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Sigourney City Hall closed

Sigourney City Hall will be closing @ 3:45pm Thursday, December 18th, 2025.

Memorial Tree of Lights What Cheer Library

Nov. 19th - Dec. 31st. Posting will be on City Hall Window, P.O. Box 324 What Cheer, IA 50268.

Knights of Columbus Harper Pepper Tournament

1/10, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

KCHC Auxiliary Holiday Bake Sale

Thursday Dec. 18, 2025, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hospital Lobby. Proceeds will go to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Blood Drive

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Parish Center Classroom. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2:00-6:30 p.m.

For more info call Cindy Weber ad 641-636-2116

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

Men's Caregiver Support Group

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

Richland Public Library

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Governor Candidate Adam Steen Calls for Churches to "Rise Up" Against Government During Keota Meet and Greet

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
KEOTA - Former Iowa Director of Administrative Services and Republican gubernatorial candidate Adam Steen held a meet and greet at Wooden Wheel Vineyards outside Keota on Dec. 13. The event was coordinated by local Iowa House Representative Helena Hayes, the fourth visit from a Republican gubernatorial candidate she has arranged in her district, which contains Keokuk County and parts of Mahaska and Jefferson Counties.

Steen stated that he was running to "preserve and protect the culture that Iowa has, and preserve and protect the freedom that Iowa has."

Steen, a former minor league baseball player and investment banker, was appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds five years ago; he resigned in August so he could begin his campaign. Steen stated that he had been operating the state for the last five years, handling human resources, procurement, accounting and major maintenance

across Iowa. He referred to the job of governor as "CEO of the state," claimed that no one has a resume as good as his, and that he can take over operating the state on day one. He stated that the governor is in charge of impacting the culture of the state. He claimed that Iowans "have grit," are hardworking, and fix things when they are broken.

Much of Steen's stump speech centered on his devout Christianity and his family. He spoke about his 10-year-old son Ryker, who has Joubert Syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects brain development. Steen stated that he and his wife had been told their son may never be able to walk or talk. Steen brought up John chapter 9, a biblical passage where Jesus heals a blind man, after telling his disciples that God made the man blind "so that

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A massive blizzard hit Iowa on Saturday, Dec. 13, bringing below-zero temperatures and several inches of snow. This blizzard led to the planned Lighted Christmas Parade in Sigourney being cancelled.



Sigourney resident Sue Winters sculpted a St. Bernard from snow this year, continuing her tradition of creating a new sculpture each winter.

Sigourney Board Discusses Upcoming Legislative Session

By Casey James | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the Dec. 10 meeting of the Sigourney School Board, the board spoke with Dave Daughton, an education lobbyist working for Rural School Advocates of Iowa and School Administrators of Iowa, who gave the board an overview of his organizations' priorities in the upcoming legislative session and on what changes are expected from the state government. The 100-day-long legislature session is set to begin on Jan. 12. Daughton stated that he wished he had good news, but rarely does. He explained that one of his groups' biggest priorities was school funding, particularly School Supplemental Aid (SSA), which gives state funding to schools on a per-student basis. Currently, Iowa schools receive roughly \$8,000 per student from the state government. The legislature decides on increases to SSA each year; in 2025, the legislature increased funding by just 2%.

Daughton asked how Sigourney's enrollment was doing. Superintendent Kevin Hatfield stated they were down five students, but served seven more. Daughton stated that this was better than a lot of other schools and that a vast majority of Iowa schools were showing enrollment decline. He stated that an increase to SSA could help the school keep the same budget, despite losing a few students. Daughton stated that the news he had heard from legislators was not good, due to the state budget having problems, revenue projections being much less than what the legislature expected, and the state having a \$250 million Medicaid deficit. He stated he had been told to not expect a large SSA increase, if any, and that some sources had told him to expect a 0% increase in school funding.

Daughton stated that, by law, the legislature is required to decide on SSA funding within one month after the state budget comes out in January, but that this usually ends up taking three months. He stated that this forces schools to guess on their budgets and send out inaccurate property tax notifications, where they guess higher tax rates than they end up implementing, which makes school districts unpopular. Board member Steven Seeley asked what the repercussions would be for the legislature if they didn't get the SSA increase decided in time. Daughton stated there would be no repercussions. Seeley asked what would happen if they held off on sending out property tax notices. Daughton stated that the state government would withhold funding.

Daughton stated that staff shortages continue to be an issue. He said that he had heard things were getting a

little better, but that this was situational and depended on county. He stated that schools struggle to pay paraeducators enough to keep up with other businesses. Hatfield stated that they used to receive 8-10 applications for job openings, but now usually get only two. Daughton said his groups were trying to help with this with things like paying off student loans, hiring bonuses, and loosening license guidelines.

Daughton stated that everyone wants their property taxes to go down, but that this takes away resources for public work like roads, courthouses and schools. He explained that the legislature had been struggling with a property tax bill, due to every bill proposed raising taxes at least one of the main three property tax paying groups (commercial/industrial, residential, and agricultural). Daughton stated that the legislature may try to put limits on how much schools are allowed to levy, on their ability to have bond issues, or on their management funds. He stated he didn't know what the legislature would do, but that they needed to reform taxes in a way that gave schools the resources they need. Hatfield brought up budget guarantees, which ensure school districts receive at least the same amount of funding as the previous year, with the difference when schools receive less funding coming from property taxes. Daughton stated that the state justifies low SSA as a way to lower property taxes, but that this just forces schools to raise taxes. He noted that the budget guarantee only lasts for one year.

Daughton stated that the Iowa Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) committee had made two recommendations regarding education. The first recommendation was to overhaul IPERS, the pension program for government employees in Iowa. Daughton stated that this had been met with heavy resistance. The second recommendation was to implement merit based pay. Daughton stated this sounds nice on paper, but never works in real life, because it is hard to measure, doesn't consider things like music or PE, and punishes experienced teachers for agreeing to take on more challenging students. Hatfield stated that it forces teachers to teach for the test.

Daughton also listed preschool funding, local school board control and flexible funding authority, prioritizing public schools, increased funding for poverty, special needs, drop-out prevention and mental healthcare programs, protecting rural access to AEAs, increased school safety funding, E-Verify background checks and student behavior as other priorities his groups are speaking to legis-

lators about. Hatfield stated it must be difficult to argue for state funding for preschool, dropout-prevention or mental health programs in this environment. Daughton said the legislature claims that they don't have money and are giving all they afford, but don't mention the \$350 million they gave to ESAs and also don't want to let schools raise taxes. Board member Adam Clark asked about school consolidation. Daughton stated that there was no public talk, but he believed it was discussed behind closed doors. He stated that although it can save costs on teachers, admin and buildings, consolidation doesn't change the amount given by the state per student. He said that closing schools leads to anger and resentment in school districts and that, while it can save resources, people believe that closing schools makes towns die. He stated that he didn't want the state telling districts they had to consolidate.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, Jenny Gay and Donita Clarahan of the Insurance Committee recommended that the district leave its current insurance Trust, Mercer, and switch to the non-trust insurance provider TrueNorth. Gay stated that they were not in desperate need of changing insurance, but that this would be a proactive change to try and make things better. She explained that the committee did not "trust the trust" due to a lack of information, that premiums were trending high, and that pharmacy prices and claims with Mercer were going up. Gay stated that they would like for the district to continue having a fully funded single plan. Clarahan stated that they wanted benefits to be competitive. Gay stated that she had been at Sigourney for twenty years, in part because of the benefits offered.

Gay stated that TrueNorth had offered new options and that Mercer only began offering those options after the committee stated that TrueNorth had offered them. Clarahan stated that Mercer was not transparent, which was a red flag. Gay stated that they had told the district last year that the increase in costs would be capped at 10%, then raised it by 15%. She stated that teachers feel guilty using their insurance, because they worry it will raise the school's premiums.

Clarahan stated that switching to TrueNorth would help retain and attract staff. Gay stated that she believes TrueNorth will give additional services and options, hold or lower out of pocket costs, pro-

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

Wilson Memorial Library

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

Sigourney Public Library

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

Hedrick Public Library

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

What Cheer Public Library

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

Sigourney Kiwanis

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

freegrace.tv/recovery

Old Keota Business

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

Keota Food Pantry

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

Richland Community Food Bank

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

City of Keota Public Meeting

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

Keota School Board

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

Keota VFW Auxiliary

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

Keokuk County Historical Society

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. KCHS will be closed the weeks of Thanksgiving,

Christmas, and New Years. During winter, when school is cancelled, KCHS will be closed.

Keokuk County Supervisors

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

Alcoholics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

Food Pantry-Sigourney

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

Keokuk County Public Health

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

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Grief Share

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

Fiddle Dee Dee

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

Keokuk County Democrats

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

Webb Masonic Lodge #182

A.F. & A.M. Meets first Tuesday every month Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. For more information call 641-660-4605

Keota

Dec. 18th
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Jucie, Milk.
Lunch: Sack Lunch
Dec. 19th
No School
Dec. 22nd
No School
Dec. 23rd
No School
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

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Dec. 18th
Breakfast: Apple Strudel, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Chicken Trazzini, Pacific Blend, Peas, Pineapple, Raisels, Hawaiian Rolls.
Dec. 19th
Breakfast: WG Long Johns, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice.
Lunch: Crisпитos, Refried Beans, Mexi Rice, Sidekicks, Juice Cup.
Dec. 22nd
No School
Dec. 23rd
No School
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Sigourney

Dec. 18th
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Squar, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Lasagna Soup w. Italian Bread, Triple Jalapeno Chicken Snadwich w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Dec. 19th
Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Flatbread, Cheeseburger, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Garden Salad, Galzed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.
Dec. 22nd
No School.
Dec. 23rd
No School.
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

English Valleys

Dec. 18th
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Lasagna Soup w. Focaccia Bread, Triple Jalapeno Chicken Sandwich w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Dec. 19th
Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Flatbread, Cheeseburger, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookies, Milk.
Dec. 22nd
Breakfast: Pancakes, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Lasagna Roll Up w/ Italian Bread, BBQ Pork on a Bun, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk.
Dec. 23rd
Breakfast: Biscuits with Sausage Gravy, Assorted Cereal w/ Muffin Square, Fruit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Turkey/Ham Sub w/ Chips, Carrots, Apples, Cookie, Milk.
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Tri-County

Dec. 18th
Breakfast: Freezer Day
Lunch: Slicked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Roll, Apple Crisp w/ whipped topping.
Dec. 19th
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Mozzarella Sticks, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Baked Chips.
Dec. 22nd
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Pizza Lunchable, Mini Flatbread, Pepperoni, Mozzarella Cheese, Marinara Cup, Carrots, Applesauce, Oreo.
Dec. 23rd
No School.
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Dec. 19th
Closed
Dec. 22nd
Andy's Meatloaf, Ketchup, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit
Dec. 23rd
Christmas Meal- Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Pumpkin Pie, Wheat Roll, Butter.
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Dec. 19th
Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Brownie Ice Cream.
Dec. 22nd
Liver & Onions, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn Casserole, Peach Crisp.
Dec. 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE!

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God's works could be shown through him." He compared this passage to his own son, noting that he could walk and had managed to preach a sermon back in March.

"We're a family of hope," said Steen. "We're a family of faith. We're a family of grit. We're fearless. We have no fear whatsoever in the face of a lot of challenging times that are happening right now in the state, in the country and in the world. Because, right now, if you're watching the news, there's a lot of hopelessness out there. There's a lot of scary moments out there. But we know who the healer is. We know who the source of truth is, and we're not backing down from that."

Steen claimed that, as governor, he will incentivize skilled trades. He claimed that the current Iowa government was "pouring money into large corporations" in the form of tax credits, and that these companies then invest in AI to replace jobs. Steen stated he would call on churches, community leaders, and local non-profits to "rise up" and get government out of the way. He referred to his time at the state government a being "in the belly of the beast" and said that we need to stop relying on the government to solve homelessness, mental health problems, and food scarcity, because "the government screws everything up."

An attendee asked what Steen would do differently than current Governor Kim Reynolds. Steen stated that it had been wonderful working with Reynolds and that she had done a lot of really great things. However, he stated that he would focus on property rights and ensure eminent domain was not used for carbon sequestration. Steen also stated he would reign in the emergency powers established during the COVID-19

pandemic and get rid of some operational contracts he doesn't think the state needs. He stated that he would create a DOGE 2.0, but claimed he would not touch IPERS, calling it "critical to attracting and retaining good employees."

Steen claimed that "this state is toast" if State Auditor and Democrat gubernatorial candidate Rob Sand gets elected and that he was running to keep Sand out. Hayes stated that Sand has a "completely approach and mentality" to her district's conservative values. Steen claimed that Sand only pretends to be the state auditor, has been campaigning for seven years, and would play politics and not show up to meetings when he was Director of Administrative Services. Steen claimed that life begins at conception and brought up Sand saying that Reynolds's six-week abortion ban went to far and that he would do anything he could to not let the state's anti-abortion policies go further. Steen said he has a "polar opposite" world view from Democrats. "We have one world view versus another world view, and that's what we're seeing in the country, is a battle of world views. No more 'woke' agendas getting involved in our schools. We have to cut that out and protect the state," Steen said.

One attendee asked where Steen stood on education, noting that there were a lot of teachers in her family and that a lot of teachers were getting out of education due to the low pay. Steen claimed that he loved public schools, but didn't love the standards and curriculum that are "forced down upon our teachers that don't allow teachers to teach." He listed tests on reading speed, which negatively affect his son, as one such standard. He stated

that Iowa needed to remove teaching standards and start over from square one to teach kids the way they need to learn. Steen threw his support behind educational savings accounts, also known as "school vouchers," calling his position "school choice" and saying that implementing ESAs was "the absolute right thing to do." He stated that not every kid needs to go to a four-year university and that most need to get a job right out of high school, so don't have debt and "won't be a communist." He claimed that universities are "indoctrinating kids" and that young people don't want to "achieve the American Dream" because "they think that America is bad." He did not mention the subject of teacher pay.

An attendee explained that her son had been abused by his father, but that the courts didn't do anything for months, even after a hearing where the judge determined her child was in danger. She asked if Steen knew how broken the family court system can be and how he would make sure children are actually protected by the system if elected governor. Steen told a story of a friend's grandson being murdered at a daycare, stating that he was well aware that the system was broken. He claimed he had the ability to fix those problems by pulling together people to make sure that we fix them.

An attendee asked what Steen would do to foster small business growth and bring in big manufacturing. Steen stated that we need to make the trades "cool again." He stated he would promote vocational studies in high school and create regional hubs across the state, which act as pipelines connecting high schools and community college trade programs to businesses. An attendee asked about waste in

the corrections department and overpopulation in prisons, noting that the Iowa Department of Corrections has a \$430 million budget and that Iowa prisons are 22.76% over capacity. Steen stated he would look into streamlining management infrastructure, operational efficiency, and staff scheduling. Steen stated that the union has a mindset constricting change. He stated that the needed to look at wages, because there is an issue with some prison workers making less than Casey's employees.

A Keota man brought up property taxes, explaining that tax cuts had left the city unable to pay for law enforcement. He stated that cutting taxes is necessary, but asked how they determine what's important and not important and why everything wants to go through Des Moines. Steen claimed that he was an advocate for more local control and would keep the "big bad state government" out of the way. He then praised the 2% cap the state had placed on the ability of local governments to increase taxes, stating his only problem with it was that they hadn't included anything to ensure local governments prove they need that tax increase. He stated that people need to be educated on the fact that the bulk of their tax decisions come from local county supervisors, city councils and school boards. He stated that he will advocate zero-based budgeting across the state, where departments have to prove they need money for every program every year. He explained that, when he implemented this program at the state level, it saved \$500,000 out of the state's \$2 billion budget, or 0.00025% of the budget. Steen stated that this would create transparency and accountability.

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vide a reserve for the district, and communicate better. She stated that no insurance company will be able to give them exact numbers until January of February. Clark asked what the committee would recommend, if switching wouldn't save money. Gay stated that she still believed they should switch for the better service. Hatfield stated he would send a non-binding letter to True-North, stating that the district was interested.

Hatfield, who announced his retirement last month, stated that they had spoken with a couple of viable candidates to take over as Sigourney superintendent. He stated that they planned to open the job for applications on Dec. 12, close it Jan. 7, and possibly choose a candidate during the March board meeting. Hatfield stated that they would send a survey

out to staff, community members, admin and students asking what qualities they wanted in a superintendent. He stated that the survey would also act about the facilities update.

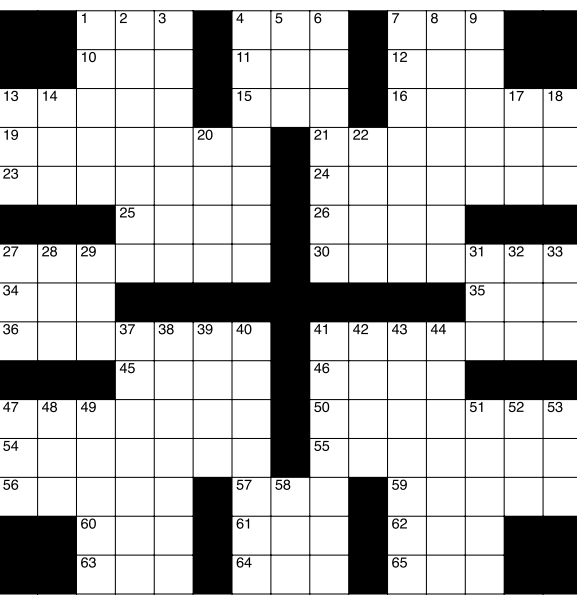
The board approved sending a notification of non-renewal to Varsity Group Advertising, whose contract ends at the end of June. The board approved a contract with Thunder Country for a new display board in the gym. The board approved applicants for the new Voluntary Early Retirement policy. Elementary Principal Deanna Spence's admin report stated that there were 14 four-year-olds interested in a five-day a week preschool program; she stated that she would see if there were more to reach out to. Hatfield stated that he was speaking with Keota about them paying an "appropriate share" for shared activities.

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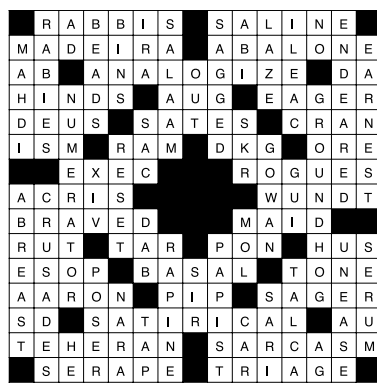
CLUES ACROSS
1. American automotive titan
4. Tire term
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Anti-Soviet Cold War group
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Connected with touch
21. Pen stain
23. Monetary units
24. School kids' art project
25. Early Bell Canada executive
26. Sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie ___ mode
35. Moved swiftly on foot
36. Carrier on vehicle
41. A path to get through
45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
46. Spiritual leader
47. Flowing
50. Respectful compliments
54. Cure
55. Soft, lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Japanese delicacy
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. You might get

one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They ___
65. Employee reference number

CLUES DOWN
1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Intestinal condition
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. Alphabetical lists
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. Ethnic people of Ethiopia
13. Engine additive
14. Explorers group
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Opposite of first
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. NY Giants great

29. Small amount
31. A way to save for your future
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Wildly popular sport
39. "Princess Diaries" actress Hathaway
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Nursemaid
43. Able to be marketed
44. Not as large
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter chemical
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Main tributary of the Rhine

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



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- SALE
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- SOMMELIER
- TABLE
- TIP
- TURN OVER
- WALK-IN
- YIELD

THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Helen Corrick and the Keswick Kittens

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

In 1945, the Keswick school board approved re-establishing the Keswick Girls Six on Six Basketball Team. The team had a rough start. To quote an article recounting the team's history I found, written by Carl Hogendorn, "Basketball fans in the area felt sorry for the Keswick girls, as they suffered defeat after defeat in their first two years of play. But they were scrappers and never gave up."

In only a few years, the team went from abysmal newcomers to among the best in the state, due in a large part to their star, Helen "Corky" Corrick, AKA, the Keswick Flash. Corrick began playing as a guard for the team during their first season, when she was an eighth grader. She was strong, fast, athletic, and known for her left-handed hook. Every night, she stayed for 30-45 minutes after practice, continuing

honing her shots.

In 1947, Corrick was moved to forward, and quickly began dominating the other teams. That year, Corrick, just a sophomore, scored 101 points in 25 minutes during a game against Martinsburg. In 1948, she scored 1,081 points during a single season, one point shy of the state record. That year, Corrick led the Keswick Kittens to victory in the sectional and district tournaments, earning the eleven-girl squad a ticket to the State Tournament at Drake University. Unfortunately, the Kittens suffered a devastating defeat at the hands of the Hartley Hawks during the first round of the tournament.

In 1949, the Kittens had another excellent season, with 22 wins and not a single loss before they stepped foot in the Drake Fieldhouse. Leading the team was Corrick, now a senior, joined by fellow forwards Irene Harkins and Margaret Husband, guards Beverly Morrison, June Cran-

ston and Leta Long, and additional players Patricia Aduddel, Doris Moore, Laura Mae Wright, Phyllis McCay and Martha Hungerford. Coaching the team was Tom Englebert.

In the first round of the tournament, Corrick scored 45 points against Walker, contributing to a final score of 50-33. The team narrowly beat Slater in the second round, 47-42. Then, the Keswick Kittens faced off against Oakland Yellowjackets, a team that pushed them to their limit. According to a write-up about the tournament I found, "Corrick wasn't swinging or faking fast" and "the defense had sunk to its heels." The team fought hard, having 32 points to Oakland's 33 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Then, disaster. For the first time in her career, Corrick fouled out. Their star gone, the Kittens lost, 36 to 48. Oakland would go on to be the tournament runner-up, losing to Wellburg.

But, the Kittens still had one more game to play: the consolation game to determine who would get the bronze. Facing off against the Kittens in Corrick's last game with the team were their old foes, the Hartley Hawks. The Hawks had also gone undefeated in their season, up until their semi-finals loss to Wellburg.

To quote that post-tournament account once more, "Corrick and her mates knew they were up against something good. Keswick's three forwards played inspired ball. They were unstoppable."

The Kittens won, 55 to 38. Husband scored 12 points. Harkins, 14. The Keswick Flash scored 29. This brought her season point total to 1,323 and her career total to 3,271, breaking the Iowa girls records for both stats.

Years later, when speaking to Neighbors Magazine, Corrick would call that game "the greatest thrill of her life."

Corrick was named to the 1949 All-State Team. After graduating, she played for Iowa Wesleyan, Look Magazine, and the American Institute of Business in Des Moines. While playing for the latter, she was named All American and played games in Texas, Oklahoma, and Mexico.

She married Merrill LeRoy Baker in 1954, had five kids, and worked as a homemaker. She later worked for the Chamberlains of Albia. Helen Baker passed away in 2015.



Keswick Girls' Basketball Team — 1948-49

Keswick's high school girls' basketball team, 1948-49, won third in State. Pictured are, back row (l-r): Donna Englebert, wife of coach, Laura Mae Wright, Joann Hall, Martha Hungerford, Phyllis McCay, Doris Moore, Patricia Aduddel, Coach Tom Englebert; front row: Irene Harkins, Margaret Husband, Helen Corrick, Beverly Morrison, June Cranston, Leta Long.

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Delta Christian Church
 108 W 3rd St.
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Delta Methodist Church
 Pastor Vince Homan
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Fremont Community Church
 Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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
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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

Christmas Eve Mass, 8 p.m.
 Christmas Day Mass, 8:30 a.m.
 New Years Eve Mass, 6 p.m.

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

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

New Life Fellowship
 Hwy. 22 South, Keswick
 319-738-3851
 Pastor John Stringfellow
 Service Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
 Teaching Tuesday is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
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NEW SHARON
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 www.nsfcc.org
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 Worship 10 a.m.
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 Thursday: Prayer Connect 5:50-6:20 p.m.

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

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

New Sharon Harvest Community Church
 Pastor David Pinkerton
 2083 Hwy. 102
 641-295-0109
 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.newlifefellowshipns.org
 641-637-2561
 newlifefellowshipns@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
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 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.
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OLLIE
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 Rev. Dar Eckley, Pastor
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 Ollie Pastor Tom Grove
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 Pastor: Steven Lamb
 641-667-2502
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 1804 Burlington Road
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 9:30 a.m. Classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship

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Richland Methodist Church
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 106 W. South St., Richland
 319-456-2251
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 Pastor Jerry Hoover
 206 Main St,
 641-919-8922
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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 1005 Jasmine Ave,
 641-919-8922
 Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

ROSE HILL
Rose Hill Community Church
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 2011 Main St.
 Sunday School- 9 a.m.
 Sunday Worship- 10:15 a.m.
 Free Food Bank Distribution- Every second Friday of the month.

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 200 Kramer St.
 Sunday- 9 a.m. Traditional
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 319-667-5235
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 Pastor DJ Danner
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 109 E Briney
 What Cheer
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 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

What Cheer Methodist Church
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 641-634-2990
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 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.
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 Recovery meeting weekly
 Wednesday 7 pm

Keota School Board Discusses Shared Athletic Program Costs

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA – During the Dec. 11 meeting of the Keota School Board, Superintendent Dave Harper explained that Sigourney, who Keota shares several sports with, had requested Keota begin paying per student for the shared programs. Keota has shared sports with Sigourney for years, most notably the two schools' shared football program, which has been shared since the late 1980s. As far as Harper and the board members could recall, Sigourney had never charged for shared sports in the past.

Harper shared an email he had received from Sigourney Kevin Hatfield, outlining cost estimates for each Keota student who plays with Sigourney, including \$439 last year and an average of \$383 over the past four years for football; \$1,479 last year and an average of \$1,397 over the past two years for wrestling; \$242 last year and an average of \$278 over the past two years for soccer; \$517 last year and an average of \$369 over the last two years for bowling; and \$0 for trapshooting, which is self-sustaining. Harper noted that he thought the football average cost too much. Board Member Dan Redlinger stated he was surprised bowling cost more than football. HR Director Missy Sellers stated that the cost for wrestling was ridiculous.

Redlinger asked what prompted Sigourney to begin requesting payment. Harper speculated that they were dealing with a tighter budget. He noted that an arrangement like this was standard and done by many schools in the area, like Ottumwa. Harper stated that Sigourney wanted Keota to send back a proposal by January. He stated that a deal where, for example, a deal where Keota paid \$200 per kid, regardless of sport, billed quarterly, and only for students who stay on the team for at least three weeks, would be fair. Board member Billie Kindred asked if these costs would change annually. Harper stated that they could try to negotiate a contract with a flat fee for three-five years, then renegotiate after it expires. Redlinger asked if revenue would be shared. Harper stated that, typically, gate and concession money stays with

one school. Kindred asked if this money would come out of the Activities Fund, noting that that fund usually runs in the red. Harper stated he was confident this would come out of the district's General Fund, but said that he would verify. No action was taken, with the board planning to discuss this more at the January meeting.

Also at the Thursday meeting, High School Principal Heather Rosewall stated that she had begun fundraising and recruiting high school students for the Space Settlement Design Competition, a NASA competition she had done previously when she worked in northwest Iowa. She explained that students would travel to Houston, Texas to work with students from other schools to compete to design a space settlement, figuring out the logistics of building, traveling to, and sustaining such a settlement. She stated that, if they won, the students would have an opportunity to go to the international contest at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida over the summer.

The board swore in new member Nathan Greiner. Billie Kindred was appointed as board president. Pat Hammen was appointed as vice president. The board decided against purchasing the vape detectors discussed last month, due to discovering additional costs like a lifetime ongoing fee and an updating fee of \$3,600; Harper stated that he and Rosewall feel comfortable that they do not need the detectors currently and can revisit this in the future and possibly include it as part of a building initiative. The board approved increasing lunch prices, raising the student lunch price from \$3.25 to \$3.35, the extra milk price from 45c to 55c, the ala carte extra main price from \$1.75 to \$1.85, and the student breakfast price from \$1.80 to \$1.90. The board approved selling a truck and a tractor the district owns. Harper stated that the solar panels had been put up. Rosewall stated that the alternative program will begin next semester with five students. Board member Andy Conrad presented Elementary Principal Seth Milledge with a \$5,000 check from the sports boosters, to go towards the new daycare. Milledge stated that the daycare is set to open on Jan. 5.

South English Water Leak Problems Handled, After 13 Months and Thousands of Dollars in Cost

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SOUTH ENGLISH – During the Dec. 9 meeting of the South English City Council, Mayor Ed Shafrank stated that they had found all of the water leaks in town. He explained that the last major leak had come from a broken outside line, which flowed into a resident's basement through a wall and into a basement drain. Shafrank stated that the residents hadn't noticed this, because they never go into their basement, and only realized the leak was happening after they hired someone to do electrical work in the basement. Shafrank stated that the service line had been replaced, the leak had been plugged, and that the city's water usage was back to normal. Councilman Cameron Miller stated that the water

usage numbers were the best they'd been in a long time.

City Clerk Stephanie Lown stated that the city had lost 20% of its revenue on water in the last three years, including \$10,000 in the last year alone. Miller stated that they had spent an extra \$20,000 because of the leak. Shafrank stated that they would need to sit down, possibly at a special meeting, to look over the city's expenses, revenue, and maintenance costs. He stated that he believed they would have to raise water rates. Shafrank stated that the last time they changed the water rate was six years ago, where they lowered the rate.

Councilwoman Hope Frazier asked if, going forward, they could be allowed to check the basements of people.

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“ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ”
 Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

God's Timing in a Slow Season

Winter can sometimes feel dreary or sluggish. The onset of dread some feel for the season can even begin the first moment they feel a chill outside. In addressing feelings of this kind, we're often led to reflections on our patience and the benefits we can see from it. During moments in which we feel ready to forgo our responsibilities and go on a beach vacation, knowing we cannot, we can try to think about God's timing. There are many areas in which we always trust it, and some in which we do not think to. However, the timing of God as we go about our lives can be something to have strong faith in: we are often graced by it in the most unexpected moments.
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Santa Claus visited Brothers Market in Sigourney on Dec. 12. Photographed here with five-year-old Kolby Weber.

Supervisors Discuss Getting New Website

By Casey James | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the Dec. 15 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, IT Director Darin Hite asked the board for an informal consensus blessing to talk to department heads about possibly getting a new county government website. He explained that he had met with a few vendors and that the company Neapolitan stood out as a good option. He stated the cost for making the new website could be split over four years and that the website would have an annual hosting fee of \$4,000, compared to the current website's cost of \$3,000. Supervisor asked what improvements a new website would give. Hite stated that it would be a more modern, easier to navigate website, that would allow them to send notifications out to people. For example, they could send out notifications of open bids for the highway department out via the website. Auditor Christy Bates stated that they could also send out public health updates. Supervisor Daryl Wood noted that the current website is very out-dated and not user-friendly. Treasurer Christine Edmundson Long stated that it is hard to change things

on the website. Hite explained that the Recorder's Office is unable to edit or remove coroner reports. He stated that they have to contact him to remove old reports, but that the website's back end doesn't even let him edit the PDFs. Conservation Director Pie Reighard stated that his department gets weekly complaints about the difficulty people have accessing information like the ice thickness or cabin availability at Belva Deer Park. Hadley stated he was not impressed with the current website. Bates stated she hoped more people would look at it if it was more user-friendly. The supervisors gave Hite permission to speak with department heads and ask if they were interested and if they had any requests for new website features. Also at the Monday meeting, Edmundson Long informed the supervisors that her office would be closing at noon on Dec. 24 and remaining closed on the 26th. Bates stated that she knew the Clerk of Court Office would also be closed on the 24th-26th. The supervisors discussed needing to check what departments would be open on the 24th and 26th and if the courthouse would be opened.

State claims Honey Creek Resort injunction isn't in the public interest

Resort operator and state will argue their case in court on Dec. 17
 By Clark Kauffman, Iowa Capital Dispatch

The State of Iowa is contesting an injunction issued in a lawsuit brought by the former operator of the state-owned Honey Creek Resort in southern Iowa. The lawsuit, filed last month in Polk County District Court by Achieva Enterprises, alleges state officials have misled the public into believing the company acted negligently and withdrew from the financially troubled Honey Creek Resort.

Achieva, which was hired by the state several years ago to operate and revitalize the resort at Rathbun Lake, is suing the Iowa Department of Administrative Services and Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the "abrupt and unlawful termination" of its concessionaire agreement with the state.

According to the lawsuit, DAS terminated its contract with Achieva without notice and in direct violation of the contract's terms. "DAS then took extreme and disruptive actions, including shutting down the resort, firing over 50 employees, evicting guests, confiscating personal property, and making public statements that damaged Achieva's reputation and business relationships," Achieva alleges in its lawsuit.

The DNR, as the legal owner of Honey Creek Resort, "actively participated in the termination and transition process," the lawsuit claims, adding that the two state agencies' actions have "caused irreparable damage to Achieva's business, reputation, and property interests" and now "threatens the continued viability of Honey

Creek Resort as a public asset."

Last month, a judge approved portions of Achieva's request for an "interim temporary injunction" in the case, pending a hearing on the matter. The injunction temporarily bars the state from either reopening the Honey Creek Resort to the public or hiring a new third-party operator to manage the resort while the lawsuit moves forward in court.

The Iowa attorney general's office has declined to comment on Achieva's allegations, but has filed a brief with the court arguing an injunction will unduly burden operations at the resort and be against the public interest.

The state says it terminated the contract with Achieva because the company failed to live up its contractual obligations "for significant lengths of time."

In its brief to the court, the state also notes that the contract specifically allowed DAS to immediately terminate the two parties' relationship, without any advance notice to Achieva, in the event that the company ended or suspended its business. According to the state, Achieva's president, Beth Henderson, "directly indicated to DAS that (the company) would do exactly that on October 21, 2025."

In addition, the state claims, Achieva failed to comply with the contract's requirements to obtain and maintain insurance, exposing the state to increased liability, and also failed to provide periodic reports of its financial and operational activities.

The state further alleges that an injunction forcing the state to further pause its efforts to hire a new resort operator will result in further

damage to "the resort's operations and viability as an ongoing venue for Iowans to enjoy the state's natural beauty."

A court hearing on the temporary-injunction issue was held Nov. 24, 2025, but the two parties did not have time to present their closing arguments before the hearing concluded. A second hearing for that purpose is scheduled for Dec. 17, 2025.

Achieva alleges a 'smear' campaign by the state

The \$60 million Honey Creek Resort opened to the public in 2008, offering a 106-room lodge, 28 cabins, an indoor waterpark, an 18-hole golf course and a marina. The resort struggled financially, and in 2013, the Iowa Legislature authorized a \$33 million bailout to pay off the resort's outstanding bonds.

In 2016, the DNR entered into a management contract with Delaware North Companies, a private hospitality firm. Under that agreement, Delaware North was to pay the state a portion of profits generated by the resort once annual revenue exceeded \$7 million.

Over the next five years, annual revenues never reached the \$7 million threshold, and in early 2022, Delaware North exercised an option to terminate its contract with the state. Achieva was then hired by the state to run Honey Creek. In its lawsuit, the company claims it "inherited a resort in disrepair — physically, financially, and reputationally."

According to the lawsuit, the resort generated significant sales tax revenue for Iowa but operated on "razor-thin" profit margins. In late 2024, Achieva and DAS entered into a contractual amendment to provide the company with some temporary financial relief as the company worked to improve its operating margins.

That amendment temporarily waived Achieva's obligation to deposit 5% of its gross monthly receipts into a state-created fund, enabling Achieva to use that money for operating expenses such as audits and insurance premiums.

In April 2025, following DAS' failed attempt to give the resort to Appanoose County, DAS "abruptly ceased communication with Achieva," the lawsuit alleges. On Oct. 29, 2025, without warning, DAS sent a contract-termination letter to Achieva and then "took extreme and punitive actions" — shutting down the resort, barricading its entrances, and sending home "over 50 employees without notice, destroying livelihoods," all while falsely claiming Achieva had abandoned the property, the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit claims that DAS then launched "a coordinated publicity and outreach campaign to smear Achieva," issuing press releases and social media posts falsely portraying "Achieva as negligent and unfit" to run the resort.

The lawsuit alleges breach of contract and seeks a judgment declaring that various items Achieva purchased with its own funds — buildings, equipment, vehicles, and taxidermy — should remain with Achieva.

Read more from Kauffman online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Obituaries

Nancy L. Honohan

1935-2025

Nancy L. Honohan, 90, of Iowa City, passed away on December 9, 2025 at Featherstone Assisted Living.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service in Iowa City. A funeral service followed at 12:30 p.m. Interment will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Nancy was born on May 7, 1935 in Washington, Iowa. She was the daughter of Dr. James M. Leary and Amy E. Leary. She was raised and lived in Keota, Iowa and graduated from Keota High School in 1953.

Nancy attended Parson's College in Fairfield, Iowa and received her Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1955. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa in 1956.

During a snowstorm one weekend, Nancy was unable to return home to Keota and was invited to ride home with her colleague Kay Honohan. It happened to be the same weekend that Kay's brother, Jay was coming for a visit as well. Nancy's decision to join turned into a 70-year romance and the couple married on August 17, 1958 in Keota. They lived in Marion, Iowa before moving to Iowa City in 1960. Two children were born to the marriage, Jay H. Honohan III and Valerie Honohan Ruth.

During Nancy's teaching career, she taught primary grades at Union-Whitten, Vinton, Marion, Wellman and Solon, Iowa. Nancy started a summer reading program first through sixth graders in Marion. She taught first grade at Lucas School in the Iowa City Community School District from 1977-1997. After her retirement from full-time teaching she was a substitute teacher for the Iowa City Community School District from 1997-2005.

Nancy was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and served on the Panhellenic Board at the University of Iowa. She was a member of various local and state teacher's organizations.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mary Jane Keyser; brother, Dr. James Michael Leary; nephews: Michael R. Keyser and James Paul Keyser. She is survived by her husband, Jay and her children Jay Honohan III of Iowa City and Valerie Honohan Ruth (John) of Winfield, Illinois. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Ensign Ethan Ruth (USN) stationed in Charleston, South Carolina and Jaelynn C. Ruth of Winfield, Illinois; sister-in-laws, Karolyn Leary of Washington, Iowa and Kay C. Flockhart of Morristown, Tennessee; nieces: Calista Flockhart (Harrison) and their son, Liam of Los Angeles, California and Dr. Kecia Leary (Kyle Vogel) of Iowa City and their children Ben and Michaela; nephews: Col. James Paul Leary (USA, Ret.) and his wife, YooSong and their daughter Evangeline Leary, Gary Flockhart (Lorraine) of Terryville, Connecticut, Andrew Kaiser, Steve Kaiser of Waterport, New York and his daughter, Dr. Abby Kaiser of Seattle, Washington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Suncrest Hospice.

Services: Dec. 14, 12:30 p.m.
 Visitation: Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ice Fishing Again



By Rick Janssen

Dec. 15, 2025

Everywhere I go lately the first question that people have been asking me is "have you been ice fishing yet?" The interesting thing is when I say yes, the response seems to be "are you crazy, there can't be enough ice yet!" I think they must have forgotten the multiple days we have had already with below zero temps and even more days below freezing. I think in the last 15 days we have had 30 minutes above freezing. Ice gets made fast in those temperatures.

My first day out was December 5. I went to Beeds lake and drove into the campground area. I am very appreciative of the snow being moved so that people can get in there. I really wanted to fish along the north jetty, but

the giant flock of geese had been working hard to keep the water open in that area and I did not think the ice would be safe there.

I pulled my ice fishing sled down the jetty by the campground and took my first steps on the ice for the 2025-2026 season. The first thing I did was drill a hole close to the shore to check the ice. It was about 4 inches thick,

so I felt OK about that. My goal for this outing was just to check the ice and maybe fish a bit. I then took about 4 more steps and drilled another hole. Ice was still good. I continued with this process out onto the lake. I did not want to press my luck too much and stopped about 50 yards from shore.

Now that I had determined that the ice was safe it was

time to find some fish. I took out my depth finder and put it in the hole. My normal procedure is to check out the drilled holes until I can see a blip of a fish on my depth finder. Remember ice fishing is straight down so if I don't see anything on my depth finder I move on to another hole. I did this for 15 holes in the area I was in, and I did not see a thing. Time to move.

I grabbed my auger and started drilling random holes moving back towards the fishing jetty. I drilled 6 more holes and then grabbed my depth finder to check those out. On hole number 20 I finally saw a fish on my screen. I then got into my fish shelter and pulled the top over me. It was not very cold that day, but I fired up my little heater just to be sure it worked. AHHH toasty. I got out my fishing rod and baited up. I could still see the blips of fish on my depth finder, so I was thinking I was in a good spot.

On my first drop down the hole a fish came up to check out my bait. NO bites though.



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WHAT ARE YOU
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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

Christmas Blessings

By Sheryl L. Carter

So what are my Christmas Blessings? Probably anything good that happens between now and the 25th. So far, the weather hasn't been exactly a gift, with three snowstorms in the last three weekends. Our church was closed the previous two Sundays. Yesterday, Saturday, as I write this on Sunday afternoon, December 14, was supposed to be the big Christmas in Lynnville Celebration with the Craft and Vendor Show at the Lynnville Friend's Church. I saw they needed more vendors so contacted the lady in charge, and was assured there was room for me, and no charge for the space. Yay!

I was ready to load up Jazzy for the quick little three-mile trip down there, but alas and alack, another big winter storm was predicted to hit Saturday morning, which it did, so the whole celebration was cancelled the night before. Sensible for sure, but I missed out on the last craft event of the year, and free to boot, but hey, I had more time to write out some Christmas cards, and whatever else I did yesterday. One of which was scooping the six inches of snow off my walk.

And yikes, it has been cold.

I put my three kitties out last evening early, but before I retired for bed, I let them all in again. Seven below is pretty cold, even if they do all have their thick heavy winter fur coats on. Pippi especially loves being inside, and right now she is cuddled down on the furnace vent right here beside my computer desk, soaking it all in. But just let it warm up nice and the sun shine, and she is right there at the door wanting to go out. It's supposed to warm up through the night tonight, so we will see. They have good places to be cozy and warm out there in the shed in their straw boxes.

So, what's been going on around here this week? I got all my fall décor put away on Monday—there wasn't a lot, but I liked what was out. I cleared off my kitchen table which has been my crafting table lately, plus for studying, and bill paying, then brought in the two small four-foot trees that remain completely decorated plus lights from year to year. Got them set up and plugged in, and we were doing Christmas just that quick.

Tuesday was town day, and the last appointment with my occupational therapist for my sore index finger which has improved immensely. Not totally 100% yet, but so

much better. That morning my Bullet had shelled out in the middle of making some smoothies, so found a blender for only \$38. I have been wanting one as a blender has a bigger jar, so was hoping to be able to do bigger batches. We will see. It's still in the box on the kitchen table. I got my groceries, but before that, checked out the Thrift and found such a pretty dark red long cardigan sweater with a little hood, that has already proved to be warm and toasty.

Wednesday, I had sorted through my Christmas tubs in the basement, and brought up a small variety of things, which I set around here and there. Suddenly we were festive! I also did up a big wash, and was glad to get everything folded and put away.

Thursday morning was our fun and interesting Book Club and after that I drove into Grinnell to attend our monthly Lunch & Prayer, but had to leave by 1 p.m. as the snow was beginning to fall again. That evening, I had two nice phone calls.

Friday, I swept the walk from the latest snowfall, and got out the Christmas glasses and dishes. These are all such a conglomeration of this and that pattern, which I like just fine. They all came from various Thrifts, so cost very

little, but are fun to use this time of year and during the winter.

Yesterday, Saturday, I did some household tasks, scooped the walk again, and began writing out Christmas cards. I had done the Christmas letter last week already, and had a small stack to fold into the cards. That night a made up a delicious pizza which I enjoyed hot and flavorful.

Today has been church after two weeks missing, with the Sunday School Christmas Program during SS. The kids did a good job singing and acting out a play. I wish I could have heard what they said, but judging from the audience's reaction, they were a success. Then we had our worship time, Pastor Jerry's message, as well as Communion, which is held on the first Sunday of each month.

The furnace came on pretty often last night during the zero and below temps, keeping it nice and comfortable in here. So glad of a good forced air furnace. We enjoyed our wood stove for 25 years, but this is so much easier—no wood cutting, hauling it in, hauling the ashes out, and cleaning up the mess.

Looks like that about wraps it up for this week, until next time!

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I tried another lure and sure enough I caught the fish. Game on!! Just then I noticed my depth finder was starting to act strange. The lights were getting dimmer and I could not see much. Then it just faded out completely. HMMM maybe I didn't charge it enough for the first trip out. I decided to pack up and head home to charge it more.

The next day was a Saturday, and my charger was ready to go. I went back to the lake and the first thing I noticed was the number of trucks parked along the road and people on the ice. I remember the day before while I was out, seven different trucks drove along the road and watched me. I guess

they were curious about what kind of an idiot was out there, and was he going to break through. Once I proved it was safe then more people came out.

I headed out further into the lake where there were others fishing and started drilling some holes. I saw a man and his son fishing, so I stopped to talk with them for a while. They had just gotten started so had not caught anything yet. I asked if I could fish in the same area and I got the OK.

After checking out 5 more holes I spotted some fish. I set up my shack and started fishing. I caught 3 fish immediately but then they stopped biting. I moved one more time and got the hot spot. I

sat there for the rest of the day and ended up catching plenty of fish. I brought home 11 for supper.

My next trip out was a week later, and the ice had grown 2 more inches. I felt safe enough to walk across the lake to the north side to check it out. I drilled 15 holes on the north side and did not mark one fish. I decided to move back to the area I had fished on Saturday and started drilling holes. I managed a few fish and then ended up in about the same place I had caught the fish on Saturday.

This was Thursday the 11th of December and if you remember it was snowing that day. When I finally went to set up my shack I had a lot of snow piled up in it. I had

to brush everything off to get set up. I fired up the heater and sat down for some serious fishing. For the next hour I caught fish after fish. All the bluegills were very nice sized. I did not want to clean any fish that night, so I put them back.

What a great day of fishing. I am sure I will be fishing now at least a few times per week. I like to go out during the week when there are less people out. I need to add something for my fellow ice fishermen. PLEASE pick up your trash. My heart breaks when I see the junk left on the ice. It is not too much to ask if you pick up your bait containers, food wrappers etc. Enjoy your time out, but keep it clean.



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, December 14, 2025... Just as we were seeing the bare ground following last week's snow, we get a fresh supply again yesterday. Once again the holiday decorations are showing off in a beautiful way against the white blanket. Only eleven days until Christmas. Our plans are still unsure with some giving the "I don't know" response. I don't quite understand why plans can't be made and then work around that. Grandma used to set a date, and that was the date you gathered! My personal solution for our immediate family is the Twelve Days of Christmas. That date is January 6th. That was when the Kings arrived with their gifts so that makes sense to me. So we plan on the Sunday closest to that day. Other gatherings will be planned before then with those coming who can.

My story for this week - We didn't have far to travel in the cold last evening to enjoy dinner at the VFW. Dad had told me stories regarding Steve Wellers mother Ethel May Horras from the Harper area. Last night Steve was also at the VFW and I verified the story and am writing it down to remember it correctly. I find it very interesting to find that Ethel May had sold one of her horses to Roy Rogers! Steve also told me that following that transaction, she was able to travel to Madison Square Garden and rode with Gene Autry, the "Singing Cowboy!" Steve said this was all before his time, so perhaps in the early 1950s? If you know about

this, I'd like to hear about it. Our construction of the garage is almost complete. It is so nice to once again put the vehicles inside. There are many storage containers to go through...in time, and hopefully through some sorting I will be able to part with more "stuff." Anyone interested in a 1953 Seeburg jukebox or a 1954 pinball machine? Also a less than six month used Amana washer and dryer?

I'm hoping to get started on some holiday baking and candy. I have to be careful as I have trouble keeping it ahead of Greg. He loves those sweets, but pie is safe as he won't eat it! I wonder how gooseberries dripped in chocolate would be? He wouldn't touch those for sure!

On Friday we attended the service for the final class of 1969 parents. Edith Glenn passed on December 5 at the age of 101. Her so, Bill, joined us at Fremont School in sixth grade, coming from a country one room school near the Ottumwa Air Base. I became acquainted with Edith through the coffee group where we sat next to each other. I so enjoyed her personality and wit. You didn't have to wonder what she thought, she'd tell you! Wish I had known her longer - quite a gal for sure!

Well friends, my list is long, and a cold day will keep me home. Have a good week and enjoy the season! Like Jane Austin once said, "There is nothing like staying home for real comfort."

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ple who don't check their basements. Shafranek stated that they legally cannot be denied access to service lines. He stated that most people let him in to check when he knocks. Shafranek stated that they had sent out letters informing people of the water leak, which they didn't need to do unless someone wasn't around, because they can just knock on the door and look around. He stated that city employee Steven Clarahan had less time to look for water leaks because of a new job, and that, if he can't do it, they need to hire someone part time who can. Frazier asked if the council could check houses for leaks; Shafranek stated it had to be a city employee. Lown stated that there were a few water meters that still weren't reading. The council discussed getting a

tool to check water meters. Chandra Harper from the library board stated that the board would vote on hiring a new library director at their next meeting. Hope Frazier stated that she had been very impressed with interim director Destiny Harper. Chandra Harper stated that, the next two Saturdays, Destiny would be hosting Christmas crafts and cocoa after story-time. She stated that Destiny was considering doing this every Saturday, if it went well. Lown mentioned that Andi Albert, who had decided against running for reelection but received the most write-in votes, had officially declined to stay on the council. Local man Roger Murphy, who received the second most write-in votes, has agreed to take her seat.

Pekin To Put Out Stop Signs at Richland Bus Stop

According to a Facebook post by Pekin Schools, starting Dec. 15, at the afternoon Richland square bus stop, the buses will be putting out the stop signs on the buses to unload students. This is for the kids' safety. All school bus stop sign laws will be in

place, please obey them, and park accordingly. This is for the afternoon only at the Richland square. The school is asking for the students to unload in an orderly fashion and cross where the buses have their stop signs out.

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Keota stays undefeated to start season

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review
Girls Basketball:

Keota starts week with win over Colfax-Mingo
KEOTA - The Eagles improved to 5-0 at the start of last week with a low scoring win over Colfax-Mingo.

Keota was able to win 36-28 over the Tigerhawks. Keota scored 14 points in the first quarter and led 21-15 at halftime. The scoring slowed down for both teams in the second half as Keota scored just 15 points, while Colfax-Mingo scored 13.

The win improves the Eagles to 5-0. They would win later in the week against Sigourney to start the year 6-0.

11th-ranked Montezuma downs Bears

NORTH ENGLISH - Some teams are just a little too tough to be stopped.

That was the case on Friday night as the English Valleys girls basketball team fell to No. 11 Montezuma, 48-23.

After the first quarter the Bears trailed 12-3. Montezuma scored 11 points in the second quarter and English Valleys would add nine points.

In the second half the Bravettes would score 25 total points, while the Bears were limited to just 11 points overall.

Anna Luers would lead the scoring for the Bears with seven points. Another six points came off of Kaylynn Caster. Both Aubrey Achenbach and Addison Achenbach would score five points each in the game.

English Valleys falls to 2-1 overall on the season.

They will host two games this week as they welcome North Mahaska and HLV-TC to their gym for the final two games before break.

Panthers fall to Louisa-Muscatine

LETTS - A strong start to the game didn't sustain them for the rest of the contest.

Friday night the Panthers fell to Louisa-Muscatine 53-34.

Pekin was able to start the game off on the right foot as they were able to lead 13-11 after the first quarter.

Things flipped started in the second quarter as the Falcons were able to figure out the defense of Pekin and counter with a strong defensive front of their own. Pekin was limited to just five points in the second quarter. The Falcons would lead 26-18 at halftime.

Scoring was limited for both teams in the second half. The Falcons scored 27 points, while holding the Panthers to 16. That allowed the Falcons to win the game, and hand the Panthers the defeat.

Anna Hadley led the Panthers in scoring with 15 points. She added another 12 rebounds. Abby Guise scored 12 points with 11 rebounds. Carlie Gambell would finish with six points. Maddy Petrehn added one point.

Overall the Panthers are 3-1 on the season.

Pekin was on the road on Tuesday to play Lone Tree. They then host Columbus on Thursday, before heading up to play Hillcrest Academy on Friday night.

Boys basketball Panthers bring an end to Montezuma's undefeated streak

MONTEZUMA - It wasn't a game for those with heart problems.

Last Tuesday the Pekin boys basketball team won a thriller, 70-67 over Montezuma. The win by the Panthers handed the Braves their only loss of the year.

Throughout the game both teams were determined to score, and score a lot.

In the first quarter just two points separated the two teams. Pekin led 19-17. That would change just before half.

In what is one of their better quarters of the season, the Panthers would score 24 points in the second quarter, while holding Montezuma to just 14 points. That allowed the Panthers to lead 43-31 at halftime.

The two teams combined for just 23 points in the third quarter. But then Montezuma would make their charge for the lead.

A furious fourth quarter unleashed with both teams draining shots from all over the gym. Montezuma continued to shoot, and shoot well, eventually ending with 25 points scored in the fourth quarter. Pekin scored 15 points, which allowed them to gain the ultimate three point win.

The win moves the Panthers to 2-1 overall on the season.

No scoring stats were available at press time.

It is a busy week for the Panthers as they have three games this week. They traveled to play Lone Tree on Tuesday. Thursday they host Columbus and Friday night they are on the road against Hillcrest Academy.

Strong first half leads to win for Keota

KEOTA - Sometimes all it takes is one really good half. That really good half is what the Eagles were able to put together in a 51-30 victory over Colfax-Mingo on Dec. 9.

The Eagles scored 13 points to start the game, limiting Colfax-Mingo to just two points. In the second quarter the Eagles scored another 19 points to further secure their lead. Colfax-Mingo was limited to just seven points.

Although the Tigerhawks would score 14 points in the third quarter it wasn't enough to threaten the lead of the Eagles, as they used a 19-point second half to secure the win.

Jackson Vittetoe was able to score 21 points while pulling in 11 rebounds for the Eagles. Porter Cave finished with 11 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Ayden Galindo scored six points. Brennan McGuire and Blake Baker would both finish with five points each in the win.

Bears fall against Montezuma

NORTH ENGLISH - Speed can just be too much of a weapon sometimes.

Last week against Montezuma it was the speed of the Braves that was too much for the English Valleys boys basketball team. Montezuma was able to win 77-55 over the Bears in a game that didn't lack in scoring.

In the first half Montezuma scored 37 points, but the Bears weren't far behind adding 29 points of their own.

Scoring kept up through the second half as Montezuma poured on another 40 points. English Valleys was limited to just 26 points in the second half.

Everett Bender led the scoring effort for the Bears with 10 points Kane Axmear added eight points. Colton Mikesell finished with nine points. Ben Axmear finished with six points and Christian Tripses would add two points of his own.

Tyler Lortz scored 14 points off of the bench.

Overall the Bears stand at 3-1 on the season.



Sigourney's Ike Molyneux (10) lines up a shot as Keota's Ayden Galindo (22) defends the play.



Sigourney's John Berg (34) reaches out to try and swat the ball away from Keota's Brennan McGuire (5). Berg led all Sigourney with 14 points in a 57-51 overtime win.

Savage in the second half

Sigourney uses 32 second half points to win 57-51 overtime battle with Keota

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

KEOTA - For both sides it was all about maintenance.

For most of the game Keota was able to ride an early eight point advantage to the lead. From there they were just trying to maintain any advantage they could have. For Sigourney, they had to maintain the deficit, and once they were able to get the lead, they had to maintain control.

The game would stretch into overtime, but eventually Sigourney was able to maintain just enough to hold onto a 57-51 victory.

"We had a lot of resiliency tonight," said Mitch Eslick, the head coach for the Sigourney boys team. "Coming out and getting in an 8-0 hole right away, at a tough play to win at, wasn't how we wanted to start the game. We were down at the half. The first half we weren't as sharp as we needed to be defensively. Credit goes to the kids because they really picked up the defense in the second half. We've been working on the press. Being able to get in the press and play that well, I think that is what turned things around for us tonight." Keota took control of the game early on as they were able to score the first eight points. Sigourney wasn't going to give up, quickly answering with seven points of their own. By the end of the first quarter Sigourney trailed by three 15-12.

The Eagles, playing on their familiar gym, would take the lead larger in the second quarter. For a few seconds the Eagles were able to take a 10-point lead over Sigourney. As halftime

neared the Savages needed some momentum.

Just then Ike Molyneux was able to hit a three pointer. The jump of energy from the long shot helped power the Savages on a little run at the end of the first half. Although they trailed 30-25 going into halftime, nothing seemed too far out of reach.

"I was not very happy with how we defended in the first half," Eslick said. "I let the kids know at halftime, and they responded. We probably played our best defensive quarter the entire year in the third quarter. That got us back in the game. We didn't have our best offense tonight. When you have seniors like we have, you know that they are going to respond when the chips are down."

The Savages unleashed a punishing half court press defense in the second half. Keota tried to use their speed and quick passes to move the ball, but Sigourney used their experience on the floor to take away the speed disadvantages they faced.

The score flip-flopped through much of the third quarter. With just a few seconds left Sigourney's Solon Yates was able to hit a corner three pointer to give Sigourney a 35-34 lead over Keota. The Eagles rushed to the other end of the floor and retook the lead with a three of their own.

After three quarters, Keota was hanging onto a 37-35 lead.

Both teams scored early and often to start the fourth quarter as Sigourney took a lead, but Keota would answer and build their own lead.

Both teams enjoyed small snippets of time with the advantage. With 1:14 left in the game the game was tied at 50. Molyneux drove the ball inside the lane with a hope



Sigourney's Solon Yates lines up a three point shot against the defense of Keota's Brennan McGuire (front) during a Dec. 12 game played in Keota.

of getting fouled or making the layup. He was fouled and made a free throw to give Sigourney the 51-50 lead.

On the other end of the floor, Keota set up one of their own plays and eventually fed the ball to Ayden Galindo. Galindo was fouled. He made his first free throw shot, but missed the second, which tied the game at 51, where the score would stay for the rest of the fourth quarter, and force overtime.

The entire tone of the extra quarter started off with a Sigourney senior doing what was expected of him.

Solon Yates, who had hit a critical three in the third quarter to give the Savages one of their first leads of the game, came through again.

He faked a dribble inside, shaking his defender. Then he took a step back, lined up his shot and let it fire. The shot was true and Sigourney took a three point lead to start overtime.

"Those seniors have built a lot of equity with us, because they have proven time and time again that they can shoot and make the ball when they need to," Eslick said. "For Solon, he is strong on the defensive end. It is funny how it works when the defense starts to play better that feeds into the offense. This group has no good memories of playing in Keota. We've gotten blown out here a few times, we've lost a lot of games here. You have to get a little lucky here. When you work hard and put yourself in the position, good things happen."

Defensively the Savages were as sharp as they had been throughout the second half. Neither team were able to get into a scoring groove in the overtime period. The

Savages would add another three points off three free throws.

That was all they needed as Keota wouldn't score in the overtime period, and Sigourney was able to win 57-51.

"We missed a lot of shots there in the second half," said Dan Stout, the head coach for the Keota boys team. "Their half court trap did get some turnovers, but the main thing was we missed a lot of shots in the second half that we shouldn't have."

One thing that Stout said really hurt the Eagles was the play of John Berg from Sigourney. Although he didn't have any three pointers that sealed the game, like Yates, Berg was all over the place for the Savages.

"The biggest thing was John Berg became a beast," Stout said. "He became a beast and almost single handedly beat us in the second half. We knew that could happen and we just couldn't stop him, or shoot past him."

Berg led the Savages with 14 points. He added 17 rebounds for a double-double in the game. He also had four steals.

Ike Molyneux and Brayden Wood both finished with 10 points each. Wood added 10 rebounds. Landon Conrad and Yates both had nine points each. Hunter Sellers finished with five points in the game.

Porter Cave finished with 18 points for Keota. Jackson Vittetoe finished with 14 points and Chase Haifley added 12 points. Ayden Galindo finished with five points and Blake Baker added two points.

The Savages improve to 3-1 with the win. Keota falls to 3-1 after the game.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Keota's Blake Baker (11) takes a shot while Sigourney defender Hunter Sellers (30) attempts to swat it away during a Dec. 12 game played in Keota. Sigourney won the game 57-51 in overtime.

Savages learn lessons against Lynnville-Sully

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

SULLY - Sometimes things just don't go anywhere near as planned.

That was the case for the the Sigourney basketball teams last Tuesday as they battled, but ultimately fell against Lynnville-Sully on the road.

For the girls team the Tuesday night road game was especially humbling.

The Savages scored just 20 points as Lynnville-Sully cruised to a relatively easy 56-20 win.

By halftime the Savages were struggling to get their offense rolling as they trailed 34-9 against a Lynnville-Sully

team that isn't afraid to play quick. The second half was slightly better for the Savages as they scored 11 points, but Lynnville-Sully scored 22 points, which helped them take the win.

"I hope this week is an eye opener," Sigourney head girls basketball coach, Kaylee Weber said. "We have two more tough games this last week before we go on break. We knew that the game against Lynnville-Sully was going to be tough. This game (against Keota) shouldn't have been as tough as it was. We need to use this and build off of it. We need to get in the gym more. I need to prepare the girls better for each game. They need to take this game

tonight to better themselves."

After falling in both of their games last week the Savages will play against HLV-TC on Tuesday night. They return home for a game against Iowa Valley to finish off their games before break.

For the boys basketball team, they battled, but were not able to best Lynnville-Sully in their game.

It was close throughout the first half as Sigourney trailed by three after the first quarter, and cut the lead to just two points at halftime.

Lynnville-Sully grew their lead to four by the end of the third quarter, but Sigourney was limited to just seven points in the final frame which handed the win to the

Hawks.

"This was a really tough week," Mitch Eslick, the head boys basketball coach at Sigourney said. "You go to Lynnville-Sully, you go to Keota, and neither of those schools are known for losing at home."

John Berg led the scoring for the Savages with 17 points. Solon Yates added another 15 points. Brayden Wood finished with 13 points. Ike Molyneux would score four points in the game.

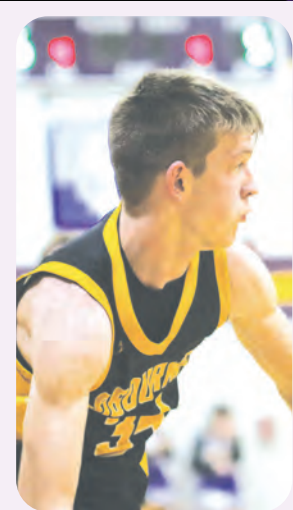
The Savages will be on the road against HLV-TC on Tuesday. They host Iowa Valley for their last game before the winter break on Friday night.

Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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John Berg

He wasn't afraid to go to two of the toughest places to play and show what he is able to do. This last week Sigourney senior John Berg was able to have two very solid games against two very tough opponents. Berg, and the Savages, started off their week last week with a game against Lynnville-Sully. Although the Savages fell in that contest, Berg finished with 17 points, five rebounds, four steals and a

block. In a rivalry game against Keota the senior was able to score 14 points. He added 17 total rebounds and also had four steals. That allowed his team to be able gain an eventual 57-51 victory over Keota in overtime. The News-Review would like to congratulate Berg on his successful week of play, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



Cameron Haifley

Consistency has been something she has brought to the team in her sophomore season. This last week the consistent play of Cameron Haifley was a big reason why the Keota Eagles girls basketball team improved to 6-0 on the season. It started in a Tuesday game against Colfax-Mingo where Haifley was able to lead her team with 16 total points scored. She added one rebound, one assist, one steal

and one block as well for a complete scorecard. On Friday night Haifley was another leading scorer as the Eagles were able to take down Sigourney 66-52. In that contest the sophomore was able to add 14 points with four rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block. The News-Review would like to congratulate Haifley on her two strong games, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



Sigourney's Abyl McCulley (left) dribbles around the defense of Keota's Emily conger (right) during a play in the second half of a Dec. 12 game played in Keota.



Jessalyn Aller (with ball) from Keota prepares to take a shot over the defense of Sigourney's Ella Bruns. Aller finished with 16 points in the Dec. 12 game.

SK falls in wrestling meet at home

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
SIGOURNEY - The first home meet of the year didn't go as planned for the Cobras.

On Dec. 9 the Sigourney-Keota wrestling team welcomed Pleasantville, WACO and Pella to their gym, but was defeated in all three matches.

The closest match of the night came against WACO where Sigourney-Keota fell 48-33.

Aydin Flowers was able to get things started off well for the Cobras as he needed just 20 seconds to pin his WACO opponent in the 138-pound weight class.

Ryker Van den Huevel was able to add another six points to the S-K totals when he needed just 1:21 to pin his 144-pound opponent.

Dillon Menke added a win in the 157-pound weight class, by earning a 12-10 decision. Max Peterson won the 165-pound match with a pin in 3:19.

Owen Menke finished off the match for S-K with a win in the 285-pound weight class, pinning his

opponent in 40 seconds. Against Pleasantville the Cobras fell 35-29.

Flowers was able to get a pin in 1:03 to start off the wins for the S-K. Van den Huevel would earn a tech fall, 17-2 over his 144-pound opponent.

Dillon Menke won the 157-pound match with a pin in 1:42. Peterson needed just 1:33 to pin his 165-pound opponent.

Owen Menke also had a win, needing just 2:59 to pin his 285-pound opponent.

Against Pella the Cobras fell 42-25. Van den Huevel picked up a win in the 144-pound division with a tech fall, 16-0 early in the third period.

Lukle Flynn was able to win the 150-pound match with a 7-3 decision.

Dillon Menke won the 157-pound match with a pin in 1:58. Peterson would win the 165-pound match with a pin in 1:40.

Owen Menke won the 285-pound match with a pin in 1:23. The Cobras were deducted a team point for unsportsmanlike behavior during the meet.

Eagles erase 11 years of history

Keota girls gain first victory over Sigourney girls since Dec. 2014

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

KEOTA - It didn't seem likely to happen that way. Sure the Eagles had gotten off to a quick start in Friday night's rivalry game against Sigourney, but Sigourney came back ready to make a game out of it. Just like everyone knew they would.

After all Sigourney has dominated the recent history in games against Keota. Every game since Dec. 16, 2014 had been won by the Sigourney girls.

So, on Friday night, when Sigourney's Addy Fineran hit a top of the key three pointer to tie the game at five early in the first quarter, it just seemed like that was the moment that Sigourney was going to take control of the game. They did, for a little bit too.

Fineran nailed her next shot, too. That was followed up a few minutes later by Brynn Claraham scoring some more points. Suddenly the score was 9-5 in favor of the Savages.

Then Keota started to come back. They tied the game at nine, beating the press of the Sigourney girls.

Sigourney jumped ahead with a free throw shot to lead 10-9 going into the final two minutes.

That's when Keota decided it was time to rewrite the history books.

Over the course of the final 90 seconds of the first quarter Keota could do no wrong. They made all of their shots.

Defensively, they stopped fouling, and baited Sigourney into tough shots.

As the first period buzzer sounded, Keota led 19-10, but they had finished the first quarter on a 10-0 run.

It turned out that was the springboard the Eagles would need to eventually grab a 66-52 victory over the Savages.

"It was huge at the end of the first quarter to have that run that we did," said Keota head coach Jeff Sprouse. "That was critical, because we have been able to put runs together against Sigourney before, but we ran out of gas. For us to be able to get the lead and play on with it is huge."

Sprouse mentioned how, in years past, Keota had been able to take large chunks of the lead out of Sigourney before, but they had never been able to capitalize. Friday night, they took the lead, and didn't look back.

The Eagles used the scoring streak they had established at the end of the first quarter to fuel a similar run in the second quarter. By the time there were four minutes left before half, Keota's lead had grown to 10, and was still expanding.

"Our girls got very, very lazy tonight. I feel like the girls kind of hit a wall and just gave up," Sigourney's Head Girls basketball coach, Kaylee Weber said. "That is something I don't stand for, and the girls know it. We are playing some very flat basketball right now. Granted it is still the beginning of the season, but we shouldn't be playing like that."

Just before halftime Keota's Dakota Dodd was able to hit a corner three and the Eagles were able to retire to halftime

with a comfortable 35-20 lead.

At halftime Sigourney had to make a change. So they went to their bread and butter, their strong defensive style of play.

"We just aren't clicking right now," Weber said. "I'm not sure what is going on in that aspect. That's what we need to do, that's what we should be doing. We just aren't executing to where we need to right now."

Neither team played strong defense to start the new half as a total of 39 points were scored in the third quarter. Of those 39 points, 21 belonged to Keota as the lead continued to grow.

What made the Eagles such a strong scoring threat was how well they were able to spread the scoring around.

"It was a total team effort," Sprouse said. "The girls found a way to handle the bumping and grinding and the overall physical play of the game. Our mental state was, overall, in a great spot. We had to figure out how to play. We did a really good job of sharing the ball tonight, and because of that we were extremely balanced scoring the ball. It is hard to guard us when you have four or five girls that can score."

While it seemed like just about anyone and everyone wearing an Eagle jersey was able to score, Sigourney was having a hard time getting their shots to work for them.

"We need to make shots that we know we can make," Weber said. "Especially when it comes to layups, we should be making those shots. If they aren't hitting them from the three, we know we should be driving them in."

Keota kept the Sigourney sharpshooters at bay, and although the Savages outscored Keota 14-10 in the final frame, Keota was able to grab the win 66-52, and take away 11 years of history that had plagued the Eagles on the hardwood.

"I am happy for the girls. It has been a long time," Sprouse said. "This has been a huge mental block, because Sigourney always plays us tough. We were able to play one of our best games. It feels good to get the win, and I'm not going to lie, it has been a long time coming."

Emily Conger led the Eagles with 16 points in the win. Another 16 points were turned in by Jessalyn Aller.

Cameron Haifley added 14 points with three assists. Karley Greiner finished with 10 points and four rebounds. Keenedy Jackson scored seven points with 12 rebounds. Dakota Dodd finished with three points.

Scoring stats for Sigourney were not reported at press time.

The win improves the Eagles to 6-0 on the season. Sigourney falls to 3-2 overall.

"You can't take this game as an end-all game," Sprouse said. "It's great that we were able to win the game, but we can't use this game as a season definer. We still have games before the break. We just need to go out there and go play. We play much better when we are free and clear. We have to build on this. It is just one more block that we needed to clear. It is how we handle both adversity and success. We have to take it one step and one game at a time."

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English Valleys downs Moravia, New London at Cardinal

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review
ELDON - The trip south was a successful one.

Last week the English Valleys boys wrestling team competed at the Cardinal Comet duals. There the Bears were able to pick up two wins overall.

Against Moravia the Bears were able to win 42-27.

Cael Grove started off the wins for the Bears when he pinned his 126-pound opponent in just 55 seconds.

Later Kaleb Bolinger would win the 215-pound match when he needed 1:42 to pin his opponent.

Dayne Render (106); Aidan Smothers (113); Noah Armstrong (132); Hunter Offerman (138) and Teagan Mast (175) all won by forfeit in the meet.

Against New London the Bears were able to win 42-18.

Offerman was able to pick up a win in just 29 seconds in the 138-pound

match. Later Mast needed just one minute to pin his 175-pound opponent.

Bolinger had a quick win for the Bears as well. The 215-pound wrestler pinned his opponent in 48 seconds.

Picking up wins by forfeit: Dayne Render (106); Brennick Geiger (113); Cael Grove (126); Noah Armstrong (132).

Against Cardinal the Bears fell 41-30. Dayne Render started off the wins for the Bears when he needed 53 seconds to win the 106-pound match. He secured the win with a pin.

Grove would win the 126-pound match by pinning his opponent in 53 seconds.

Teagan Mast would win the 175-pound match as he was able to pin his opponent in 1:10.

Will McPherson (190) and Kaleb Bolinger (215) both won their matches by forfeit.

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Defendant Kelby Wayne Nernes; Payee Keokuk County, Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order for Arraignment, Trial Information.

Defendant Todd B. Riddle; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

Dec. 9th
Defendant Avarie Jaclyn Smith; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Probation Revocation.

Defendant Travis Wayne Schuchert; Payee's Johnson County Sheriff, Keokuk County, Payor State wide Cash Bonds LLC; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Travis Wayne Schuchert; Payee Keokuk County, Payor Statewide Cash Bonds LLC; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.

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Defendant Christopher Clubb; Payee Wapello County Sheriff's Office; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Jamie Lynn Pringle; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Complaint.

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Dec. 12th
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Defendant Ryan Lee White; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA INC, Small Claims Original Notice.

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Defendants Alissa Marie Pfannebecker, Darren Lee Pfannebecker; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA INC; Small Claims Original Notice.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 1st

Deed Quit Claim; Leroy Dean Straube, Leroy D. Straube, Joybe Lucille Barnett to Maleea F. Straube; DELTA ORIGINAL PLAT DELTA Lot: 06 Block: 13.

Warranty Deed; Raymond A. Lanman, Barbara L. Lanman to Raymond A. Lanman Co Trustee, Barbara L. Lanman Co Trustee, Raymond A. Lanman Revocable Trust, Barbara L. Lanman Revocable Trust, Raymond A. Lanman and Barbara L. Lanman Revocable Trust; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK

Lot: 08 Block: 03, HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 07 Block: 03, PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 05 Block: 03, PT HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 06 Block: 03.

Trustee Warranty Deed: Carol Ann Huffman Trustee, C D Huffman Family Trust, Carol Ann Huffman Family Trust, CD and Carol Ann Huffman Family Trust; Thomas A. Bates, Kathleen A. Bates; UNIT 102B SIGOURNEY PRAIRIE VIEW SUBDIVISION Lot: 01, PLAT 2006-2685.

Deed Quit Claim; Phyllis

M. Morrison to Phyllis M. Morrison, Dan Jamie Morrison, Jeremy P. Morrison; SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 01 Block: 10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 04 Block: 10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT B380 P209.

Warranty Deed; Dennis P. Clarahan, Sheryl Clarahan to Ryan W. Clarahan, Michelle M. Clarahan; SW SW 21-76-11 Parcel: AUD PAR B, SE SE 20-76-11 Parcel: AUD PAR B, PLAT 2025-1104.

Dec. 2nd

Warranty Deed; Aaron Neff, Aaron Michael Neff, Aaron M. Neff to Carter Ferrel; RICH- LAND DUGGERS ADDITION Lot: C.

Court Officer Deed; Leigh Jody Cummings Estate, Cheyenne Rawhoof Administrator to Joseph E. Spangenburg, Madison P. McNurlen; PT NE SW 17-76-12.

Dec. 3rd

Deed Quit Claim; Myron C. Greiner, Karen S. Greiner, Myron Greiner to Myron C. Greiner Trustee, Karen S. Greiner Trustee, Myron C. Greiner Trust, Karen S. Greiner, Myron

C. and Karen S. Greiner Trust; SE 21-74-11 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT 2010-1047, SD01 Lot: 05 SE SW 27-74-10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, SD01 Lot: 06 SE SW 27-74-10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, SD01 Lot: 04 SE SW 27-74-10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT 2007-0500, Lot: 10 SW SE 27-74-10, PLAT B4 P95, SD01 Lot: 11 SW SE 27-74-10, PLAT B4 P95, EXCEPT PLAT 2015-1565.

Dec. 4th

Warranty Deed; Corp Kerkman to Any L. Scheu; HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 02 Block: 08, PT

HEDRICK ORIGINAL PLAT HEDRICK Lot: 01 Block: 08.

Dec. 5th

Real Estate Contracts; Earl Mefford, Joan Mefford to Michael J. Mefford; Lot: 11 SE SE 26-74-13, Lot: 12 SE SE 26-74-13, PLAT B3 P19.

Court Officer Deed; Karen Sue Starr Estate, Deborah L. Neff Executor, Brenda Kay Starr Executor; Brenda Kay Starr; D03 Lot: 30 NE SW 27-74-10, D04 Lot: 30 NE SW 27-74-10.

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ENGLISH VALLEYS CLAIMS PAID, NOVEMBER 2025

Activity Account, November ~ 2025,

All In Gear, wrestling supplies, 1595.00
Always Printing LLC, Cheer Clinic Shirts, 315.00
Don Anderson, Volleyball Official, 151.71
Shawn Angell, Volleyball Official, 135.00
Apple Inc., Computer supplies, 438.00
Atlantic Coca-Cola, Concessions Supplies, 767.55
Tonya Axmear, Fall Sports worker, 300.00
Terry Ayers, Fall Sports Worker, 200.00
Marvin Boyer, Football Official, 150.00
Bob Bradfield, Football Official, 150.00
Angie Buckner, Fall Sports worker, 400.00
Rick Capps, JH/JV Football Official, 138.36
Luke Caster, State XC Meal reimb., 91.07
Carrie Coble, JH Volleyball Official, 80.00
Mike Coss, JH/JV Football Official, 151.55
Freeman Foods, Concessions Supplies, 215.59
Kristin Grove, FFA Convention Fuel, 414.01
Hillcrest Academy, Cross Country Entry, 250.00
Jay Honohan, Football Official, 170.53
Iowa High School Athletic Assn., Student Council Lead, 760.00
Iowa Sports Supply, Athletic supplies, 728.33
William Kester, Football Official, 150.00

Lee Jason, Fall Sports Worker, 150.00
Roger Lortz, Fall Sports Worker, 200.00
Rob Luetje, Fall Sports Worker, 450.00
Jerry Lunsford, Volleyball Official, 152.52
Tyler Mangold, Football Official, 152.20
Wendell Marsh, Fall Sports Worker, 50.00
Misc. on Main, Student Council Shir, 266.00
Tim Mohror, Football Official, 270.00
Montezuma Community Schools, Cross Country Entry, 75.00
Pella Community School Distr., Girls Cross Country, 100.00
Steve Rohach, Volleyball Official, 157.06
JR Rugg, Fall Sports Worker, 200.00
Scholastic, Scholastic News fees, 494.43
Scholastic Book Fairs, Book Fair fees, 529.11
SICL Conference, SICL Dues/BB Assigno, 500.00
Aaron Six, Football Official, 167.81
Randy Striegel, JH/JV Football Of- fic, 152.20
The Garden Gate, Homecoming Supplies, 260.50
Kennedy Thiessen, Volleyball Official, 80.00
Tiffany Thiessen, Volleyball Official, 80.00
Justin Thompson, Football Official, 150.00
Jacob Thorius, Football Official, 167.59
Town & Country, Concessions Sup- plies, 1595.94
Waco Schools, District Football Du, 50.00

Walsworth Publishing Co, 2025 Yearbook fees, 1363.34
West Branch FFA, Livestock Judg- ing Re, 60.00
West Music Company, Band/Music Supplies, 3855.60
Brian Witzenburg, Football Official, 150.00
Activity Account, ** BANK AC- COUNT TOTAL ** 19782.98
Class Construction Ac- count, November ~ 2025,
Freeman Foods, Construction Sup- plie, 5.38
Class Construction Account, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 5.38
General Account, November ~ 2025,
Access Systems, HS Office sup- plies, 228.84
Access Systems Leasing, copier fees, 1088.32
Acme Tools, Ind Arts Supplies, 647.00
AIG Retirement, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 435.00
Alliant Energy, Electricity, 2265.78
Amazon Business, Elem Math Kit Suppl, 3413.02
Arnold Motor Supply, van repair parts, 31.80
Wendy Ayers, Postage Reimb, 38.40
B & L Transmission Inc., transmis- sion repair, 5440.84
Baker Paper & Supply, Custodial Supplies, 308.23
Becky Becker, HS PE Supplies Re- imb, 27.88
BJ's Towing Inc., Bus Towing, 962.30
Carquest Auto Parts, Bus Sup- plies, 70.23
Central Iowa Distributing Inc, cus- todial supplies, 4904.00
Charles Capper Auto Center, Van Repair parts, 140.45

Collection Services Center, Other Deducts W/H, 422.73
Combustion Control Compa- ny, boiler repair, 1973.55
Compass Memorial, Bus Physical, 150.00
Cox Sanitation Service, Garbage Collection, 1084.35
Elite Awards, Val./Sal./Honor Meda, 55.00
Elite Sports, Staff supplies, 194.50
Empower, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 1805.00
English Valleys CSD, Medical In- surance, 123542.93
English Valleys Hot Lunch Fund, revtrack transfer, 17769.28
Equitable, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 100.00
Farmers Lumber Co., HS PBIS Supplies, 143.96
Fleetside Mobile Service, Bus Re- pair, 2913.44
Follett Content Solutions, HS Li- brary Supplies, 290.15
Freeman Foods, Elem supplies, 1075.10
Grant Wood AEA, Special Educa- tion fe, 21093.50
Great Prairie Area Education Agency, Shared Librarian, 1750.00
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd., Custodial Supplies, 209.50
Horace Mann, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 1540.00
Humphreys Sound, Sound System Service, 303.00
Imagine Learning LLC, Edgenuity program fe, 11630.00
Infrastructure Technology solu- tions, security maintenance, 950.00
ING USA Annuity & Life Ins, Tsa/ Ira/Annuities, 820.00
Interstate All Battery Center, Custodial Supplies, 117.95
Iowa Assc Of School Bus Off-

cal, registration fees, 290.00
Iowa Communications Net- work, ICN Fees, 551.16
Iowa Prison Industries, Bus Sup- plies, 119.40
Iowa Public Employee Ret Sys- , IPERS, 47691.49
ISFIS, Background Check fee, 210.00
J B Repair, Bus Repair, 4290.42
J.W. Pepper & Son INC, HS Music Supplies, 584.23
Jaytech Inc., maintenance fees, 245.05
Shelby R. Jensen, Reimb fees, 88.00
Kirkwood Community Col- lege, Postsecondary Tuitio, 12729.60
Krakow Construction, construction fees, 340.00
Marengo Farm & Home, Custodial Supplies, 15.58
Tami Marsh, tech maintenance fee, 5250.00
McCloud Services, Pest Control, 61.80
MCI, phone, 106.75
Menards - Iowa City, Ind Arts Sup- plies, 100.92
Midwest Alarm System, Fire Alarm Monitorin, 414.54
Midwest Computer Products, Pro- jector, 567.00
Montezuma Community Schools, choir festival regis, 480.00
Mount Vernon High School, entry fees, 200.00
Multi County Oil, Gas - Diesel, 3054.03
New Century, LP, 1781.96
News Review, HS Library sub- scription, 64.00
North English Co-Op Tele Co., Phone, 695.58
City Of North English, Water Sewer, 1457.64

thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp., ele- vator maintenance, 314.59
RevTrack, online fees, 440.95
School Bus Sales, Bus Repair parts, 5474.81
Star Autism Support, Special Ed Curricula, 1645.00
T I P Rural Electric Coop, electrici- ty, 3897.28
Teaching Strategies, Elem sup- plies, 314.25
The Joy of Music, music therapy, 80.00
The News-Review, Legal Notice, 237.41
Treasure State Of Iowa, State In- come Tax, 7213.00
U.S. Cellular, Phone, 560.24
Verizon Business, phone, 92.84
Voya, Tsa/Ira/Annuities, 2795.00
West Music Company, Band/Music Supplies, 9539.59
William Penn University, TPRA Tui- tion, 10459.00
Woodman Controls, tech mainte- nance fee, 276.74
General Account, ** BANK AC- COUNT TOTAL ** 331375.88
Insurance Account, November ~ 2025,
Seabury & Smith INC IA Fiducia- ry, premiums, 61605.32
TASC, premiums, 1874.98
Insurance Account, ** BANK AC- COUNT TOTAL ** 63480.30
Nutrition & Food Service Acct, November ~ 2025,
English Valleys General Fund, pr transfer to GF, 6522.85
Opaa! Food Management, October contracted s, 58404.49
Nutrition & Food Service Acct, ** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** 64927.34
**** DISTRICT TOTAL ****, 47951.88
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Keota CSD • Claims 11.14.2025 - 12.11.2025

KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
12/12/2025 11:28 AM
Vendor Totals Report by Vendor
11/14/2025 - 12/11/2025
Beginning Date 12/11/2025;
Ending Date 12/11/2025
 Vendor Name, Description, Total
 AAA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, IN, REPAIR SEWER EJECTION PIPE LEAKING 320.20
 AHLERS & COONEY P.C., LEGAL COUNSEL 470.00
 ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL 160.00
 ALLIANT ENERGY COMPANY, ELECTRICITY 5,781.85
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC, SUPPLIES -MCCOMBS/ROSEWALL 766.27
 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, PURCHASED FOOD 1,404.88
 B & C REPAIR, LLC, WORK/SEEDING/CONSTRUCTION ON SB FIELD 925.00
 BROOKLYN HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 1,324.78
 CALDWELL, KEVIN, OFFICIAL 50.00
 CAMPBELL, WYNDELL, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 CAPPER AUTO CENTER 2, 2022 FORD TRANSIT 12 PASSENGER VAN 34,995.00

CAPPER AUTO CENTER INC., SERVICE ON BUS 1,671.84
 CITY OF KEOTA, WATER/GARBAGE 443.69
 CLOUDBURST 9, FIBER INTERNET 309.99
 COLLEGE BOARD, THE, AP TESTING 25.20
 COUNTY LINE MART, LLC, SUPPLIES FOR FFA/PRINCIPAL/ CONCESSIONS 236.21
 COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, IN, GARBAGE COLLECTION 446.25
 DEMCO, LIBRARY SUPPLIES 264.54
 DONALD, COLLEEN, REIMB STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPLIES 8.60
 EDWARDS, JANE, REIMB CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES 925.56
 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, IP SOLUTIONS/REMOTE SUPPORT 300.00
 ELITE SPORTS, YOUTH BB JERSEYS - RESALE 172.00
 EMS DETERGENT SERVICES, KITCHEN SUPPLIES 247.48
 ENERGY ASSOCIATION OF IOWA SCHOOLS, RADON TESTING TRAINING 3,500.00
 FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, FUEL/SUPPLIES ...

FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC., INSTRUCTIONAL 93.34
 GREAT PRAIRIE AEA, SPECIAL ED FLOW THRU 22,622.62
 HARPER, DAVE, REIMB FOR BOARD SUPPLIES FOR E. MCGUIRE 44.91
 HEARTLAND AEA #11, PROFESSIONAL DEV. - LATHROP 50.00
 HU, CHENGMING, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, NON FEDERAL MEDICAID 544.17
 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASS'N., STATE SHOW CHOIR CONTEST GATE 175.00
 IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICES, BACKGROUND CHECKS 12.50
 JAMISON, ZACH, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 0.00
 KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, TELEPHONE SYSTEM 1,327.28
 KCII RADIO, 56 30 SEC COMMERCIALS 904.95
 KEOKUK COUNTY AUDITOR, ELECTION FEES 1,188.04
 KEOTA EAGLE FOODS, LIFE SKILLS/KITCHEN SUPPLIES 268.78
 KEOTA LAWN AND POWER

EQUIPMENT, REPAIR ON SNOW BLOWER 140.00
 KEOTA MEAT PROCESSING, CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES 641.40
 KORNEY BOARD AIDS, INC., BASKETBALL SUPPLIES 629.64
 LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, DAYCARE SUPPLIES 3,097.47
 LOGO SPORTSWEAR, TRACK UNIFORMS 889.39
 LYLE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., ADDITIONAL COVERAGE ON 2022 TRANSIT VAN 2,351.00
 MAHASKA BOTTLING COMPANY, CONCESSIONS SUPPLIES 765.00
 MALLEY HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES 69.56
 MARKS PLUMBING, 2 WATER BOTTLE FILLIN STATIONS 3,758.42
 MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO., PURCHASED FOOD 5,985.53
 MCCLELLEN, MATTHEW, PIANO TUNING 330.00
 MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORPORATION, PUBLISH BOARD MINUTES 279.00
 MINNTEX CITRUS, FFA FRUIT ...

14,961.63
 MISC. ON MAIN, BANNER FOR FALL PLAY 65.00
 MOSE LEVY COMPANT, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES - SHOP 170.56
 NELSON, JON, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 NOLTE, CORNMAN & JOHNSON P.C., AUDIT FEES 5,280.00
 PRO-LAB, RADON TESTING 20.00
 PSC DISTRIBUTION, PLUMBING SUPPLIES 82.48
 RIESEBIETER, JASON, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 ROSEWALL, HEATHER, REIMB FOR PRINCIPAL SUPPLIES 15.49
 S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY, INDUS ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL 25.20
 SANCHEZ, JESSALYN, REIMB FOR CHEER SUPPLIES 36.38
 SEIS HEALTH CARE PLAN, HEALTH INSURANCE 50,209.55
 SHEMANSKI, DAVID, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 200.00
 SPROUSE, JEFF, REIMB FOR GIRLS BB SUPPLIES 254.22
 STOAKES, JAMES, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE

LLC, MEDICAID BILLING SERVICES 54.89
 TINA SCHMITT/ SCHMITTY'S, CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES 50.56
 WALSH DOOR AND SECURITY, KEY LOCK SYSTEM/NEW KEYS 506.00
 WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, WRAP ENROLLMENT BILLING - 1 STUDENT 4,517.09
 WASHINGTON LAWN CARE, LLC, PAINTING OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD 552.78
 WATTS, MARK, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 160.00
 WEST MUSIC COMPANY, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES - BAND 674.97
 WOLF FLORAL, BASKETBALL PARENTS NIGHT FLOWERS 60.00
 WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC, NATURAL GAS 3,640.77
 YMCA OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ROOM RENT FOR CHEERLEADERS 75.00
 Vendors Listed: 75
 Total: 183,466.01
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keota CSD • Minutes 12.11.2025

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
 Keota Elementary School Media Center
 Keota, Iowa 52248
 Thursday December 11, 2025
 6:00 PM
 President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.
 Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Pat Hammen
 Board members absent: Erin McGuire
 Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper (virtual) Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Secondary Principal Heather Rosewall, Business Manager Amy Greiner, HR Director Missy Sellers, Nathan Greiner
 Pat Hammen moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
 Communication and Reports
 Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – There were none.
 Community Public Participation – No one spoke.
 Approval of Consent Items -
 A. Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes
 B. Approval of Financial Reports
 C. Approval of Summary List of Bills
 Andy Conrad moved to approve the consent items as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.
 Andy Conrad moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.
 Organizational Meeting of the New Board
 Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Pat Hammen
 Board members absent:
 Also present: Superintendent

Dave Harper, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Secondary Principal Heather Rosewall, Business Manager Amy Greiner, HR Director Missy Sellers, Nathan Greiner
 Pat Hammen moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.
 Organizational Items
 Swearing in of Newly Elected Board members - President Pro-Tem Gina Bennett administered oaths to Dan Redlinger and Nathan Greiner.
 Election of Board President - President Pro-Tem Gina Bennett opened the floor for nominations for president. Dan Redlinger nominated Bill Kindred for Board President. Andy Conrad moved to cease nominations and for Bill Kindred to be elected Board President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0
 Election of Vice President - President Bill Kindred opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Pat Hammen was nominated for Vice President by Director Andy Conrad. Director Dan Redlinger moved to cease nominations and for Pat Hammen to be elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.
 Board Secretary Gina Bennett administered the oaths of office to Directors Kindred and Hammen.
 Appointment Board Secretary - Director Andy Conrad moved to appoint Gina Bennett as Board Secretary. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0. Board President Billie Kindred administered the oath of office to Secretary Bennett.
 Approval of Dates and Times for the 2024-25 Regular Board Meetings - Dan Redlinger moved to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the elementary media center.

Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Legal Counsel for Keota School District - Pat Hammen moved to approve Ahlers and Cooney/Brett Nitsche as legal counsel for the district. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Bank Depository - Andy Conrad moved to approve Libertyville Savings Bank as bank depository for the district. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Board Committees - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the committees with Nathan Greiner named to the policy committee. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0. Committees for 2025-26 are as follows:
 Finance: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad
 Buildings/Grounds/Facilities: Dan Redlinger, Pat Hammen
 Negotiations: Pat Hammen, Billie Kindred
 Policy: Nathan Greiner, Andy Conrad
 Approval of official school paper - Pat Hammen moved to approve the News Review as the official newspaper of the school district. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Open Enrollment Requests - None submitted
 Approval of Fund-Raising Requests - NASA SSDC - butter braids sales
 Keota Eagle Advocates - Bingo Cheer - food stand, mini cheer camp, half time games
 Keota Volleyball team - JHHS volleyball tourney
 Keota Youth Plus- Strawberry sales, Krispy Kreame sales, Rent an Eagle
 National Honor Society - free throw competition
 Approval of Resignations - There were none.
 Approval of New Hires - Jake

Morris - P/T evening janitorial
 Andy Conrad moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.
 Non-Action Items
 Action Items
 Approval of SBRC Application for Allowable Growth - Andy Conrad moved to authorize the administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$49550.00 due to an increase of certified enrollment from the prior year. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.
 Open Enrollment Out not on Prior Year's Headcount - Pat Hammen moved to authorize the administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$92180.00 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of sale of John Deere tractor and Dodge pickup - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the sale of the tractor and the Dodge pickup. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Washington County Conference Board representative - Pat Hammen nominated Andy Conrad to be appointed the Washington County Conference board representative. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Keokuk County Conference Board representative - Andy Conrad nominated Dan Redlinger to be appointed the Keokuk County Conference board representative. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Policy Primer Updates - Pat Hammen moved to approve the second reading of the policy primer updates and waive the third reading. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

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 Approval of new Nutrition program pricing - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the Option A new lunch pricing to be effective January 1 2026. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of District goals - The approval of district goals was tabled to the next meeting.
 Approval of vape detectors - Director Pat Hammen moved to not move forward with the purchase of vape detectors. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.
 Approval of Early Retirement plan - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the early retirement plan as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.
 Administrative Reports
 Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report - Superintendent Dave Harper presented information on shared programs. The solar panels are up. They should be hooked up and going by December 12th.
 High School Principal Report - Secondary Principal Heather Rosewall outlined the upcoming Civics pilot test. 5 students are enrolled in the alternative program. A new master schedule is being finalized to fit the alternative program. Finals will be next week.
 Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report - Principal Seth Milledge outlined the happenings in the elementary. The Special Education team recently met with the Department of Ed to perform the district review protocol which focuses on providing the appropriate support for IEP students in the area of literacy. Many thanks to the Keota Elementary PTO for bringing back the Woot Woot Wagon for staff. The elementary music department put on a great winter concert on December 3rd. The 5th and 6th grade (83%) earned a BRAG trip to the Iowa Heartlanders vs Kansas City Mavericks hockey game at Xstream Arena in Coralville.

Activities Director Report - FFA fruit sales has wrapped up. It went well and thanks to the community for once again supporting the program. Poinsettia sales are going on now. The high school concert was held on December 4th. A nice crowd enjoyed a very nice program. Congratulations to EagleRock!, the bands and choirs. Varsity basketball is now underway and JH Girls basketball will be finished next week. Both the boys and girls varsity teams are off to a 5-0 start.
 Business Manager Report - Amy Greiner reported November bank statements were reconciled and board financial reports prepared. December payroll was completed and work has begun on preparing W-2's. 1st quarter Title claims have been completed.
 Custodial Report - Brian Donaldson reported that work has to be done by AAA Mechanical on the RTU in the elementary science room and library. There have also been several infrastructure items that have been needing a lot of repair. A new water heater for the high school has been ordered.
 Board Training/Board In Service
 Nathan Greiner and Gina Bennett will be participating in a training on December 12 with Ahlers and Cooney about open records and open meetings.
 The next Keota School board meeting will be January 8, 2026 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.
 Adjournment
 Dan Redlinger moved the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.
 Board President Date
 Board Secretary Date
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Pekin CSD • Minutes and Claims 12.8.2025

PEKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
 Regular Meeting
 Pekin School Media Center, Packwood, IA 52580
 December 8, 2025 6:01 P.M.
 Board members present:
 Josh Arendt, Kortney Baumberger, Sherry Bemis, Linda Brock, Mike Davis, Ray Fear, JD Olinger
 Board members absent:
 Also present: Dave Harper, Kaye Gilbert, Shawn Dorman, Aaron Deutsch, Ann Swanson
 I. Opening
 A. President Mike Davis called the meeting to order and acknowledged a quorum and then led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 B. Adoption/Approval of Agenda
 Ray Fear moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 7-0.
 I. Public Forum
 No public forum.
 I. Consent Agenda
 A. Minutes
 The minutes of the November 20, 2025 regular meeting.
 B. Finance Report
 Business Manager Gilbert submitted a current financial report of the district.
 C. Payment of Bills and Credit Card
 General Fund December bills-\$67803.55; General Fund December Late Bills - \$7242.85; General Fund Mastercard \$1149.78; General Fund November Prepaid Bills - \$32741.67; Management bills-\$16358.75; Day Care bills -\$2784.20; PPEL December bills -\$129583.69; PPEL Prepaid November bills - \$6,941.49; SAVE bills - \$6297.22; Scholarship bills - \$0; Activity bills - \$15431.35; Activity Prepaid \$3569.18; Activity De-

ember Late Bills - \$9120.00; Hot Lunch bills - \$14346.66.
 D. Open Enrollment Requests
 OE-In:
 T Cope Kind from Oskaloosa, M Cope 7th Grade from Oskaloosa.
 OE-Out:
 C Ruby 2nd Grade to Ottumwa.
 E. Personnel Report
 Resignations
 JT Spray, night custodian; Michelle Glosser, Cross Country Assistant Coach
 New Hires
 Mackenzie Garrels, Daycare Part Time; Zoeh Hahn, Elementary Associate; Neil Hartz Secondary Associate
 Transfers/Volunteers
 None at this time
 Ray Fear moved to approve the following consent items. Seconded by Sherry Bemis. Motion carried 7-0.
 IV. Non Action Items
 A. Special Guests
 Lexa Nelson and Shawn Dorman gave a presentation and information regarding the Centerville CSD Hot Lunch visit and answered question from board members.
 V. Action Items
 A. Meal Magic Nutrition Point of Sale
 Linda Brock moved to approve Meal Magic as the Point of Sale system for nutrition. Seconded by Sherry Bemis. Motion carried 7-0.
 B. District Goals
 Ray Fear moved to approve the District Goals with corrections made. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 7-0.
 C. Early Retirement Plan
 Sherry Beams moved to approve the Early Retirement Plan with noted corrections as discussed. Seconded by Ray Fear. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Instructional Support Levy
 Linda Brock moved to extend the Instructional Support Levy for an additional five (5) years. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 7-0.
 VI. Administrative Reports
 The Superintendent, Secondary Principal, Elementary Principal, Business Manager, Athletic Director, Tech Director, Transportation Director, and Maintenance Director presented their administrative reports to the board.
 VII. Items for the Next Board Meeting
 • The next regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2025 in the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.
 • A special meeting will be held Wednesday at 8:00 am
 • Instructional Support Levy hearing.
 VIII. Adjournment
 Linda Brock moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 7-0.
GENERAL
 ACE GRAPHIC & PRINTING COMPANY 685.00
 AGRILAND FS, INC 3,975.38
 AHLERS & COONEY P.C. 230.00
 ALL AMERICAN TERMITE & PEST CO 190.00
 ALLIANT ENERGY 15,754.02
 ALPHA MEDIA, LLC 500.00
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 781.88
 ANDERSON LARKIN & CO PC 7,750.00
 ARNOLD MOTORS SUPPLY 1,378.52
 BLICK ART MATERIALS 41.98
 C H MCGUINNESS CO 801.62
 CDW GOVERNMENT, INC 946.28
 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, PTN 10,670.25

CHRISTOPHER GRABIRIAN 850.00
 CHROMEBOOK PARTS.COM 702.00
 COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC COMPANY 250.23
 CONNELLY SANITATION 753.40
 CONNELLY SANITATION, INC 770.50
 DALE WICKENKAMP 308.70
 DALE WICKENKAMP 452.76
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 1,200.00
 DHS CASHIER 1ST FLOOR 13,991.83
 FAMILY CAREER & COMM LEADERS 758.00
 GRAINGER 59.58
 GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION 18,692.99
 HD SUPPLY 535.50
 ICN 517.30
 IMO HUTS, INC 138.01
 JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR 693.67
 JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC 269.43
 JOSTENS 295.25
 KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY 364.83
 KAYE GILBERT 275.80
 KEOKUK COUNTY AUDITOR 1,607.24
 MASTERCARD 1,149.78
 MENARDS 397.40
 MID-AMERICAN PUBLISHING CORPORATION 77.00
 MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES 597.36
 MIDWEST BUS PARTS 114.67
 MIDWEST BUS PARTS INC 160.39
 MIKE'S PARTS & SERVICE 62.79
 NALCO WATER 571.94
 OTTUMWA RADIO 897.80
 PITNEY BOWES 1,107.91
 RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC 1,067.20
 SARAH VAUGHN 150.00

SARAH VAUGHN 225.00
 SCHOOL BUS SALES 3,831.61
 SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC 252.05
 SCHROEDER GRAPHICS & SIGNS 200.00
 SINCLAIR NAPA 73.66
 THE FILTER SHOP 136.66
 THE LOCK DR 47.20
 THE SOUTHEAST IOWA UNION 110.00
 UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS 408.21
 UNITY SCHOOL BUS PARTS 138.43
 VAN BUREN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 7,755.12
 WALMART BUSINESS 71.89
 WALSH DOOR & HARDWARE CO 160.00
 WAPELLO RURAL WATER 762.89
 WAPELLO RURAL WATER 1,218.94
 WAPELLO RURAL WATER 108,937.85
MANAGEMENT FUND
 SU INSURANCE COMPANY 16,358.75
DAYCARE FUND
 COMMUNITY PLAY THINGS 735.00
 MIDLAND FUND RAISING 2,049.20
 2,784.20
PPEL FUND
 APPLE COMPUTER, INC 816.00
 CL ELECTRICAL SERVICES, LLC 5,272.25
 D R AND C, INC 120,489.12
 FOUDDREE'S SIGNS AND GRAPHICS 2,385.00
 MARCO 621.32
 MARCO 1,069.46
 PIGOTT 621.32
 TOP LINE LANDSCAPING 3,950.00
 UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION 1,300.71
 136,525.18

SAVE FUND
 CAVNER-HOY CONST 6,297.22
ACTIVITY FUND
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 468.55
 CAMERON VORHIES 151.49
 CHRIS BECKER 102.31
 CITY HIGH 200.00
 DANNCO 539.70
 DESIGN HOUSE PLUS 280.00
 ELITE AWARDS 799.50
 ELITE SPORTS 2,402.00
 GRINNELL MUTUAL PAYMENT CENTER 398.77
 IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY CO 216.15
 JAMES RUDACILLE 137.70
 JET PHYSICAL THERAPY 3,815.50
 JOHN SIMMONS 111.37
 JOHN SIMMONS 111.37
 JOHN SIMMONS 111.37
 MASTERCARD 3,033.48
 NIKKI HACKERT 408.11
 NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS, INC 941.40
 PAM VAN ESSEN 550.00
 SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM 9,120.00
 SCRATCH CUPCAKERY 2,167.20
 SOUND CONCEPTS INC 1,012.50
 TODD DONELS 137.70
 TODD DONELS 177.70
 TROY SCHEUERMANN 164.35
 WALMART BUSINESS 365.69
 ZACH TREMMEL 98.31
 ZACH TREMMEL 98.31
 28,120.53
NUTRITION FUND
 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO 2,399.29
 ASHLEY JAMES 6.20
 MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING 11,941.17
 14,346.66
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Minutes 12.10.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 10TH, 2025.

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

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Pam Nachtman, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Zach Weilbacher,

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

The roll was called. All members present.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the minutes of the November 11th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

No Communications.

Steve Axmear read the Mission Statement.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to adjourn the retiring board meeting at 6:03pm. Motion carried.

Secretary Ayers called the roll. Members presents: Steve Axmear, Katie Taukei, Tom Voss, Trent Forrest, Susan Schaefer.

Secretary Ayers reviewed the Election results with Steve Axmear and Trent Forrest being re-elected to their seats.

Steve Axmear motioned to nominate Tom Voss as Board President. The motion died for lack of a second.

Katie Taukei motioned to nominate Susan Schaefer as Board President. Trent Forrest seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Axmear nay, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

Board President Susan Schaefer took over presiding over the meeting.

The board discussed the duties

and commitments for serving as board vice president and board president. Voss motioned to nominate Trent Forrest as Board Vice President. Katie Taukei seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

Voss made a motion for all nominations to cease, seconded by Forrest. Motion carried.

Secretary Ayers gave the Oath of Office to the Board President Susan Schaefer, Board Vice President Trent Forrest, and Steve Axmear.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the second Wednesday of each month for the monthly meeting, at 6pm in the School Board Room and approving the board procedures. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to appoint Steve Axmear to the Park Rec Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to appoint Katie Taukei and Susan Schaefer to the Shared Superintendent Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to appoint Susan Schaefer to the Iowa County Conference board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to appoint Tom Voss to the Keokuk County Conference Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the consent agenda:

a. Approve Minutes of Meetings Held November 11th, 2025

b. Approve Payment of Activity Bills

c. Approve Payment of Bills

d. Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 11/30/25

e. Receive and Take Action on Resignations: Larry Pohlen – Varsity Assistant Football

f. Staff Contracts: Belinda Baack – Elementary Teacher Associate

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

The board discussed two teachers applied for the early retirement incentive.

A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to approve Jane Luetje's application for Early Retirement. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Taukei to approve Steve Hesters's application for Early Retirement. Roll call vote. Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve Sigourney News Review as the District's official newspaper. Motion carried.

The board discussed the PPEL/Save facility upgrades and scheduling a work session for January to prioritize projects for the summer of 2026. The board discussed holding the work session at 4:30pm on January 14th, 2026.

The board discussed the SBRC application for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$139,124.58 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Schaefer aye, Taukei aye, Axmear aye, Voss aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the SBRC English Learners application for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Voss, second-

ed by Axmear to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$1,684.41 for English language learner students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Schaefer aye, Taukei aye, Axmear aye, Voss aye. Motion carried.

The board considered the following Fundraisers –

- Little Bears Wrestling – Wrestling

- Youth Basketball Tourney – Boys and Girls Basketball

- Round up at Freeman's – Class of 2027

- Carver concessions – Cheerleading

- Corn Hole Board Sales – Skills USA

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve the Fundraiser requests. Motion carried.

Information & Discussion Items: The board received a thank you for the Veteran's Program.

Katie Taukei and Susan Schaefer discussed the IASB Convention workshops that she attended.

The board discussed robotics programs available for students.

Open enrollment acknowledgements –None

Administration discussed the Legislative Meeting in Brooklyn on January 29th, 2025.

Principal Weilbacher discussed good news at the high school; Food drive, blood drive, winter concerts. Olivia deBevec is being interviewed to be a member of the State Student Council Board.

Next regular meeting: January 14th, 2026 at 6pm. Work session at 4:30pm

A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to adjourn at 6:49pm. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 12.3.2025

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2025.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, Iosbaker, Lentz and Schultz. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Department I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Dave Goldman; Jesse Hanam; Matt Walker, French Reneker Associates; Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

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

Iosbaker moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2025, City Clerk Financial Reports for the month of November; Council Account Payable in the amount of \$19,733.50; Resolution # 2025-12-32 Official Holiday and Regular Council Meeting for Calendar Year 2026; Resolution # 2025-12-33 Providing for the Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets During the Annual Christmas Festival; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the December 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call votes Ayes: 6

Schultz moved seconded by Clark to approve Resolution # 2025-12-36 Authorizing a Representative and Alternate to the Keokuk County Community Endowment Grant. Roll call vote Ayes: 5, Abstain:

McLaughlin moved seconded by Lentz to open the public hearing re: Water Tower Rehabilitation

-Sigourney Iowa, 2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 6. Public Hearing was opened at 6:03 PM.

Schultz moved seconded by Iosbaker to close the public hearing re: Water Tower Rehabilitation -Sigourney Iowa. Roll call vote Ayes: 6. Public Hearing was closed at 6:10 PM

Conrad moved seconded by Iosbaker to approve Resolution #2025-12-34 re: Approving the Proposed Drawings, Specification, Forms of Contract, and Estimated Cost for Water Tower Rehabilitation – Sigourney Iowa -2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Clark to table Resolution # 2025-12-35 re: Bid Award for the Water Tower Rehabilitation -Sigourney, Iowa – 2025 until December 17, 2025 after reference checks can be completed on the bidders for the Water Tower Rehabilitation. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

McLaughlin moved seconded by Conrad to approve the snow removal ad. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Iosbaker moved seconded by Lentz to approve labor quotes provided by Mahaska Communications Group for FY 26 and placed in the budget for FY 27. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Iosbaker moved seconded by McLaughlin to approve resolution # 2025-12-37 re: to update the Deputy City Clerk Job Description. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Lentz to approve the \$0.50 raise effective December 8th, 2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor

Ashley Fry, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition • Juvenile Case No. JVV006025

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF

R.S.,
Minor Child

Juvenile Cause No. JVV006025

NOTICE
TO: Joshua Rice, Father of R.S., born July 1, 2025

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action alleging that the foregoing child is in need of assistance. For further details contact the office of the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County, Iowa. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Keokuk County Attorney Maddison A.E. Denny and whose address is 101 South Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591, telephone

number (641) 622-3500, facsimile number (641) 622-2688, email: at-torney@keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

You are further notified that said Petition has been set down for hearing before the Juvenile Court at the Courthouse, Third Floor, in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, on January 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Note: You are advised to seek legal advice at once to protect your interest.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at (641) 684-6502. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

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PROBATE
Lynn T. Fisher ESPR038652

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Lynn T. Fisher, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038652

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lynn T. Fisher, Deceased, who died on or about November 30, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on December 10, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authentic-

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 December 9, 2025.

Sue A. Fisher, Administrator of the Estate
19702 Hwy 22
Keswick, IA 50136

Thomas M. Buchanan, ICIS#: AT0001162
Attorney for the Administrator
Elwood, Elwood & Buchanan
423 N. Highland St.
PO Box 70
Williamsburg, IA 52361

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of North English • Sealed Bids

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of What Cheer • FY2025 Financial Report

STATE OF IOWA 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 CITY OF WHAT CHEER, IOWA DUE: December 1, 2025	16205401600000 CITY OF WHAT CHEER PO Box 408 WHAT CHEER IA 50268-0408 POPULATION: 607
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NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	98,161		98,161	92,337
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	98,161		98,161	92,337
Delinquent Property Taxes	43		43	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	75,564	0	75,564	3,744
Licenses and Permits	535	0	535	1,000
Use of Money and Property	2,610	0	2,610	14,000
Intergovernmental	90,375	0	90,375	81,500
Charges for Fees and Service	24,273	234,708	258,981	233,000
Special Assessments	698	0	698	3,000
Miscellaneous	1,075	0	1,075	1,500
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	293,334	234,708	528,042	430,081
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	5,040		5,040	5,016
Public Works	45,200		45,200	96,000
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	29,061		29,061	24,000
Community and Economic Development	0		0	0
General Government	203,787		203,787	86,280
Debt Service	0		0	0
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	283,088	0	283,088	205,296
Business type activities		203,450	203,450	227,000
Total All Expenditures	283,088	203,450	486,538	432,296
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	283,088	203,450	486,538	432,296
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	10,246	31,258	41,504	-2,215
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	247,234	114,923	362,157	509,811
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	257,480	146,181	403,661	507,596

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

Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	Fension Trust Funds
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds

Indebtedness at June 30, 2025		Indebtedness at June 30, 2025	
	Amount		Amount
General Obligation Debt	0	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	0	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	1,002,515

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 12.1.2025

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 1, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, December 1, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Also present was Casey James, News-Review.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of November 24, 2025, as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Blades ran on pavement and gravel roads on Saturday until the wind picked up and then were back out again on Sunday to clear the snow. Andy informed he will be attending the County Engineers Conference in Des Moines later this week and reminded snow is in the upcoming weekend forecast.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of claim listing for December 1, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

CLAIM DATE: December 1, 2025
ACUREN INSPECTION.....250.00
AGRI LAND FS.....5,275.01
ALLIANT ENERGY.....5,058.91
ALTORFER MACHINERY
.....10,645.39
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV.....59.89
AMERICAN HEART ASSOC.....

.....865.92
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY
.....2,607.89
ARNOLD REFRIG
ASCENDANCE TRUCK MID-
WEST150.52
ATWOOD ELECTRIC556.14
BAILEY OFFICE4,750.00
BC INVESTMENTS1,000.00
BOND, RICHARD36.53
C J COOPER & ASSOC55.00
CDW GOVERNMENT5,226.22
CENTRAL IA DIST1,149.00
CHARLES CAPPER AUTO CTR ..
.....321.23
COPELAND AUTO & TOWING.....
.....71.15
DELL USA519.93
DELTA, CITY OF600.00
DIGGINS, KARI29.50
DOUDS STONE.....33,846.88
ELLIOTT OIL CO19.66
ESRI INC1,510.00
GALLS343.50
H & M FARM & HOME530.19
HENDERSON PRODUCTS
.....4,518.60
HICKENBOTTOM INC1,405.41
IA ST SHERIFFS & DEP ASSOC .
.....250.00
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY
.....375.32
IA SEC OF STATE1,225.08
ISAC50.00
JENNINGS, BRENT12.83
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY
.....1,562.97
KLEINSCHMIDT, DAVID660.93
KLETT, JOHNATHON117.48
KRAIG FORD121.82
MAHASKA CO ENVIRON
.....3,975.00
MAHASKA COMM GROUP ..94.99
MAHASKA HLTH PARTNERSHIP

.....115.00
MAIL SERVICES834.73
MARTINS FLAG CO726.35
MID-AMERICA PUB CO168.01
MIDWEST WHEEL CO.....87.08
MMIT242.23
MUSCATINE FIRE DEPT
.....2,508.25
MUSCO CORP361.05
NORSOLV SYS ENVIRON...58.95
ONSITE DISCOVERY6,300.00
RACOM CORP7,579.81
RIVER PRODUCTS CO
.....49,098.57
SANITY SOLUTIONS.....1.59
SCHMIDT, BARB124.00
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL.....
.....16,371.00
SCHROEDER FRAME/ALIGN.....
.....128.00
SHIELD TECH CORP....12,362.50
SIGOURNEY BODY SHOP.....
.....204.00
SMITH, TOMMY36.30
STEWART'S AUTO SERVICE.....
.....96.50
T I P REC170.30
TRUCK CENTER203.38
US CELLULAR8.37
VISA (SEC RD)1,473.27
VISA (ASSESSOR).....1,325.98
WATSON, DAN180.18
WELLINGTON TOOL



English Valleys Bearometer

December 17, 2025

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Issue: XV

Community Project to Be Proud Of: Students Complete New Walking Trail Shelter

The EVHS General Construction class, led by instructor Marty Baker, has reached an exciting milestone: the official completion of the new Walking Trail Shelter on the east end of the North English trail.

This project represents far more than a finished structure. For the students involved, it was an invaluable hands-on learning experience. From planning and measuring to framing and finishing, students gained real-life construction knowledge while also strengthening teamwork and problem-solving skills. Their work leaves a meaningful, lasting mark on the community—one they can proudly point to for years to come.

This shelter is also a major achievement for PINE (Pride in North English). Countless volunteers spent hours clearing brush, cleaning up the area, and helping shape an inviting nature trail for residents and visitors alike. Their dedication continues to transform the trail into a beautiful, accessible space that encourages people to get outside, explore, and connect with nature.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the City of North English for championing the project from the beginning. Their vision and support have helped bring new life to the trail.

We also extend deep appreciation to the Iowa County Community Foundation, whose funding made the finishing touches of the Smoky Row Trail upgrades possible. Your generosity has helped enhance a community treasure that will be enjoyed for generations.

Together, students, volunteers, city leaders, and community partners in North English have created something truly special. This new shelter stands as a symbol of collaboration, pride, and the bright future that comes from learning by doing.



EV Students Lead a Season of Giving

This season, English Valleys students demonstrated what it truly means to give back, leading two successful initiatives that strengthened community ties and provided essential support to local families. From the annual Student Council food drive to the Achieve Challenge Scrimmage, EV students embraced service with enthusiasm, teamwork, and heart.

Throughout November, the English Valleys Student Council carried out its much-anticipated annual food can drive. With a goal of collecting 1,000 canned or non-perishable items, students rallied support from classrooms, families, and neighbors across the district. Their hard work paid off as they once again reached the goal, earning the school a well-deserved movie day before Christmas break.

More importantly, the impact of the drive extended far beyond the celebration. Every donated item was delivered to the local community center, helping supply families in need with vital resources. The success of the food drive reflects the compassion, initiative, and leadership that define EV students and the community that stands behind them.

Adding to the spirit of generosity, English Valleys also hosted the Achieve Challenge Scrimmage on Friday, November 21, where the EV Boys and Girls Basketball teams faced off against Columbus. The event blended athletics with service, inviting spectators to bring a non-perishable food item for free admission. The community responded with enthusiasm, filling the Competition Gym and contributing additional donations that further supported the food drive's mission.

By combining a basketball competition with a meaningful cause, the Achieve Scrimmage highlighted how EV students can lead both on and off the court. Their efforts helped expand the reach of the food collection and strengthened the culture of giving at English Valleys.

Together, these initiatives showcase a powerful message: when EV students come together with a shared purpose, they make a real difference. This season's generosity stands as a testament to the spirit of service, unity, and kindness that makes the English Valleys community so special.



What are EV students hoping for this Christmas?

Taylie Brecht Senior	Chance McGaffee Junior	Sophia Grimm Sophomore	Evelyn Snakenberg Freshman	Natalie Armstrong 8th Grade	Pyper Pinkerton 7th Grade	Boone Frederick 6th Grade
"I'm hoping for a new pair of Uggs."	"I'd love gift cards this year so I can use them how I want."	"A new camera would be the perfect gift."	"What I want most for Christmas is a new phone."	"I really want new paint markers."	"All I want for Christmas is a new horse."	"I'd like a new game for Christmas."

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Upcoming Activities:

- December 18:**
Jr/Sr High School Music Program - 6:30 pm
- December 19:**
HS Basketball vs HLV - 6:00 pm
- December 20:**
HS Girls Wrestling @ Prairie High School - 10:00 am
HS Boys Wrestling @ Lynnville-Sully - 9:00 am
- December 22:**
HS Basketball vs Lynnville-Sully - 6:00 pm



SIGOURNEY ARTS CORNER

By Becky Shaw

Artist of the Month:

Miss December is Katie Dupee! Katie has a lot of fun in Art class. Her favorite types of art to create are sea creatures, creatures from childhood shows, and even characters and themes from Horror Movies. No artists really inspire her. Her words of wisdom are, "Follow your dreams and never give up no matter what. Keep doing what you do" Great advice, and fantastic artwork, Katie!



Events coming up:

• Events coming up: We have our Annual Elementary Art Show in March of 2026. Keep your eyes out for information! It will be a great night as always!
• Contact rebecca.shaw@sigourneyschools.com for more information! Want to help? We always accept art and craft supplies and monetary donations! This helps our art rooms run amazing!



The Junior High Art Classes: Masks. The 2nd Hex has wrapped up, and we had such fun with our projects! Here is the 7th graders with their masks: Dawson Glandon, Brentley Kephart, Jocelyn Ingle, Berkeley Moore, Jorja Davis, Kinnick Reed, Graciela Herrera, & Charlie Smallwood.



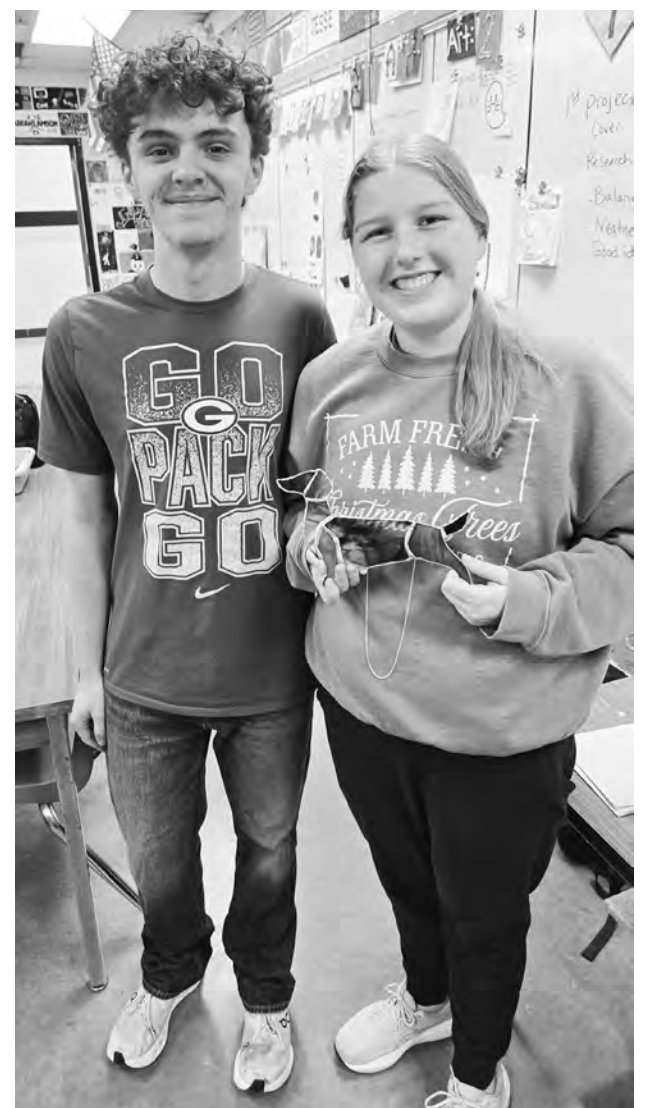
The High School: The Art 2 class is finishing Pixel Art and their Op Art Boxes: This was such a fun project with all of the different themes!

Sigourney Artists Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Elementary Art Room

Special Shout out

I'd like to give a shout out to Cooper Hammes. Cooper has been a co-teacher to all the students with their stained glass. He makes sure that they are following all the safety precautions, pick good patterns, and take their time to make great designs! He does an amazing job in my room, and I am so glad I have him here to help! Here he is with Bailey and Raymon, after they had finished their stained glass under the careful watch of Mr. Hammes. I am very thankful for Cooper!



6th Grade: Finishing up Cave Art



3rd Grade: Pumpkins and Turkeys



5th Grade: Pop Art Candy Bars/Snack Food



1st Grade: Mosaic corn and Turkeys



6th Grade: Finishing up Cave Art





Fall manure application

Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops Scheduled for 2026

By: Daniel Andersen, Rachel Kennedy, Melissa McEnany

AMES – Confinement site manure applicators and anyone interested in learning about manure issues should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in January or February 2026. These workshops are offered in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Registration is required; walk-ins are not permitted. There is no fee to attend the workshops, but applicators will need to pay certification fees and send the forms to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to complete the certification requirements.

“Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to attend two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass an exam once every three years,” said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, extension agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program.

A total of 57 locations will participate in the Confinement Site Manure Applicator workshops. In addition, a series of five dry/solid manure applicator certification meetings will be held in February. These meetings are tailored toward dry/solid manure for either Commercial or Confinement Site manure applicators. ISU Extension and Outreach county offices have a complete list of workshop dates and locations or a list can be viewed in the 2026 workshop brochure available online.

The workshops serve as initial certification for those who are not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses, and continuing education for those in the second or third year of their license.

Due to uniform certification deadlines, applicators are encouraged to attend workshops prior to March 1 to avoid being assessed a late fee of \$12.50 for those who are re-certifying. Those unable to attend one of the workshops need to schedule time with their ISU Extension county office to watch the training video. Due to scheduling conflicts, extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these videos but do offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training.

If applicators cannot attend training during one of the scheduled reshow dates at their county extension office, they will be charged a \$10 fee to view the training at their convenience. If attending the workshops or watching the three-hour video is not convenient, commercial applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam. In addition to scheduling an appointment to take the exam, applicators must bring a pencil and a photo ID and should plan to bring a calculator.

Another option for commercial manure applicators is to take their training online at the Iowa DNR MAC Workday site (see “Manure Applicators Certification” > “Certification” > “Online”). Applicators will need to sign in and register for a Workday account.

Contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office for more information about the Manure Applicator Certification Program or review information for confinement site applicators.

Keokuk County will not be hosting a workshop this year. You must attend either Jefferson County on Feb. 5, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Washington County on Feb. 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., Mahaska County on Jan. 29, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Or any other county listed on the following brochure: <https://iastate.app.box.com/s/8hd8tsc6b-j7z48ov8r8mhl63zjmj3tpn>

Holiday Plant Care

Keep the season fresh and festive with tips from an extension consumer horticulture specialist

By: Aaron J. Steil

AMES – Holiday plants bring color and life to our homes during the winter months. From the scent of a fresh-cut Christmas tree to the bright bracts of poinsettias and the bold blooms of amaryllis, these plants are a big part of seasonal decor.

Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture extension specialist at Iowa State University, offers care tips to keep holiday plants healthy and appealing throughout the holidays and beyond.

Keep cut trees watered. A fresh-cut Christmas tree is often the centerpiece of

holiday decorating. When choosing a tree, look for green needles that bend easily and stay attached when you shake the branches. Before placing the tree in its stand, cut about half an inch off the base of the trunk. This helps the tree absorb water. Keep the stand filled with water at all times. A tree can absorb a gallon or more in the first day.

Additionally, place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators and sunny windows to prevent it from drying out too quickly. “Checking the water level daily is the most important thing you can do to keep your tree fresh,” said Steil.

Live wreaths stay fresh outdoors

Live wreaths are another holiday favorite. To keep them looking fresh, start with greenery that is not dry

or losing its needles. “The ideal conditions for wreaths are moist and cool,” Steil noted.

In most cases, live wreaths will only last a week indoors before drying out; however, in outdoor winter temperatures, they can remain green for months. Keeping wreaths out of direct sunlight and heat can also further their longevity. Additionally, an anti-desiccant spray can help slow moisture loss, keeping them fresher for a longer period.

Don’t overwater poinsettias

Poinsettias are known for their colorful bracts and deep green leaves. They thrive in bright, indirect light and temperatures between 65 F and 75 F. Keep them away from drafts and heating vents to avoid leaf drop. Water them only when the top of the soil feels dry, and avoid letting the plants sit in water.

If your plant is wrapped in decorative foil, drain the excess water. “Most poinsettias do not need abundant watering through December,” said Steil. “Overwatering might be the number one reason why poinsettias die before the end of the year.”

Amaryllis makes an easy-to-care-for gift

Amaryllis bulbs produce large, showy flowers that brighten any space. Plant the bulb in a pot with the top third of the bulb above the soil. Water lightly until growth starts, then keep the soil moist. Next, place the pot in bright light so the stalk grows strong. “When grow-

ing in low light, the stalk may get quite tall and lean. By placing it in abundant light, flower stalks will stay shorter and are less likely to tip over,” mentioned Steil.

Waxed amaryllis bulbs have become popular for their convenience and ease. They require no soil or watering. Simply place the bulb in a bright location and enjoy the blooms. “Waxed bulbs are a great low-maintenance option, making them a great gift,” Steil said.

Save plants at the end of the holidays

After the holidays, don’t throw your holiday plants away. While poinsettias and waxed amaryllis bulbs are intended to be composted at the end of the season, they can be saved and even rebloom with the right care. After the flowers fade on amaryllis bulbs, cut the stalk, but leave the leaves. Continue watering and fertilizing to allow the bulb to store energy for next year. “Amaryllis can bloom year after year if you care for the bulb properly,” Steil explained.

Evergreen branches from wreaths and trees can also be composted or chipped for mulch. Trees can be set outside for the remainder of winter for birds and animals to use as shelter, or branches can be laid over perennial garden beds to provide additional protection from the cold.

“With a little attention, holiday plants will stay fresh and add beauty to your celebrations,” said Steil.



Poinsettia

Trump administration tags \$700 million for regenerative farming

By: Shauneen Miranda

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will spend \$700 million to support regenerative agriculture as part of the Make America Healthy Again agenda, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced Wednesday.

The USDA pilot program for regenerative agriculture — a conservation management approach centered on improving the health of soil and increasing biodiversity — enacts part of President Donald Trump’s administration’s September “Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy,” which offered more than 120 recommendations for addressing childhood chronic diseases.

The pilot program will take funding from existing USDA conservation programs, which provide financial and technical assistance to farmers, with the aim of improving soil health.

“Protecting and improving the health of our soil is critical, not only for the future viability of farmland, but to the future success of American farmers,” Rollins said at a press conference alongside Kennedy and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz.

“In order to continue to

be the most productive and most efficient growers in the world, we must protect our topsoil from unnecessary erosion and boost the microbiome of the soil,” Rollins said.

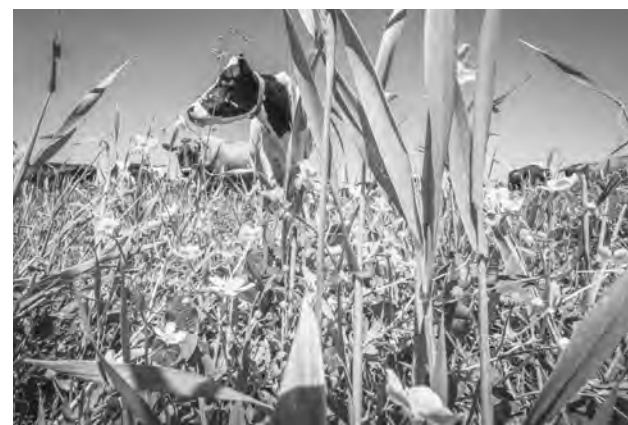
Kennedy said a September report from the administration’s Make America Healthy Again Commission, which the health secretary chairs, included “the promise to make it easier for farmers in this country, to give them an off-ramp — farmers who are dependent on ... chemical and fertilizer inputs — to give them an off-ramp where they can transition to a model that emphasizes soil health.”

Kennedy has long advocated against use of chemicals in farming.

Repurposing funding The department will dedicate \$400 million to the initiative through the department’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program and \$300 million from its Conservation Stewardship Program, according to a USDA press release.

“It’s baseline funding that we received through our budget, so we have the ability to tag that funding specifically for this pilot, and that’s what we’re doing,” Aubrey J.D. Bettencourt, chief of USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, or NRCS, said.

Rollins also said she would



Cows graze at Nice Farms Creamery in Federalsburg, Maryland. (Photo by Preston Keres/USDA)

seek corporate partners for the program using a 2022 law that authorizes USDA to channel private contributions to conservation programs.

The move “will bring corporate label and supply chain partners directly into partnership” with NRCS, Rollins said.

The pilot program “connects the producer and the work that they’re doing on the farm, granting them the credit for that voluntary action of change in practice on their farm that then can transition into the supply chain, into the marketplace and directly back to the consumer,” Bettencourt said.

SNAP waivers Meanwhile, Rollins and Kennedy also announced Wednesday six more states

whose waivers were approved to prohibit Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits from being used to purchase certain non-nutritious items beginning in 2026.

The effort, also part of the Make America Healthy Again agenda, adds Hawaii, Missouri, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee to the list of states that will have such bans.

The bans restrict which items recipients of the federal food assistance program that helps 42 million Americans afford groceries can buy with their SNAP benefits.

Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and West Virginia already have similar incoming bans.

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ISU Extension Hosting Grant Proposal Boot Camp Jan. 27-28

By: Esther Crompton

AMES – Nonprofit, government and education professionals working on grant proposals can attend the Grant Proposal Boot Camp Jan. 27-28 in Ames, offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach’s Community and Economic Development program.

Grant Proposal Boot Camp is designed for participants who have a project idea and want support and feedback as they develop a grant proposal. During the workshop, attendees will work on writing executive summaries, creating measurable goals and objectives, completing logic models and developing evaluation plans.

“Grant writing requires

clear alignment between a project’s goals, methods and expected outcomes,” said Lindsay Henderson, a community and economic development extension specialist. “The boot camp format allows participants to work on these elements with structured guidance.”

The Ames session runs 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the ISU Economic Development Core Facility, 1805 Collaboration Place. Participants should come with a fundable project idea in mind and bring a laptop or tablet, along with any draft proposal materials or early project notes. The cost is \$120, with registration closing on Jan. 23.

For more information, contact Henderson at lindsayh@iastate.edu. Additional

details are available on the Grant Proposal Boot Camp webpage.



Lindsay Henderson