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**Community CALENDAR**

**Fall Family Harvest Supper Delta Town and Country Center**

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

**Knights of Columbus**

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

**Sigourney Veterans Day Assemblies**

Nov. 11 at Elementary: 8:45 a.m., Jr/Sr High School 10:00 a.m.

**English Valleys Veterans Day Program**

Nov. 11, 9:15 a.m.

**Pekin Veterans Day Program**

Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.

**Tri-County Veterans Day Program**

Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.

**KCHC Auxiliary Annual Fall Vendor Fair**

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

**Iowa's Civil War Generals**

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

**Ladies Night Nov. 20th**

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

**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

# Happy Halloween!



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Award Winning Newspaper  
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The Keokuk County Childcare Network hosted a haunted trail event at the Kewash Trail on Oct. 30, where local teenagers leaped out and scared guests. The event raised funds for the new Keota daycare.



Sylvia Hadley, Ann Spillman and Connie McLaughlin of KCCEF, Gary Iosbaker and Levi Lyle of KCCN, Keota Superintendent Dave Harper.

# \$25,000 Given to New Keota Daycare

**By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review**  
 KEOTA – The Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation has given one of its \$25,000 grants to the Keokuk County Childcare Network to assist in opening a new daycare in Keota. The daycare, which will be located in a pair of classrooms in the eastern edge of the elementary school, is being opened thanks to a partnership between KCCN and the school. Superintendent Dave Harper stated that they had hired the daycare's director and on site coordinator and were shooting for a January 5 opening date. Gary

Iosbaker of KCCN stated that a previous survey showed the parents of 18 kids were interested in the daycare and that, in the week since sending out the opening date, nine kids had confirmed they would attend. Harper stated that the daycare had a max capacity of 18 children, and that there was room in the school to expand if needed. Iosbaker called 31 kids a "home run," because that would get families in the community, putting down roots, and parents working in the community. In addition to the \$25,000 grant this year, KCCEF also gave the network \$5,000 last year, the first money the network was given. That money

was used to fundraise more money from the community. The \$25,000 grant will go towards wage augmentation, allowing the daycare to pay better and attract better workers. Iosbaker explained that they had established a Childcare Solutions Fund, where local businesses donate to the daycare, to ensure their employees have somewhere to take their kids and are able to work harder. He called this a realization of the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. "It's amazing, in my mind, how the community of Keota has risen to the challenge here," said Iosbaker.

# Explosion at Richland Trucking Company Kills One Person

**By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review**  
 RICHLAND – At around 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 1, an explosion happened at the P a n a - m a

Transfer Trucking Company in Richland. One person was killed in the explosion; their name has not yet been re-

leased by the Keokuk County Sheriff's Department. There were no other injuries. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.



# Curbside Recycling Coming to Sigourney

**By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review**  
 SIGOURNEY – A new curbside recycling service, called the Recycling Solution, is set to begin operat-

ing in Sigourney this week. According to a post by the service on Facebook, the Recycling Solution has partnered with Cox Sanitation to pick up recycling from Sigourney residents

unable to make it the recycling center south of town. The service will cost \$3 per week and can be contacted at 641-660-0794 or by emailing recyclingSolution52591@gmail.com.

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# Pekin Panther Players Bring Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella to Life Nov. 14-16

**By Katie Phillips | The News-Review**  
 PACKWOOD — The Pekin Panther Players are bringing a bit of magic to the stage this fall with their production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, running Nov. 14-16 at the Pekin High School auditorium. This beloved Broadway classic tells the story of a young woman who dares to dream beyond her circumstances — with humor, heart and a touch of fairy-tale sparkle. The show features lavish costumes, enchanting sets and unforgettable songs such as "In My Own Little Corner" and "Ten Minutes Ago." Director Staci Wright said the cast and crew have



poured their hearts into the production since the first week of school. "The students have worked tirelessly to bring this story to life,"

Wright said. "It's been incredible to watch their dedication and teamwork on and off the stage."

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. The Saturday show will include a dinner theater, featuring a full meal of chicken or ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, water and iced tea.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3-10. Dinner theater tickets are \$35 for adults, \$65 for couples and \$25 for children. Seating is limited — about 100 seats remain for Friday and Saturday performances and 80 for Sunday.

Tickets may be reserved by emailing [staci.wright@pekincsd.org](mailto:staci.wright@pekincsd.org) or calling 319-695-3707.

The Panther Players invite audiences of all ages to step into a world of music, laughter and transformation. Cinderella is a story that proves dreams really can come true — and that impossible things are happening every day.



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# Community CALENDAR

Weber at caweber@windstream.net or call 641-636-2116

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Local Comic Artist Phil Hester Talks About Career

By Casey James | The News-Review  
NORTH ENGLISH - "I hope to work for Marvel or DC comics someday, the two best known comic book companies around, and when I become rich and famous, I will publish my own comic books, with the super heroes I have created," Phil Hester told the North English Record in 1980.

45 years later, after spending decades working as an artist and writer in the superhero comic industry, Hester told his story during a presentation at the English Valleys History Center on Oct. 26. Hester explained that in eighth grade, after moving to North English from Oklahoma, he began drawing comics of a grumpy English Valleys teacher, recasting him as a parody superhero named Captain Squatty Body. His friends enjoyed it and Hester made more comics, casting other teachers as enemies for Captain Squatty Body. He stated that he was afraid he would get in trouble, but that teachers were actually offended if they didn't get to appear as villains. Hester explained that he was the new kid and drawing superheroes became his identity.

Hester continued making comics with his friends throughout high school. He explained that, in 1984, when he was studying drawing at the University of Iowa, the publication of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles led to an indie comic boom, with many publishers springing up overnight and looking for young artists. Hester first began working on comics professionally between his sophomore and junior years at Iowa, slowly working his way up to work for the big two superhero comic publishers. Professionally, Hester is best known for being the artist for the acclaimed Green Arrow "Quiver" arc, which ran from 2001-2002. He also created the Image Comics character Firebreather, who was adapted to an animated film that premiered on Cartoon

Network in 2010. Hester stated that he had worked on around 500 published comics and that characters he had created had appeared in Batman the Animated Series, the Suicide Squad, Arrow, and the MCU.

Hester talked about the challenges he had faced as a comic artist and writer, comparing the job to being a musician; a handful are millionaires, a lot can play theaters, but most play garage bands. He stated he could fill a theater, but not a stadium. He explained that how much he's paid varies heavily, comparing his income to an EKG, and discussed publishers that owed him money going bankrupt and taking characters he created with them. Still, Hester made it clear how much he loves his job.

"This is all I've wanted to do, for as long as I can remember," he said. "And to get to do it as an adult, I'll never not be grateful for that. I can tell you, there's probably days I don't love doing it, working til 3 a.m. drawing, to meet a deadline, but that's mostly my fault, but I'll never lose sight of how lucky I am to not have to go to work."

He stated that the best part of his job is that he can live in North English, spending ten weekends a year traveling to various cities for conventions. He noted that, when he first started out, he got to meet a lot of writers and artists whose work he loved as child, and that they had all been great. He also discussed work he had done as a storyboard artist.

Hester explained that, ten years ago, he began suffering from a cornea disease that was slowly leading him to becoming blind and thus unable to draw. His eyesight was saved by two cornea transplants. Hester explained that he was grateful and is currently working on an ad campaign promoting eye donations, taking real people who had given or received eye transplants and drawing them as superheroes.

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# MENUS

## Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Nov. 7th  
Beef Burrito w/ Tomato & Lettuce, Rice, Rice Krispie Treat.  
Nov. 10th  
Baked Swiss, Chicken Breast, Broccoli, Butter, Pecan Cake.  
Nov. 12th  
Ham Balls, Sour Cream Potatoes, Corn, Casserole, Strawberry Pretzel Dessert.

## Sigourney

Nov. 6th  
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza Pinwheel, Triple Jalapeno Chicken Sandwich w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 7th  
Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Flatbread, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.  
Nov. 10th  
Breakfast: Pancakes, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Beef & Noodles w/ Italian Bread, BBQ Pork on a Bun w/ Sweet Potato Fries, Pizza Bar, Salad Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 11th  
Breakfast: Tot N Egg Casserole w/ Muffin Square, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Nachos w. White Queso, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fried, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Focaccia Bread, Garden Salad, Cowboy Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 12th  
Breakfast: Strawberry Shortcake Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Waffles w/ Toppings, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Parmesan Roasted Carrots, Fruit, Milk.

## Keota

Nov. 6th  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Stromboli, Garden Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Pickle Beets, Fresh Strawberries, Milk.  
Nov. 7th  
No School  
Nov. 10th  
Breakfast: Strawberry Boli, Pears, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Taco Soup, Fresh Broccoli, Salsa, Pears, Chips, Snicker Doodle, Milk.  
Nov. 11th  
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, English Muffin/ Jelly, Pineapple, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: WG Mini Corn Dog, Tossed Salad, Yellow Peppers, Apple, Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin, Milk.  
Nov. 12th  
Breakfast: Breakfast Egg Wrap, Orange, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Sausage Patty, Cheese Stick, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Pineapple, French Toast, Milk.

## Tri-County

Nov. 6th  
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy.  
Lunch: Sloppy Jo, Green Beans, Strawberries/Blueberries.  
Nov. 7th  
Breakfast: Long John.  
Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Broccoli/ Cauliflower, Apple, Pumpkin Bar.  
Nov. 10th  
Breakfast: Uncrustable.  
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Diced Pears.  
Nov. 11th  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito.  
Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese, FF, Baked Beans, Pineapple.  
Nov. 12th  
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks.  
Lunch: Orange Chicken, Rice, Peas, Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges.

## English Valleys

Nov. 6th  
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza Pinwheel, Triple Jalapeno Chicken Sandwich w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Club Sandwich, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 7th  
Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Flatbread, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.  
Nov. 10th  
Breakfast: Pancakes, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Beef and Noodles w/ Italian Bread, BBQ Pork on a Bun w/ Sweet Potato Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, BLTE Salad w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 11th  
Breakfast: Tot N Egg Casserole, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nachos w. White Queso, Cheeseburger w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Pulled Pork Apple Salad w/ Focaccia Bread, Garden Salad, Cowboy Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
Nov. 12th  
Breakfast: Waffles, Strawberry Shortcake Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Patty w. Hot Roll, Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mandarin Orange Chicken Salad w/ Hot Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Parmesan Roasted Carrots, Fruit, Milk.

## Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Nov. 6th  
Chili, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Corn Bread.  
Nov. 7th  
Closed  
Nov. 10th  
Andy's Meatloaf Ketchup, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Wheat Roll, Butter.  
Nov. 11th  
Closed  
Nov. 12th  
BBQ Pulled Pork On Bun, BBQ Sauce, Broccoli, Cinnamon Baked Pears.

## Pekin

Nov. 6th  
Breakfast: Strawberry Bagels, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.  
Lunch: Chicken Strips, French Fries, Corn, Sidekicks, Diced Peaches.  
Nov. 7th  
No School  
Nov. 10th  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice.  
Lunch: Soft Shell Tacos, Refried Beans, Salsa, Pineapple, Blueberries.  
Nov. 11th  
Breakfast: WG Cereal Bar, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice.  
Lunch: Egg Omelet, Tri Tater, Sausage, Jonny Pop, Apple Slices, WG Cheese Stick.  
Nov. 12th  
Breakfast: Egg Omelet, WG Fruit, Juice, Toast.  
Lunch: BBQ Rib Patty, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Bananas.

# TLS News

What a great gathering we had Friday October 17th at noon at Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota, Lori Hammes was so gracious to all members as we gathered in the party room, and boy, did we party! Deb and Candie were the bestest sisters, with decorations in the Halloween theme, as were the desserts: pumpkin bars, candy favors, and cute hand made quilt coasters! So original! Louise reported harvest complete, her "only" job was unloading grain carts. And, of course, making dee-lish 4 course meals for everyone, how lucky to have such a great chef in the family. Joan and Crystal, busy as usual with church and school, and the hardest job, making Brian behave himself post surgery. These farmers, they are a special breed with their work ethic, so hard to keep up this time of year. Judy getting ready to celebrate another birthday next week. Bets were made as to her actual age, but she wouldn't give it up. No wrinkles, no gray hair, so we're thinking at least >29.... Kristi, our little pioneer woman, canned yet another 50 quarts of tomato juice for hubby Rex. Some people just never run out of stuff to can or jars...apples next on the list,

And with 5 freezers, nobody is going to ever run out of food at that place! We have discovered who's sending random text messages at 1 in the morning...yep, Shirley! I don't think they're butt dials, but Kate and Judy got pictures of a giraffe? Hmmm, hard to explain the rational .Kate's phone just wouldn't quit ringing at club. Side business maybe? She wouldn't shard the messages, hope Mick is ok with this other side of Kate! Michelle and Candie both continue to knock us out with good looks! Actually, all of us look pretty darn good, must be the water here at Talleyrand. Or the alcohol? Next meeting will be Nov 14th, 11:30, at Fiddle Dee Dee. Remember, they serve sandwiches and some awesome drinks too! One last sad note. Our club was always proud of our sister, Joyce Sieren, who passed away this week. Hugs to husband Larry for his loving care of her. Our women will be making cookies for her "Celebration of Life" next Thursday, the 23rd, at our much loved hall at Ss Peter & Paul, rural Harper. Condolences to the Sieren family, she will be so missed.

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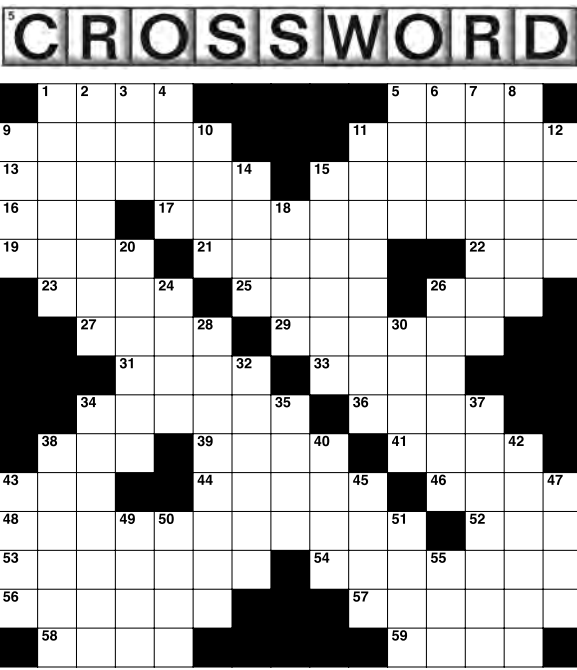
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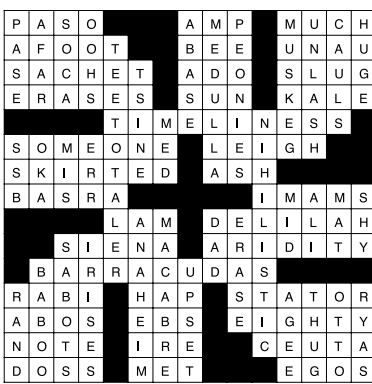


**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Difficult  
5. Coarsely ground corn  
9. There's one for the "world"  
11. Loved Romeo  
13. Sticky situation  
15. Pelvic areas  
16. An informal debt instrument  
17. Cannot be repaired surgically  
19. A device attached to a workbench  
21. Related on the mother's side  
22. Sound unit  
23. \_\_\_ Sagan, astronomer  
25. Utah city  
26. A disappointing effort  
27. Steal goods during a riot  
29. Wakes up  
31. Hair salon service  
33. Serenaded  
34. Looked intently  
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.  
38. A type of cast  
39. One's duty  
41. Where golfers begin  
43. Make a mistake  
44. Semitic sun god  
46. Ancient Greek City  
48. Having had the head cut off  
52. A place to stay  
53. Unwise  
54. Most unnatural  
56. Dennis is a notable one

57. Ointments  
58. Students' exam  
59. Leaked blood  
  
**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Brave  
2. Act of awakening  
3. Jest at  
4. Sandwich store  
5. Chapter of the Koran  
6. Dismounted  
7. Small vehicle  
8. Irked  
9. One who earns by disreputable dealings  
10. Monetary unit of Samoa  
11. Long, mournful lamentation  
12. Weight unit  
14. Alone, single  
15. Decreases  
18. Indicates beside  
20. Worn by exposure to the weather  
24. A body of tradi-

tions  
26. College students' ultimate goal  
28. Amino acid  
30. Nasal mucus  
32. US government entity  
34. Swinish  
35. Legislative body in Russia  
37. Grant an exemption to  
38. Put in advance  
40. Satisfy  
42. Felt  
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls  
45. Witnesses  
47. Picnic invaders  
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two  
50. Ancient person of Scotland  
51. Cheerless  
55. Unwell

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



**TAKE A BREATH WORD SEARCH**

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- ASTHMA
- BRONCHI
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- CARBON DIOXIDE
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- EMBOLISM
- GAS EXCHANGE
- HEMOGLOBIN
- HYPERCAPNIA
- HYPOXEMIA
- LUNGS
- OXYGEN
- PERFUSION
- PNEUMONIA
- RESPIRATION
- SPIROMETRY
- TIDAL VOLUME
- VENTILATION
- VITAL CAPACITY

**THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT**

**One Year: 1942**

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

I'm going back through the archives again, this time reading the 1942 issues of *The Sigourney Review*. Unsurprisingly, the paper was dominated by stories centered on a single topic: World War II. At the end of the previous year, the United States had entered the deadliest war in history, following the Japanese surprise attack at Pearl Harbor. This particular attack was close to home for the people of Keokuk County. Seven What Cheer men had been stationed at the base. One of them, Wesley Jordan, disappeared during the attack, presumed dead.

A good half of all the stories the *Sigourney Review* published that year related back to the war in some way,

endless articles discussing rations, draft boards, courthouse physicals and collecting scrap metal for the war effort. 1942 was the beginning of four years of lean living.

On Jan. 21, *Review* publisher Cotton Etter voiced his worries that, due to the draft not making exceptions for young men who worked on farms, the county wouldn't be able to harvest the year's crops. He noted on May 6 that expert farm workers worked better than amateurs, stating that Iowa was the greatest food producing area in the entire world and that our farmers needed help just as badly as our soldiers. The lack of farmhands was especially impactful in 1942, because that year broke records for farm yields, with the

state growing 575,357,000 bushels of corn, corn that was needed both to feed Americans and to feed civilian populations in allied nations starving under the boot of Axis occupation. On Sept. 9, Etter wrote this harvest was "as essential for the winning of a war as are bombs and planes and machine guns and cartridges." The harvest was ultimately collected without trouble, thanks to countless local men coming together and volunteering to help out at county fairs.

On April 6, an army plane crashed into the Koolau range in Hawaii. Lieutenant Walter Crampton, of Sigourney, led the rescue party in the climb to the wreckage. Crampton risked his life removing the bodies from the still smoldering plane, which contained several live bombs and machine gun ammunition, which exploded as he worked. On April 10, Crampton returned to the accident site to bury the munitions and descended sixty-feet using rope to retrieve a body that had become entangled while being lowered down the mountainside. On June 25, he was awarded an Army Medal for Heroism.

Of course, other things happened in 1942. On Oct. 14, 59-year-old Milo Rhine of What Cheer's body was found in the upstairs closet at an abandoned gas station on Highway 92. Rhine hadn't been seen for several days leading up to the discovery, and his body had begun to decompose. His body showed no external wounds and investigators were unable to determine a cause of death. Rhine's car was found at a near

cemetery, locked with a full tank of gas. When police searched his home, they found signs that Rhine had been in the middle of making dinner before abruptly leaving. As far as I know, the police never figured out what happened to Rhine.

On Jan. 4, the county saw the coldest weather since 1936, with the thermometers dipping down to twenty below; the next week, the *Review* wrote it would no longer be publishing weather information, due to war-time restrictions. On Jan. 24, Richland beat Sigourney in the finals of the county-wide basketball tournament, 45-42. On Feb. 28, farmwife Matilda Peiffer killed two of her children with a shotgun. On May 14, thieves broke into six businesses in Hedrick, stealing a sedan, 4,000 cigarettes, a new radio, six watches and some old coins. On March 28, 100 children competed in a county spelling bee at Memorial Hall; the winner was twelve-year-old Margaret Sieren. A "Home Beauty Contest" was held over the course of the summer, with homes judged based on the appearance of their home and a grand prize of a \$25 defense bond and \$6.25 in defense stamps being awarded in September. The annual Yen Rou Gis Days celebration in August was cancelled, because of the war. On Aug. 18, James Williams, the last living Keokuk County Civil War Veteran, passed away at the age of 95. On Oct. 17, a car crash west of Sigourney claimed the lives of local youths Ruth Rohloff, Ward

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NORTH ENGLISH**  
**St. Joseph's**  
 221 N Knollridge St.  
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop  
 319-664-3325  
 Mass Time: Saturdays 5:00pm (Nov through Feb: 4:00pm)  
 Religious-Ed: Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm

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

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

**Ollie Baptist Church**  
 Church Phone: 641-224-9797  
 Ollie Pastor Tom Grove  
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship  
 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.  
 Free Food Bank Distribution- Every second Friday of the month.

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

**The Bethel Church**  
 Pastor Nick Needham  
 319-329-6070

6 miles East of Sigourney on Highway 92.  
 Website: thebethelumc.org  
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
 Pastor Joe Hohenshell  
 308 N. Jefferson St. 319-450-8333  
 Sunday School, 9 a.m.;  
 Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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

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

**Hope Lutheran Church, LCMS**  
 The Rev. Richard Meyer  
 315 W. Kelly Street  
 Office: 319-668-2999  
 May-Sept.  
 Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m.  
 Communion the first and third Sunday  
 Oct-April  
 Saturday: Worship at 5 p.m.  
 Communion the first and third Saturday

**Lancaster Christian Church**  
 Pastor Don Frost  
 22934 W. County Rd. V5G  
 815-262-5273  
 Sunday School: 9 a.m.;  
 Worship Service: 10 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
 415 E Pleasant Valley St.  
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop  
 Office Phone #641-622-2316  
 Sunday Mass: 10:30am  
 Religious-Ed Sundays  
 9:00-10:15am  
 Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday 9:00am  
 Email: sigourneymary@diodav.org

**Sigourney United Methodist Church**  
 Website: sigourneymc.org  
 (641) 622-2641  
 Pastor Brandi Meyer  
 Sunday Worship Services - 11:00 a.m.  
 Everyone is Welcome

**SOUTH ENGLISH**  
**English River Church of the Brethren**  
 29252 137th St., South English  
 319-667-5235  
 Worship 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

## Keota Jr-Sr High School 2025/2026 Quarter 1 Honor Roll

To be eligible, Junior High students must receive a GPA of at least 3.0 and High School students must receive a GPA of at least 3.2. High School students receiving a 4.0 GPA are denoted with a \*.

**7th Grade**  
 Madelyn Altenhofen, Nora Bayliss, Lucas Bender, Kahlilan Carl, Riley Clarke, Case Fagen, Covert Greiner, Evan Greiner, Raiden Henrichson-Mattila, Iliyiah Hill, Julie Jaeger, Henry Klein, Caidan Luers, Emerson Lyle, Connor Osweiler, Daxton Redding, Ryker Sheetz, Aspen Sieren

**8th Grade**  
 Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Greyden Horning, Cassidy McCoid, Xander Myers, Savannah Yoder

**9th Grade**  
 \*Jessalyn Aller, Peyton Baughman, Hadley Cave, Addyson Chapman, Mia Conrad, Drew Dodd, Aspen Galindo, Emma Greiner,

William Greiner, Rowen Horning, Memphis Jaeger, Vivienne Kleine, Maddox Peterson, Dacin Redlinger, Zoey Sieren, Grayson Sprouse

**10th Grade**  
 Blake Baker, Keegan Clarke, Aubrey Galindo, Aidan Greiner, Ella Greiner, Karley Greiner, Cameron Haifley, Halle Heisdorffer, Elyse Lyle, Tyson Osweiler, Levin Sheetz

**11th Grade**  
 Porter Cave, Emily Conger, Lexus Detweiler, \*Ayden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Brennan McGuire, Jaylah Redlinger, Tucker Sprouse

**12th Grade**  
 Reese Conrad, Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, Emily Mahan, Emily Moeller, \*Luke Moeller, Jake Morris, \*Addison Purkeypile, \*Gavin Sieren, \*Jackson Vittetoe

## Tri-County CSD 1st Quarter 2025 Honor Roll

**A Honor Roll**

**5th Grade**  
 Grant Sowers

**10th Grade**  
 Lia Hastings, Karley Moore, Sullivan Stanley

**11th Grade**  
 Nazareth Davis, Drayvon Lee, Aubrey Zittergruen

**12th Grade**  
 Boston Roorda, Marley Vat Patten

**B Honor Roll**

**4th Grade**  
 Sofia Berg, Annabelle Callow, Brooklynn Maxwell

**5th Grade**  
 Jenna Bos Rauch, Krystal Callow, Nora Hall, Kenneth Hartwig, Leo Molyneux

**12th Grade**  
 Tuesday Davis, Emma Lindley, Keagan MacCready

Natalie Terwilliger, Dax Tuttle

**7th Grade**  
 Quinn Stanley

**8th Grade**  
 Eva Domenech, Griffin Hall

**9th Grade**  
 Lillian McDonald, Sloane McKain, Leah Triplett

**10th Grade**  
 Keira Cooper, Gracen MacCready, Easton Mercer

**11th Grade**  
 Alyssa Hadsell, Emery Hall, Frances Lindley, Saige McKain, Sienna Molyneux



The Keota Student Council cleaned up ditches on Oct. 17.



The North Keokuk County Fire Department held a pork tenderloin dinner on Nov. 1.



Elyse Lyle and Karley Greiner were inducted to the Keota National Honor Society



“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”  
 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

### Confidence In Uncertain Times

Uncertainty can be a frightening thing in our lives, but it is up to us to address it with confidence. Some of the things that may cause us uncertainty, such as a new job, a move, or any responsibility we previously didn't have, are oftentimes signs of great change in our lives. Sometimes, when experiencing change, we tend to only address the potential for negative outcomes in our mind. Instead, as we face change, we should try to focus on the good, which may be new career opportunities, a new community, or a general improved outlook having experienced different things. We cannot possibly know where we will ultimately end up during moments of uncertainty, but instead of expecting a bad outcome, perhaps we can try a bit to instead hope for one that brings us great results.

-James Stone

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The Sigourney High School Class of 1965 celebrated 60 years on October 11th. Those attending were: Back row, left to right: Clinton Voltmer, Gary Waechter, Eugene Smithart, Gary Weber, Randy Herve, Mark Perisho, and Linda Petermann Middle Row: Mike Hart, Mary Updegraff, Sharon Renner, Lorriane Rice, June Rice, Connie Gerard, and Myrna Seaton. Front Row: Pam Sheets, Bernadette Wehr, Cindy Beall, Rob Wilkening, Dale McCormick, Rita Ulin, Floyd Bruns, and Bob Sherwood. They had a great social hour and dinner at Barn Wired!



NHS Members, L to R: Wyatt Wehr, Grace Garringer, Clara Hanselman, Bailey Gretter, Kenzi Van Den Heuvel, Kayla Renner, Addison Yates, Ellie Yates, Ellie Ireland, Bailey Pfannebecker, Ella Bahlmann, Charli Smothers, Brayden Wood



New 2025 Inductees, L to R: Grace Garringer, Clara Hanselman, Bailey Pfannebecker, Ella Bahlmann, Charli Smothers, Bailey Gretter

## Sigourney NHS Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society chapter of Sigourney Jr./Sr. High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standard in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of the NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter's needs. Students are selected to be members

by a five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the NHS Sponsor, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school. Students in the 11th or 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information re-

garding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. These forms and the

Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection. Following the notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all newly selected members. This year's induction ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 8th, at Sigourney High School.



## Parent in Heaven Scholarship

The Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA) is proud to present a scholarship to a senior graduating in May of 2025-2026. The Parent in Heaven (PH) Balance Scholarship is intended for an Iowa high school senior who at any time in his/her life has lost a parent or legal guardian. One qualifying student from the high schools in each of the six IRSPA Districts in Iowa will be selected. The \$1,000.00 scholarship will be presented during the May 2026 District Meetings. The District Six Meeting, which includes Keokuk County, will be held in Fort Madison on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Qualifying students may plan on attending a four-year college, a community college, or a technical school with plans to earn a degree or diploma for their desired field of study. The scholarship is payable to the school after the successful completion of the first semester and continued enrollment for the second semester. Applications may be obtained by contacting

an IRSPA District Coordinator, Scholarship Chair of IRSPA (Jean Hoffman), or by going to irspa.org, About tab, scholarship. The complete instructions for applying for the PH Scholarship can be found on the irspa.org website. Hover over or click About on the menu bar to get the drop down, then click on the last one, Scholarships. Finally click on SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. The application deadline is March 1 of the applicant's senior year. The District Six Coordinator for the IRSPA is Linda Miller. If you have any questions about the scholarship application, contact Linda at: IRSPA District Six Coordinator, 205 East Harlan Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641. Her email address is: erfda48@yahoo.com. A member of the Keokuk County Retired School Personnel made a beautiful quilt which will be auctioned off at the IRSPA Meeting in 2026. The auction will be to raise funds for the PH Balance Scholarship.

## Coming to the EV History Center on November 16th...

### Iowa's Civil War Generals by Frank McCaw

Frank McCaw was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated from Dubuque Senior High and the University of Dubuque where he majored in history and social studies. He worked as a social studies teacher at Hempstead Senior High School in Dubuque and a freshman football coach for seven years.

Frank writes, "My wife claims I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up, and that was confirmed by a varied employment career. In addition to a teaching certificate, I also hold real estate and insurance licenses. I began a career installing medical group information



in Galena, Illinois. It was a lot of work and a very educational experience." Frank's interest in the Civil War started when his grandmother gave him a book on the Civil War for Christmas when he was eleven years old. He was hooked and has been a student of that important event ever since. He has read hundreds of books, spent countless hours in research, and visited Civil War sites all over the country, while discovering that the more he learns the more there is to know. On Sunday, November 16, Frank McCaw will be discussing Iowa men who served as Union Army Generals during the Civil War. All are invited to attend this event at no charge. Donations are accepted.

## KEOKUK COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL - OCTOBER 15, 2025

By Mary Williams, Secretary  
The Keokuk County Retired School Personnel met on Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 P.M. at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Twenty-one members were present. President Sandy Steinke and Treasurer Linda Crouse introduced the program speakers. Crystal Stoner's family talked about their experiences raising Miniature Herefords. Crystal's granddaugh-

ter Taylor started showing Herefords when she was five years old and in Kindergarten. Through the years, Taylor and the family have shown the cattle everywhere from Iowa and Missouri to Kansas and Oklahoma. This year Taylor and her family showed their miniature Herefords at the Iowa State Fair and came home with the Champion Heifer and



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Crystal Stoner, Taylor Woods, Nick Stoner, and Robert Stoner.



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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

# Catching Up

By Sheryl L. Carter

I didn't get a full column in last week, so will do some catching up. Let's try two weeks ago, October 20-26. That Tuesday, I made a trip over to Grinnell so Petey could get his distemper booster shot, that I tried to give him at home and which did not work. Of course, that was upsetting to him to be traveling in the car, but as soon as the vet tech did the deed, and he was back in his carrier, everything was fine, and he was glad to be back home.

But he was not so fine a day later when I heard a knock at the door, and by the time I got to it, they, whoever they were, had already pulled out of the driveway and were on their way up the street. I glanced over at the patio as Petey cried out, and as he came over to me, I saw he was frightened, and his fur, which had been white (except for the black spots) was now dirty, and realized he must have been rolled in the street. He came in and I cleaned his fur, and amazingly he seemed to have nothing wrong with him. The Lord was watching over him for sure.

That Tuesday and Wednesday I worked on the big double bookcase in the living room. The book shelves were no problem, but I had dreaded sorting through the shelves behind the two closed doors at the bottom. I found a bunch of photo albums from 2008-2011, so just had to sit down and look through every one, and what fun that was! Lots of good reminders of our family, and all the wonderful times we

had during those years. I also found the notebook we had made for Loren for his 71st birthday: "71 Reasons Why Dad is Great", written by the members of our family. Some of them were laugh-out-loud funny, and some brought a tear to the eye. A true blessing.

Thursday was the trip to Pella for a dr. checkup, which went great, a profitable visit to both Thrifts, plus getting the week's groceries. Friday, my boy, Scottie, came up and he cleaned off the entire campfire site out by my little lodge, pulling weeds, cutting down brush and saplings by the big maple that abuts the lodge, took down the lettuce bed fence behind the kitty shed, and we burnt a bunch of stuff in the brick burn site. I went inside to make lunch, cheeseburger chowder, came back out, and the place was spotless!

After lunch, and me reading from Loren's birthday notebook to many belly laughs from both of us, we set to work fall cleaning the living room. And you know what a big job that is. This is not the "dust the furniture and vacuum the floors" regular cleaning. This is way more than I can do myself. All the upholstery and big rug got vacuumed good, the windows and woodwork cleaned, curtains washed and hung back up, the whole room turned out and put back together. It looked so nice.

The next day, Saturday, I did up the wash including the nifty clothing purchases from Thursday, finished vacuuming the floors, and spent

some time with my new kitty joy, Miss Cherry, my sweet little Smokey Black half-grown kitten. She is all black, but as she grows, silver gray fur is coming out on her body, under her floppy little tail, and a sweet collar and vest around her neck and chest. Oh, she is such a darling! This coloring in her fur is rare, and I surely have never seen a cat like this.

Sunday was Sunday school and church and a quiet afternoon. That night I was suddenly awakened from a sound sleep when a virus or something hit me full force, so the next three days of this past week has just been recovering. By Thursday I was finally feeling more like myself, and went into town for the weekly shopping. I needed a lot of stuff, so was glad Jazzy has a nice size cargo area.

Yesterday, Friday, Scottie came up again, and we got my herbs and geraniums potted up and brought in on the enclosed porch for the winter. A good job done. Then, as the camp fire was burning merrily and the coffee was perking, we fixed lunch of fried potatoes, brats and hamburgers, with sliced tomatoes from the garden. Another feast that we heartily enjoyed as we sat in our chairs in the lodge, the fire glowing just a few feet away. Ahhh. Nothing like a good hot fire.

After cleaning up the dishes, we tackled that same enclosed porch. I cleaned the big shelf Loren had put up for me years ago, complete with brackets he designed and cut out himself, and took down all the stuff that was up there and put back only about a

third. I love getting rid of stuff and the purge goes on! The rest went into the storage tub I am putting aside for my kids to go through and take what they want. Scottie washed windows and woodwork, etc, and I put up a bunch of different curtains I have had for some time, and oh, they do look so fresh on those nice big windows. Such a great feeling to have that room done now, too.

Today---what I have I done today?? Not a whole blooming lot, but hey, I did get the wash done. Rather I pushed a few buttons, and my faithful Maytag's did the rest. There are still some hours left in the day, so I can mark this off job of my list, and see what is left.

Tonight, we turn back our clocks. At last. And I heartily wish it was for the last time! I am sick of DST! Why can't we just go back to regular time year-round? It was good for folks for thousands of years before, why not now? Hmmm...

Next week Saturday, November 8, is the big Annual Craft & Vendor Fair at the Pella High School in Pella, probably too late for you to go by the time you get this, but in my opinion, the premier craft show around here. The admission is five dollars, and there are 114 crafters and vendors, a full house and lots of nice items. I plan to set up my table with my books and an assortment of pillows: Sheryl Carter, author and pillow maker.

Well, that about wraps it up for this time, so take care of yourself, and enjoy this lovely fall!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, November 3, 2025. The sun is brightly shining as we begin the first week of a new month, and a busy one it will be! I plan on being here in University Park all day! Many things to be done, with more boxes arriving over the weekend to be gone through.

As I continue to sort the papers I have accumulated over the years, I do enjoy the newspapers from the past. Issues of the 1971 Fremont Gazette reveal great photos of engagements, weddings & anniversaries. Even special birthdays, accomplishments and "who did what" were in print weekly. Wouldn't it be great to live in a world where folks were genuinely interested in daily life - and it was safe!

Advertising was big back then and you could purchase a three piece wedding ring set for \$175 at Gordy's Jewelers in Oskaloosa! In November of 71 Sunstrums Store for Men and Boys on the north side of the square offered a free fourteen pound turkey and a free pie with the purchase of a man's suit! The colonel was celebrating his 81st birthday and offered a three piece chicken dinner with potatoes, gravy, slaw and a roll (regular \$1.25) for 81 cents on September 9 only! Those were the deals, and you saw it all in the newspapers! I so enjoy newspapers and am so thankful there are still some continuing to keep the words and photos that will keep a part of our local history alive. I urge you to support newspapers, and send your news.

The first week of my month is always full for me. Lots of my groups meet and I am looking forward to our sixty plus group tomorrow. The meal is always a wonderful variety. What will Bill the Barber come up with? Will Bob and Cheyl Bring their sweet potatoes? Will there be jello and what deserts will appear? Sixty plus began years ago with Virginia Dalhey taking charge and it was wonderful! She did her best to find some type of entertainment each month. In the past couple years, we have been entertained by our friends from Delta, Lila and June, Keith and Nadine have gave us history on pioneer cemeteries, we've heard stories from first generation Americans and many other topics. It is so great to hear stories from those from our communities.

Although I don't really enjoy public speaking, tomorrow I plan to share some interesting facts about a few Veterans from our community. These are people we saw on our streets, contributed to our activities and many of us are unaware of a part of their lives they sacrificed for us!

I have five groups meeting this week, and Saturday will be pie baking day. Sunday will be the Veteran Brunch in Hedrick and I look forward to seeing the folks over there. I hope many of you attend and support the American Legion and the good things they do.

And in closing: 139 family farms in Iowa raise turkeys, providing twelve million pounds of turkey each year.

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Dawson, Freda Stevens, and Mrs. Rex Rogers. On Oct. 25, 14-year-old Sigourney student Lois Mae Rudolph died following an operation for appendicitis. The Sigourney High School football team had a perfect season, winning eight for eight consecutive games; players Bobby Kriese and Cloyd Michel received all-state honors. In December, C. L. Johnson of Richland won a national corn growing contest, for growing 147.24 bushels per acre; Merle Melson, also of Richland, placed second.

But, these local stories were overshadowed by the endless talk of war. In January, the supervisors cooperated with the Office of Civilian Defense to give schoolchildren instruction on what to do during an air raid. By February, the county had raised more than \$3,000 for the Red Cross. On March 31, the local Red Cross chapter opened a sewing room at Memorial Hall; 301 local women worked to sew hundreds of

garments for the war effort. On April 29, the local tire rationing board announced they would not be giving permits to replace tires to "persons guilty of abuse or negligence in care of their tires." In June, a rubber drive held by the Keokuk County Petroleum Dealers Association managed to gather 50 tons of rubber scraps for the war effort. Also in June, the county's Caterpillar road maintainers were donated to an army airfield in Colorado; four local men left for two months to operate the maintainers. On July 15 and 22, the Review posted the names of the 567 Keokuk County men enlisted in the military. On July 28, Charles Abel of Hedrick was arrested for deserting from the U.S. Army. Lieutenant Marion Wheeler of Webster received heavy praise in the May Air Forces News Letter for his role in bombing six ships, with the newsletter calling him the "best bombardier in the Pacific." On Aug. 26, Sigourney

held a "Victory Day" parade to promote patriotism and sell war bonds. An indoor carnival was held at Memorial Hall on Sept. 16 to sell war bonds. On Sept. 11, the WWI artillery canon sitting in the courthouse square, donated by the Sigourney American Legion in 1936, was converted to scrap metal. In November, it was announced that the county had raised \$4,000 for the USO. Over the course of the year, local school children gathered an astounding 289 tons of scrap metal to be recycled. In November, the state created a new 35 mph speed limit, to force drivers to have better mileage and use up less gas and rubber. On Dec. 14, Keokuk County, along with the rest of the midwest, turned off all lights for twenty minutes as part of a practice blackout.

The war was not fought on American soil, but, as these old papers show, it could not have been fought without sacrifices and hard work from the families back home.

In his Feb. 4 column, financial columnist John Craddock noted that, for every soldier fighting in Europe or the Pacific, 14 men were needed to maintain things at home and keep the war industries turning.

But, of course, the greatest sacrifice in 1942 was the human one. Sanford Bowersox of Hayesville. Harold Henry Klontz of Ollie. Lawrence Greiner of Keota. Berle Sampson of What Cheer. All of these men died as part of the armed services. Dozens more local men would join them before the war ended, as would more than 5,000 Iowans, more than 400,000 Americans, roughly 21-25 million soldiers from around the world, and worst of all, more than 50 million civilians. 3% of the world's population was snuffed out during World War II. Veterans Day is next week, and let us remember on that day this immutable fact: war is an awful, horrid thing.

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Champion Bull. At the Kansas City Royal the family won the Grand Champion Bull Award. Crystal and her family answered questions from the group at the end of their presentation.

Sandy Steinke thanked the church ladies for the delicious treats. Mary Williams read the minutes of the September meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Linda Crouse gave the Treasurer's Report. There is currently \$1,251.50 in checking and \$360.74 in the Scholarship Fund. After Paul Strid's presentation at the September meeting, Sandy contacted him about insurance and was able to save money with one of the plans he discussed. Linda Crouse sent memorials of \$30.00 each for Linda Lee and Bill Rees to their children.

Linda Miller, District Six Representative, gave a report to our group. She shared contact information for amendments to the KCRSP Constitution, AMBA insurance, and the IRSPA Newsletter. Because more members are

receiving the State Newsletter online, the budget for the newsletter was decreased to \$5,500.00. Units can apply for up to \$500.00 to help recruit new members. Six Parent in Heaven Scholarships will be given out in 2026, one to each district. Any high school senior who has lost a parent or guardian can apply for a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the IRSPA. Members concerned about possible changes to IPERS should contact their Iowa representatives.

The District Six Meeting will be in Fort Madison on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The State Convention will be on October 7-8, 2026, in Sioux City. In April, the KCRSP President and Secretary are up for re-election. Sandy Steinke will be stepping down as President. The next meeting of the KCRSP will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. The program will be Abby Sieren talking about Agriculture in the Classroom. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

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The Keota FFA livestock judging team, consisting of Ella Greiner, Emma Greiner, Garrett Greiner, and Jack Greiner competed at the American Royal Livestock Judging Contest. The team places sixth in this national contest. Emma Greiner placed eighth overall as an individual.



English Valleys runner Kaylynn Caster (845) runs in a pack of runners during the class 1A State cross country meet held Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge. Caster finished 90th overall.



Isaac Frazier (1021) leads a pack of runners during the early portions of the class 1A State cross country meet held in Fort Dodge. Frazier finished 68th overall.

## Luers leads EV girls to 8th place team finish

### Frazier finishes 68th at boys State meet

**By Mark Schafer | The News-Review**  
 FORT DODGE - Managing expectations when the attention is on can often be one of the hardest things to do. For the English Valleys girls cross country team there was nothing but high expectations for them going into Saturday's class 1A State meet at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge. The Bears were able to manage expectations as best they could even though none of the girls runners felt like they had their best run on Saturday. "We ran well today, a few girls had their season best runs, but we didn't have complete season best runs like what we would have wanted," said Luke Caster, the head cross country coach for the English Valleys team. "We competed well, and I told the girls that getting top-8 was kind of my goal for the team and being able to get eighth in the state is awesome. Not a lot of teams get to where we are and place that high. With what we battled this year with injuries and other things, to get back here and

get to that point, I'm very proud of them." Overall the Bears finished eighth as a team. They finished with 207 points, tying them with Collins-Maxwell, but because the sixth place finisher was higher for the Bears, they took the eighth spot. South Winneshiek won the class 1A team title with 125 points. Even in the race itself adversity seemed to attract itself to the Bears. Unlike some of the other meets when the Bears girls were able to clump together, at Saturday's meet the girls were more spread out. That didn't panic the girls as they each ran their own pace and made their charges late in the race. Leading the way was Anna Luers who finished 42nd overall with a time of 20:37.1. "She definitely gets the high places, which has helped our score all season long," Caster said. "Anna is the pace setter for our team, where the girls can see where she is and match her pace as much as they can. She does a good job of pushing everyone in practice. She is everything you want to see out of a leader." Addison Achenbach finished 75th overall with a time of 21:25.9. Kaylynn Caster

was 90th overall with a time of 21:52. 6. Aubrey Achenbach was 92nd overall with a time of 21:55. Kaylee Frazier was 114th overall with a time of 22:29.8, a season best for the senior. Kailor Lown was 123rd with a time of 22:46. "We will return five of the six girls, and that's the fun part of the team," Caster said. "We have a lot of girls that always challenge themselves for that second place on our team. The girls have never been afraid of hard work, and this is where it all pays off. At this State meet." **Isaac Frazier fights through hydration issues to finish 68th**  
 In the boys race English Valleys sophomore Isaac Frazier tried to use lessons from last year to propel him in the standings. "I felt pretty good in the race, although I probably should have hydrated a little more before the race," Frazier said, nearly out of breath after the race, while munching on a pickle and drinking pickle juice. "Oh well, you can't change the past." Despite feeling under hydrated for the race, Frazier was able to run his way to a 68th place finish with a time of 17:49.5.

"It just felt nice to be on a nice, fluffy course," Frazier commented on the plentiful grass found at the Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge. "This type of grass really lets you get plenty of traction." At the start of the race nothing seemed to be holding Frazier back. He used the puffy grass to run hard and stay with the main pack through about the first mile. Then he started to fade back. "I was having a little trouble hanging in my position, because I started the race real hard and real fast," Frazier said. "The wind was really bad too, on some of the parts of the course where you curve back, you could just feel the wind almost stop you in your tracks." The wind, combined with the pace of the first mile tired Frazier out a little more quickly than he was expecting. In the end Frazier would finish 68th overall with a time of 17:49.5. "I am really happy with being able to come here two years in a row," Frazier said. "I wouldn't be able to return here without the help of my coach and my teammates. I owe them a lot." *Photos by Mark Schafer*

## Cobras unable to generate offense against Trailblazers

### By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

DYERSVILLE - Momentum was missing all night long. In the end the lack of any positive momentum brought an end to the Sigourney-Keota football season. During their second-round playoff game against Beckman Catholic the Cobras weren't able to jumpstart their offense. As a result their season ended with a 35-0 defeat at the hands of Beckman Catholic. "It wasn't our night," Jared Jensen, the head coach for the Sigourney-Keota football team said after the game. "We just couldn't get anything going on offense. Beckman Catholic just seemed to be able to get the chunk yards and move the ball down field. We didn't give up any big plays, but we also had trouble stopping the small plays too." Early on the Trailblazers came out determined to show just what they were capable of. On a time consuming first drive the Trailblazers moved the ball little, by little, at first, before breaking free with a long 20-yard pass play that put them, solidly in Cobra territory. Just a few plays later the Trailblazers scored off a 12-yard touchdown run. It was just the start of a long first half for the Cobras. On Sigourney-Keota's first drive of the game they were able to get one first down before the blocking up front seemed to break down, allowing Beckman Catholic defenders to break through the line and disrupt the flow of the Sigourney-Keota offense. "The size of the Beckman Catholic line definitely gave us problems throughout the game," Jensen said. "We started to get things blocked better in the second quarter, but the speed of the linebackers just closed up the holes a lot faster than we were able to run through them." It was a problem that plagued the Cobras throughout the first part of the year. The blocks didn't sustain themselves and the paths for the running backs were clogged up by green jerseys. Sigourney-Keota tried to counter by mixing up the run plays in the first half. Instead of attacking the middle the Cobras tried sweeps to the outside edge. There they were just met by the speedy Beckman Catholic defense. When the Cobras tried to unleash some of their trickery and slight of hand and disguise who had the ball, more often than not, the Cobras were met with a defender in the back field. "We would have some positive yards, but we couldn't keep the positive yards going for most of the game," Jensen said. "We weren't able to generate field position either, and gave our defense too short of fields to defend most of the first half. It was just tough sledding tonight." The Trailblazers scored

twice in the second quarter using the short fields that Sigourney-Keota gave them. They scored off a 10-yard run early in the second quarter, and took a 21-0 lead with a third score in the first half. Just before halftime the Cobras seemed to finally catch a break. The Trailblazers were threatening to score once again. As the Beckman Catholic quarterback reached out for the goal line a Sigourney-Keota defender knocked the ball free and eventually the Cobras recovered the fumble. That gave the Cobras some hope. If they could drive down field and score just before half, they could maybe carry that momentum over to the second half when they would receive the kickoff. After gaining eight yards on the first run, and then another five yard run, it seemed Sigourney-Keota was getting their groove together. But two straight tackles behind the line of scrimmage forced the Cobras to kneel to end the half. "It was a complete struggle to get our offense going tonight," Jensen said. "We need a clean line of scrimmage to get things going. They were getting to us before we could hand the ball off sometimes. We just didn't handle up front very well tonight. When you don't have any consistency then we are in trouble. Once we get behind the chains, our offense isn't going to be overly successful." Beckman finished off the game with two scores in the fourth quarter once off a five yard run, and the final one being a 51-yard touchdown run with just over two minutes remaining. "The seniors kept us afloat this year, they really did," Jensen said. "After the 0-3 start some senior groups could have packed the season up then, but our seniors just kept fighting. They are a great group, they were fun to be around, they kept the energy up at practice. It didn't turn out the way we wanted it to tonight, but we wouldn't be here without the senior group." The Cobras finish the season with a 5-5 mark on the year. Friday night the Cobras were limited to just 15 passing yards as Brayden Wood completed three of his seven passes for all 15 yards. Hunter Sellers caught all three passes. The Cobras had just 75 yards rushing. Blake Baker had 15 carries for 40 yards. Aven Chitwood had four carries for 25 yards. Ayden Galindo finished with six carries for 19 yards. Wood had seven yards off eight carries. John Berg was a leader on defense with 6.5 tackles. Owen Menke had 5.5 tackles. Landon Fisch finished with 4.5 tackles. Baker and Wells Clark both had four tackles each. Clarahan forced a fumble which Wells Clark recovered.



Members of the Pekin football team pose with their playoff trophy after falling to North Linn on Oct. 31 in the second round of the class A playoffs.

## Lynx get revenge in second round of playoffs

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PACKWOOD - One round later than last year and revenge, cruelly has been served. Last year it was Pekin celebrating a win over North Linn to move on in the playoffs. This year, in the second round it was North Linn's turn to do the celebrating. On Halloween night the Panthers were met with a fright as their offensive juggernaut was completely shut down by the defensive minded Lynx. The Panthers generated just 45 yards of total offense, as their season came to a close following a 21-3 defeat. The frights for the Panthers started early on. In the first quarter North Linn was able to get the ball deep in Pekin territory after the Panthers fumbled a snap, which the Lynx jumped on. Just a few plays later the Lynx scored to take an early 7-0 lead. Things turned around for the Panthers in the second quarter. Junior Henry Adam was able to intercept a North Linn pass and returned it 75-yards down field before he was tracked down by a North Linn player. After trying for four plays to get into the endzone the Panthers had to settle for a field goal. At halftime the Panthers trailed 7-3, but seemed to be ready to make the adjustments needed for a comeback in the second half. Both teams made adjustments for the second half. It

just seemed the North Linn adjustments were a bit finer tuned. North Linn struck again in the third quarter with a touchdown pass. The Lynx defense stood tall as the usual attack of Pekin was unable to generate many positive plays. The death knell came in the fourth quarter for the Panthers as North Linn scored another touchdown to take the 21-3 victory, and end the Panthers record with a 9-1 overall record. Riley Smith was held to 34 yards passing, after completing six of his eight passes. Nolan Glick rushed for 25 yards off 10 attempts. Henry Adam had five carries for 15 yards. Smith finished the game with six rushes for -29 yards. Henry Adam caught four passes for 32 yards. Alijah Brock caught two passes for two yards. Adam led the Panthers with 7.5 tackles on the night. Landon Crow finished with seven tackles. Cal Miller had 6.5 tackles. Brock and Sam Sharp both had four tackles each. Adam had one interception in the game. *Photos by Katie Phillips*



Nolan Glick (10) attempts to step out of the tackle attempt of North Linn's Macey Winn (back) during a play in the Oct. 31 game.



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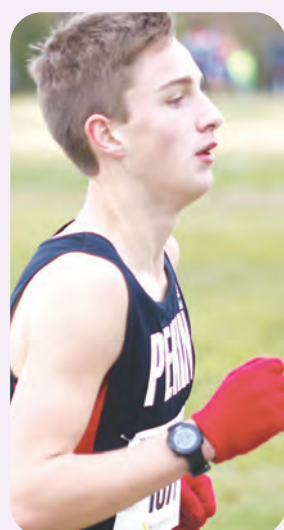


## Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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### Cole Millikin

A faster than normal start put him behind the pack.

That didn't bother Pekin senior Cole Millikin in the race though as he was able to find his footing and steadily rise throughout the rest of the race. Although his time wasn't where he wanted it to be, Millikin was able to lead the area runners at the State cross country race held Saturday.

Ultimately Millikin led all area run-

ners with a 33rd place finish at the State meet. His time was clocked at 17:12.3, a little over a minute behind the eventual race winner.

Of the nine area boys runners that ran at the State cross country meet Millikin was the fastest this weekend.

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



### Chloe Glosser

Even an extra added detour didn't seem to slow her down.

Saturday afternoon at the class 1A State cross country meet Pekin senior Chloe Glosser had a bit of an extra few steps added to her journey. Coming around the final turn Glosser lost her footing and fell down.

She recovered quickly, got back on her feet and sprinted to the finish line, securing a second-place finish at the State meet.

That marks the sec-

ond-straight year that Glosser was able to finish in the top-3 at the State cross country meet. Overall Glosser ran a time of 18:33.5, which was about 40 seconds behind the race winner. She was the fastest of the area athletes at the State cross country meet.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Glosser on her runner-up finish at the cross country meet, and for being named this week's athlete of the week.



Pekin senior Chloe Glosser (904) leads Martensdale-St. Mary's runner Karson Oberender (884) and Starmont's Lauren Krogmann (932) during the early portions of the State cross country race held at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge. Glosser finished second overall in the girls race.



Pekin's Cole Millikin (1071) passes Sigourney runner Troy Klett (back) during the later portions of the class 1A State meet held Nov. 1. Millikin would finish 33rd overall.



Sigourney senior Troy Klett (1080) chases down Sioux Central runner Jack Christian (1081) during the early portions of the State cross country meet held Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge. Klett finished 47th overall in the race.

## Glosser finishes second at State meet

### Millikin leads Pekin boys with 33rd place finish

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FORT DODGE - In one instant everything, quite literally, seemed to slip away.

As Pekin senior Chloe Glosser rounded the final corner to run down the extensive home stretch, her footing under her slipped away, and the lanky senior tumbled to the ground. With still quite a bit to go, Glosser could have stayed on the ground watched as her second-place position disappeared.

Instead, the senior got back to her feet and let her instincts take over.

"I got up and I just knew I needed to find that final gear, find that gear from God and give it all to him, let him use the abilities in me, and to trust my training and my abilities," Glosser said. "I knew I had God's strength and power behind me and I just wanted to finish hard. I knew I had two more minutes left in the race, and I was going to run as fast as I could."

Ignoring everything else, Glosser got up and focused on the black uniform of Lauren Krogmann from Starmont, who had just passed

her. The slip seemed to be just a momentary detour.

Over the final two minutes of the race Glosser not only caught back up to Krogmann, she was able to stride past her, finishing nearly a second ahead of the Starmont junior.

Glosser finished second overall in the class 1A meet, the best she has ever finished in the race. Her time of 18:33.5, just a smidge slower than her third place time from 2024.

"It feels amazing to be able

to run as good as I have over the years," Glosser said. "I feel so blessed to have been able to run as well as I have and use the abilities that I've had to finish in the top-5 over the last two years. It is hard with Lili (Denton) being in the same grade and us being in the same class."

Glosser tried to catch Denton at the start of the girls race on Saturday, but the St. Albert runner seemed determined to showcase her skills. By the time the first mile of the race had expired Denton

had already built a 20-second lead. That lead only continued to grow over the next two miles.

"I always have something to chase, so while it is unfortunate to run with Lili all the time, she gives me something to chase," Glosser said. "I am so thankful for what I have been able to accomplish, and it is just so sad this is my last cross country race in a Pekin uniform. I am so blessed to have had this opportunity to run for Pekin these last four years."

Glosser wasn't the only Panther to run at the State cross country race on Saturday.

The Pekin boys cross country team qualified their entire team, and they would finish 14th overall with a total of 294 points. Riverside, Oakland won the meet with 54 points.

Cole Millikin led the way for the Panthers with the 33rd fastest time of 17:12.3. Lane Fariss was 51st overall with a time of 17:37.1. Mason Dahlstrom was 54th overall with a time of 17:39.5. Brody Sobaski finished 136th with a season best time of 19:26. Landon Fariss was 140th with a time of 19:53. Clayton Harvey finished in 148th and Hayden Miller finished in 150th.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin runners Lane Fariss (1068) and Mason Dahlstrom (1066) run up an uphill portion of the State cross country course during the later portions of the class 1A meet held Nov. 1. Fariss finished 51st overall and Dahlstrom was 54th overall in the race.



Troy Klett from Sigourney looks over to get instructions from a coach during the uphill portion of the State cross country race held Nov. 1 in Fort Dodge.

## Klett powers to 47th place finish

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

FORT DODGE - At first everything seemed to be going extremely well.

It turned out that things might have been going a little too well for him, at least in the early portions of the class 1A State cross country meet held Saturday.

"Things started off really, really well for me," said Sigourney senior Troy Klett, who ran in his second consecutive State cross country race. "My problem was I just went out way, way too fast. I ran a really fast first mile, it is what it is, I'm not quite at that level yet."

Klett completed the first mile in a little over five minutes. While that was a pace that would help him keep up with the leaders, it proved to be too fast of a pace for the Sigourney senior to maintain.

"I saw my time in the first mile was at 5:09, and I thought, wow that is pretty steep, especially when I shoot for a 5:30 at most courses," Klett said about his first mile time. "I knew it was too fast. It is the State meet, so I was going to leave it all out on the course."

Throughout the second mile of the course Klett continued to pump his legs as much as he could, but the pace just wasn't there. He continued as much he could, but some of the faster runners would pass him.

Overall Klett finished the race with a time of 17:30.2 which placed him 47th overall. Not his season best time, but still a time that he is happy with.

"Sometimes you have good days, and sometimes you

have bad days on the course," Klett said. "Today was just a bad day. The last mile, mile and a half I was just hanging on the best I could. It was a fighting effort the entire last mile."

Although Klett was passed in the final stages of the race, he was able to use his strength, the down hill portion of the course, to power himself to his 47th place finish.

Klett was able to improve on his finish from a season ago.

"I still ran a faster time than what I had last year at the race," Klett said. "I'm not impressed with my time today, but it is what it is. I had a lot of memories from this season. Winning the South Iowa Cedar League championship is something no one can take away from me, and being able to finish here is a great feeling too."

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## COURT RECORDS

**Civil**  
**Oct. 24th**  
Defendants Ethan Lee Hale, Tiffany Leigh Hale; Plaintiff Hauge Associates INC; Judgment Default.  
Defendant Trinity Vanbrocklin; Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc. Judgment Default.  
**Oct. 25th**  
Defendant Jennifer Rose Leer; Plaintiff Capital One, NA, Successor by merger to Discover.  
**Criminal**  
**Oct. 27th**  
Defendant Vance Edward Ellis; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Megan Jo Wickenkamp; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.  
Defendant Gage Michael Parks; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.  
**Oct. 28th**  
Defendant Matthew Lee Lanman; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment; Trial Information.  
Defendant Matthew Lee

Lanman; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.  
**Oct. 29th**  
Defendant Shane Randy Ellis; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant William J. Gragg; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant Dakota Daniel-Lee Thomas; Payor Ryan Lee Bunting; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant William Braxton McCarroll; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Arraignment.  
**Oct. 30th**  
Defendant Robert Allen Lorthridge; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant Dakota James Ruggles; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.  
Defendant Adam Westscott Cheney; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
Defendant Sheffiney Shae Thomas; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.  
**Domestic**

**Oct. 27th**  
Defendant Paul Anthony Davis; Petitioner Lorna Davis; Motion for Continuance.  
**Scheduled Traffic**  
**Oct. 24th**  
Defendant Abigail Maw Briggs; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over).  
**Oct. 25th**  
Defendant Sara Michelle Blake; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).  
**Oct. 26th**  
Defendant Nicholas Allen Davis; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).  
Defendant Amy Sue Wilson; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.  
Defendant James A. Sines; Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.  
Defendant Daniel Lee Morrill; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).  
Defendant Clifford L. Fritz; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.  
**Oct. 27th**  
Defendant Joseph Randal

Foster; Unlawful Passing of School Bus- First Offense.  
Defendant Todd Allen Follman; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).  
Defendant Timothy Aaron Martinez; Dark Window or Windshield.  
Defendant William Austin Chance; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.  
Defendant William Austin Chance; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).  
Defendant Armando Sartiaguin Duarte; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).  
**Oct. 29th**  
Defendant Joyce Warren; Dark Window or Windshield.  
**Oct. 30th**  
Defendant Nicholas Scott Stoneer; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.  
Defendant Abraham Christian Miller; Fail to Yield Upon Entering Through Highway.  
**Oct. 31st**  
Michael Wayne Pringle; Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

**OWI**  
**Oct. 24th**  
Defendant Jill Amber Winn; Payor Dana C. Miller; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.  
**Small Claims**  
**Oct. 24th**  
Defendant Matthew Kuntz; Plaintiff Greenstate Credit Union FKA University of Iowa; Judgment Default.  
Defendant Francis Tollard; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Judgment Default.  
Defendant Brian Pickrell; Plaintiff Capital One NA; Small Claims Original Notice.  
Defendant Cory Wickenkamp; Plaintiff Midland Credit Management, INC; Small Claims Original Notice.  
**Oct. 26th**  
Defendant Jeane Marie Maschmann; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Motion for Continuance.  
**Oct. 27th**  
Defendant Jana L. Sterling; Plaintiff First National Bank of Omaha; Order for Judgment.

**Oct. 28th**  
Defendant Brandi Cave; Plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Order Setting Trial.  
Defendants Jessica Diane Hervey, Trenten Lee Hervey; Plaintiff Hauge Associates INC; Dismissed w/o Prejudice.  
**Oct. 29th**  
Defendant Kylie Shullaw; Plaintiff Greenstate Credit Union FKA University of Iowa; Judgment Default  
Defendant Levi Edward Fritz; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, Judgment Default.  
Defendant Brandy Pauline Spence; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Judgment Default.  
Defendant Sean Michael Ault; Plaintiff Hauge Associates INC; Judgment Default.  
Defendant Virgilia Bailey; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, Small Claims Original Notice.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

**Oct. 20th**  
ma Houser Conservatorship, Court Order Deed: Nao-Mariaea Greenlee Conservator

### PUBLIC NOTICE City of What Cheer • Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing shall be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:15pm at the What Cheer City Hall.  
This public hearing will be on the proposal of adopting a municipal code of ordinances. A copy of said codified ordinances is now available at the What Cheer City Hall for public review. City Clerk Melanie Vermillion 641-634-2590. Published in The News-Review on November 5, 2025

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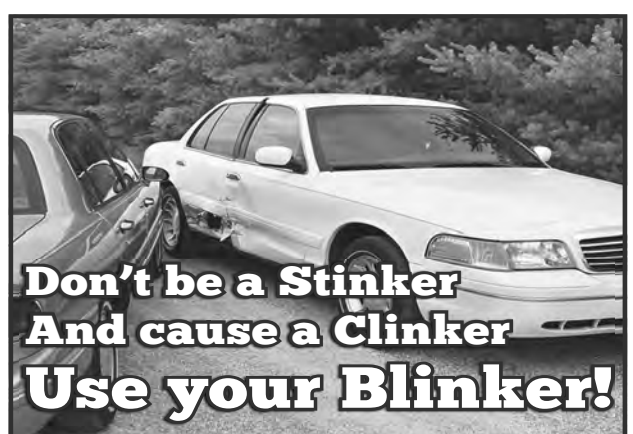
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to Larry J. Hammes; PT KEOTA HAMMES SUBDIVISION Lot: 03, PT KEOTA HAMMES SUBDIVISION Lot: 04, PLAT B4 P283.  
Deed Quit Claim: City of Richland to Chad M. Reed; PT ALLEY SD02 Lot: 04 NE NW 27-74-10, PT ALLEY SD03 Lot: 04 NE NW 27-74-10, PLAT B3 P260, EXCEPT LAND DEED B76 P296.  
Deed Quit Claim: Beverly A. Christner to Michael W. Christner; NW NW 31-75-12.  
Warranty Deed: Gary L. Waechter, Cynthia S. Waechter to Jennifer A. McMillin; PT NW NW 31-76-12, NW NW 31-76-12 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT 2025-1712.  
**Oct. 21st**  
Warranty Deed: Sharon K. Aller, Rodger D. Aller to Duane

Eugene Schaul Jr, Rachel Ann Rose Schaul; SIGOURNEY A E LOWES ADDITION Lot: 07 Block: 03, SIGOURNEY A E LOWES ADDITION Lot: 08 Block: 03.  
Deed Quit Claim: Roberty Randall Madison to Richard Jones, Faye Jones; SIGOURNEY A E LOWES ADDITION Lot: 08 Block: 03.  
**Oct. 22nd**  
Court Officer Deed: James Ray Woodard Estate, Beth Ann Brodeur Executor to Body James Long, Ashley Long; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 03 Block: 48, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 04 Block: 48.  
Warranty Deed: Carol D. Huffman, Carol Ann Huffman to A A B C LLC; PT Lot: 05 NW NW 01-75-12, PT Lot: 02 NW

NW 01-75-12, PT Lot: 03 NW NW 01-75-12, PLAT B2 P288, PT SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 0L15, PT SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY.  
Warranty Deed: Mary Clarence Krumm, Mary C. Krumm to Justin P. Leer, Rebecca L. Leer; KESWICK KESMONT Lot: 01.  
**Oct. 23rd**  
Warranty Deed: Douglas D. Meier, Douglas Meier, Joanna G. Stratton Meier, Joanna Stratton Meier to Douglas D. Meier Trustee, Douglas D. Meier Revocable Trust; PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 02 Block: 31.  
Warranty Deed: Jack Robert Vallandingham Jr., Carol Vallandingham to Benton Township; HEDRICK ORIGINAL

PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 13 Block: 15, RR ROW PT SE NW 36-74-13, RR ROW PT NW NW 36-74-13, RR ROW PT SW NW 36-74-13, RR ROW PT NE NW 36-74-13.  
Warranty Deed: Jason Fisher, Alicia Fisher, Jamie Fisher to Mark T. Seaton, Sherri R. Seaton; PT NE SW 23-77-13, PT SE SW 23-77-13, THORNBURG JOHNSONS 2ND ADDITION (THORNBURG) Lot: OL01, PT NW SE 23-77-13.  
**Oct. 24th**  
Deed Quit Claim: Heavens Gate LLC to Justin Michael Bucher; Lot: 03 NW SE 27-74-10 Parcel: AUD PAR E, PLAT 2009-2003, Lot: 06 NW SE 27-74-10 Parcel: AUD PAR E, PLAT 2009-2003.  
Warranty Deed: Gary Joe VanPatten on a roof that will be covering his existing deck. Howard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Donna Rogers motioned to approve a building permit submitted by Travis Buban for the addition on to his property on West Briney St. Dwight seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Sandy Van Patten motioned to look into contacting the city attorney about an abandoned dilapidated house on West Briney St to find out the city's options on clean up of the property. Donna Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Sandy Van Patten to have the city apply for the Keokuk County Endowment Grant to put sidewalks from the parking area at the park, around the veteran's monument and to the shelter, and also to repair the base of the monument. Dwight Danner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Danner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm, Howard seconded.  
Darrell Wilkening, Mayor  
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of What Cheer • Minutes 10.21.2025

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 (postponed)**  
The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers, and Christine Howard. Rick Shafranek was absent. Also, present was Eric & Andrea Coble, April Dumermuth, Frank Calvert, Brandon Bell, Stacy Hartwig, Adam Clark, David Campbell, Richard & Faye Jones, Gary J. Van Patten and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.  
Rogers made motion to approve the consent agenda, VanPatten seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Mayor Darrell Wilkening gave his Mayors Report. He informed the council that the part time maintenance worker Justin Van Patten resigned from his job and the job opening has been posted and published in the paper. He also informed the council that the ruling from the Jones case on building a fence without an approved building

permit ruled in favor of the City of What Cheer, but the Jones have now appealed the case. The mayor also let the council know that the new vinyl fencing has been installed at the city park, and thanked the Betterment Committee for funding the project.  
During audience comments Stacy Hartwig addressed the council about buildings that are being built and wondered if building permits were being submitted. Most have turned in building permits. Richard Jones asked about the progress of waste water issue on West Johnston St. The mayor explained that the property owner is working with the DNR and the County Sanitarian.  
Christine Howard made the motion to close sections of Briney St temporarily for the Christmas events that will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-4pm. Donna Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor.  
Sandy Van Patten made a motion to hire Carl Hampton for the part time maintenance position, starting pay will be \$15.00 an hour with a 30 and 90 day evaluation. Donna Rogers seconded. Roll Call: Dwight Danner, Aye; Rogers, Aye;

Howard, Nay; and Van Patten Aye. Motion Carried.  
Howard motioned to set Trick or Treat Night on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm. Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Van Patten motioned to approve a liquor license for Dollar General. Howard seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Aye; Van Patten, Aye; and Danner, Nay. Motion Carried.  
Donna Rogers motioned to approve the annual street finance report, Van Patten seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Sandy VanPatten made motion to adopt a resolution 25-10-12 to set a public hearing on the proposal of adoption a new code of ordinances. The hearing will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. Rogers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Danner, Aye; Van Patten, Aye; Rogers, Aye; and Howard, Aye. Motion Carried.  
Rogers made a motion to postpone the November meeting until Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Day falls on the normally scheduled council meeting day. Howard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.  
Dwight Danner motioned to approve a building permit submitted

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**PROBATE**

**LUANNE WARD BROWN ESPR038648**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUANNE WARD BROWN, DECEASED  
PROBATE No. ESPR038648  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To all persons interested in the Estate of Luanne Ward Brown, Deceased, who died on or about October 12, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 29, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Luanne Ward Brown, deceased, bearing the date of November 7, 2024 was admitted to probate in the above-named Court and that McKensy Bainbridge was appointed Executor of the Estate of Luanne Ward Brown. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the Decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be for-

ever barred.  
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the Estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
Dated October 30, 2025.  
McKensy Anne Bainbridge  
11815 Pompano PL SE  
Albuquerque NM 87123  
Executor of Estate:  
Attorney for Estate:  
Vanessa M.Y. Willman  
Foss, Kuiken, Cochran, Helling & Willman P.C.  
P.O. Box 30  
Fairfield, Iowa 52556  
AT0011731  
Date of second publication:  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**City of Delta • Minutes and Claims 10.8.2025**

**DELTA CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025**

6PM DELTA CITY HALL

The Delta City Council met in regular session on October 8, 2025 at 6pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor James Ahlberg presiding.

Council present: Barb Fisher, Jody Kleinschmidt, Nathan Slagter, and Melvin Lambert

Also present: Faye Carey, Justin Bringham, Kaylie Robertson, Dixie Shipley, Rick Hein, and Dolores Carey

Mayor Ahlberg called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council reviewed the agenda, September meeting minutes, Treasurer's report, and bills for approval. Kleinschmidt made a motion to approve. Slagter 2nd. Roll call, all eyes. Motion carried.

Mayor Ahlberg opened the floor to public comment. None to address.

Council discussed the applications received for the open maintenance position. An interview for a prospective employee will be set up for Thursday, October 16th at 6:30pm.

Council discussed the scheduling of Trick 'O' Treat for the 2025 year. It will be held on October 31st from 6-8pm. Slagter made motion. Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all eyes. Motion carried.

Council was informed off documentation that will be sent out in

the October water bill regarding lead lines and water testing. No citizen or council action will be needed at this time.

Rick Hein asked the council to review some pictures of his neighbor's property to see if it is in violation of any ordinances or fire codes. Council informed Hein that it is not.

Slagter made motion to adjourn. Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all eyes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:41pm.

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| D. Keasling:           | \$637.90   |
| Intuit:                | \$182.00   |
| F. Carey:              | \$1,746.82 |
| Menards:               | \$61.39    |
| River Products Co.:    | \$398.57   |
| US Cellular:           | \$75.44    |
| Key Coop:              | \$279.80   |
| Heslinga Law Firm:     | \$165.00   |
| IA DOT:                | \$8,846.30 |
| N&N Sanitation:        | \$2,814.30 |
| Elliot Oil:            | \$283.54   |
| Alliant Energy:        | \$1,261.66 |
| Keokuk Co. Treas.:     | \$2,967.15 |
| Kleinschmidt Trucking: | \$370.52   |
| H&M:                   | \$28.95    |
| Kinetic:               | \$201.73   |
| SOSB:                  | \$100.00   |
| B. Gilliland:          | \$333.27   |
| WRWA:                  | \$1,832.68 |
| Microbac:              | \$125.25   |
| D. Northup:            | \$580.08   |

ATTEST: Mayor, James Ahlberg  
City Clerk, Faye Carey  
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**PROBATE**

**BRADFORD S ALLISON ESPR038647**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADFORD S ALLISON, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR038647  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bradford S. Allison, Deceased, who died on or about June 13, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 22, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on October 28, 2025.  
Angela M. Allison  
Angela M. Allison, Administrator of the Estate  
202 Broadway St.  
Kinross, IA 52335  
Washington Law Office, LLP  
Craig A. Davis, ICIS#: AT0001931  
Attorney for the Administrator  
211 West Washington Street  
P.O. Box 867  
Washington, IA 52353  
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ated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on October 28, 2025.  
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Washington, IA 52353  
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**PROBATE**

**Michael David Bucher ESPR038645**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Michael David Bucher, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR038645  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Michael David Bucher, Deceased, who died on or about October 2, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 17, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four

months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on October 20, 2025.  
Keith Reed, Administrator of the Estate  
117 Amber Mill Circle  
Brunswick, GA 31525  
Debra Anderson  
2005 Baker Ave  
West Branch, IA 52358  
Joshua P Kraushaar, ICIS#: AT0004334  
Attorney for the Administrator  
Elwood, Elwood & Buchanan  
423 N. Highland  
PO Box 70  
Williamsburg, IA 52361  
Date of second publication  
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**PROBATE**

**DIXIE L. RICHARDSON ESPR038642**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIXIE L. RICHARDSON, Deceased.  
PROBATE NO.: ESPR038642  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL; OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To all persons interested in the estate of Dixie L. Richardson, deceased, who died on or about August 28, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 13, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dixie L. Richardson, deceased, bearing the date of September 21, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that the undersigned was appointed as Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or there-

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

Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.  
Nicholas E. Richardson, Executor of the Estate  
32731 325th St.  
Richard, IA 52585  
Scott D. Flynn, Attorney for Executor  
204 E Broadway Ave  
PO Box 47  
Keota, IA 52248  
Date of Second Publication  
5th day of November, 2025.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sigourney CSD • Minutes 10.8.2025**

**SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Sigourney Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 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, Mistry Sellers, Shannon Webb, Jenny Bell, Deanna Spence, Jenny Gay 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 Clark moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 7-0.

Welcome Visitors: None  
Non-Action Items: Jenny Bell presented the Savage Advantage and announced the Certificate of Recognition for Pre-Apprentice Program with Sinclair Tractor. Iowa School Performance Ratings were discussed. The Insurance Study Team was discussed as well as the Iowa mandatory training law regarding open meetings. The letter from the FFA regarding permission to attend the FFA Convention in IN at the end of October was read. The Bond referendum was discussed. The Board looked at the preliminary enrollment re-

port which seems to show a trend up. The October celebrations were acknowledged including: National Principal Recognition; National School Lunch Week Recognition; School Bus Safety Week Recognition; and National Bullying Prevention Recognition.

Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal Spence reported the FAST results for reading and math. Spence also told about the great time the 5th grade was having at School of the Wild w/Keokuk County Conservation in early October and announced the Color run which is being held Oct 17. High School Principal, Shannon Webb reported on the School Report card and announced MAP testing will be the week of October 20. Certified Enrollment is being worked on. The activities department reported the busy start to school with football, volleyball and cross country. The maintenance department has been busy getting things ready for the fall sports. The technology department reported they are ensuring testing readiness and things are going well. Transportation reported the loss of their dear friend and co-worker Mr. Loonie Bell. Vehicle inspections will be Oct 28th.

Consent Agenda: Director Bensmiller moved to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:  
Minutes from September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.  
Financial Reports from September 2025.  
Payment of Bills: General Fund \$99,233.59; Activity \$16,913.05; SAVE \$35,209.72; Management Fund \$6,787.75; PPEL \$2,766.88.  
Open Enrollment:

OUT to Clayton Ridge-Iowa Virtual Academy - A Wells & V Paintin Personnel:  
Resignations: Lonnie Bell - Bus Driver  
New Hires: Luke Kyle - Asst HS Boys Wrestling Coach  
Volunteers: Matt Collins-HS Boys Wrestling; Shane Utterback-HS Girls Wrestling; Kyle Weber-JH Girls Basketball, Aaron Sellers-JH Boys Basketball  
Fundraisers: Color Run-Sept 22-Oct 17, 2025-Elem PBIS  
Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Will Focus on Student Learning and School Improvement:  
1. Moved by Director Clark to approve out of state travel for Sigourney FFA Chapter to attend National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana (October 29 thru November 1, 2025). Seconded by Director Glandon. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Will Focus on Finance, Business, and Policy:  
1. Moved by Director Wilcox to approve the snow removal bid from Sigourney Tree Care as presented. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Moved by Director Bensmiller to approve updates to Board policies: 208, 208-R1, 208-E1, 401.01, 502.07, 507.05, 708, 710.1-E1, 507.02, 607.02, 802.02, 804.05. Seconded by Director Wilcox. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Moved by Director Clark to approve FY25 Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Moved by Director Bruns to approve the SBRC request in the amount of \$134,777.46 for the 2025-26 school year. Seconded

by Director Branstad. Motion carried 7-0.  
Announcements/Suggestions for Next Meeting: PK-12 P/T Conferences (Oct 29-30, 1:30 Dismissals; 10/31-No School), Bond Open houses 10/15 6-7 PM; 10/22 6-7 PM, Jr/Sr High School. Board election results. Organizational Meeting Nov 12, 2025. Early Graduation requests. Board-Supt IASB Conference. Early Retirement report - Deadline Dec 1, 2025. Board work session; District insurance -TBD.

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 7:00 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 8:40 PM.

Adjournment: Director Bensmiller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Director Bruns. Motion carried 7-0.  
Steven Seeley, Board President  
Angie Lamberson, Board Secretary  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041589**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY STATE OF IOWA KEOKUK COUNTY Iowa District Court Keokuk County Case #: EQEQ041589 Civil #: 25-000445 HILLS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY VS**

**CHIEF INVESTMENTS, LLC, DAVID W BROWN, LISA M BROWN, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION**  
X Special Execution  
General Execution  
Other

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)

X Real Estate  
Personal Property  
X Described Below  
On attached sheet:

To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is  
**AUDITOR'S PARCEL "A" OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE, TOWNSHIP SEVENTY-SIX NORTH, RANGE ELEVEN WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN IN BOOK 331, PAGE 59; IN KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA**  
Property Address: 26291 HIGHWAY 92, SIGOURNEY, IA 52591

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:  
Sale Date 12/16/2025  
Sale Time 10:00

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

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.  
Judgment Amount \$210,000.00  
Costs \$47,739.74  
Accruing Costs PLUS  
Interest \$7,456.44  
Sheriff's Fees Pending  
Date 10/27/2025  
Casey J Hinnah  
KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF  
Attorney  
ANDREW R NORDYKE  
131 E MAIN ST BOX 160  
HILLS, IA 52235  
(319)679-5467  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**SIGOURNEY CSD OCTOBER 8, 2025**

**GENERAL FUND**  
ACME TOOLS CEDAR RAPIDS...  
.....2,221.44  
AGILE SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.....3,490.24  
AGRI LAND FS, INC.....1,633.48  
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.....580.00  
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL.....180.00  
ALLIANT ENERGY.....7,154.05  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....2,575.14  
ATWOOD ELECTRIC, INC.....1,578.91  
Washington, IA 52353  
BROTHERS MARKET.....505.70  
BROTHERS MARKET.....10.23  
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC.....2,059.00  
CITY OF SIGOURNEY.....4,245.83  
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES, INC.....240.00  
COLOR POWDER SUPPLY CO.....1,023.40  
COPELAND AUTO BODY, INC.....1,000.00  
CULLIGAN WATER TECH.....247.20  
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES.....192.86  
FLEETSIDE MOBILE SERVICE.....1,172.70  
GREAT PRAIRIE AEA.....10,204.10  
GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY.....15,925.00  
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY CO.....238.99  
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....174.30  
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY

COLLEGE.....7,999.98  
ISFIS, INC.....25.00  
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES.....61.10  
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION.....1,922.67  
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CENTRAL IOWA, INC.....1,117.39  
KCII RADIO.....830.04  
KEOKUK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.....1,563.26  
KEOKUK COUNTY TREASURER.....4,175.00  
LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS.....341.55  
LEET'S REFRIGERATION, LC.....406.54  
MAHASKA COMMUNICATION GROUP.....2,067.79  
MATH LEARNING CENTER, THE.....8,100.00  
MIDWESTONE BANK-VISA.....330.03  
MISC.....500.00  
OTTUMWA CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC.....200.00  
REALLY GREAT READING, LLC.....1,058.60  
RED LION RENEWABLES, LLC.....5,909.64  
SCHOLASTIC, INC.....384.62  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA.....2,330.00  
SCHOOL BUS SALES.....478.26  
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY, INC.....631.87  
SIGOURNEY LUMBER.....150.00  
SINCLAIR NAPA.....76.23  
SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....106.57  
TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC.....10.85

U.S. CELLULAR.....97.29  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, THE.....448.00  
WALSH SECURITY, LLC.....210.00  
ZANER-BLOSER, INC.....1,048.74  
Fund Number 10.....99,233.59

LARSON, MATT.....100.00  
LING, AL.....125.00  
MAHASKA BOTTLING.....1,938.09  
MCCREA, LOGAN.....200.00  
MCDONOUGH, CHARLES.....200.00  
MCSPADDEN, DAVE.....250.00  
MONTEZUMA CSD.....70.00  
PARKER, JARED.....100.00  
PARKER, JERRY.....100.00  
PARKER, TODD.....100.00  
PEKIN CSD.....70.00  
PORTA PHONE.....50.00  
ROHACH, STEVE.....250.00  
SIGOURNEY PRIDE.....247.71  
THOMPSON, JUSTIN JAY.....125.00  
THORNTON, MARK.....125.00  
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESALE.....1,749.57  
WHITE, BRETT.....125.00  
WITZENBERG, BRIAN.....125.00  
DAVIS COUNTY CSD.....70.00  
DECKER SPORTING GOODS.....497.60  
DERLEIN SCALE, INC.....100.00  
DRAMATIC PUBLISHING CO.....743.20  
EDMUNDSON GOLF COURSE.....349.00  
ELITE SPORTS.....143.44  
ENGLISH VALLEYS CSD.....50.00  
FRESH START DISTRIBUTORS LLC.....1,008.10  
GARDEN GATE, THE.....437.50  
GEORGE, ROGER.....125.00  
GREINER, SHANNON.....39.22  
HERNANDEZ, KIMBERLY.....200.00  
HILL, JORDAN.....125.00  
J&P PARK AQUISITIONS.....488.60  
KESTER, BILL.....125.00

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 10.20.2025**

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, October 20, 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. Also present was Casey James, News-Review.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of October 13, 2025 as submitted. All eyes and motion carried.

Engineer McGuire was absent although he communicated with Wood to share the Denco crack sealing project estimate is approximately \$180,000 total for the various locations and that price will be honored in Spring if they are unable to complete the project prior to cold weather. Board consensus was to proceed with said project.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of the claims listing for October 20, 2025 as submitted. All eyes and motion carried.

**Manual Check: October 13, 2025**  
TIP REC.....1,634.91  
TOTAL.....\$1,634.91

**CLAIM DATE: October 20, 2025**  
A&J EXCAVATION.....24,499.80  
ADKINS & SON.....12,760.13  
ALL AM PEST CONTROL.....125.00  
ALLIANT ENERGY.....972.66  
ALTORFER MACHINERY.....5,919.87  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV.....185.43  
ARDUSER, DONALD.....215.00  
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY.....594.54  
ASCENDANCE TRUCK MID-

WEST.....200.77  
BAILEY OFFICE.....1,057.19  
BAYCOM.....13,311.00  
BC INVESTMENTS.....600.00  
BOND, RICHARD.....36.53  
BROTHERS MARKET.....3,894.44  
C J COOPER & ASSOC.....475.00  
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC.....6,660.00  
CCPOA OF IA.....15.00  
CLUBB, BONNIE (MEI).....475.00  
COBLE, CLIFFORD ERIC.....118.50  
COMPLETE CARE OF IA.....200.00  
COX SAN & RECYCLING.....73.50  
DOUDS STONE.....104,368.58  
ELLIOTT BULK SERV.....2,750.52  
ELLIOTT OIL CO.....17,906.92  
FIFTH DIST CO OFFICERS.....25.00  
FORVIS.....1,575.00  
FRENCH RENEKER ASSOC.....1,436.00  
GREATAMERICA FIN SERV.....225.25  
GREENLEYS CORP.....936.00  
H & M FARM & HOME.....327.57  
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR.....14,621.42  
IA BRIDGE & CULVERT.....50,161.13  
IA LAW ENF ACADEMY.....125.00  
IA STATE MED EXAM.....4,616.00  
IA STATE UNIV.....510.00  
ISCTA.....100.00  
JACK'S CORNER DRUG.....222.33  
KASEYA US.....4,047.38  
KEOKUK CO HWY DEPT.....32.50  
KINETIC EDGE PHY THERAPY.....150.00  
KRIS ENGINEERING.....4,042.41  
LISCO/LTDS.....133.00  
MAHASKA CO SHERIFF.....37.60  
MAIL SERVICES.....500.31  
MARTIN, GARY.....51.50  
MARTIN, JANET.....51.50  
MID-AMERICA PUB CO.....100.65  
MID-AMERICA PUB CO.....64.00  
MIDWEST ALARM SERV.....535.68  
MISC ON MAIN.....65.50  
MULTI-COUNTY OIL CO.....8,372.47

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOC.....250.00  
NAVITAS CREDIT CORP.....3,724.33  
NET2PHONE.....1,142.87  
NETSMART TECH.....1,912.58  
NEXTRAN TRUCK CTRS.....1,291.00  
PHELPS AUTO SUPPLY.....458.00  
PROMOTIONS BY DESIGN.....668.38  
PYE BARKER FIRE/SAFETY.....957.00  
RIVER PRODUCTS CO.....51,515.10  
RJ THOMAS MFG CO.....1,662.00  
SADLER POWER TRAIN.....45.24  
SCHOMAKER, CARLY.....3,249.01  
SEELEY, STEVEN.....262.08  
SINCLAIR NAPA.....71.76  
SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....230.34  
SMITH, TOMMY.....97.25  
STATE HYGIENIC LAB.....979.00  
STIVERS FORD LINCOLN.....27,410.00  
STREICHERS.....289.95  
STROBELS.....297.12  
T I P REC.....161.40  
TALBERT, NIKKI.....119.91  
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VOGEL TRAFFIC SERV.....72,481.96  
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WEBB, JESSICA.....450.00  
WHITEHURST, JERRY.....155.17  
WILKENING, RICH.....51.00  
WINDSTREAM.....87.96  
TOTAL.....\$464,593.81  
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approval of personnel report for hire of Kadon L. Foubert, full-time Deputy, Sheriff's Department, as submitted. All eyes and motion carried



# English Valleys Bearometer

November 5, 2025

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## English Valleys Recognized by Iowa Association of Student Councils for Excellence in Leadership

The English Valleys Student Council recently attended the 44th Annual Iowa Association of Student Councils (IASC) Student Leadership Conference, held October 26-27 at Iowa State University. This event brought together student leaders from across the state to share ideas, develop leadership skills, and celebrate the impact of student councils in their schools and communities.

During the conference, the EV Student Council was recognized with the Honor Council with Meritorious Distinction Award, one of the highest honors a student council can receive. This award highlights the council's dedication to service, leadership, and school involvement throughout the year.

In addition to the team's recognition, Mr. Nachtman represented English Valleys by leading a breakout session for advisors, sharing insights and strategies with fellow educators from across Iowa.

The English Valleys community is proud of the student council for representing the school with excellence, enthusiasm, and leadership. Congratulations to all members and advisors for this outstanding achievement!



## A Season of Growth and Grit for English Valleys Volleyball

By: Phoenix Sorden



The English Valleys volleyball team has had an amazing season! The players put in a lot of work during practices throughout the season and over the summer, always striving to improve. They ended their regular season with a record of 11-14.

The team brought great energy to the court and worked well together in every game. They couldn't have made it through the season without the support of their student section and the cheerleaders on the bench.

The team made school history by winning their home tournament for the first time ever! The JV team also claimed victory at the same tournament. In addition, the girls earned an impressive second-place finish at the New London Tournament.

Despite facing challenges and having to adjust their starting lineup due to player injuries, they showed resilience and teamwork throughout the season.

Congratulations to the English Valleys volleyball program on an outstanding year!

## English Valleys Student Selected for Prestigious Opus Honor Choir

By: Kaylee Frazier

Congratulations to Asher Frederick, son of Colter and Carissa Frederick, for being accepted into the Opus Honor Choir! He is the first English Valleys student to achieve this feat.

Opus is a statewide honor choir for students in grades 5-9. The selection process included learning scales, multiple songs, and completing an audio audition to be judged and compared with other applicants. This year, there were over 3,000 applicants across the state, with fewer than 1,000 being selected for the final performance.

The state festival will take place on November 20 at Stephens Auditorium in Ames. There, Asher will attend a full day of rehearsals with the bass choir. There are four choirs: the 5-6th grade choir, the 7-8th grade treble choir, the 7-8th grade bass choir (Asher's group), and the 9th grade mixed choir. The concert will begin at 4:00 p.m., and each talented group will perform its pieces under the direction of a guest conductor. We are so proud to support Asher through this accomplishment!

We would also like to recognize the other students who auditioned for Opus for their hard work and dedication: Avery Cornelius, Kale Walker, Jayda Johnson, Mariah Knapp, Brecken Hoylman, Jayvee Patterson, Lucas Seiren, Bryker Frazier, Elliot Overy, Brynn Montross, Tenley Gent, and Avery Offerman.



## With fall sports now coming to an end, we asked some of our athletes to share their favorite part of the season.

Ryan Annis  
Youth Football



"I really enjoyed playing in the games."

Aram Banes  
JH Football



"I liked riding to away games."

Aidan Grimm  
JH Football



"I liked going to away football games with the team."

Drake Offerman  
HS Cross-Country



"It was fun getting better and faster."

Evan Koehn  
HS Cross-Country



"I enjoyed running with my team and having fun together."

Ava Gehrking  
HS Volleyball



"I enjoyed creating new memories on the court."

Aliza Walker  
HS Volleyball



"Building strong bonds with my teammates was the best part."

## Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Course Offered Nov 12

**Preregister before November 5 for fall commercial pesticide applicator training recertification**

SIGOURNEY – Iowa State University and Outreach Keokuk County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave Suite A, Sigourney, IA 52591. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs

from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before November 5 and \$60 after November 5. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the ISU Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office at 641-622-2680.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, and 3OT. The IDALS-required topics to be covered are pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management; and pesticides.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses being offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at [www.extension.iastate.edu/psep](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep).

## Ag Pest Control Course Set for November 19

**Preregister before November 12 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course**

SIGOURNEY – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County will host an Ag Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave Suite

A, Sigourney, IA 52591. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before November 12 and \$60 after November 12. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the ISU Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office at 641-622-2680.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, and 1C. Topics covered will include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser



Spraying a field. (Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection)

(CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number. Additional information and

registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

## Fumigation Continuing Instruction Course is Nov. 18

**Preregister before Nov. 11 for fall fumigation pesticide applicator training recertification**

SIGOURNEY – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office will host a Fumigation Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial and private pesticide applicators on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa. The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave Suite A, Sigourney, IA 52591. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9 to

11 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Nov. 11 and \$60 after Nov. 11. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Emily Belvel at the ISU Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office at 641-622-2680.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 7C (Fumigation) and private pesticide applicators who are certified to apply fumigants. The course will cover topics including: pesticide use and the environment; pesticide formulations and labels; and category-specific pests, pest management and pesticides. Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through PSEP can be accessed at [www.extension.iastate.edu/psep](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep).

## Iowa Pork Producers Donate 38,000 Servings of Pork to Food Banks

CLIVE — The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA), in partnership with Fareway Stores, Inc., delivered \$20,000 worth of ground pork to six regional food banks across Iowa and western Nebraska this week as part of an ongoing effort to fight food insecurity and support local communities. The donations equal more than 9,500 lbs. of ground pork and will provide more than 38,000 servings of valuable protein to people in need.

Deliveries took place October 28–29 to the Food Bank

of Iowa in Des Moines, River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo, HACAP Food Reservoir in Hiawatha, Food Bank of Siouxland in Sioux City, and the Food Bank for the Heartland in Omaha. The donations were made possible through funds raised at IPPA's annual BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark event, held earlier this year.

"This effort is about more than just delivering pork. It's also about caring for our neighbors," said Aaron Juergens, an Iowa pig farmer from Carroll who serves

as president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association. "Through the We Care principles, Iowa pig farmers are committed to supporting people, animals, and the communities we call home. Working with partners like Fareway and our state's food banks allows us to help ensure families have access to nutritious, high-quality protein."

Fareway, a long-time partner in community giving efforts, provided the resources to deliver the ground pork to the donation centers.

"Fareway is proud to partner with Iowa's pig farmers and the Iowa Pork Producers Association to help fight food insecurity across our state," said Jeff Cook, VP of retail market operations at Fareway Stores, Inc. "Providing ground pork to local food banks aligns with our long-standing commitment to supporting Iowa agriculture and strengthening the communities we serve. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families in need."

Food Bank Association, donations of protein are among the most valuable contributions to food pantries across the state.

"Protein donations like this make a tremendous difference for the families we serve," said Linda Gorkow, executive director of the Iowa Food Bank Association. "We're grateful to the Iowa Pork Producers Association and Fareway for their generosity and partnership. Their support helps ensure that Iowans facing food insecurity can put nutritious meals on their tables."

The effort is part of IPPA's ongoing Pork in the Pantry initiative, which encourages county pork producer organizations and partners to donate pork products to local food pantries throughout the year.

"Fighting hunger is one of the most meaningful ways we can live out our We Care commitment," Juergens said. "We're proud to see Iowa's pig farmers stepping up again and again to make sure no one goes hungry."



Food Bank of Iowa group photo

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Three people reviewing financial papers. (Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection)

## Farm Financial Planning Program Offers Personalized Insight for Producers

**Financial experts are available to help Iowa producers make important decisions**

**By: Ann Johanns**  
AMES – With tightening margins and rising debt levels, ag professionals can play a critical role in recognizing producers' needs for financial planning and refinancing decisions. The Farm Financial Planning Program from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides in-person experts who can offer one-on-one financial counseling, a computerized analysis of the farm business and referral to other extension programs or outside services.

Farm Financial Planning is for anyone who wants to gain a comprehensive understanding of their farm's financial situation. The program helps take the

guesswork out of whether a change would increase profitability and improve cash flow. Using FINPACK software, associates can generate an in-depth evaluation of the farm business, which many lenders require before extending further credit.

According to Ann Johanns, program specialist for Ag Decision Maker with ISU Extension and Outreach, the current outlook continues to show tight margins for producers. "Finding ways to stretch cash flow is another important consideration, along with working closely with your finance and tax professional," she said. The Ag Decision Maker file "Farm Financial Management: 16 Ways to Stretch Cash Flow" is another valuable resource that provides tips and resources to help producers manage margins.

The Farm Financial Pro-

gram team comprises seven associates. Leslie Miller, who joined the team in 2021 after retiring from a career in the agricultural lending industry that dates back to the 1980s, draws on her experience to help farmers analyze their situation and pursue their goals.

"I enjoy helping farmers reach their goals so they can have a successful farming operation," she said. "I like working with them to solve their problems and find answers to their questions."

The service is offered at no cost for the client, and associates can become as involved as the client wishes. They offer a big-picture look at the farm, while farmers make the final decisions and follow up with recommended specialists.

Miller said farm profitability is an ongoing concern, as input prices continue to rise

and crop prices hover below the breakeven point. She helps producers fine-tune their cash flow projections by examining different options for the future.

"We run multiple alternatives and compare them side-by-side," she said. "A borrower can look at those numbers and see what the impact of different decisions might be. Our goal is to consider the 'what ifs' for each decision."

Farmers can locate a Farm Financial Planning Program associate in their area by contacting their ISU Extension and Outreach county office or by visiting the Farm Financial Planning Program website. For questions on whether meeting with an associate is the right step, contact the farm management field specialist in your area.