.34

ESCO ELECTRIC, FIRE ALARM TESTING/REPAIR.....3,528.50

EVERYDAY SPEECH, PRE-SCHOOL CURRICULUM.....1,199.98

FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, FUEL/SUPPLIES... 1,855.80

GATEWAY HOTEL, LODGING..... 333.76

GREAT PRAIRIE AEA, MONTHLY SP ED FLO THROUGH -OCTOBER..... 31,307.92

HARBISON RESIDENTIAL FENCING LLC, PLAYGROUND FENCING.....1,073.46

HEUER PUBLISHING, SPEECH SCRIPTS/ROYALTIES HS/.....125.00

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY, INTRO LITERATURE 8TH GRADE.....286.52

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP, YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR- L. SHEETZ.....285.00

INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE, BUS DRIVER INSERVICE.....42,552.60

INSTRUCTURE, INC, CANVAS LMS SUCCESS PACKAGE..... 7,229.25

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, NON FEDERAL MEDICAID..... 547.32

IOWA DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, FINGERPRINT CARDS.....52.00

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IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASS'N, 2025 COACH CONVENTION/MEALS..... 525.00

IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICES, BACKGROUND CHECKS.....2,412.50

JAMISON, ZACH, REIMB NATIONAL CONVENTION EXPENSES..... 341.66

JOURNEYED.COM, SOFTWARE..... 329.45

KALONA COOPERATICE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, TELEPHONE SYSTEM.....1,327.28

KCII RADIO, 56 30 SEC COMMERCIALS.....723.96

KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL-INVESTMENT, GYM RENTAL - BB CAMP..... 16.88

KEOTA MUSIC BOOSTERS, SP CONCESSION BUYOUT.....122.50

LATHROP, JENNIFER, REIMB FOR BLANK PARK ZOO CLASS..... 65.00

LYLE, LEVI, REIMB FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES - SCIENCE..... 94.80

MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC, COPIER STAPLES..... 119.20

MARCO, INC., DISTRICT METER READS.....1,954



PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • November 2025 Library Claims

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PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • Minutes 11.11.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Trent Forrest, Steve Axmear, Katie Taukei, Tom Voss, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers. Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Erin Koehn, Melissa Luers, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Renee Allison, Megan Knapp, Zach Weilbacher, Amy Harger.

and visitors. Dr. Harger discussed the elementary information and discussed important pieces of the report – Assessment participation, chronic absenteeism, and the elementary math data.

lowing fundraisers: Student Council – Christmas Boxes Music Program – Fruit and Cheese Music Program – Free will donation at programs Music Program – Pop 30 Fundraiser

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Keota • Notice of Intent - Green Street

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA The City of Keota hereby gives notice of its intent to purchase the property located at 302 N. Green Street, Keota, Iowa, for the agreed price of \$12,500.

sider and take action on the proposed property purchase at its next regular meeting: Date: December 1st 2025 Time: 7:05pm Location: Keota City Hall, 225 E. Broadway Ave., Keota, Iowa

the meeting to present comments or ask questions regarding the proposed purchase. By order of the City of Keota Hunter Bruns, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Keota • Notice of Intent

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA The City of Keota hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt the City of Sigourney's mowing ordinance, Title III Community Protection Chapter 14 Mowing of Properties, which establishes standards for vegetation height, enforcement procedures, administrative fees, and penalties for violations within city limits.

A full copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at Keota City Hall during regular business hours. The Keota City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption at the following meeting: Date: Monday, December 1st 2025 Time: 7:00pm Location: Keota City Hall, 225 E. Broadway Ave., Keota, Iowa

may appear to present comments or submit objections in writing. Following the public hearing, the Council may take action to adopt the ordinance, after which it will become effective upon publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Minutes 11.19.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following council members answering roll call: Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz and Schultz. Others present were: Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Doug Glandon, Code Enforcement Officer; Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Larry Chmelar, Dave Goldman, Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

seconded by Iosbaker, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 6 Conrad moved, seconded by Clark, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2025, November Library Claims, City Clerk Financial Reports for the month of October; Update to Midwest Group Benefits Plan; Purchase and Installation for New Decal for City Hall Door; Council Members and Staff to attend the MLA Training; Community Betterment Project; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the December 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6 McLaughlin moved second-

ed by Conrad to approve Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$49,959.73. Roll call vote Ayes: 4, Abstain: 2 Schultz moved seconded by Lentz to approve the Public Works Department to install the signs once they arrive. Roll call vote Ayes: 6 Clark moved, seconded by Iosbaker to hire Lara Davis as the 2026 Spring Soccer Director. Roll call vote Ayes: 6 McLaughlin moved, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6 The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Jimmy Morlan, Mayor Ashley Fry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Claims 11.19.2025

CITY OF SIGOURNEY NOVEMBER 19, 2025

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Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like Design House - Services, Douds Stone LLC - Supplies, and Electrip Pump - Services.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like Microbac Laboratories - Services, Mid-American Publishing Corp - Services, and Mid-American Chemical - Supplies.

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • October 2025 Claims

REVENUES:

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like General, Memorial Hall Restoration, Library, and Road Use.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like Sanitation, Medical Partial Self-Funding, and October 2025 Revenue Total.

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ACTIVITY ACCOUNT, OCTOBER ~ 2025.

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Brandon Weilbrenner, Football Official, 150.00

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like Ted Wenimont, Football Official, Williamsburg Community School, XC Entry Fee, and Activity Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **.

Class Construction Account, October ~ 2025.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes items like Amazon Business, Construction Supply, Class Construction Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL **.

** DISTRICT TOTAL ** 450074.72 Published in The News-Review on November 26, 2025



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Four English Valleys Seniors Recognized by Hills Bank for ACE Achievements

By: Hunter Offerman

Four English Valleys seniors, Hunter Offerman, Cael Grove, Ben Flander, and Jon Hoylman, had the chance to take part in the Hills Bank ACE Carhartt Coat ceremony on November 12, 2025, in North Liberty. The event is held every year to recognize students who are involved in the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) program. Hills Bank welcomed everyone, talked about what the A.C.E. program is all about, and then handed out the well-known black Carhartt coats to all the students who participated. The seniors earned their coats by completing the highest-level ACE courses and building career-ready skills along the way.

During the ceremony, speakers from Hills Bank and Kirkwood Community College talked about how important hands-on learning is and how the A.C.E. program helps prepare students for real jobs in the construction and engineering fields. At the end, all the students came together for a big group photo with students from all the schools to celebrate their hard work.

We are proud of our four seniors for representing the district and showing their dedication to the A.C.E. program, and of Mr. Baker and our Industrial Technology program for helping students gain real-world skills for life after graduation. It was a great night and an awesome way to recognize everything these students have accomplished.



Congratulations to Our EV Academic All-State Honorees!

English Valleys is proud to recognize four outstanding student-athletes for earning Academic All-State honors this year!

In football, seniors Hunter Offerman and Cael Grove have demonstrated exceptional dedication both on the field and in the classroom. In cross country, Kaylee Frazier has shown the same commitment to excellence, balancing rigorous training with strong academic performance. In volleyball, Aliza Walker has also earned this distinction, excelling both on the court and in her studies.



These students exemplify what it means to be an EV Bear, setting a tremendous example for their peers through their hard work, discipline, and perseverance. We celebrate their achievements and are proud to see them succeed in athletics and academics alike.

Steve Hester Honored with A+ for Education Award



By: Drew Fisher

Steve Hester has been a cornerstone of the English Valleys community for nearly 30 years. A former English Valleys student himself, Mr. Hester began his teaching career at the school in 1994, with a brief stint teaching at Waterloo, Columbus, and Tri-County. He has always appreciated that English Valleys is a small school with a tight-knit community where everyone cares about one another.

Over the years, Mr. Hester has been much more than a teacher. He has coached a wide range of sports, including high school football, boys and girls wrestling, junior high wrestling and basketball, high school boys and girls track, high school softball, and junior high softball. Currently, he coaches high school girls wrestling, track and field, and softball, continuing his legacy of guiding students both in the classroom and on the field.

On November 6th, Mr. Hester was honored with the A+ for Education Award by KCRG. Surprised and humbled by the recognition, he said, "All I do is just come to work doing my job, and it was nice to be recognized for that." After this school year, Mr. Hester will retire, looking forward to spending more time with his family. His impact on English Valleys students, both academically and athletically, will be remembered for years to come.

What are you thankful for?

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Austin Welch
10th Grade

Jonathan Hoylman
12th Grade



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Upcoming Activities:

December 1:

JH Girls Basketball vs Sigourney - 4:15 pm
HS Girls Wrestling @ Fort Madison - 5:00 pm

December 2:

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HS Boys Home Wrestling Meet - 5:00 pm
HS Basketball @ Iowa Valley - 5:00 pm

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4-H & FFA Market Beef Weigh-In Set for December 13

KALONA – The Washington County 4-H & FFA Market Beef Weigh-In will be held Saturday, December 13, 8 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Kalona Sale Barn. Listen to KCL (106.1fm) for any changes if the weather is bad. Any potential market beef projects for the 2025-2026 year must attend a county-led weigh-in site to collect start weights and tag numbers.

To prepare ahead of time, 4-H families should look over the December Beef 4-H Newsletter. Families bring the pre-scale form completed to weigh-in. Costs: \$5 per ear tag. Retinal scanning will be done for those nominating calves to show at the Iowa State Fair with an \$10 per head fee. Bring money to pay all fees on December 13. Families should also reference the county fair rules by reviewing last year's fair book online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair>. Updated rules will be sent when finalized for the 2026 county fair.

Ten calves may be weighed in for the county fair or state fair exhibition. A maximum of three market beef can be exhibited at the Washington County Fair and a maximum of two market beef can be exhibited at the Iowa State Fair.

Washington County Fair Market Beef classes include purebred steers, crossbred steers, produce steers (produce of heifer or cow project in a previous year project), returning bucket bottle market heifer or steer, market heifer, dairy steer, small breeds steer, and single source steer (hosted by Washington County Cattlemen and down payment required by deadline). The county fair breed classes offered will be those recognized by the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association.

Breeding Heifers do not

need to be weighed at the December weigh-in. If families haven't decided between market heifer or breeding heifer, the calves should attend the market beef weigh-in but make sure they include a secondary ID in 4-HOnline which is a requirement for breeding heifers (tattoo, registration #, or calfhood vaccination #).

Purebred market steers showing at the County Fair ONLY are not required to register steers with a breed association to show in a purebred class. If not registered with the association, the county breed affidavit form should be obtained from the Extension Office and signed by the producer verifying that animal could be registered. Any breed recognized by the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association will be recognized.

After market beef weigh-in, families are required to enter weigh-in data into 4hOnline by January 31. All bovine animals must have an official USDA 840 tag. State Fair market beef must have approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag, weight collected at county weigh-ins, and have retinal images collected before January 31.

Contact the Washington County Extension Office as soon as possible if families must attend another weigh-in location due to scheduling conflicts. Pre-approval is necessary as not all counties will serve out of county members at their weigh-in. There may be special times or additional fees.

For more information about 4-H, the Market Beef project area or weigh-in, contact the Washington County Extension Office, 319-653-4811 or washington4h@iastate.edu

Annie's Project to Offer Six-Session Farm Business Management Course Across Central Iowa

GRINNELL – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is pleased to announce the upcoming Annie's Project: Farm Business Management course series, designed to empower those involved in agriculture with the knowledge and confidence to better manage their farm businesses. This six-session program will be held on Tuesday evenings at Extension offices across Poweshiek, Jasper, Mahaska, and Marion counties. This course is open to all.

Each session will run from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., and a meal is included.

Session Dates & Locations (Tuesdays)

- February 3 – Poweshiek County Extension, Grinnell – 1017 Ogan Ave
- February 10 – Jasper County Extension, Newton – 550 N 2nd Ave W
- February 17 – Mahaska

County Extension, Oskaloosa – 212 North I Street

- February 24 – Marion County Extension, Knoxville – 210 N. Iowa Street

- March 3 – Marion County Extension, Knoxville – 210 N. Iowa Street

- March 10 – Poweshiek County Extension, Grinnell – 1017 Ogan Ave

Annie's Project is a nationally recognized educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm enterprises. Participants will gain practical skills in areas such as financial management, risk assessment, farm business planning, communication, and legal considerations.

According to ISU Extension and Outreach farm management specialist Patrick Hatting, Annie's Project focuses on five key areas of agricultural risk management: financial, human re-

sources, legal, marketing, and production.

"Our aim is to offer a program that is both engaging and highly valuable," Hatting said. "Each session features presentations, group discussions, hands-on activities, and opportunities to build computer skills."

"We also bring in guest speakers who share their experiences and expertise, helping participants strengthen their skills as business partners and farm owner," Hatting added.

People working in agriculture participating in Annie's Project courses become better business partners and owners by learning to manage and organize critical information for their own farms, while establishing networks with other farmers and agriculture business professionals.

"Providing a high-quality

program like Annie's Project is a tremendous benefit to our community, and we're pleased to partner in offering this opportunity," said Tammy Welcher, Jasper County Extension and Outreach Office Manager.

According to Madeline Schultz, ISU Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Program Manager, "Annie's Project equips participants with practical, business-focused education. The workshops help participants strengthen their financial skills and make more informed risk management decisions."

Registration Information
Participants may register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/ZZTG1D>, or by contacting Tammy Welcher at the Jasper County Extension Office at 641-792-6433 or welcher@iastate.edu.

Farmers, Ag Professionals Invited to Beginner and Intermediate Grain Marketing Workshop Jan 6-7

AMES – The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Farm Business Management Team invites farmers and agriculture professionals to a Grain Marketing Workshop in Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 6-7, 2026. The two-day workshop is designed for participants with various experience levels, including those with limited and intermediate skills, as well as seasoned, successful grain marketers.

Paul Martin, farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, said the event offers a valuable opportunity for farmers. The primary goal of the workshop is that any farmer, farm family member or employee will learn more about how to create successful grain marketing plans to improve selling price. There's also value in getting away from day-to-day work and hearing from marketing experts

Before attending the workshop, participants will complete several pre-workshop activities, including calculating their 2026 cost of production and cash flow budget, completing self-assessment exercises, answering questions about risk aversion and watching a short series of videos from Chad Hart. Another pre-workshop activity is the "Business IQ" survey, which identifies strengths and weaknesses of agricultural producers in managing uncertainty and achieving business success. These activities will be provided upon registration and should be completed before the workshop.

Workshop speakers include:

- Gary Schnitkey, professor in agricultural and consumer economics and extension farm management specialist, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will discuss

cost of production and marketing goals.

- Chad Hart, professor in economics and extension grain markets specialist, Iowa State University, will share a market outlook, teach lessons on options and how to utilize crop insurance in a marketing program.

- Logan Torrance, facility manager at Consolidated Grain and Barge Co., will speak about alternative grain contracts.

- Tim Christensen, Eric Weuve and Martin, farm management specialists with ISU Extension and Outreach, will discuss various marketing tools and activities.

Additionally, a panel of industry sponsors will respond to audience concerns and answer questions.

Registration and accommodations

Those who wish to attend the workshop must register online by Dec. 31, 2025. The

registration cost is \$100, and the workshop is limited to 60 participants.

This workshop will take place at the Bridgeview Center in Ottumwa, located at 102 Church Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501, and will begin at 9 a.m. Participants who require hotel accommodations can arrange lodging at the Cobblestone Hotel & Suites in Ottumwa, which is conveniently located adjacent to the Bridgeview Center. A group rate for the conference is available for guests who can contact the hotel directly at 641-244-3644 and book a room under the "ISU Grain Group."

For more information, including a complete agenda, visit the Ag Decision Maker website or watch the workshop introductory video. For additional questions, contact Paul Martin at pmartin1@iastate.edu.

Submit an entry in the Iowa Songbird and Fish Art Contests!

The Iowa DNR and Wildlife Forever encourage Iowan's ages 5-18 to enter in the Iowa Songbird and Fish Art Contests! The Art of Conservation® Songbird and Fish art contests are completely free and open to students in grades K-12 (ages 5-18)!

This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their artistic ability while also learning about native Iowa songbird and fish species.

Students must reside in Iowa and create their own original artwork. Photos, videos, and other artwork can be used as inspiration but the artwork must be original and not a replica of a photo or

other artwork.

Entries must include at least one of the Iowa species listed below for each of the respective categories. In addition to original artwork, submissions must include a creative writing piece (optional for grades K-3) where students research the habitat and conservation needs of their chosen species.

Eligible Iowa Species
2025 Iowa Eligible Bird Species: American Goldfinch, Black-and-white Warbler, Carolina Wren, Cerulean Warbler, Henslow's Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, Painted Bunting, Purple Finch, Red-headed Wood-

pecker, White-breasted Nuthatch

2026 Iowa Eligible Fish Species: Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Walleye, Channel, Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Iowa Darter, Bluegill, Crappie, Muskellunge

How to enter:

The submission deadline for the 2025 Iowa Songbird Art Contest is November 30th, 2025.

For more information on rules and submission guidelines and to submit artwork visit the following web page for the Iowa Songbird Art Contest. https://form.jotform.com/252114659169159?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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The submission deadline for the 2026 Iowa Fish Art Contest is February 28th, 2026.

For more information on rules and submission guidelines and to submit artwork visit the following web page for the Iowa Fish Art Contest. https://form.jotform.com/252114659169159?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

For questions, reach out to Gus Elliott at gus.elliott@dnr.iowa.gov.

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Ernst "Udderly" Thrilled as Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act Advances

WASHINGTON – On behalf of Iowa families and dairy farmers, U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) celebrated the Senate passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, which she cosponsored, so students can receive the full, nutritious benefits of milk.

This effort will allow whole and 2% milk to be served at school meals, overturning an unnecessary Obama-era restriction.

"Join me in raising a

glass, or a jug, to celebrate the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act passing the Senate unanimously," said Senator Ernst. "When we encourage students to choose dairy, it's not only helping them achieve a balanced and nutritious meal; it's also supporting our Iowa dairy farmers."

Background:
Ernst is a strong supporter of Iowa's dairy farmers and has consistently worked to protect dairy options in Iowa schools.

Keokuk County 4-H Member Places Third in Statewide Fishing Tournament

SIGOURNEY — Keokuk County 4-H is recognizing the achievements of several local youth who are participating in the Iowa 4-H Statewide Fishing Club, including member Levi Voyles, who earned third place in the statewide bass competition with a 17-inch fish.

The Statewide Fishing Club is open to Iowa youth in grades 4-12 and offers educational webinars, self-led fishing tournaments, and opportunities to learn about Iowa's aquatic ecosystems and safe outdoor recreation. The program aims to help youth build fishing skills, gain confidence, and enjoy hands-on learning in nature.

"We are proud of Levi's accomplishment and all the youth who are participating in this unique state-

wide program," said Ashley Yedlik, Keokuk County Youth Coordinator.

More information about the Iowa 4-H Statewide Fishing Club is available at: <https://go.iastate.edu/FHHCHY>

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



Levi Voyles, a Keokuk County 4-H member, shows the 17-inch bass that earned him third place in the Iowa 4-H Statewide Fishing Club's bass tournament. Levi is one of several Keokuk County youth participating in the statewide program.

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