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## Community CALENDAR

### BINGO Nights Keokuk County Expo

1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18

### Knights of Columbus Harper Pepper Tournament

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

### Bingo at Keokuk County Fairgrounds

Thomas Hall on Sundays, Jan. 4 - March 22, 1-4 p.m.

### Music Bingo Night

Jan. 31st @ 7pm, Sigourney Golf & Country Club. Adults Only-Favorite Decade Attire

### Keokuk County Democrats Caucus Meeting

Feb. 2, 2026, Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Sigourney City Hall for ALL Keokuk County Voting Precincts. Voter registration provided on-site

### Keokuk County Republican Caucus

Monday, Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m. Locations: Mother CABRINI's Parish Hall (Benton, Steady Run, Jackson, Richland), Hayesville City Hall (East/West Lancaster, Warren), Hilltop Chapel (What Cheer, Washington, Prairie, Adams), Wilson Memorial Library (Lafayette, Clear Creek), Keokuk County Courthouse (Sigourney, Van Buren, Plank)

### 4-H Valentine's Dinner

Friday, Feb. 13, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Keokuk County Expo Hall

### 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



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## New Daycare Opens in Keota

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

KEOTA - Little Eagles Childcare, a new daycare in Keota, opened its doors on Jan. 5. The daycare, located in two rooms in the Keota elementary building, was opened through a partnership between Keota CSD and the Keokuk County Childcare Network (KCCN), a non-profit working to establish a countywide network of childcare centers. Little Eagles Childcare is the first childcare center opened by KCCN.

Keota Elementary Principal and KCCN board member Seth Milledge stated that the first few weeks of the childcare center's operation had gone smoothly with "positive

feedback from families and staff as routines are established and services are fully implemented." Milledge stated that they have a handful of families registered for both regular and drop-in childcare services. He noted that, because many families already have their childcare arrangements in place in January, enrollment would likely grow gradually, but stated that they anticipate "serving families who are seeking a change in providers or who need care on short notice." The daycare has a capacity to serve up to thirty children total.

"My hope is that this builds momentum for the KCCN

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## Sigourney CSD Planning to Begin Charging Keota \$200 Per Student for Shared Programs

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - The Sigourney and Keota school districts have been sharing some sports for more than thirty years, all without any fees being charged to Keota to have their student athletes play on Sigourney teams. Currently, there are around fifty Keota students playing on Sigourney's football, wrestling, bowling, cross country, and soccer teams. According to Sigourney Superintendent Kevin Hatfield, this costs Sigourney taxpayers \$16-20,000 per year.

During the Jan. 16 meeting of the Sigourney School Board approved the first reading of a three-year contract that would charge Keota \$200 per student. Hatfield stated that it was time for Sigourney to begin charging. He stated that he didn't anticipate the school district receiving good state funding in the next few years and that the cost of activities, officials and equipment are all going up. Hatfield stated that this would not be a huge burden for Keota, but that the taxpayers in Sigourney had paid a huge cost to run the shared programs.

Board member Steven Seeley asked about the contract lasting three years, stating he was concerned that costs

would go up while they were locked in. Hatfield stated that their attorney said this was reasonable to start with. Board member Adam Clark stated that \$200 was lower than what they were already paying per student. Clark stated that they needed to charge \$250-300. High school Principal Shannon Webb said she agreed. Hatfield stated that he didn't want to jeopardize the agreement. Hatfield stated that other districts Sigourney shared with may request being charged less in return for having more say over how the program was run; he bluntly said no to this idea, because the other schools were coming to Sigourney and would not have say over their calendar.

Currently, Sigourney also shares a girls wrestling program with Tri-County, charging the district \$200 per student. Board member Tim Bruns stated that Tri-County only shares girl wrestling and that they couldn't use that cost across the board, due to different sports having different expenses. Hatfield stated that wrestling was the most expensive sport, with Sigourney spending around \$1,000 per wrestler. He stated that they wanted to be fair and wanted kids to come to Sigourney and come back. He stated that they would

wait until the end of the season to charge, based on the final roster, to avoid charging for kids who dropped out at the start.

Clark stated he agreed, but that their responsibility was not to the needs of the district coming in to share the program, but to look after the Sigourney taxpayers. Webb stated that she had heard "straight from the horses mouth" that the Keota board was "irate" over the sharing fees and probably wouldn't approve it. She asked what Sigourney should do if they don't pay. Seeley said they send a bill.

Hatfield stated that he thought Keota would approve the contract. He stated that, ultimately, they would want to keep Cobra Football and SK Wrestling, which would now be guaranteed in the contract. He noted that Sigourney was charged for the things they share with Indian Hills.

Clark asked if they were in communication with the Keota School Board. Board member Mike Bensmiller stated that he and board member Amy Wilcox had emailed the Keota School Board president, who never responded. He stated that he had Chad Greiner give his number to the other school board members.

Clark stated that this had

been in the works for two years and that they weren't just jumping into it. Hatfield stated that a meeting between both boards had been planned for April of last year, until things fell apart with the previous Keota superintendent. Hatfield stated that he had been asked "Why now?" and that his response was, "Why wasn't this done 25 years ago?" He stated that most school districts charge for shared programs.

Bruns stated that Keota was upset because they got away with not paying for so long. He stated that this could benefit Keota students in the long run, by putting more money into the shared programs. Clark stated that the taxpayers wanted them to maintain the district's finances and asked how many Sigourney taxpayers knew about the current situation, and how many would be happy with it if they did know. Hatfield stated that most would be surprised they weren't charging. He said it was good they were starting something and that it had to be done. He stated that this had nothing to do with the kids and that they appreciated the relationship between the two schools.

Webb stated that people from Keota always bring up the fact that Sigourney gets the money from the gate

Business Manager Jessica Meier stated that the gate money was a wash when compared to what they spend. Clark asked if they received gate money for Junior High Football games in Keota and was told they didn't.

Hatfield stated that there was discussion last year, due to Keota's four-day-week, about what would happen when they needed to cancel school, because cancellations are a bigger problem for Keota. Hatfield stated that Keota would not factor into school cancellations. He stated they would communicate, but couldn't collaborate on the decision and had to do what was right for Sigourney. He noted that the weather could be completely different in Keota.

Hatfield stated that this was a great way to step into this agreement, with Keota paying not even half of the full cost. He stated they could look over prices again in three years. Bruns stated that something was better than nothing, which is what they had been getting for thirty years. Hatfield stated that he didn't want to charge \$500 yet, although that would be about what it costs for Keota athletes. Board member Cody Branstad stated that the contract was fair.



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## Sigourney School Board Debates Reason for Failed Infrastructure Bond

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the Jan. 14 meeting of the Sigourney School Board, the board spoke with Pat Westby from SitelogIQ, the company that oversaw the district's \$10,000,000 bond referendum for planned high school infrastructure updates, which failed to pass in November. The bond received 401 YES votes to 365 NO votes, reaching 52.35% approval, short of the 60% required to pass.

Westby stated that SitelogIQ wanted to continue to partner with the district and discussed several options for getting information on why the bond failed, like sending out a post-referendum survey or holding listening sessions open to the public. He stated this would give them information like why people didn't vote for the bond, what NO voters liked about the project, what YES voters disliked, how much voters would like them to scale back the project, and how they felt about the tax impact. Board member Steven Seeley asked about the associated costs. Westby stated he couldn't say how much a survey would cost, but that they school wouldn't have to pay anything, if they signed a new contract with SitelogIQ. Board member Tim Bruns stated information would be great, but that he didn't now if that outweighed the cost.

Board member Adam Clark stated that they did meetings, listening sessions and surveys, and that they had overwhelming support from people who attended. He stated that they needed to reach out to the people who didn't come. Clark stated they would receive overwhelming support like before if they had listening sessions, and needed to contact people who don't have kids attending the district but would still be required to pay the tax increase.

High School Principal Shannon Webb agreed with this and noted that she was married to a farmer. She stated farmers were they type of people they needed to get to, but that she didn't know how. Westby stated they needed to get to them so they can find out why farmers didn't

support the bond. Webb stated it was because of the tax increase. Clark stated they didn't need a survey to know that. Seeley stated that people he had spoken to, including ones with kids in the school, wanted the improvements, but didn't want the extra taxes. Westby stated that, if they didn't need the survey, they didn't need to do it, and that the question then became what they should do about the tax impact. He noted that, every year the school updates don't happen, costs will go up. He asked if there was a tax increase level that the public would support.

Superintendent Kevin Hatfield stated that the superintendent qualities survey they had sent out contained some questions about the bond and that almost everyone said they needed to improve their facilities. He stated he had no doubt the failure was about taxes and that they didn't calculate enough what people were willing to tolerate to fix the school's problems. Clark stated that he didn't know what they could take out of the referendum, because they weren't asking for "fluff and cool things," instead focusing on repairing what they already had. Hatfield stated that some people he'd spoke to had asked if they had considered adding in "shiny" things to mobilize more people into voting for the referendum. He stated that they had considered that, but decided based on feedback to focus on the most practical things that needed to be fixed. Clark stated that they needed to fix the basic infrastructure things first, because otherwise, they would have to tear them out after installing new features. Westby stated that, if they removed things to reduce the project's scope, the No voters would say that they didn't need those things in the first place.

Board member Mike Bensmiller stated that people didn't understand the referendum. He stated that he had spoken to two people at the Sale Barn who said that they would have voted for the referendum, if they had been told what the school was going to spend the money on. Bens-

millar asked if those people had been living under a rock. He stated that they were in favor of the referendum, after he spent time talking to them about it. Webb stated that a lot of those people don't use the internet and throw away any fliers they get. Hatfield stated that he had spoken to farmers at Farm Bureau, but that only eight people had been there. He brought up the idea of maybe Zooming with farmers to get the message out. Bensmiller noted that the Farm Bureau meeting was mostly younger guys.

Clark asked if the referendum would have done better if it had been in a different year. Seeley noted that its possible there were people there who wouldn't have voted on a school election normally, but voted No because they were there anyway. Westby stated that non-major election years, like 2025 or 2027, typically have lower turnout, but more support.

Business Manager Jessica Meier noted that most of the community voted Yes, meaning there was support for the project. Board member Adam Sellers stated that most people in Sigourney voted Yes, but that most people in the rural surrounding townships voted No. Hatfield stated that they received 65% approval from residential votes, but only 33% from agricultural voters.

Westby stated that they could do fliers or meetings, but that it really comes down to having face-face meetings with people. He stated that surveys could ask what people were confused on and what they wanted more information on. Clark stated that they put out a lot of information about taxes, probably too much. Bruns stated that he had attended an in-depth meeting on the referendum's tax impact, which had answered questions, but been too long and featured too much information.

Clark asked if they wanted to put this discussion on hold until they hired a new superintendent. Bruns and Seeley agreed it was a good idea to

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## Sigourney Bars Sued After Drunk Driver Dies in Crash

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review  
SIGOURNEY – On July 13, 2025, Joshua Sawyer died in a car crash on County Road V5G following a night of drinking.

On Jan. 13, Sawyer's family launched a lawsuit against Copper Lantern and Grant Ranch Grub & Pub, the Sigourney bars that served him alcohol prior to the crash. According to the lawsuit, they sold alcohol

to Sawyer, who "was visibly showing signs of intoxication," when they should have known he would "become more intoxicated and a danger to himself and others." Sawyer's family has requested a jury trial.

## South English Clerk Tells Council to Speak Professionally to Residents

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

SOUTH ENGLISH – During the Jan. 13 meeting of the South English City Council, City Clerk Stephanie Lown stated that they would need to renegotiate their contract to provide water meters to the City of Harper, which expires next year. She noted that they currently support 19 meters, instead of the 7 the contract was originally written for, and hadn't accounted for meter price increases. Mayor Ed Shafraneck stated that the contract was thrown together quickly. He stated that they legally cannot charge Harper residents less than South English residents.

Lown stated that a resident had asked why their sewer bill was the same as their water bill, even though they used water outside. Shafraneck stated that they charged for every gallon in the sewer bill and that it didn't matter if it was used for a garden. Councilman Cameron Miller stated that the only exception was

that, in the past, they had not charged for pools, when told the exact number of gallons used.

New Councilman Roger Murphy stated that there was a storm drain cover in town that had been busted off, likely after being hit by a snow plow. He asked if they could do something about this before a child or animal fell in and got hurt. Shafraneck stated that there were orange cones in the shed to place around the drain and that he would take a look at it the day after the meeting.

Chandra Harper from the library board stated that they had approved interim librarian Destiny Harper as the new library director; she stated they were working on hiring her an assistant. The council set Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. as the time for a budget workshop. Lown noted that they would be having their rate study and open records training during the next meeting, on Feb. 10. Lown stated that she had learned that her clerk software could do credit card payments; she

stated this would require an update, but be cheaper than moving to a new system. The council approved spending \$1,000 for end of year support in helping close out books and find discrepancies. Lown stated that she had sent letters placing liens on eight properties and gave the council a list of properties that would have their water shut off.

Lown reminded the council that the residents of South English were their customers, whether they liked them or not, and needed to be spoken to professionally. She stated that they needed to not dismiss their concerns and be willing to address the problem at hand. Shafraneck stated that they weren't just customers, but the council's boss, and that being elected didn't raise them above their neighbors. Shafraneck stated that they all knew it wasn't a fun job. He noted that he had never been told he had done a good job as mayor, having only received negative feedback, and that they needed to take this in stride, which is hard to do.

## Pekin To Begin Drone Program

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

PACKWOOD – During the Jan. 12 meeting of the Pekin School Board, instructional coach Johanna Neff talked to the board about the district's plans to begin a drone program, which will provide Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) for students. She explained DARTDrones, a leading company in drone training, approached the school last year about beginning a program. Neff stated that she and High School Principal Shawn Dorman were looking into offering more IRCs this year, due to them now counting for a higher percentage of the district's School Performance Profile Score. This, alongside the large endowment the district received from Roland McCreery to fund agriculture classes, led Neff to begin work to start a drone program.

She explained that DARTDrones offered customizable, turn-key curriculum created by educators, and that this training could help students with careers in Ag, oil and gas, construction, railways, real estate, engineering or

food delivery. Neff stated that Pekin Ag teacher Zachary Brecht was willing to teach the class and would need to receive training and certification first. She stated that the district will offer two drone classes: an Intro to Drones class that taught students to understand the hardware and basic flight features, gain hands on experience, and expose them to different careers, with a heavy focus on agriculture; and a certification prep class that will teach FAA regulations and safety, to prepare students to become drone certified. Indian Hills offers certifications, which last for life. She stated that, ideally, the classes will begin next spring with Intro to Drones, with a full year of classes offered in the 26/27 school year.

Superintendent Dave Harper called the drone program exciting, stating it was another thing to offer to kids who don't have a four-year college plan and a way to promote their agricultural base. Dorman stated that Pekin was at the forefront for these classes and that no other school in the area offered them. Harper stated that

they would be able to fully fund the classes out of the McCreery endowment. Dorman stated that the smaller drones for the intro class would cost \$50 or less, but that the bigger drones for the certification class could cost a couple thousand dollars.

Also at the Monday meeting, Harper stated that they would vote between two options for the 26/27 school calendar next month, one that would stick to the current hours and one that would add 1:15 p.m. early outs every Friday. Harper stated that three people in the community had emailed him, two of them preferring a traditional schedule, but that most of the staff preferred the early out schedule. He stated that the early out would better support the district's Professional Development time. He stated that it was hard to make curriculum robust with just one day a month for PD and that making the schedule consistent and weekly would work better than having meetings a month apart.

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# Community CALENDAR

Legion Post

## Richland Public Library

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

## Wilson Memorial Library

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

## Sigourney Public Library

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

## Hedrick Public Library

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

## What Cheer Public Library

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

## Sigourney Kiwanis

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

## Free Grace Recovery

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E

Broadway St. What Cheer. For: All Addictions: any hurt, habit or hang up. Come as you are. Childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. freegrace.tv/recovery

## Old Keota Business

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

## Keota Food Pantry

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

## Richland Community Food Bank

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

## City of Keota Public Meeting

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

## Keota School Board

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

## Keota VFW Auxiliary

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

## Keokuk County

## Historical Society

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

## Keokuk County Supervisors

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

## Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

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

## Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

## Food Pantry-Sigourney

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

## Keokuk County Public Health

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

call (641) 622-3575.

## Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

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

## Alzheimer's Support

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

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

## Grief Share

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

## Fiddle Dee Dee

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

## Keokuk County Democrats Open Meeting

First Tuesday of the Month at the Sigourney Public Library. Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## 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

# Op-Ed: Being Undocumented Is Not a Crime

By Mary K. Krier  
That catch you off guard? It doesn't fit the rhetoric you've been fed, does it?

Because the truth is this: being undocumented in America is not a criminal offense. And the fact that so many people don't know that tells me how little real understanding there is about the difference between civil law and criminal law.

There is a difference. A massive one. I'm not going to spoon feed it to you with slogans or talking points. I'm going to state the reality plainly, and if that makes you uncomfortable, that's your signal to stop letting other people tell you what to think and actually look it up for yourself.

Criminal law exists to punish behavior that harms society.

Violence. Theft. Assault. Fraud.

Crimes with arrests, charges, prison time, and criminal records.

Civil law exists to manage systems, rules, and processes.

Taxes. Permits. Contracts. Zoning. Licensing. Immigration status.

Civil violations do not make someone a criminal. Speeding is illegal.

You didn't become a criminal. Overstaying paperwork is a civil violation.

You didn't become a criminal. Immigration law lives in civil law.

That's why undocumented immigrants go through immigration court, not criminal court.

That's why simply being undocumented does not result in a criminal conviction.

That's why deportation exists as a civil remedy instead of prison as punishment.

Yes, illegal entry can be charged as a misdemeanor. But here's the part people love to ignore.

Illegal entry is a completed act, not an ongoing crime.

If someone crosses the border and is not caught, and later is found living in the United States, they are generally not charged criminally just for being here. They are placed into civil removal proceedings. That distinction is intentional. Written into law. Enforced that way for decades.

So when people scream "they're here illegally," what they are actually saying is "they violated a civil rule," whether they understand that or not.

Now let's talk about the hypocrisy.

The same people yelling "law and order" are perfectly comfortable ignoring the Constitution when it doesn't suit them.

Because here's another inconvenient fact: every-

one on U.S. soil has constitutional rights.

Natural born citizens. Immigrants. Undocumented immigrants.

Due process. Equal protection. Protection from unreasonable searches and seizures.

The right to a hearing. Those rights do not disappear because someone makes you uncomfortable.

That is something America is supposed to be proud of.

Yet somehow, the same crowd that claims to love the Constitution, worships the Second Amendment, and screams about tyranny is suddenly fine with federal officers operating with unchecked power, detaining people based on appearance, language, or skin color, just to hit quotas and boost numbers.

Funny how fast "constitutional rights" vanish when the person doesn't look like you.

That isn't law and order. That's selective morality.

History has a word for this pattern.

It always starts with dehumanizing language. "They're illegal."

"They don't belong." "They're the problem."

And it always ends with people saying, "I didn't think it would go that far."

We have seen this movie before. Every time.

What makes it even more vile is how often this behavior is wrapped in religion and patriotism to justify it. You don't get to preach love while cheering cruelty. You don't get to wave the flag while shredding the Constitution. You don't get to claim moral authority while supporting collective punishment.

Less than one percent committing crimes does not justify targeting millions.

That is not justice. That is not American.

That is fear looking for permission. So let me wrap this up plainly.

Undocumented does not mean criminal. Civil violations are not criminal offenses.

Constitutional rights do not disappear because someone fails your purity test.

And the people who are comfortable throwing all of that away aren't standing for law and order at all. They're standing for power without accountability.

History never remembers those people as heroes.

Research these facts, and spread the truth!

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# MENUS

## Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

Jan. 23rd  
Minute Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, mandarin Orange Cake.  
Jan. 26th  
Hamburger Cream Cheese Hot Dish, Green Beans, Cherry Doo Dads.  
Jan. 28th  
Meat Loaf, Baked Potato, Corn Casserole, Jello Cottage Cheese Salad.

## English Valleys

Jan. 22nd  
Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Fruit Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Crispito w. nachos, Bacon Pickle Grilled Cheese w. Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower Popcorn.  
Jan. 23rd  
Breakfast: Biscuits & Pepper Gravy w/ Sausage Patty, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w. Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Noodle Bowl w/ Italian Bread, Cheesy BBQ Beef on a Bun w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Apple Pie Cookie, Milk.  
Jan. 26th  
Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Nashville Hot Chicken, Mozzarella Dunkers w/ Roasted Potato Wedges, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Fruit, Milk.  
Jan. 27th  
Breakfast: Hone Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w. Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Super nachos, Triple Jalapeno Chicken Sandwich w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
Jan. 28th  
Breakfast: Waffles, Assorted Cereal w/ Fruit Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Patty w/ Hot Roll, Pig in a Blanket w/ Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk.

## Keota

Jan. 22nd  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Tetrizzini, Iceberg Lettuce Blend, Steamed Carrots, Fresh Strawberries, French Garlic Bread, Milk.  
Jan. 23rd  
Breakfast: Pop Tart, Grapes, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Sweet & Sour, Chicken Nuggets, Seasoned Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Red Bell Pepper Strips, Pineapple, Milk.  
Jan. 26th  
Breakfast: Strawberry Boli, Pears, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, Garden Spinach, Salad, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Applesauce, Breadstick, Milk.  
Jan. 27th  
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, English Muffin/ Jelly, Pineapple, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Nugget, Mash Potato and Gravy, Fresh Broccoli, Grape Juice, Wheat Roll & Jelly, Milk.  
Jan. 28th  
Breakfast: Breakfast Egg Wrap, Orange, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Cheddarwurst on a bun, Bake Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots, Grapes, Chips, Milk.

## Tri-County

Jan. 22nd  
Breakfast: Long John  
Lunch: Sloppy Jo, Green Beans, Strawberry & Blueberries.  
Jan. 23rd  
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Broccoli/ Cauliflower, Apple, Cookie.  
Jan. 26th  
Breakfast: Uncrustable  
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Diced Peas.  
Jan. 27th  
Breakfast: Cereal  
Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese, FF, Baked Beans, Pineapple.  
Jan. 28th  
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks  
Lunch: Orange Chicken, Rice, Peas, Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges.

## Milestones

### (Sigourney & Delta)

Jan. 22nd  
Herbed Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Margarine, Green Beans w/ Onions, Peaches, Wheat Roll.  
Jan. 23rd  
Cheeseburger on Bun, Lettuce Leaf/ Tomatoes, Mayo/ Mustard, Sweet Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail.  
Jan. 26th  
Baked Spaghetti, Italian Blend Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, Garlic Bread Stick.  
Jan. 27th  
Chicken Tenders, Rice, Fiesta Corn, Hot Spiced Apples, WW Bread.  
Jan. 28th  
Turkey & Noodles, Green Peas, Fruit Crisp, Wheat Roll.

## Pekin

Jan. 22nd  
Breakfast: Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Beef Dippers, Crisptos, Raisels Diced Peas, Corn, Sliced Cucumbers, Milk.  
Jan. 23rd  
Breakfast: WG Donut, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, Hot Dog on a Bun, Fruit, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots, Milk.  
Jan. 26th  
Breakfast: Apple Strudel, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chili w/ Saltines, PB & J, Peas, Raisels, Baby Carrots, Cucumbers, Milk.  
Jan. 27th  
Breakfast: Cereal Bar, GoGurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pizza Pasta w/ Breadstick, Munchable, Peaches, Strawberry Cup, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Milk.  
Jan. 28th  
Breakfast: Egg Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Patty on Bun, Uncrustable, Pineapple Tidbits, Crisunts, French Fries, Broccoli, Milk.



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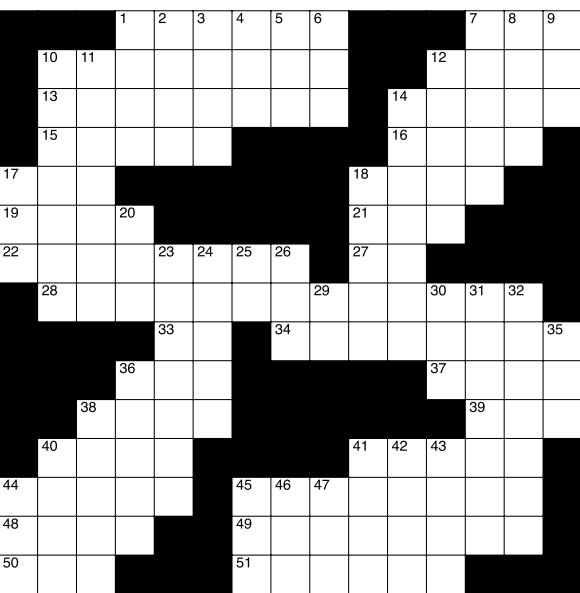
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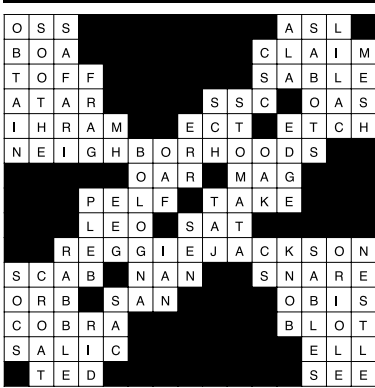


**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Mechanical lever  
7. Rocky peak  
10. Leave a country  
12. Discount  
13. D.C. ballplayer  
14. Partner to "oohed"  
15. Engine sound  
16. Japanese ornamental box  
17. Fido is one  
18. Amounts of time  
19. DiFranco and Phyo are two  
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
22. Make secret plans  
27. "Tiny Bubbles" singer  
28. "His Airness"  
33. Morning  
34. Perfected  
36. Winger guitarist  
37. Abba \_\_\_\_, Israeli politician  
38. Self-immolation by fire ritual  
39. A way to save money  
40. Pulpit  
41. Make ecstasically happy  
44. Once more  
45. Works on  
48. Nocturnal S. American rodent  
49. State again  
50. Expression of disappointment  
51. Type of door

3. High school dance  
4. Peter's last name  
5. When you anticipate arriving  
6. Israeli city \_\_\_\_ Aviv  
7. Goat-like mammals  
8. Margarine  
9. End-of-the-spectrum color  
10. Make poisonous  
11. Popular beverage  
12. Actress Lathan  
14. Where planes land and depart  
17. Political fundraising entity  
18. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era  
20. Buffer used in microbiology  
23. Light, open carriage  
24. Metrical feet  
25. Email subject

line feature  
26. A street with lots of nightmares  
29. Rapper Rule  
30. River in Scotland  
31. One who settles a dispute  
32. Most chummy  
35. We all have our own  
36. Arab tribe  
38. Slap  
40. Ottoman military commanders  
41. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language  
42. Emit coherent radiation  
43. Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)  
44. Inclined to  
45. Olfactory reference syndrome  
46. Chest muscle (slang)  
47. Body part

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Yugoslavian communist leader  
2. Exchange rate

**LOG CABIN WORD SEARCH**

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

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- LOFT
- LOGS
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- NOTCHING
- PANTRY
- PORCH
- RETREAT
- ROCKING CHAIR
- RUSTIC
- TIMBER
- WOOD PILE
- WOODSTOVE

**THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT**

**Bob Molkenthin and the Russian Front**

By Casey Jarmes |  
The News-Review

Last week, I covered German mechanic Bob Molkenthin's experiences in the Western Front of WWI, ending with the German line being forced back and Molkenthin watching his best friend die to a British artillery shell. This week, I'm continuing to retell Molkenthin's story, which he told to the Keokuk County News in June, 1929.

In August, 1916, Molkenthin was sent to the Russian Front. While traveling there, he and his fellow soldiers were ordered to march through Berlin. Many of

the men with him had families in Berlin. As they marched through the capital, they were followed by their heartbroken wives and children, who they had not seen since the beginning of the war. But, their officers forbade the soldiers from seeing their families, ordering them to keep marching in ordered lines. "It was a sad group of soldiers who boarded the train going north to the Russian line," Molkenthin said.

Molkenthin's company was sent to the Nareganwke River, 12 miles from the town of Rohatyn, then part of Austria-Hungary,

now part of Ukraine. To get there, the company had to march 46 miles, carrying 86 pound packs, over a path fired on by Russian soldiers. Three of Molkenthin's comrades were dead by the time they reached their post; Molkenthin blamed this on the men's carelessness and ignorance of their surroundings.

Late in the fall, two months after Molkenthin arrived, he encountered actual warfare for the first time. The Russians had set up base in a wide, U-shaped river bend encircling a mountain, with canons placed on the foot of the mountain. Molkenthin's company spent two months hammering away at this stronghold, finally finding a weak spot on each side of the bend where the river started its swing around the base of the mountain. One afternoon, Molkenthin and another soldier were stationed in a balloon over the mountain, and spotted movement in the timber across the river. A squad of Russian soldiers were following the course of river, towards the German company. What's more, the Russian canon on the mountain that jutted out the farthest had stopped firing.

They signaled for their balloon to be lowered and informed their commanding officer of what was happening, that the Russian force, which far outnumbered their company, was crossing the river via the weak spots to try and capture them. The officer repositioned their artillery, aiming at the

weak spots. Molkenthin noted that, if there hadn't been a swamp between the river and the mountain, that they would have been cornered, leading the company to starve to death.

The Germans fled, running forty miles, the Russians at their heels. They started fleeing at two in the afternoon and continued running throughout the night and early morning, despite the soldiers and their horses being sore and weary. A heavy rain started, preventing either side from hauling their heavy cannons or packs. Then, the Russians, fearing German reinforcements, retreated, leaving their artillery behind.

Reinforcements arrived the next day. Molkenthin's company caught up with the Russians before they could reach the river. After a short skirmish, the entire Russian company was captured. Molkenthin and his fellow soldiers were paid by the German government for the war material they captured; he stated that it was the "biggest pay day" he ever had. Molkenthin was very critical of his commanding officers, writing that they were tyrannical and hated by the privates. During the battle by the river, after giving orders to their men, they ran away, taking the chuckwagon and the best horses with them. They did not stay to see what happened to the soldiers under their command. Molkenthin stated actions like this were unusual and that the officers, as a whole, didn't have anything in common with their soldiers and either snubbed or ignored them.

"They idea that the German army was an army of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SOUTH ENGLISH**  
**English River Church of the Brethren**  
 29252 137th St., South English  
 319-667-5235  
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## VIEWPOINT from pg. 4

inhuman beings is entirely wrong...the privates in the army were just like those in any allied army," Molken-thin told the Keokuk County News. "They loved their homes, their families and their country. They did not want to follow out the orders of their superior officers except in isolated cases. Many of the officers told lies of the treatment the Germans received at the hands of the Allies and reports were sent out among the Germans of the inhuman treatment received from the Allies." Molken-thin stated that ambitiousness, even at the cost of the lives of those under them, was common among German officers. He attributed much of Germany's defeat as being caused by the dissension between these officers and their privates. Molken-thin was also very critical of Kaiser Wilhelm, stating that he did not nor ever did have any admiration for the man and that Wilhelm's only interest in the war was his own personal profit. On the other hand, Molken-thin had nothing but

praise for Germany's generals, especially military leader Paul von Hindenburg, saying that "he was a soldier among soldiers, and a man loved by the entire army. He won the respect of all he came in contact." This praise has aged very, very poorly. In the modern day, Hindenburg is mostly remembered for making Adolph Hitler Chancellor of Germany, signing the Reichstag Fire Decree and Enabling Act, and then dying, leaving Hitler with complete control over the country. Molken-thin told the Keokuk County News that, during his time in France, Molken-thin began admiring the American soldiers, stationed in trenches less than a hundred yards away from him. After the war, he decided to come to America and get better acquainted with them. In 1926, he immigrated to the United States, opening a small automobile repair shop a block north of the Sigourney square. In 1933, he was naturalized as an American citizen. He passed away in 1956.

## Letter to the Editor: Our First Amendment Rights While Protecting the Innocence of Our Youth

My name is George Snakenberg and I am an Independent voter, and I am asking that, the 'UC\_' , on a particular sign on a small town street corner be replaced with '\_\_'. I will not use the first and last letter in this letter. Your message will still get out to the adults but at the same time spare our most precious resource and future, Our Children, from being introduced to such profanity and hatred in childhood. Like all Americans I have a fondness for our Constitutional Rights and I support folks that want to exercise the Right to Free Speech and Peaceful Protest. I would never ask that anyone should be denied the right to stand on a street corner and exercise their right to express a view. However, I do believe that, With Every Right there comes a Responsibility, and it is my belief that when expressing our views, we have a responsibility to keep the language being used acceptable to be read by kids in school. When on a street corner holding a sign, we are not having an adult's only conversation where language can get salty without the kids around. We are putting a message out there that can be read by Adults and Children alike. It is my belief that our words are not merely words, but seeds that are being planted in the virgin soil of our children's minds. These seeds will take root and grow into hatred. Most altercations will start out with a certain word. And cooperative minds will put up barriers when a certain word is directed to/at them. Most of us were spared being introduced to certain 4 letter words in our youth and there are Parents and Grand Parents in this day and age that are trying to raise their kids without exposing them to certain profane and hateful words. I would imagine that like me, there are Parents and Grand Parents that take great exception to a certain word being used on signs or placards on street corners in small town Iowa. I also feel that there is damage that can be done to different organizations or groups of people that would support the use of that word on a sign in small town Iowa. People that may have had a different view from your group or organiza-

tion in the past, that may have been on the verge of joining or supporting you in future endeavors may very well avoid your cause going forward. I know, for my part, that I will not consider lending my support when exercising my Right to vote going forward if a certain word is not eliminated from signs or placards in the near future. I and people like me are the folks that you want to appeal to as we are careful to study values, directions and platforms before exercising our Right to vote. I detest various flags that were on porches in the past few years. Sure, I guess it is an individual's RIGHT to display such low brow foolishness, but it doesn't make it Right. There is no place in Public for that word to be on display. Children are seeing that and being influenced by it. When trying to create positive change, we cannot stoop to the level of others that have used hateful language in the past. We have to set a higher standard for the present and most importantly, the future. Now, before attacking me, realize that I have not mentioned anyone by name, nor, any organization. I used no foul language, and it is my bet, that people that care enough to read this, have had a strong feeling or reaction, either agreeing with me or disagreeing with me. All without a single foul word. I ask that you replace the 'UC\_', with, '\_\_'. It is my bet that even without saying the word, most everybody knows what word is being referenced. People are smarter than you may believe. Change the letters or risk doing damage to your cause and the people that would stand in the trenches and work beside you. I know that you and like-minded individuals love The USA just as we all do. But let's, Use our Words as Tools to Build and Unite, as opposed to using them as Clubs to Destroy and Divide. We are better, and smarter than that. Your friend and Fellow American!

George E. Snakenberg  
*The opinions expressed in this letter to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Mid-America Publishing or the New-Review staff.*



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### Guiding Others in Faith

Following last month's celebration of Christ's birth, we plan for the season to honor His passion, death, and resurrection through Easter. As our own lives can sometimes feel slow leading up to this celebration, it is important to guide others in faith if they are in need of it. Perhaps a matter in someone's personal life or career could be affecting one's faith, or even questions about their faith itself. In approaching issues such as this, as laypeople, we may find it best to guide people to open discussion, perhaps with someone such as a priest or pastor at their congregation. While we should always try to maintain our own path in faith, we can always help others do so as well.  
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# Republic Caucus to be held Feb. 2

The Keokuk County Republican Central Committee is set to host Caucus meetings at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 2nd as our biennial beginning to Convention to Election process. All registered Republicans attaining the age of 18 by November 3rd, 2026, are welcome to participate at their correct location which will be open at 6:30 for registration. As in the event two years ago, the meeting will not have a make up date despite the weather. The Caucus locations are

listed as; Benton Steady Run will join up with Jackson and Richland at Mother CABRI-NI'S Parish Hall in Richland. East/ West Lancaster / Warren will be hosted at the Hayesville City Hall, with What Cheer Washington, Prairie and Adams all meeting at Hilltop Chapel in What Cheer, while English River Liberty will travel down to the Wilson Memorial Library in Keota teaming up with Lafayette /Clear Creek. All Sigourney precincts, as well as Van Buren Plank will

be sprinkled amongst the offices of the Keokuk County Courthouse.

The business to attend to include nominating Central Committee members, selecting Convention delegates and junior delegates to attend the County Convention slated to be held Saturday evening, March 7th, and to submit and discuss planks for the County Platform. Nomination forms from many races will be seeking signatures, as well.

# Local health care experts to discuss new Medicaid rules

Southeast Iowa health care providers and experts will discuss how upcoming rule changes to Medicaid health may affect area patients and facilities at a Fairfield forum on Sunday, January 25. The program, organized by non-profit advocacy groups the Rural Restoration Project and Jefferson County Indivisible, will be 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cambridge Learning Center on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 2602 W. Burlington Ave. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, passed in July 2025, includes numerous changes to Medicaid, which provides health insurance for low-income Americans. The bill is expected to cut Medicaid costs by almost \$900 billion over the next decade. The largest part of those cuts is expected to come from a rule requiring states to verify recipients' work status at least once every six months. The provision, which takes effect January 1, 2027, requires Medicaid recipients to prove they worked at least 80 hours per month unless they meet one of several exemption cri-

teria. The rules apply to those who received Medicaid when eligibility for the program was expanded under the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that most of the expected savings will come from people dropping out of Medicaid, with an estimated 4.8 million losing health insurance by 2034. That includes 69,000 Iowans, many in rural areas, according to projections from KFF, a nonprofit, nonpartisan health care research organization. Those cuts could represent significant income losses for small rural hospitals, most of which serve large Medicaid-dependent populations. The program provides as much as a quarter of receipts for some facilities.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Kerri Rupe, Ph.D., an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) and professor emerita at the University of Iowa School of Nursing.
- Jacob Dobbs, director of Emergency Medical Services for Henry County.

• Kyla Yates, ARNP at Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua. Yates previously worked as a certified nursing assistant and nurse manager at a local nursing home, where she oversaw meeting Medicaid and Medicare requirements for reimbursement.

• Former Ottumwa Mayor Rick Johnson, retired chief executive of River Hills Community Health Center and former Iowa Department of Health and Human Services employee. Each speaker will make a brief statement before taking questions.

Leaders from Iowa Senate District 44, which includes Keokuk, Jefferson, Van Buren and Henry counties and part of Mahaska County, founded the Rural Restoration Project to build economic and social opportunities in the area through education and advocacy. Jefferson County Indivisible is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting a healthy democracy in partnership with the national Indivisible movement.

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pump the breaks, with Bruns asking to pick this conversation up again in six months or a year. Westby pushed back on this, saying that, if they put things on hold for a year, that would push the vote to 2027 and the project start to 2029. Clark asked when they needed to have their ducks in a row to get on the ballot in November. Westby said August. Clark stated that gave them time. Seeley stated that they could move forward, regardless of the new superintendent. Clark stated that the board would be able to be as involved as Hatfield was and that they needed a superintendent. Bensmiller stated they would know more about a superintendent in a month. Hatfield stated that the candidates he had spoken to would be good for handling the infrastructure project. Westby stated there was enough interest for SiteLogIQ to contact the school after the meeting about arranging another contract.

Also at the Wednesday meeting, Hatfield stated that six people had applied for the superintendent position, although one had pulled out. He stated that two candidates matched the board's vision and that he didn't believe they would find more qualified candidates. Both of these candidates would be a shared superintendent with another school. Hatfield stated that the other five candidates were good, but none had run a school before, which he felt was important for a superintendent. The district will interview the two candidates on the 26th, with them meeting with five groups: parents, students, the school board, teachers, and admin. Bruns asked if they could ask the candidates about the bond referendum. Hatfield said

they could, but that they had to ask the same questions to the different candidates and that they didn't want to ask too many questions.

Hatfield stated that the district had received a \$48,000 grant for STEM. STEM/Work Based Learning Instructor Jenny Bell stated that the grant would go towards improving what they had already started, funding things like getting new drones and robotics, helping with the Savage Advantage program, professional development, Industry Recognized Credentials, and making swag for businesses partnered with the school, which students could sell to bring money into the program. Seeley asked if they were interested in starting a robotics team, like the one Pekin has. Webb stated that she did a survey a few years back that showed eSports was more popular among students than robotics, leading them to start that team instead, but that she thought a robotics team could work.

The board approved a contract with Thunder Country Radio to place a 13 or 14 foot wide digital display to be used for advertising and as a score board in the high school gym. Hatfield explained that Thunder Country would find and price out the display, then give the district \$14-16,000 to purchase it, and that Sigourney would own the board. He stated that Thunder Country had guaranteed \$6,000 in advertising revenue. The display will go on the southwest part of the western wall. Hatfield stated that they didn't want it too close to the basketball hoop, noting that Pekin had a display right by the hoop and that the brightness causes problems.

Meier gave the board an overview of the district's fi-

nances, explaining that, in the last 15 years, Sigourney has gone from having 545 residential students to 489, a net loss of 56 students. However, Sigourney had made this up through students from other communities open-enrolling into the district. In the past five years, Sigourney has trended upward to 35 more students open enrolling in vs out, resulting in the district trending up nine students in five years. Hatfield stressed that they needed enrollment growth for the district to stay stable. The district currently receives \$7,988 in per-student funding from the state. Hatfield stated that he did not think that would increase by much this year, stating he had heard rumors of a 1% State Supplemental Aid (SSA) increase, compared to the cost of living going up 4%.

Meier showed projections for how the school's finances would be with a 0% or 1% SSA increases, stating that 1% was not enough to maintain what they have. She stated that they needed at least a 2% increase, or they would be forced to use a budget guarantee, raising property taxes so they can match last year's funding for one year. Hatfield stated that the district's financials were solid, but that the tax rate would likely have to go up in the future for the district to make ends meet.

Elementary Principal Deanna Spence noted that ISASP standards were changing, meaning Sigourney's scores will not be comparable between this year and the next. She stated that only 14 children had been signed up for preschool and that she didn't think they would need a second section, having a five-day section for all the children instead of hiring another staff member.

# Keokuk County 4-H Invites Community to Second Annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser

Keokuk County 4-H is inviting the public to celebrate Valentine's Day with good food, great company, and youth-led service at its second annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with seating ending at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Keokuk County Expo Hall, located at 22400 220th Ave., Sigourney.

Community members are encouraged to bring their special someone or the whole family to enjoy a welcoming, candlelit dinner experience hosted by local 4-H members. For the evening, youth will operate a "4-H restaurant," providing table service, music, and photo opportunities.

Guests will enjoy a pasta dinner with their choice of meat and sauce, along with

salad, garlic bread, and assorted desserts. Gluten-free options will be available.

"After a very successful first year, we are excited to bring this event back and see it continue to grow," said Ashley Yedlik, Keokuk County 4-H County Youth Coordinator. "This fundraiser provides a great opportunity for our youth to build leadership and public service skills, while also helping 4-H be more visible and engaged within our community as we work together to keep 4-H free for all members in Keokuk County."

The meal is offered as a free-will donation, with all proceeds benefiting Keokuk County 4-H and Clover Kids enrollment fees for the 2025-2026 program year.

Reservations are preferred but not required, and walk-

ins are welcome. To-go orders will be available, with guests asked to come inside during the event to place their order and expect a 10-15 minute wait. RSVPs, including to-go orders, are encouraged to help organizers plan.

Tables may be reserved by scanning the QR code on event flyers, visiting <https://go.iastate.edu/HWWUQ3>, or calling the Keokuk County Extension Office at 641-622-2680.

Community members interested in supporting the event as a donor or learning more about 4-H opportunities are encouraged to contact the Keokuk County Extension and Outreach Office at 641-622-2680 or email [xkeokuk@iastate.edu](mailto:xkeokuk@iastate.edu). Follow "Iowa State University Extension: Keokuk County" on Facebook.

# ServSafe® Food Safety Certification Class

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach is offering a food safety training for food service managers on February 3, 2026, at the Mahaska County Extension Office located at 212 N. I Street in Oskaloosa. If inclement weather requires cancellation a snow date of February 10 has been scheduled. Registrations close three weeks before the class on January 13, 2026.

"Certification in ServSafe meets the Iowa Food Code requirements to have a certified food protection manager in all establishments," said

Cathy Drost, class instructor and ISU Extension and Outreach Health & Human Sciences Educator. "We live in a time when food safety hazards and risks are prevalent. Serving safe food is mandatory. This eight-hour program aims to train food service professionals about food safety requirements and best practices to meet them."

According to Drost, the program is based on the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe® certification program and the Iowa Food Code. The class is beneficial

for foodservice managers from all areas such as schools, restaurants, convenience stores, child care, senior meal sites and health care. Participants will receive a copy of the ServSafe® Manager training manual and will take the ServSafe® certification exam.

For more information about the program, contact Suzette Striegel at [striegel@iastate.edu](mailto:striegel@iastate.edu) or call (641) 673-5841. Visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/servsafe/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/servsafe/) to register for the course.

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## COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

# January Jaunts

By Sheryl L. Carter

Wow, I apologize for that huge long missive from last week. I hadn't realized it was so long until I read it yesterday in the paper. My land, you must have needed at least three cups of coffee to get through it! I will try to improve today.

I am very grateful to the Lord that I have done my stretching 23-minute workout every day this week except this morning, and it feels good to do so. This week I have also added in bouncing on my trampoline. I read that it can help with a whole variety of things, among them moving the lymph in our bodies, and helping with sleep. I think it's working.

Oh, remember last week—ok, if you don't—that I couldn't find my dust pan and brush to finish dust mopping the last few rooms in the house? Monday morning, I am stuffing flannel sheets in the washer, turned around and what do you think I saw hanging on its proper nail right there on the wall? Oh, yes, the dust pan and brush! Ha! I have no memory of putting them there, so maybe a kind fairy did it, do you suppose?

That day I got some housework done, wrote out the weekly bills, and made new bill/receipt files in the file drawer for 2026. It didn't take long at all. I hefted out that drawer, set it on a chair out in the kitchen, and soon had the job done.

Tuesday, I met a sweet young friend at the Windmill restaurant in Pella for an early lunch, then ran jazzy through the car wash, she was very glad, and got some groceries and such at

Walmart, and then off for home.

Wednesday, I visited the library, and stopped in at Dr. Fikse's, my Sully chiro, for two boxes of detox tea, plus a nice adjustment for my knees and spine. He is very good. That afternoon I skimmed through our book selection for this past month, "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers, to prepare for the next day's book club meeting. I had enjoyed this book so much a few weeks ago, and was reading it day and night, but not taking notes, so did that during this run through. And cried all over again. What a wonderful story! She is a master writer.

Everyone agreed with that the next morning at 10 a.m. when we met up at the Coffee Cup's back dining room. This was a good selection. Now we have "Jane Eyre" to read by Charlotte Bronte, so good luck to us. Written back in 1847, and deemed "a significant work of English literature of the Victorian Age", it was printed under the pseudonym, "Currer Bell", as women writers were not given equal standing with men. But soon, that changed greatly when Charlotte, Anne, and Emily's works finally became known under their own names.

I have seen at least two movie versions of Jane Eyre, but have never read the actual book, so we will see.

Just last week I saw the movie about the three sisters, "To Walk Invisible", and there they are, studiously bent over their slanted writing desks, writing their books and poems—all by hand! Can you imagine?? But every single work from those days, and back into the mists

of time were all hand written. Shakespeare, Jane Austen, Socrates, the Romans, the Old and New Testament—every one carefully copied by hand. You have to appreciate that. I certainly do.

Here today I can set down at my nice computer and keyboard, and effortlessly type out any number of letters, stories, columns to my heart's content—quickly, easily—no pen, or pencil, no paper. Until it is printed out, of course. And I even have an easy help for spelling words, etc. Those old writers would have been amazed. But I bet they would have said, "I would rather write it out myself." I just bet they would.

Thursday afternoon I ventured out to Many Treasures just west of town. Their newest offerings had included loads of fabric, lots quilting supplies, etc, among all the other usual furniture, books, dishes, etc. Man, you could barely get your body through an aisle, it was so full of people, and folks were lined up outside when I drove up trying to find a parking place. It was a madhouse, so I left after a few minutes.

Friday, I was back with Dorothy and Scottie, and amazingly found a small stack of quilt blocks, and a long row of squares already sewn together, all in autumn colors, which I like. I brought them home, and that night went through them. I was so impressed by the care and precision this lady had put into cutting and sewing these together, with the edges and points perfectly matched. I wanted to say to her, or her family members left, I will try to do justice with what she started, as more needs to be sewn together and fin-

ished. It sure looks like a fun project.

Yesterday was a regular work day at home with dishes and laundry done up, made pizza for supper, which was good, and spent time on the phone with a good friend. You know, it's a wonderful thing when the Word of God breaks through into someone's mind, and answers a question they have been struggling with mightily.

This morning, I made it to SS in time, only having been up one hour before—I had set my alarm for 7 a.m., but hey, I didn't hear a thing! Our class was good as always, and our worship to the Lord was wonderful with us singing a whole bunch of old good songs out of the hymnal, and then Pastor Jerry's good message in Romans 9.

So that's it for this week.

Oh, tonight Miss Cherry cat has to stay inside as bright and early tomorrow morning I have to load her up, and take her up to Grinnell to get tutored, plus rabies and distemper shots. Oh, joy. I have been dreading this, as I have to leave here by 7:30 at least, and I know the poor little thing will be scared. But I intend to stay with her up to the last minute, and would love to see what the vet thinks when he sees her for the first time, with all that thick fluffy black fur, and her piquant little face. She will stay overnight, and I can pick her up the next morning. I hope she does well. Pippi and Petey both did great, and were soon recovered. < sigh > Pray for us.

Until next time! And you only needed one cup of coffee! Yay! Maybe, as this has more words than I thought! Oh, well...

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MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

## OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, January 19, 2026... Brrr! It was a good weekend to stay in, and that is what we did! On Saturday morning, we did venture to Hedrick for the Legion Breakfast. As usual, food was abundant and an opportunity for local socialization! Thanks to John Campbell for mentioning my writings. Sometimes I feel what I write is corny, and who cares? Then I get some feedback, and I think old fashioned corny might be okay.

Now for something that bothers me – What is with people who do not wear coats in this cold weather? On Saturday I witnessed a mother and a very small child leave the building and neither wore coats! I just do not understand this, and hope they didn't have trouble on the way home.

On Thursday morning, Greg went to 32A N. Harrison St. in Fremont and dug St. Joseph from our front yard. We no longer own property in Fremont. After 54 years, someone else will be residing there. Will I miss it? Actually what I find myself thinking about is the yard and garden more than the house. I left blackberry bushes, rhubarb,

gooseberries, many iris and lots of perennials. I will miss going out and pulling onions, fresh lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

I am so enjoying this home in University Park. I love having a big table and room to be able to sit more than six – even up to fifteen at Christmas. I enjoy hearing a distant train whistle taking me back to years on the farm. Greg seems to love the garage and is anxious to get through all the boxes and organize. It was quite a decision and I am not finding the change difficult. After all, Fremont is only a few miles away.

And for a little history – I spend a lot of time looking through things, with old newspapers being one of my favorites. Going through a 2006 Village Vine, I see that on November 25, 1834, the proprietor of Demonico's, one of New York's finest restaurants, advised the public that a meal of soup, steak, coffee and half a pie cost twelve cents. Dinner for two was served for 25 cents, the extra penny provided for an extra cup of coffee. What a deal! I imagine some of those meals were paid for by pennies only...and now the are no longer made.

## DAYCARE from pg. 1

as it looks to expand to new communities," said Milledge.

A ribbon cutting was held at the daycare on Jan. 14. At this ribbon cutting, Milledge gave special thanks to the Keota School Board and to KCCN head Gary Iosbaker for their leadership in establishing the daycare.

"Not long ago, many of us were standing in a room just like this, down in the library here at the school, talking

about a problem that felt overwhelming, at the time. For families in our community, childcare wasn't just difficult, it was a serious burden, and that burden came down to three things: affordability, reliability, and accessibility," Milledge said at the ribbon cutting. "Families asked themselves hard questions. 'Can we realistically afford childcare? Can we depend on it, so we can go to work ev-

ery day?' And, perhaps most discouraging of all, 'Is there even childcare available to me in my community?' For families in Keota and across Keokuk County, the honest answer used to be no, in some instances. At one point, we had more than 500 children under the age of five, and had zero licensed childcare options to serve them in Keokuk County. We were, and maybe still are, living in the most severe childcare desert in the entire state of Iowa. That reality didn't just impact parents. It affected our work force, our schools, our businesses, and the future of our communities, in some respects. Those numbers told a clear story, but tonight, this childcare center tells a new one. Little Eagles Childcare presents the moment our community decides to make a change with all that, and that are families are worth investing in."

In addition to providing the space for the daycare, the Keota school district furnished and is currently helping manage the daycare, with Keota kindergarten teacher Jennifer Lathrop acting as the active director of Little Eagles. The school and KCCN plan to transition full responsibility for the childcare center's day-to-day operations over to KCCN in the spring and summer months.

"Little Eagles Childcare represents the first step for KCCN," said Milledge, in an email to the News-Review.

"Together, we are laying the foundation for a stronger workforce, thriving schools, and forward-moving communities throughout Keokuk County. Our long-term plan is to grow KCCN into a countywide childcare network that serves families across the region and meets the evolving needs of our communities."

The KCCN board managed to raise \$127,000 to establish the daycare, through individual and business donations as well as grant awards. Milledge stated they were "incredibly grateful to the people of Keota and Keokuk County for believing in our vision and helping make this project a reality" and gave special praise to organizations like the Keota Eagle Advocates, Keota Community Club, and the Harper Knights of Columbus, who put their weight behind KCCN and Little Eagles Childcare.

"Tonight is about more than opening a childcare center," Milledge said at the ribbon cutting. "It's about hope, it's about momentum, it's about saying that Keota is a place people can live and work and can raise their children with confidence. Little Eagles Childcare is the first step, but it won't be the last."

Little Eagles offers services from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at a rate of \$200 per week per child for regular attendees and a rate of \$50 per day for drop-in childcare.

## Obituaries

### William Rasplicka

1932-2026

William Edward Rasplicka, 93, died January 16, 2026, at the Manor House Care Center in Sigourney, Iowa. He was born July 12, 1932, to John A. and Lillian (Kuncl) Rasplicka in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Cedar Rapids. He was employed at the First Trust Bank in Cedar Rapids. In 1952 Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force and was an engine mechanic and he was discharged in June of 1956. He received the National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. On July 14, 1957, he married Mary Ferne Dyson at the English Valley Church of the Brethren and made their home in Cedar Rapids. In 1966 they moved to Marshalltown where Bill worked with his brother John in a wholesale greenhouse operation. The family moved to Sigourney in 1976 and opened the Sigourney Greenhouse Flower Shop, which they ran for 30 years.

Bill had a green thumb, he enjoyed eating sweets, staying home and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary on December 14, 2024, son Jeff Rasplicka, and grandson Joshua Rasplicka, brother John Rasplicka, two sisters Mary Ann Reeder and Dorothy Fritz.

He is survived by his sons Greg (Paula) Rasplicka, Tim (Janet) Rasplicka of Warrenville, Illinois, five grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, niece Kathy (Ed) Pogue and nephew John (Amy) Fritz.

Services were held January 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Holm Funeral Home, Sigourney Iowa, Burial English River Brethren Cemetery, South English.

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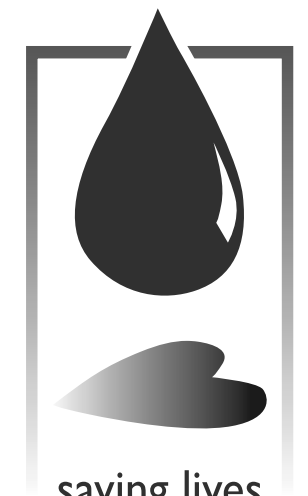
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## PEKIN from pg. 2

driver Mike Davis asked how this would affect bus drivers, noting that it would hurt him bad. Harper stated that Transportation Director Austin Fariss would meet with the bus drivers and get feedback. Davis asked about teachers who live in Fairfield and have children too old for the daycare; Harper stated that was a challenge to overcome.

The board approved the 26/27 course offerings, which will add the Intro to Drones class and combine some Health classes into PE, which will now be called Lifetime Fitness and Wellness; PE teacher Klynt Weber stated they were trying to get away from traditional recreational PE games and focus more on giving students awareness of their own health and teaching them to be proactive

about health.

Harper stated that they were looking into ways to possibly bring preschool into the building and expand it to four days instead of two. He stated that the hot lunch account was \$17,000 in the plus, but still needed to pay back the \$20,000 loan by June; Harper stated that the employee salaries for the lunch program would be paid out of the general fund until the loan was paid back. He stated that a heat pump at the elementary had gone out and needed to be upgraded; Harper stated that a large-scale upgrade for the elementary HVAC system was planned for two years from now. He stated that they were looking into buying two school buses in July, which would cost \$230-250,000.



EagleRock!, the Keota show choir team, began their 2026 competition season with a first place Class 1A finish at Cedar Rapids Xavier. Elyse Lyle and Luke Moeller were selected as Outstanding Performers. (Pictured: Emily and Luke Moeller with the trophy)

## Pekin girls pick up wins over WACO, Fairfield

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

FAIRFIELD - Outside of the second quarter, not many people are going to want to remember this game.

On the positive side Thursday night's 27-20 victory over Fairfield was a win that gave Pekin their eighth victory of the season. As an added bonus they were able to overcome a first quarter deficit.

Beyond that, both Fairfield and Pekin might be trying to erase any footage of the game that is available.

"We started to take our time breaking the press in the second quarter," said Neil Hartz, the head coach for the Pekin girls basketball team. "We tried to rush too fast into things in the first quarter, but once we slowed things down in the second quarter we never really had a problem with it. The girls have come a long way in breaking the defense. I think if we would have seen that same pressure in December we wouldn't have been able to break it as easily."

Throughout the first quarter the Fairfield defense was a feisty one. Before the Panthers could get past half court they were met with one or more Trojan defenders and more often than not the Panthers would end up turning the ball over.

Rushed passes and rushed feet led to turnover after turnover as Pekin helped the Trojans take the lead.

Then, the Panthers slowed down. They planned their passes a lot more, and just fo-



Carlie Gambell (back) from Pekin dives for a loose ball against Fairfield's Elyse Setterstrom (front) during a Jan. 15 game played in Fairfield.

cused on the little things. It helped as the Panthers scored the first four points of the second quarter to take the lead. Eventually, the Panthers were able to go on a 14-3 scoring run throughout the second quarter to take the lead, 18-10 at halftime.

"We have been better at attacking the rim beyond just Abby and Anna," Hartz said. "We just needed to finish around the rim a little bit better, and that will come. What I liked, especially in the second quarter was everyone was putting an effort into attacking, it wasn't just Abby and Anna."

With the attacks coming from all around the floor the Panthers were able to maintain more of their lead in the second half. Neither team set the nets on fire with their scoring ability as Pekin scored just nine points in the second half. Fairfield scored 10 total points (eight in the final quarter), but Pekin was able to keep

the offense up just enough for the victory.

"Sometimes you have to win ugly," Hartz said. "Any time you can walk out of a road gym with a win, you're happy. I also told the girls we know we are better than what we showed tonight. The girls understand that if we can win even on a bad night, that is huge for us."

Abby Guise led the Panthers with 17 points and 11 rebounds in the win on Thursday. Carlie Gambell added five points. Anna Hadley finished with three points and Maddy Petrehn added another two points.

Last Tuesday night the Panthers were able to win over WACO as they had consistent scoring in a 58-40 victory.

The Panthers started off the game well, outscoring the Warriors 24-11 in the first half. Although the Warriors did score more in the second half, a 21-point fourth quarter allowed the Panthers to seal off the game with a win.

Abby Guise scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds in the game. Anna Hadley added 13 points with nine rebounds. Carlie Gambell had eight points and six rebounds. Both Ezra Parsons and Maddy Petrehn added seven points each.

The Panthers improve to 8-5 overall and will have games against Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont, Louisa-Muscataine and Lone Tree this week.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Maddy Petrehn (11) lines up a shot as Fairfield's Emma Metcalf (2) attempts to block the shot during a Jan. 15 game.

## Pekin girls achieve milestones, success throughout busy week

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

OTTUMWA - A busy week just led to more and more opportunities to get better.

That is exactly what the Pekin girls were able to do last week as they wrestled in three different tournaments.

Success started on Jan. 12 when the Pekin girls traveled to Ottumwa, where they finished seventh overall.

Leading the way were a pair of second place finishers.

Lexa Nelson was able to finish second in the 110-pound bracket as she won her first match with a first period pin.

However, an injury limited her tournament as she had to medically forfeit the championship match.

Hailey Pedrick would finish second in the 145-pound bracket. She won her quarterfinal match with a pin in 23 seconds. She was able to pin her semifinal opponent in 57 seconds.

Despite wrestling well in the championship match, Pedrick was pinned in 1:14 in the championship match.

Rylee Frye was third in the 190-pound bracket. She started off with a pin in 32 seconds in the quarterfinal round. After being pinned in 1:11 in the semifinals, Frye won her consolation semifinals with a pin in 18 seconds. She needed just 27 seconds to secure a third place finish.

Ella Rose was fifth overall in the 155-pound bracket.

Bree Earnest finished sixth in the 115-pound bracket. Earnest went 2-2 in head-to-head matches recording a pin and a tech fall victory.

Lila Miller was sixth in the 125-pound bracket. After winning her first two matches, Miller sustained a shoulder injury and had to withdraw

from the rest of the tournament.

On Thursday night the Pekin girls were at home for a pair of dual matches as they hosted both BGM and Lone Tree.

Against BGM they won 60-0.

Bree Earnest won the 105-pound match with a pin in 2:33.

Lexa Nelson was able to pin her 110-pound opponent in 59 seconds. Autumn Coleman won the 120-pound match with a pin in 1:48.

Lila Miller was able to pin her 125-pound opponent in 30 seconds. That marked her 100th career victory.

Reece Brisby won the 130-pound match with a pin in 46 seconds. Hailey Pedrick won her 140-pound match with a pin in 1:15.

Ella Rose, Carly Clubb and Rylee Frye all won their matches by forfeit.

Against Lone Tree the Panthers won 42-24.

Carly Clubb started off the head-to-head wins for Pekin with a pin in 4:18 in the 170-pound match.

Rylee Frye needed just seven seconds to win her 190-pound match.

Bree Earnest (105); Lexa Nelson (110); Lila Miller (125);

Hailey Pedrick (140) and Ella Rose (155) all won by forfeit.

The Panthers wrestled at the Pella tournament on Jan. 17.

Hailey Pedrick was able to win her 145-pound bracket. Pedrick needed 1:35 to win her first match. She then pinned an Albia opponent in 2:15 in the semifinals. In the championship she pinned a Burlington wrestler in 3:17.

Lila Miller was able to finish second in the 125-pound bracket. Miller won her first two matches with pins in under a minute.

In the semifinals she needed 3:06 to pin the wrestler that beat her at the Ottumwa tournament.

In the finals Miller was pinned in 55 seconds.

Rylee Frye finished second in the 190-pound bracket. Frye pinned her first two opponents. She was able to finish the day 2-1 in head-to-head matches.

Lexa Nelson finished fourth overall in the 110-pound bracket. She was able to win her first match by tech fall. After falling in an 8-6 decision in the semifinals, Nelson won the consolation semifinals with a pin in 43 seconds.

Nelson was defeated by injury in the third place match.



Lila Miller from Pekin (top) tries to grab Ottumwa's Paislee Kern (bottom) during their 125-pound match at the Ottumwa Invitational held Jan. 12. Miller captured her 100th win last week. Photo by Mark Schafer.

## English Valleys earns rare sweep over Keota

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

Boys basketball: EV caps off week with first win over Keota since 2022

The last time the English Valleys boys won a basketball game against Keota, it was a nail-biting 64-62 win. That victory came on Feb. 1 2022.

Friday night the Bears added another win over the Eagles as they were able to win 55-49 over their rivals to the south.

Both teams were tied at 17 after the first quarter, but English Valleys took a one point lead into halftime. They kept extending the lead throughout the second half, eventually grabbing a six-point win.

Kane Axmear led the Bears with 20 points and nine rebounds. Another 18 points came from Christian Tripses. Everett Bender scored eight points.

Keota was led by Jackson Vittetoe with 16 points. Ayden Galindo scored 10 points and Chase Haifley ended with eight points.

The Bears improve to 8-5 on the season while Keota falls to 9-4.

Bears best Belle Plaine, fall to Lone Tree

Overall it was a successful week for the English Valleys boys team. Tuesday night they bested Belle Plaine 55-

43. In that game a 26-point first half helped give them the lead. They sealed off the win with 20 points scored in the fourth quarter.

Everett Bender led the scoring with 20 points. Kane Axmear added 12 points with five rebounds. Ben Axmear added eight points.

Against Lone Tree the Bears fell 70-49.

Although they trailed 30-26 at halftime, a 29-point third quarter by Lone Tree put the game out of reach for the Bears.

Everett Bender scored 19 points. Kane Axmear added 10 points and Ben Axmear scored eight points for the Bears.

Keota downs Iowa Valley, Moulton-Udell

The Eagles had two successful games earlier in the week.

In a Tuesday night game the Eagles bested Iowa Valley 69-48. Keota led from the first quarter on in that contest, despite Iowa Valley putting up a charge in the second half.

Chase Haifley led the way with 17 points for the Eagles. Both Brennan McGuire and Jackson Vittetoe added 14 points each in the victory. Ayden Galindo was able to score 12 points.

In their 74-33 victory over Moulton-Udell the Eagles never trailed and held a large

lead at halftime. They allowed just one point scored in the fourth quarter.

Chase Haifley led the scoring with 19 points. Porter Cave added 13 points and Brennan McGuire added 10 points.

Girls basketball:

Bears hang on for victory over Keota

NORTH ENGLISH - At first it seemed the momentum was firmly on the side of Keota as they led through the early portion of the game.

Late in the second quarter the English Valleys team seemed to gain their momentum as they would surge back to tie the game at 22 at halftime.

The second half was a nail-biter, but English Valleys was able to score 30 points, while limiting Keota to 26 points, giving the Bears the victory.

Addison Achenbach scored 15 points in the win. Anna Luers added another 11 points and Aubrey Achenbach added 11 points.

Keota was led by Cameron Haifley who had 15 points. Emily Conger added eight points while Jessalyn Aller finished with seven points. Dakota Dodd added another six points.

The Bears improve to 9-4 on the season. Keota stands at 11-4 overall.



Henry Adam (back) from Pekin prepares for a layup attempt during the second half of a game played against Fairfield in Fairfield. Pekin won the game 68-43



Pekin's Nolan Glick (left) puts up a shot over the defense of Fairfield's Eli Zillman (right) during the second half of a Jan. 15 game played in Fairfield. Glick had 13 points in the win.

## Pekin picks up wins over Fairfield, WACO

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review

FAIRFIELD - When things start to go well, they can go really well.

At least that's what it seems like has been happening lately for the Pekin boys basketball team.

Last week the Panthers improved to 10-3 overall on the season as they picked up wins over WACO and Fairfield.

In both victories it seemed like one quarter proved to be the difference. In Thursday night's 68-43 victory over Fairfield, it was the first half that seemed to propel the Panthers to their ultimate 68-43 victory.

"The intensity in the first half really got us going," said Alijah Brock. "We came out hot and that just impacted everything and once we got started we were able to carry that over into the second half."

Both teams started off the game on a relatively defensive minded track. The Panthers grabbed an early lead, but they weren't able to shake the Fairfield team that never seemed to fall too far behind.

Although the Panthers were using their speed to rush up and down the floor. In the closing seconds of the first quarter it seemed that the Panthers had broken free with a four point lead. However, Fairfield kept the pressure with a three pointer at the buzzer to stay within one point 12-11.

"Getting into the stop, score, stop mentality really helped us expand on the lead there in the second quarter," said John Swanson, the head coach for the Pekin boys basketball team. "We really started to focus on getting a stop, then scoring and creating turnovers which always help us get into a better offensive flow."

At first, to start the second quarter, it was Fairfield that got the first stop. The Trojans scored off an early turnover by the Panthers to take the lead. For the next seven minutes Pekin would go on the attack.

Three straight steals allowed the Panthers to retake the lead, and eventually extend the lead to seven. More missed shots by Fairfield and rebounds by Pekin allowed the Panthers to extend their lead.

Pekin didn't allow Fairfield to get into any sort of comfort zone.

By the time the second quarter ended, the Panthers had extended their lead 34-15, after outscoring the Trojans 22-4 throughout the second quarter.

"We were just able to create some easy shots," Swanson said. "We had layup after layup go in and then we hit a few threes, I think Riley Smith and Cole Millikin both hit threes to extend the lead. Once you get those kind of shots the score really compounds quickly."

Although momentum slowed a little for the Panthers in the third quarter, as Fairfield out scored the Panthers 17-15, the Pekin lead was strong.

It would only grow in the final frame.

As they did in the second quarter the Panthers put an emphasis on stopping the Fairfield possessions. Several back-to-back steals or rebounding opportunities helped the Panthers extend their lead.

"We were really focused on the defensive end," Swanson said. "We executed much better and were able to get stops after stops and eventually the lid came off the hoop and we were able to really extend the

lead."

Thursday night was a strong one for the Panthers as four of the five starters were able to finish with double digit figures in points.

"We really preach unselfishness with the ball," Swanson said. "This team really embodies that well. All of the guys know it is about the team, and taking the best shot for the team, even if that means an extra pass."

Alijah Brock led the scoring in Thursday night's win with 17 total points. Cole Millikin added 14 points. Nolan Glick added another 13 points.

Riley Smith finished with 11 points. Henry Adam added eight points. Brody Sobaski added three points and Cal Miller had two points.

In their Tuesday night win over WACO the Panthers used a 24-point first half to gain an ultimate 44-35 victory over the Warriors.

The Panthers took control in a low scoring first half as they were able to lead 13-6 after the opening eight minutes. After scoring 11 points, but allowing 13 points in the second quarter the Panthers held onto a 24-19 lead at halftime.

Neither team scored much in the second half. WACO would end up with 16 points in the second half. Pekin maintained the lead with 20 points scored in the final 16 minutes.

Cole Millikin led the way with 16 points for the Panthers. Henry Adam scored nine points. Both Alijah Brock and Nolan Glick finished with eight points each. Riley Smith finished with three points.

Overall the Panthers are 10-3 on the season. This week they have games against EBF, Louisa-Muscataine and Lone Tree.

Photos by Mark Schafer

## Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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### Cole Millikin

His numbers weren't out of this world, but he still led his team. Pekin senior Cole Millikin put in another strong week on the basketball floor as he was able to lead his team in scoring in both of the games last week. On Tuesday night Millikin was able to score 16 points as the Panthers bested WACO 44-35. He also had four steals, two rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

Thursday night Millikin was once again the leader on his team. He added another 14 points. Along with that he finished the game with three assists, two steals and a rebound as Pekin won 68-43 over Fairfield. The News-Review would like to congratulate Cole Millikin on his outstanding week of play, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



### Lila Miller

A slight shoulder injury only slowed her down for one meet. Last week Pekin wrestler Lila Miller battled through an injury and was able to grab a milestone win at the same time. Miller recorded her 100th win of her career during a dual meet held Thursday night at the Pekin gym. It was a very busy week for Miller, she was able to finish the week with an overall record of 6-2 in head-to-head matches.

After withdrawing from the Ottumwa girls meet due to a shoulder injury, Miller was able to recover at the Pekin home dual meet where she went 2-0 on the night. At the Pella meet on Saturday, Miller was able to finish second in her weight class. The News-Review would like to congratulate Lila Miller on her 100th career win and for being named this week's Athlete of the week.

## Sigourney girls split games; Savage boys sweep opponents

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
SIGOURNEY - Three quarters of the games resulted in smiles last week. For the most part, the second full week of January was a successful one for the Sigourney basketball teams. The week started out on Tuesday as the Sigourney girls bested BGM 63-45. The Sigourney boys also would claim a win over BGM, 63-49. Friday night both teams would return to action, the Sigourney girls fell to North Mahaska 55-44. The boys would win their contest 59-26, in what was one of their most dominant performances of the season.

Against BGM the Sigourney boys won 69-39, as they worked their way to a 38-18 lead at halftime. The Savages added 31 more points in the second half to cruise to the victory. John Berg led the scoring with 20 points in the win. He had a double-double with 11 rebounds. Solon Yates added 10 points. Another seven points came from Jordan Tremmel. Ike Molyneux and Carson O'Rourke both scored five points each. Landon Conrad scored four points. Landon Fisch also had four points. Brayden Wood added three points. The momentum rolled into a lopsided win over North Mahaska on Friday night. In the 59-26 win over North Mahaska, the game was out of reach by halftime. Sigourney scored 41 points in the first half, while limiting the Warhawks to just six. The Savages were outscored 20-18 in the second half, but that didn't matter much. John Berg led the way again with 19 points. Solon Yates added another 12 points. Carson O'Rourke finished with eight points. Brayden Wood added six points. Landon Fisch and Jordan Tremmel both scored four points each in the win. Ty Goldman and Hunter Sellers both added two points. The win sets the Savages at 8-3 overall on the season. They will host Colfax-Mingo and WACO this week.



Sigourney-Keota's Sadie Clarahan (back) pulls down Ottumwa wrestler Maravilha Vedina (front) during their championship match held Jan. 12 in Ottumwa. Clarahan won the match and the tournament.



Kia Montgomery (top) from Sigourney-Keota prepares to roll over Ottumwa's Paislee Kern during their championship match in the 125-pound bracket of the Ottumwa tournament held Jan. 12 in Ottumwa.

## Dual champions: Sigourney-Keota's Clarahan, Montgomery claim wins at Ottumwa tournament

By Mark Schafer | The News-Review  
OTTUMWA - When the lights were at their brightest, the wrestlers seemed to shine the brightest.

Ward in practice and those two just get each other in oddball situations all the time," Weeks said. "So I think that helps because they will get out on the mat and never know what is coming to them, but since Sadie (and Bristol) have been in those oddball situations, they just move out of them." In the championship match against Ottumwa's Maravilha Vedina, Clarahan would get in a few oddball situations, but through the first two periods, she never panicked and was able to reverse the situation to wrestle offensively. Going into the final period it seemed that Clarahan was going to have to wrestle from behind. Then, Vedina was able to give Clarahan an opening and she took it. In one move Clarahan was able to twist Vedina onto the mat and gain the pin with just six seconds left in the match. "One thing I've always told girls and boys, when I've coached them, is if the first move doesn't work, try a second move. That move might not work either, but you have to try a third. The most important part of this sport is keeping moving," Weeks said. "Sadie showed that in her championship match. She kept moving, kept improving her position and eventually she was able to get the opening to take the win." Another wrestler that never stopped moving was Kia Montgomery, who would win the 125-pound bracket. Montgomery started with a first period pin in the first round. She then needed just 68 seconds to win her quarterfinal match. In the semifinals Montgomery pinned her Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont opponent in 21 seconds. That led Montgomery to wrestle in the championship match where she took on Paislee Kern from Ottumwa. It wouldn't take long for Montgomery to get the win. Almost immediately Mont-

gomery was able to go on the attack. In the first 30 seconds she would stack up the points. Eventually she was able to roll Kern onto the mat and earn a pin in 1:18 to win her bracket. "I think a lot of the team wrestles and feeds off the leadership that Montgomery has brought this year," Weeks said. "If she goes into a tournament wrestling timid, then our team wrestles a bit timid. If she goes in wrestling aggressively, then our team is more aggressive. She does what she does really well." The win improves Montgomery to a 33-5 overall record on the year. Other finishers for Sigourney-Keota had Aubrey Utterback finishing fourth in the 110-pound bracket. She finished with a 2-2 record in the tournament. Neveah Beinhart was fifth in the 130-pound bracket. Beinhart won three of her first four matches. In the fifth place match she needed 3:14 to earn a pin. Melanie Woodsmall placed fifth in the 170-pound bracket. After being bested in the quarterfinal round, Woodsmall was able to pin a Clarke Opponent and a Cardinal opponent to finish fifth. Madison Clarahan also was fifth. Madison Clarahan wrestled in the 190-pound bracket. She would win her fifth-place match with a pin in 1:11 over a Lone Tree opponent. Kylie Draker wrestled in the 235-pound bracket. She finished sixth overall. Draker picked up a win over a Davis County opponent in just 26 seconds. Sigourney-Keota had a busy week as they would go on to wrestle at the Cascade Invitational on Jan. 15. Sadie Clarahan had success again as she improved to 26-9 overall on the season with a second place finish in her 120-pound bracket. Sadie Clarahan started off with a first period pin. She then recorded a tech fall in the quarterfinals. She won the semifinals with a pin in 3:03.

In the championship match Clarahan was pinned in the first period by a Don Bosco opponent. Aubrey Utterback placed third in the 110-pound bracket. She finished her day 2-1, including a second-period pin over a Cascade opponent in the third place match. Kia Montgomery was able to finish third in the 125-pound bracket. She won her first two matches by first period pins. After being pinned in the semifinals, Montgomery was able to finish third with a pin over a MFL MarMac opponent. Izzy Heisdorffer was third in the 140-pound bracket. She was able to win the third place match with a pin in 59 seconds. Bristol Ward was fourth in the 120-pound bracket. Ward went 2-2 on the day. She advanced to the semifinals before she was bested. Neveah Beinhart placed fourth overall she wrestled in the 130-pound bracket. After pinning her first opponent she was pinned in the first period. Abyl McCulley finished fifth overall in the 135-pound bracket. She went 4-1 overall, including a 10-8 decision in the fifth place match. Melanie Woodsmall was fifth in the 170-pound bracket. She went 3-1 overall on the day. Kylie Draker was able to finish sixth in the 235-pound bracket. On Jan. 17 the Sigourney-Keota girls wrestled at the Northwest Invite. Montgomery was able to finish sixth in the 125-pound bracket. She finished the day 3-2 overall with all three wins being pins. Karley Greiner was able to finish sixth in the 155-pound bracket. She went 3-2 overall in the meet. Amelia Phillips was eighth overall in the 115-pound bracket. She went 2-3 overall. Izzy Heisdorffer was able to finish seventh overall in the 140-pound bracket. She was able to finish with a 4-2 overall record.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
SECTION B, NUMBER 3, 165<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

## COURT RECORDS

### Civil

#### Jan. 9th

Defendant Candace J. Marley; Plaintiff Citibank, NA; Petition Filed.

#### Jan. 12th

Defendant Gary Dean Smith; Plaintiff Donald Beck Estate; Motion for Continuance.

#### Jan. 13th

Interested Party Latasha Shaw; Obligor State of Iowa; Payee Keokuk County; Petitioner State of Iowa Ex Relations; Respondent Ean Mathew Popejoy; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendants Kristen J. Clarke, Raymond G. Clarke, Parties in Possession, United States of America, Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs and Parties in Possession; Plaintiff Freedom Mortgage Corporation; Petition Filed.

Defendant Bruce Alan Be-

inhart; Plaintiff Capital One, NA, Successor Bymerger to Discover; Order Setting Trial.

Defendants Goldman Enterprises LLC D/B/A Copper Lantern, Grant Ranch LLC D/B/A Grant Ranch Grub & Pub; Plaintiffs Alan L. Sawyer, Anita Sue Sawyer; Petition Filed.

#### Jan. 14th

Defendants Sue A. Smith, Kyler Warren; Plaintiff Veridian Credit Union; Petition Filed.

### Criminal

#### Jan. 9th

Defendant Gage Michael Parks; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Dakota James Poe, Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Michael James Stoner; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Arraignment.

Defendant Jamie Sue Molyneux; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Disposition.

Defendant Justin Ray Ingle; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

#### Jan. 12th

Defendant Mason Jay Breeding; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Anthony Adam Myers; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Hearing for Initial Appearance.

Defendant Paige Lynette Keifer; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Stephanie Marie Heisdorffer; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Arraignment.

#### Jan. 14th

Defendant Dakota James Poe; Payee Keokuk County; Payor Colby John Weber; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written

Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Robert Allen Lotheride, Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Criminal Verdict.

Defendant Clifford L. Fritz; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

Defendant Justin Ray Ingle; Payee Keokuk County; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of Disposition.

#### Jan. 15th

Defendant Sheffiney Shae Thomas; Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written Plea of Guilty.

### Scheduled Traffic

#### Jan. 9th

Defendant Jarred R. Gann; Restriction on Taking Game-Deer and Turkey.

Defendant Landon Hunter Crow; Driving or Towing Unsafe Vehicle.

Defendant Emmalyne Grace Farewell; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Adalynne Marie Tremmel; Speeding 55 or Under one (11-15 Over).

#### Jan. 11th

Defendant Samantha Rae Boender; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.

Defendant Jordan Dean Shadley; Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts- Adult.

#### Jan. 12th

Defendant Jaxson James Marrs; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16-20 Over).

#### Jan. 13th

Defendant Isaac Jeffery Dowdy; Driving or Towing Unsafe Vehicle.

Defendant Cory Chad McBurney; Dark Window or Windshield.

#### Jan. 14th

Defendant Macie Bree Leonard; Operation without Registration Card or Plate.

#### Jan. 15th

Defendant Lora Lea Fisher; Speeding 55 or Under Zone

(6-10 Over).

Defendant Noe Ismael Moctezuma Viveros; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over).

### Small Claims

#### Jan. 12th

Defendant Robert W. Molkenthin; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Order for Judgment.

Defendant Owen Sherman; Plaintiff LVNV Funding LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.

#### Jan. 14th

Defendant Dakota Michael DeWeese; Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc; Order for Judgment.

Defendant Krystin R. Ladehoff; Plaintiff Credit Bureau Services of IA Inc; Small Claims Original Notice.

Defendant Crista English; Plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Small Claims Original Notice.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

#### Jan. 5th

Warranty Deed: Jacob DeKleine, Amy DeKleine to David W. Fisch Jr.; PT SIGOURNEY ORIGINAL PLAT SIGOURNEY Lot: 06 Block: 07.

Warranty Deed: Lance T. Brenneman, Brenda R. Brenneman to Lance T. Brenneman Trust, Brenda R. Brenneman Revocable Trust; UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST TO EACH TRUST IN, NW SE 16-77-12, PT SW SE 16-77-12, PT SW NE 16-77-12.

#### Jan. 7th

Warranty Deed: Keokuk Agribiz LLC to Dennis Joel Hammes; NE SE 16-75-10 Parcel: AUD PAR A, PLAT 2007-0820.

Warranty Deed: Sand Road Farms LTD to Undivided One Fourth Interest, Dennis N. Bush, Peggy A. Bush, Russell D. Bush; SW NW 35-75-13, NE NW 35-75-13, NW NW 35-75-13, PT NW NE 35-75-13, SE NE 34-75-13, Lot: 02 NE NE 34-75-13, Lot: 01 SW NE 34-75-13, PLAT B3 P374.

#### Jan. 8th

Trustee Warranty Deed: Craig J. Thatcher Trust, Marilyn J. Thatcher Trust, Craig J. Thatcher Family Trust, John T. Thatcher Trust, John T. Thatcher Family Trust, Lonnette S. Breneman Trust, Lonnette S. Breneman Family Trust to Ricky R. Hopke Trustee, Melanie J. Hopke Trustee, Ricky and Melanie Hopke Revocable Trust, Kathleen A. Bycroft Trustee, Barton G. Bycroft, Kathleen A. Bycroft

Trust; PT NW NW 32-74-13, EXCEPT LAND DEED RECORD B88 P102, SE NW 32-74-13, SW NW 32-74-13, SW 32-74-13, SE NW 31-74-13, PT SW NW 31-74-13.

#### Jan. 9th

Deed Quit Claim: Samuel Donovan Gragg, Maria VanDee to Zachariah Nathaniel Gragg; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST IN, PT WHAT CHEER 2ND RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 15 Block: 05.

Deed Quit Claim: Judith A. Winn, Judy Winn to Jill Amber

Winn Co Trustee, Jill A. Winn Co Trustee, Dana C. Miller Co Trustee, Deven A. Menninga Co Trustee, Judith A. Winn Revocable Trust; Lot: 02 NW NW 25-74-11, SW NW 25-74-11, PT SW SW 11-75-10, PT NE SE 23-74-11, PT ALLEY OLLIE HALFERTYS ADDITION Block: 01, PT ALLEY OLLIE HALFERTYS ADDITION Block: 02, PT Lot: 02 SW SE 23-74-11, PLAT B2 P105, Lot: 03 NW SE 23-74-11, PT ALLEY NW SE 23-74-11, Lot: 05 NW SE 23-74-11, Lot: 06 NW SE 23-74-11, L04 Lot: 03 SW SE 23-74-11, PLAT B3 P544, PT Lot: 03 SE SE 23-74-11, PT Lot: 04 SE SE 23-74-11, PLAT B3 P543, EXCEPT PLAT 2013-1792, NW SW 24-74-11, PT SW SW 24-74-11, PT NE SW

24-74-11, PT SE SW 24-74-11, PT Lot: 03 SW SW 24-74-11, PLAT B3 P522, EXCEPT PLAT 2019-0715, PT Lot: 01 NW NW 25-74-11, NE NW 25-74-11, SE NW 25-74-11, PT NW NE 25-74-11, PT SE NE 23-74-11, SW NW 24-74-11, SW NE 23-74-11, PT SE NE 23-74-11, Lot: 01 NW SE 23-74-11, SE NW 24-74-11, PT NE 26-74-11, PT 272ND AVENUE SE NW 24-74-11, ROAD RECORD BOOK B PAGE 412, ROAD RECORD B1 P82, PT 272ND AVE SE NW 24-74-11, PT 272ND AVE NW SW 24-74-11, PT 272ND AVE NE SW 24-74-11, PT 272ND AVE SE SW 24-74-11, PT 272ND AVE SW SW 24-74-11.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition • EQEQ041609

### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF

vs. STEPHEN ELWOOD, JR., SPOUSE OF STEPHEN ELWOOD, JR., IF ANY, AUTOVEST, LLC , DISCOVER BANK AND HAUGE ASSOCIATES, INC., DEFENDANTS

EQUITY NO. EQEQ041609 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that there is a petition on file in the office of the clerk of the above court which petition prays for a judgment in rem against the property involved in this action for the sum of \$147,205.66 with interest at 3.625% per annum from and including June 1, 2025, on the promissory note executed by Stephen Elwood, Jr., a single man and mortgage executed by Stephen Elwood, Jr., a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns and assigned to Plaintiff, who is the sole and absolute owner thereof.

Said note, together with the mortgage given to secure the same are due and payable by reason of the failure of the Defendants Stephen Elwood, Jr., a single man to pay the installments of principal when due. Plaintiff also prays in said Petition for the foreclosure of said mortgage dated June 1, 2021 recorded in Document 2021-1080 in the Recorder's Office of Keokuk County, Iowa, with said note dated June 1, 2021 on the following described property, to-wit:

The North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Nine (9), all of Lot Ten (10), and the South Twenty-two (22) feet in equal width of Lot Eleven (11), in Block Three (3), in the City of Harper, in Keokuk County, Iowa and also asking that said mortgage be declared a prior and superior lien to that of each of the above named Defendants; for appointment of a receiver; for the amount paid by Plaintiff for attorneys' fees, abstract expense, costs and accruing costs of this action; that special execution issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment, interest, attorneys' fees and costs and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, SEE COPY OF PETITION NOW

ON FILE.

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THREE MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

The Plaintiff's attorneys are Peto- sa Law LLP by Benjamin W. Hopkins, whose address is 1350 NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Clive, IA

50325, telephone number 515-222-9400, facsimile number 515-222-9121.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer in the Iowa District Court of Keokuk County, at the Courthouse in Sigourney, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You should refer to (i) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing; and (ii) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

If you require assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (641) 684-6502. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).

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### PROBATE

Jeannie C. Hackert ESPR038658

### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeannie C. Hackert, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR038658

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeannie C. Hackert, Deceased, who died on or about December 24, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 14, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Jeannie C. Hackert, deceased, bearing date of June 21, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Buffie Gier was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated January 16, 2026. Buffie Gier, Executor of Estate 17277 185<sup>th</sup> Ave Sigourney, IA 52591 John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299 Attorney for Executor John N. Wehr, Attorney at Law 116 E Washington PO Box 245 Sigourney, IA 52591 Date of second publication January 28, 2026 Probate Code Section 304 Published in *The News-Review* on January 21 and 28, 2026

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pekin CSD • Notice of Consideration of Proposal

### NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE PEKIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Pekin Community School District, in the Counties of Keokuk, Wapello, Jefferson, and Washington, State of Iowa, will hold a hearing upon its resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program. The hearing will be held in the Pekin Media Center, 1062 Birch Avenue, Packwood, Iowa, on February 9, 2026, at 6:00

o'clock p.m. The Board of Directors is considering continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Iowa Code sections 257.18 to 257.21, inclusive for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year will be determined annually by the Board of Directors, and will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose.

The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually for each budget year, the percent of income surtax (not to exceed twenty percent (20%)), to be determined annually by the Board for each bud-

get year, to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the District on December 31, 2026, and each year thereafter.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will determine whether to take action on the question of whether to adopt a resolution to participate in the Instructional Support Program for a period not exceeding five (5) years. PEKIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: Kaye Gilbert- Board Secretary  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co Ag Extension • PH Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 KEOKUK COUNTY AG EXTENSION

The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2026/2027 budget as follows:  
Meeting Date: 2/5/2026 Meeting Time: 06:15 PM Meeting Location: Keokuk County Extension Office 400 220th Avenue Sigourney, Iowa 52591

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.

Contact Name: Katharina Bain Contact Telephone Number: (319) 310-2071

FUND	FYE June 30, 2025 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2027 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027	Estimated FY 2027 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	304,179	378,365	398,327	424,090	394,789	250,175	254,628
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	10,995	3,000	7,995	2,944	3,000
3. Tort Liability	2,132	9,000	10,000	10,826	15,826	4,912	5,000
4. TOTAL	306,311	387,365	419,322	437,916	418,610	258,031	262,628

Virtual Meeting Information:

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.30942

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Delta • Minutes and Claims 1.14.2026

CITY OF DELTA REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2026 6:00PM AT CITY HALL The Delta City Council met in regular session on January 14, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Delta City Hall with Mayor Jim Ahlberg presiding. Council present: Barb Fisher, Dolores Carey, Melvin Lambert, Nathan Slaughter, and Shannon Kleinschmidt. Also present: Faye Carey, Deal Keasling, Michelle Keasling, and Justin Bringman. Mayor Ahlberg called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council reviewed the agenda, treasurer's report, bills for approval, and water billing. Slaughter made motion to approve. Fisher 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. The mayor opened the floor to public opinion. Deal Keasling reminded everyone that the Town & Country would be hosting a Soup Supper on February 5th from 4:30-6:30pm. The council was made aware that several of the alleys in town have little to no access which is a violation of the ordinance. The council would like to obtain more information on the legality and options available to them, so the subject was tabled for now. Council discussed a letter received by KCEF requesting nomination of a representative for the City of Delta. Council has chosen to leave Dixie Shipley as the representative and no alternate needed.

Council was reminded that an Audit would be performed on 1/15/26 by Denman. Council was informed that the SFR had been completed, submitted, and approved. Deal Keasling presented the maintenance report. The new tire tractor is approximately 2" taller than the old one, so a new tire will also need to be purchased for the opposite side of the city tractor. Slaughter made a motion to approve the purchase. Lambert 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn. Lambert 2nd. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Adjourn at 6:40 pm. Intuit: \$207.58 US Postal: \$400.00 Summit: \$106.75 Bug Man: \$50.00 US Cellular: \$96.62 Fisher: \$395.00 A&E: \$824.00 Ahlberg: \$473.00 JD Financial: \$277.38 Kleinschmidt: \$370.00 Menards: \$520.55 Keok. Co. Auditor: \$528.63 Alliant: \$6,454.71 Carey: \$1866.93 Buehnenman: \$734.00 Keasling: \$782.54 Gilliland: \$311.03 WRWA: \$1513.34 Northup: \$580.08 Microbac: \$220.50 Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026



PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Keota • Notice of Competitive Bids

NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BIDS CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA The City of Keota is now accepting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of the real property located at 108 W. Keokuk Avenue, Keota, Iowa. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026. The property is zoned residential. The successful bidder will be required to bring the home into full code compliance and submit

written plans for restoration of the property. Restoration must begin within one (1) year of the closing date and be completed within two (2) years of the closing date. The City of Keota reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For additional information, please contact City Hall. Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Keota • Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of February, 2026, the City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa will consider that the City sell or otherwise dispose of certain real estate. The parcel of land to be sold or disposed of is locally known as tax parcel KOCOK-015900 or 506 N. Ellis St., Keota, IA 52248 and legally described as: Lots Three and Four in Charlton's Second Addition to the City of Keota, Keokuk County, Iowa. Additional information regarding the property, including the terms of the proposed sale or disposition, may be obtained by contacting Keota City Hall during regular business hours. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that a PUBLIC HEARING on the foregoing proposal to sell or dispose of real property will be held by the City Council for the City of Keota, Iowa at the Keota City Hall, 225 E Broadway Ave., Keota, IA at 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd day of February, 2026 and that any person interested in or objecting to said proposal may appear at the PUBLIC HEARING and state reasons for or against the proposed sale or disposition of real property. THE NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO SELL REAL ESTATE AND PUBLIC HEARING is given pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 364.7 of the Code of Iowa. Dated this 20th of January, 2026 Hunter Bruns, City Clerk Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Keota • Minutes 1.5.2026

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Minutes 1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Carr. Present: Mayor Carr; Council Members Matt Greiner, Heath McDonald, Chad Greiner, Keith Conrad, John Mather; Clerk Bruns; Assistant Clerk Clarke; Public Works Director Micah Harmsen. Public Present: Patty Tinnis, Laurie Amos, Jess Amos, Casey Jarmes (The News Review), Danielle Imhoff, Brandon Imhoff, Josh (ION). 2. Amendments to the Agenda Motion made by Conrad, seconded by M. Greiner, to amend the agenda to add Item f under New Business: Discussion / Possible Approval - Delay of Demo at 108 W. Keokuk Ave. Motion carried. Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. 3. Department Reports Public Works Report - Micah Harmsen: Harmsen reported he was called in on Sunday, December 28, for two separate sewer backups. Tremmel came on Monday, December 30, and determined the issue was a City responsibility related to the new clinic. The issue has since been repaired and is operating properly. The new snow plow was taken

to Winter Wonderland on December 22 for warranty work. Salt has been ordered and is expected to be delivered this week. Waterhouse plans to begin demolition at 108 W. Keokuk Ave this week; all utilities have been disconnected. Harmsen reported on-going winter maintenance work in the shop and plans to work with the Clerk's Office this week to prepare for upcoming budget. ION Report - Josh: Josh reported the cost for new motors would be \$1,295 plus freight per motor, with a 1-2 week lead time. No labor costs were included. Library Report: No report. 4. Resolutions & Ordinances Resolution 2026-1: Update Authorized Signatures for City Bank Accounts Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to approve Resolution 2026-1. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-2: Approval of Mayoral Appointments and Additional Boards and Committees Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to approve Resolution 2026-2. Motion carried. 5. New Business Discussion / Possible Approval - Set Budget Workshop Times for Expenditures and Revenue Motion made by Conrad, seconded by M. Greiner, to set budget workshop times as follows: • Revenue Workshop: January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. • Expenditure Workshop: January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried. Discussion - Sidewalk Snow Removal Discussion only. No motion was made. Council Member Chad Greiner stated the City does not need to pay for sidewalk snow removal, as residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks in their right-of-way and are liable for injuries if snow is not removed. The remainder of the Council agreed. Discussion / Possible Approval - December Time Sheets & Comp Time Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to approve December time sheets and comp time. Motion carried. Discussion / Possible Approval - Delay Demo at 108 W. Keokuk Ave Motion made by Conrad, seconded by M. Greiner, to delay demolition of the property at 108 W. Keokuk Ave and to set a date to collect sealed bids to sell the house at the next meeting. Motion carried. 6. Council Comments • Chad Greiner: Thanked the public for attending and expressed appreciation to residents who participated in Christmas in Keota house decorating, noting the lights made the town look great. • Keith Conrad: Reported that the purchase agreement has been signed for the Green Street property and provided an update on the School Street property. • John Mather: Commented that Christmas in Keota was great. • Matt Greiner: No comment.

• Heath McDonald: No comment. 7. Public Forum No comments. 8. Mayor's Comments Mayor Carr stated the next two years will be exciting with much to learn. He noted that experienced Council members will help provide guidance and knowledge. He praised community involvement and stated Keota is a great community. 9. Closed Session - Iowa Code 21.5 (Real Estate) Motion made by Conrad, seconded by Mather, at 7:41 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5. Motion carried. Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to start closed session at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried. Motion made by Conrad, seconded by Mather, to end closed session at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried. Motion made by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to resume open meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried. 10. Adjournment Motion made by M. Greiner, seconded by Conrad, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried. Ryan Carr Mayor Hunter Bruns City Clerk Minutes prepared by Clerk Hunter Bruns. Approved January 20, 2026 Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Keota CSD • Special Meeting 1.13.2026

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Central Office Keota, Iowa 52248 Tuesday January 13, 2026 12:00 PM President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement. Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Nathan Greiner Board members absent: Pat Hammen Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper, Board Secretary Gina Bennett Andy Conrad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded

by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0. Action Items Approval of Special Education Delivery Plan - Andy Conrad moved to approve the Special Education Delivery Plan as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0. Adjournment Andy Conrad moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M. Board President Date Board Secretary Date Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Richland • Minutes and Claims 1.12.2026

CITY OF RICHLAND MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - INCOMING COUNCIL

January 12, 2026 The incoming Richland City Council met on Monday, January 12, 2026, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Council members Michael Hadley, Steve Pfeifer, Cyndia Crafton and Jim Gaines were present. Council member Joe Adrian was absent. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys and Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender. Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to approve the agenda: 4 ayes, motion carried. DEPARTMENT REPORTS Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender said the lagoon discharge is finished, and the city is waiting for the test results. He has completed his level 1 certifications. City Clerk Sarah Claeys stated the city's year end reporting is done and she will resume working on the FY27 budget. The final reporting for the DNR Derelict Building Grant should be finalized and submitted this week. PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN

COMMENTS - No action to be taken: No comments. Mayor Capps appointed Steve Pfeifer as Mayor Pro Tem. Hadley moved and Gaines 2nd to approve this appointment: roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried. Pfeifer abstained. Pfeifer moved and Hadley 2nd to appoint Sarah Claeys as city clerk: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried. Katie with The News Review presented the city council with information regarding their publication. Hadley moved and Gaines 2nd to use The News Review as the City of Richland's official publication: 4 ayes, motion carried. Gene Reed was not present to discuss the vacant lot at 121 and 123 N Richland Street. No action taken. Claeys presented a proposal from Municipal Impact for website hosting. Crafton moved and Pfeifer 2nd to use Municipal Impact to host the city website: 4 ayes, motion carried. The council members discussed the city's vehicles, specifically the 2003 red truck that is having issues. Mayor Capps present-

ed quotes from Stivers Ford and Fesler Auto for a new Ford F250. Pfeifer moved and Crafton 2nd to approve the Fesler quote for a Ford F250 XLT to be ordered at a total price of \$48,576.20: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried. The city council assessed the value of the motor grader or if it should be auctioned. The council determined it is valuable to keep. No action taken. Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to approve the LL Pelling pricing for 2026: 4 ayes, motion carried. The council members discussed future street repairs for budgeting purposes. No action taken. Hadley moved and Gaines 2nd to approve the liquor license renewal for Country Junction: 4 ayes, motion carried. Richland council members examined the 28E draft for fire protection. Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to have the city attorney work directly with the fire department attorneys for revisions, approve the amount shown of \$15,000 and use the city attorney's discretion on the township being listed in the agreement: 4 ayes, motion carried. Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to

approve Resolution 01-12-26: Area 15 Regional Planning Commission: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried. Gaines moved and Pfeifer 2nd to approve Resolution 01-12-26 (1): Wage Increase for Public Works Supervisor: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried. Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm. Mayor John Capps ATTEST: City Clerk Sarah Claeys Claims List for January 12, 2026 Vendor, Expense, Amount Library expenses Alliant Energy, electricity ..\$285.55 Natel, telephone.....\$72.70 Fire Dept expenses Alliant Energy, electricity ..\$161.53 Farmers Coop, propane ..\$208.85 Payroll expenses Employee net pay, wages.....\$11,359.31 Dept of Revenue, Fed WH/FICA ..\$2,713.26 Treasurer, State of IA, State WH...\$189.75 IPERS, Retirement ..\$2,000.57 City expenses ACCO, liquid chlorinating..\$624.00 ALL American Pest, qtrly pest control.....\$65.00

Alliant Energy, electricity.....\$285.55 Calder Bender, insurance stipend.....\$400.00 City of Ottumwa, recycle fees.....\$66.00 DeLong Construction, demolition, ..\$40,000.00 Deposit Refunds, Wright/Neff ..\$250.00 Electric Pump, lift station valve repair.....\$2,413.00 Elliott Oil Company, fuel ..\$393.51 Farmers Coop, softner salt.....\$1,960.00 Grinell Mutual, ambulance insurance.....\$520.00 Hickenbottom Inc, water line caps ..\$60.00 IA Dept of Revenue, WET taxes/ sales tax.....\$891.40 Jason Rebling, contractor labor ....\$1,600.00 KCTC, internet ..\$99.71 Linder Electric, electric repairs.....\$817.20 Mike's Parts & Service, parts/supplies for repairs.....\$223.44 Quill, office supplies ..\$202.21 Semco, landfill fees ..\$611.55 Southeast Iowa Union, minutes/ claims.....\$108.72 State Hygienic Lab, water/ww test-

ing fees.....\$280.50 Summit Fire Protection, inspection/repairs.....\$430.95 US Bank - Maint., parts/supplies/class fees.....\$378.84 US Bank, technology fees ..\$55.76 US Cellular, maint. ipad & plan.....\$54.49 Windstream, monthly bill-phone/ email ..\$132.50 Total Expenses ..\$72,517.08 Funds-Expenses General ..\$52,810.13 Road Use Tax ..\$2,088.85 Water ..\$7,716.78 Sewer ..\$6,469.90 Landfill/Garbage.....\$3,431.42 Total.....\$72,517.08 Funds-Revenue General.....\$7,314.56 Road Use Taxes.....\$6,014.44 Employee Benefits.....\$582.49 Emergency Fund.....\$- Local Option Sales Tax.....\$10,368.15 Water ..\$11,103.15 Sewer ..\$5,504.22 Landfill/Garbage.....\$2,713.01 Total.....\$43,600.02 Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk County Hospital & Clinics • FY2026 1st QTR Disbursements

KEOKUK COUNTY HOSPITAL & CLINICS REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS 1st Quarter - Fiscal Year 2026 VENDOR.....Amount 4IMPRINT.....566.36 AAHAM.....243.00 ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.....2,972.40 ACOFP.....395.00 AED SUPERSTORE.....299.92 AFLAC.....19,825.16 AGRILAND FS INC.....3,120.90 AHA ECC DISTRIBUTION.....519.00 AIRGAS USA LLC.....4,952.77 ALL-AMERICAN PUBLISHING.....2,070.00 ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL.....33,232.41 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.....7,712.41 AMERICAN BOTTLING COMPANY.....147.42 AMERICAN MESSAGING.....335.70 AMSTERDAM PRINTING.....283.94 AMY J O'CONNOR SCHROEDER.....4,800.00 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO.....802.24 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP.....39.76 ASSA ABLOY ENTRANCE SYS US INC.....2,616.99 ATWOOD ELECTRIC INC.....2,318.70 BARNHART, RON.....225.00 BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP.....2,554.62 BEACOM, LUANN.....50.00 BERGMAN'S BLOCKS.....40.00 BIO-RAD LABORATORIES, INC.....15,662.64 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC.....680.54 BRACCO DIAGNOSTICS INC.....351.00 BROTHERS MARKET.....1,274.30 BROWN'S MEDICAL IMAGING.....8,210.00 BUG MAN PEST CONTROL.....360.00 C H MCGUISNESS CO INC.....652.50 CANDELIS INC.....14,408.50 CARDINAL HEALTH MED PRODUCTS.....33,823.52 CARE FUSION SOLUTIONS.....5,940.00

.....6,636.90 CATHOLIC HLTH INITIATIVES-IOWA.....469.50 CEPHEID.....8,615.37 CHAMPION MASSAGE THERAPY, LLC.....900.00 CITY OF HEDRICK.....239.39 CITY OF SIGOURNEY.....3,061.71 CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM.....2,304.00 CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP.....9,975.00 COLLEGE OF AMERCN PATHOLOGISTS.....1,012.29 COLUMN SOFTWARE, PBC.....147.53 CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST.....7,912.16 CONTROL SOLUTIONS INC.....192.51 CONVERGEONE, INC.....5,241.14 COPIC INSURANCE CO.....7,262.00 COUNTRY GRIT BOUTIQUE.....495.00 COX SANITATION & RECYCLING.....1,870.50 CUNNINGHAM INC.....1,118.41 D.I.A.L./ELEVATOR SAFETY BUREA.....300.00 DENMAN & COMPANY LLP.....16,240.00 DESIGN HOUSE PLUS LLC.....3,634.50 DEUTSCH SARA.....490.41 DFI-SOLUTIONS IN PRINT.....662.61 ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES.....26,459.20 EMS DETERGENT SERVICES.....931.40 EMS LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER.....302.50 ESO SOLUTIONS INC.....894.78 EZ WAY INC.....345.00 FIBER STAFFING LLC.....30,832.50 FIRST DAKOTA INDEMNITY CO.....17,523.00 FISHER, LORA.....57.50 FREDRIKSON & BYRON PA.....5,320.00 GALL'S INC.....1,370.20 GARRINGER LISA.....27.00 GE PRECISION HEALTHCARE LLC.....27,638.08 GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC.....

.....180.50 KLETT, COLE.....250.00 KONICA MINOLTA HLTHCR AMERICAS.....2,150.00 LEGACY EMERGENCY VEHICLES LLC.....58.05 LGC CLINICAL DIAGNOSTICS, INC.....1,594.83 LIFELINE SYSTEMS COMPANY.....3,683.06 LISCO.....5,602.38 MAHASKA HEALTH PARTNER-SHIP.....34,651.81 MAHASKA MARKETS (IA).....553.60 MARIE GRACE PHOTOGRAPHY.....156.00 MARKETLAB INC.....1,207.57 MARTIN BROS DIST CO INC.....11,681.07 MCDONALD, KATIE.....479.96 MCKESSON DRUG CO.....78,593.33 MCKESSON DRUG-HOSP 340B.....21,765.71 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL (LAB).....4,093.90 MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL (CS).....60,092.64 MEDIACOM.....3,480.24 MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC.....1,657.43 MEDPRO WASTE DISPOSAL LLC.....3,144.42 MENARD'S OF OTTUMWA.....132.60 MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY.....250.00 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO.....58.14 MID-AMERICAN PUBLISHING.....906.36 MIDMARK CORPORATION.....31.00 MIDWEST ONE BANK.....10,399.36 MIKE'S PARTS & SERVICE.....702.00 MISCAN ON JIMMY.....712.97 MORLAN MAMM.....494.50 NCS PEARSON, INC.....1,461.39 NEW YORK LIFE.....6,060.27 NIHOW KOHDEEN AMERICA INC.....1,178.79 NOWELL, SHANNON.....206.00 NU AIRE.....518.75 NWA GOAT MILK SOAPS.....174.00 ONNEN COMPANY INC.....1,405.90

OSKALOOSA HERALD.....60.00 OTTUMWA RADIO.....1,427.18 OUTCOMES.....4,130.73 PAVELKA'S POINT CONSULTING LLC.....2,800.00 PEEK TRINY.....72.00 PEREZ, RACHEL.....35,693.05 PERFORMANCE HEALTH.....239.94 PETTY CASH.....141.82 PHARMACY-LITE PACKAGING.....2,877.66 PHARMSERV STAFFING.....1,381.65 PHELPS AUTO SUPPLY.....25.00 PHYSICIAN MANAGEMENT SVC IA.....6,148.50 PINNACLE MARKETING GROUP.....1,228.80 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL.....248.64 PREMIER SPECIALTY NETWORK LLC.....17,859.00 PRIME TIME HEALTHCARE LLC.....48,145.90 PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER SOLUTION.....10,780.27 QUIDELORTHO SALES COMPANY, LLC.....833.82 RACOM CORPORATION.....558.85 RURAL IOWA COMM HEALTH ALLIANC.....100.00 SCHROEDER FRAME & ALIGNMENT.....75.00 SCHROEDER GRAPHICS & SIGN LLC.....700.00 SETPOINT MECHANICAL SRVCS LLC.....11,163.22 SHARED MEDICAL SERVICES INC.....4,147.50 SHETTLER MEDIA LLC.....2,210.00 SIEMENS HEALTHCARE DIAGNOSTICS.....3,605.42 SIGOURNEY LUMBER CO.....107.45 SIGOURNEY TREE CARE/DAP-PLEGET.....490.00 SINCLAIR NAPA.....122.90 SINCLAIR TRACTOR.....3.00 SOFT SCENTS CANDLE SHOP.....51.50 SOMNITECH.....4,550.00 ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.....250.00 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY,RAS.....1,029.63

STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMER INC.....3,532.88 STEWART'S AUTO SERVICE LLC.....1,388.25 STRAUBE, KAREN.....18.00 STRYKER SALES, LLC.....58.56 SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC.....6,138.76 SYSEM AMERICA INC.....2,109.75 THE COMPLIANCE TEAM.....79.06 THE DES MOINES REGISTER.....322.96 THE GARDEN GATE.....287.00 THE STANDARD, VISION.....3,250.10 THE STITCH DOCTOR.....1,631.18 TOP RX LLC.....244.82 TREMMEL BACKHOE SERVICE.....550.00 TRUBRIDGE, INC.....36,079.58 UIHC CLINICAL STAFF OFFICE.....375.00 ULINE.....92.19 UNITED AD LABEL CO.....53.25 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HEALTH CARE.....6,660.00 UP TO DATE INC.....9,487.22 US DEPT OF EDUCATION.....2,083.34 VAPOTHERM INC.....836.02 VENTURA MEDSTAFF LLC.....6,412.50 VERITY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC.....4,200.00 WADE'S GOLF & MOW.....579.00 WAPITI MEDICAL STAFFING.....18,509.00 WAYSTAR.....3,399.70 WEB PT, INC.....1,579.42 WEBER, KAYLEE.....112.00 WINDSTREAM.....272.91 WINGSER CONTRACTING CO.....1,181.00 WISCONSIN STATE LAB OF HYGIENE.....7,596.00 WIEDMAN CONTROLS.....1,867.68 YATES & YATES GLASS COMPANY.....2,020.00 ZELLO METRIX LLC.....389.48 ZEP MEDICAL CORPORATION.....1,163.73 ZOLL MEDICAL-VENT 211.....212.76 Grand Total.....1,105,785.16 Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**City of Richland • Minutes 1.12.2026**

**CITY OF RICHLAND MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – OUTGOING COUNCIL**  
 January 12, 2026  
 The outgoing Richland City Council met on Monday, January 12, 2026, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, David Balster, Brei Beam, and Steve Pfeifer were present. Council member Joe Adrian was absent. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys and Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender.

Beam moved and Balster 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and claims: 4 ayes, motion carried.  
 Outgoing council members Beam and Balster provided final comments as their council terms have ended. No action taken.  
 Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.  
 Mayor John Capps  
 ATTEST:  
 City Clerk Sarah Claeys  
*Published in The News-Review on January 21, 2026*

**PROBATE**

**Joan Mefford ESPR038656**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joan Mefford, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR038656 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Joan Mefford, Deceased, who died on or about September 11, 2025:  
 You are hereby notified that on January 6, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Joan Mefford, deceased, bearing date of April 5, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Dennis E. Mefford was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
 Dated January 8, 2026.  
 /s/ Dennis E. Mefford  
 Dennis E. Mefford, Executor of Estate  
 1901 Knox Road 800 E  
 Wataga, IL 61488  
 /s/ John R. Webber III  
 John R. Webber III, ICIS#: AT0008314  
 Attorney for Executor  
 Harrison, Moreland, Webber, Simplot & Sieren, P.C.  
 129 W. Fourth St., P.O. Box 250  
 Ottumwa, IA 52501  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sigourney CSD • Bids for Fire Alarms**

**SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT-SIGOURNEY, IOWA ADVERTISING FOR BIDS/ ESTIMATES-NOTICE OF LETTING**  
 Modern Fire Alarm System-Sigourney Jr. Sr. High School Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit professional estimates for the above project as described in the document located on our website: www.sigourneyschools.com. Contract documents are made a part of this notice by reference thereto.  
 Project Identification: Jr./Sr. High School Modern Fire Alarm System/ Replacing Old System (Facility Approx. 64K Square Feet)  
 Project Locations: 1) Sigourney Jr. Sr. High School  
 907 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591  
 SCS District Office: 909 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591; 641-622-2025  
 Primary Contract: Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of School, kevin.hatfield@sigourneyschools.com  
 Issue Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Submission Deadline: Monday, February 9, 2026, 3:30 PM  
 Submissions must include: Digital documentation (via email and attachments) and paper copies of all products and warranties.  
 District Visit (Required): Please contact Mr. Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of Schools to coordinate a District visit for project walk-through and assessment needs.  
 Type of Bid: Construction Estimates – Estimate quotes will be received for the following Work: Single, Prime Contract (all trades).  
 Project Completion: July 31, 2026  
 Bid Open Time, Date, and Location:  
 The District will review firm bids/ quotes for consideration  
 Bid Date: Friday, February 27, 2026  
 Bid Time: 3:30 PM (local time )  
 Location: SCS District Office, 909 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa.  
 Contact: Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent (Cell) 641-622-2025 kevin.hatfield@sigourenyschools.com  
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**PROBATE**

**Joan Kay Colbert ESPR038655**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joan Kay Colbert, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR038655 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Joan Kay Colbert, Deceased, who died on or about November 13, 2025:  
 You are hereby notified that on December 22, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Joan Kay Colbert, deceased, bearing date of August 7, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Franklin A. Colbert was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
 Dated January 6, 2026.  
 Franklin A. Colbert, Executor of Estate  
 23036 150<sup>th</sup> St, Webster, IA 52355  
 Caleb T. Detweiler, ICIS#: AT0013386  
 Attorney for Executor  
 Brennenman, Detweiler & Goertz, LLP  
 330 E. Court St., Iowa City, IA 52240  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Keota CSD • January 2026 Vendor Report**

**KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL 01/12/2026 2:20 PM Vendor Totals Report by Vendor 12/15/2025 - 01/08/2026 Beginning Date 12/15/2025; Ending Date 01/08/2026**  
 Vendor Name, Description, Total  
 AAA MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, IN , RTU UNIT REPAIR .. 4,580.52  
 AHLERS & COONEY P.C., LEGAL COUNSEL ..... 2,517.63  
 ALLIANT ENERGY COMPANY, ELECTRICITY ..... 5,715.67  
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC, DAY CARE SUPPLIES/ADMIN SUPPLIES ..... 245.82  
 ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY, PURCHASED FOOD ..... 654.36  
 B & L CONCRETE INC., SNOW REMOVAL ..... 1,812.50  
 BAIN ELECTRIC, WORK ON COOLER/FREEZER/VENTS/BB HOOPS ..... 9,855.80  
 BOOCK, NATE, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 BRYANT, CHAD, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 CAPPER AUTO CENTER INC., SERVICE ON BUS ..... 172.58  
 CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., TECHNOLOGY PARTS ..... 1,819.29  
 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES ..... 3,462.78  
 CHOPONIS, RICH, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 CITY OF KEOTA , WATER/GARBAGE ..... 451.12  
 CLOUDBURST 9, FIBER INTERNET ..... 309.99  
 COX SANITATION & RECYCLING, IN , GARBAGE COLLECTION.....

122.00  
 CUSTOM IMPRESSIONS, HONOR KEY AWARD/CITIZENSHIP AWARD ..... 40.00  
 DAN AND JERRY'S GREENHOUSE, FFA POINSTITIAS - RESALE ..... 165.30  
 DEASON, CHRIS, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 EAKINS, MELINDA, REIMB SUPPLIES FOR SPEECH BINGO ..... 186.09  
 EDWARDS, JANE, REIMB CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES ..... 294.75  
 FOURS SEASONS FUND RAISING, FFA CANDY - RESALE ..... 3,190.40  
 FREESE, JAY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 GAME ONE, BOYS BASKETBALL SHOOTING SHIRTS - RESALE .. 220.00  
 GORDON, ETHAN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 GREAT PRAIRIE AEA, SPECIAL SERVICES/IT SERVICES ..... 13,014.32  
 INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE, COLLEGE TUITION/TEXTBOOKS ..... 745.65  
 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, KEOTA CSD DECAL FOR NEW VAN ..... 92.03  
 J.W. PEPPER AND SON, INC, MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS ..... 79.79  
 JAMISON, ZACH, REIMB FOR AG METALS PROJECTS ..... 123.67  
 KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, TELEPHONE SYSTEM ..... 1,327.28  
 KCII RADIO, 56 30 SEC COMMERCIALS ..... 723.96

KEMPER, TOM, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SPONSORED TUITION .. 4,390.40  
 MAHASKA BOTTLING COMPANY, CONCESSIONS SUPPLIES. .... 167.67  
 MALLEY HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL/ATHLETIC/CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPLI..... 446.82  
 MARCO, INC., DISTRICT METER READS ..... 3,909.94  
 MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO., PURCHASED FOOD ..... 5,538.54  
 MATTHIAS, MATT, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORPORATION, PUBLISH BOARD MINUTES ..... 305.69  
 MISC. ON MAIN, EAGLE ROCK APPAREL - REIMB BY MB ..... 1,380.00  
 OHARE, STACY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 160.00  
 PETERSEN, JULIE, REIMB FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES ..... 9.98  
 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE ..... 214.89  
 POEHLER, JOHN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ACCELERATED ..... 160.00  
 RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC., READER RENEWAL ..... 364.00  
 REV TRAK, FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM ..... 383.69  
 RUDACILLE, JAMES, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL ..... 320.00  
 S.J. SMITH WELDING SUPPLY, INDUS. ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL ..... 26.04  
 SANCHEZ, JESSALYN, REIMB

FOR CHEER SUPPLIES ..... 71.94  
 SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC., INSTRUMENTAL SUPPLIES ..... 639.76  
 SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY, ELEVATOR REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE ..... 486.75  
 SHETTLER MEDIA LLC, RADIO ADVERTISING ..... 300.00  
 SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, SHARED TRANS DIR/SHARED HR DIRECTOR ..... 20,171.62  
 SMALL, HANNAH, LUNCH MONEY REFUND ..... 11.35  
 STATE OF IOWA - ELEVATOR SAFETY, SPEECH BINGO FUNDRAISER ..... 127.57  
 THALKEN, CATHY, REIMB FOR NURSES OFFICE SUPPLIES ..... 155.00  
 TINA SCHMITT/ SCHMITT'S, CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES ..... 101.12  
 WALSH DOOR AND SECURITY, TRIP TO LOOK AT SAFE DOOR/ COMB. LOCK ..... 300.00  
 WASHINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR, ELECTION EXPENSES ..... 540.19  
 WEST MUSIC COMPANY, KEYBOARD AMPLIFIER ..... 500.39  
 WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY, TEACHER/PARA TUITION-KINDER ..... 8,120.00  
 YMCA OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ROOM RENT FOR CHEERLEADERS ..... (75.00)  
 Vendors Listed: ..... 63  
 Total: ..... 102,431.65  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Keota CSD • Minutes 1.8.2026**

**KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
 Keota Elementary School Media Center  
 Keota, Iowa 52248  
 Thursday January 8, 2026  
 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, Nathan Greiner  
 Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper,, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Millledge, High School Principal Heather Rosewall, HR Director Missy Sellers, Business Manager Amy Greiner  
 Andy Conrad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.  
 Communication and Reports  
 Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – Levi Lyle gave the board an overview/update on the Eagle Trail, located behind the school. Gavin Sieren and Jack Greiner representing the Keota FFA presented recent activities involving the Keota chapter.  
 Community Public Participation – No one spoke  
 Approval of Consent Items -  
 A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes  
 B. Approval of Financial Reports  
 C. Approval of Summary of List of Bills  
 D. Approval of Open Enrollment Requests

E. Approval of Fundraising Requests  
 F. Approval of Personnel Report  
 Andy Conrad moved to approve the consent items. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.  
 Non-Action Items  
 Action Items  
 Approval of At-Risk/Drop-out Prevention Modified Supplemental application – Dan Redlinger moved to approve the At-Risk/Drop-out Prevention Modified Supplemental application budget request in the amount of \$75,569. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.  
 Approval of school calendar for school year 2026-27 – Dan Redlinger moved to approve the calendar for school year 2026-27 as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.  
 Administrative Reports  
 Superintendent Report – District goals and staff modeling and programming will be reviewed by the admin team soon. The district is collecting names of community members who would be willing to serve on the facility development committee. Solar panels and the fencing are up. LED lights are being installed in the high school this week. Administration is looking for suggestions on projects for the upcoming summer months.  
 High School Principal Report-Principal Rosewall stated the finals week went well. A survey will be distributed to see what needs to be tweaked. The alternative program is up and going. Professional development is going well. Meetings with AEA specialists in social

studies and science are ongoing. Homecoming is the week of 19-24. This will be a Friday school week.  
 Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Wim gons has started again for phonics based reading interventions. Most of the associates have started new assignments for second semester. iReady diagnostics in math and reading will start next week. Staff will meet with the APAEA literacy consultant to continue work on the Science of Reading. Keota Elementary will be having a non-perishable pantry drive through Feb, 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be given to the local food pantry. Information regarding sign-ups for 3 yo and 4 yo Preschool for the 26-27 school year will be going out so staff can get an estimation on student numbers for next year.  
 Activities Director Report – Activities director Dan Stout reported EagleRock! is ramping up for its performance season. They will start the season at Cedar Rapids Xavier this Saturday. The annual EagleRock lasagna supper will be January 13<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Speech is now in full swing. Home presentations will be Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. District contest will be January 24<sup>th</sup> at Wapello High School followed by State contest on February 7<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Rapids. FFA is also getting ready for upcoming contests. Homecoming week will be January 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a 5 day week. Student Council is planning activities for the week. The Homecoming game will

be Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> against HLV. The Homecoming dance will be following the game. The JH boys basketball season has begun. Their first game will be Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
 Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that bank statements have been reconciled and the financials were prepared. January payroll was completed. Greiner is working on 1099's and Title claims. She will be attending the ISFIS budget workshop and a mandatory budget meeting in Fairfield.  
 Custodial Report - Brian Donaldson - On Dec. 12 the solar company shut off all power to the high school to install the new boxes. New drinking fountains have been installed upstairs in the high school and one in the cafeteria. Bain Electric has gotten the exhaust fan in the kitchen replaced. They also installed 4 new plugs in the day care office. AAA Mechanical has changed out the filters in all the high school heating units.  
 Board Training/Board in Service  
 The next Keota School board meeting will be February 12, 2026 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.  
 Adjournment  
 Pat Hammen moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Andy Conrad. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.  
 Board President Date  
 Board Secretary Date  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sheriff's Levy and Sale EQEQ041554**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY STATE OF IOWA KEOKUK COUNTY**  
 Iowa District Court Keokuk County Case #: EQEQ041554  
 Civil #: 25-000557  
 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC VS  
 ANTHONY C WINTRINGER, A/K/A ANTHONY WINTRINGER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ANTHONY C WINTRINGER; PARTIES IN POSSESSION ET AL  
 X Special Execution  
 General Execution  
 Other  
 As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered

the sale of defendant(s)  
 X Real Estate  
 Personal Property  
 X Described Below  
 On attached sheet:  
 To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is  
 BEGINNING AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWO, TOWNSHIP SEVENTY-FOUR NORTH, RANGE TWELVE WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA, THENCE SOUTH SIX HUNDRED FEET, THENCE WEST FOUR HUNDRED FEET, THENCE NORTH SIX HUNDRED FEET, THENCE EAST FOUR HUNDRED FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING., COMMONLY KNOWN AS 28381 202ND AVE., SIGOURNEY, IA 52591 (THE "PROPERTY")

Property Address: 28381 202ND AVE, SIGOURNEY, IA 52591  
 The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:  
 Sale Date 02/24/2026  
 Sale Time 10:00  
 Place of Sale KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 204 S STONE ST, SIGOURNEY IA 52591  
 X Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.  
 Redemption: After the sale of real estate, defendant may redeem the property within  
 X This sale not subject to Re-

demption.  
 Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.  
 Judgment Amount \$230,896.06  
 Costs: \$7,557.18  
 Accruing Costs PLUS  
 Interest \$12,000.27  
 Sheriff's Fees Pending  
 Date 01/06/2026  
 Casey J Hinna  
 KEOKUK COUNTY SHERIFF  
 ATTORNEY  
 RICHARD REINBLATT  
 10855 W DODGE RD STE 250  
 OMAHA, NE 68154  
 (402)342-4644  
*Published in The News-Review on January 14 and 21, 2026*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes and Claims 1.5.2026**

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 5, 2026**  
 The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, January 5, 2026, 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 December 29, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
 Met with Casey Clarahan, Assistant to the Engineer, regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Crews are currently cutting brush and working on projects inside the building.  
 Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of resolution naming county employees to issue and sign special permits for vehicles of excessive size and weight for the county as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Named are Andrew McGuire, Casey Clarahan and Ruth Manchester.  
 Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of resolution naming county employees to temporary closing of roadways as submit-

ted. All ayes and motion carried. Named are Andrew McGuire and Casey Clarahan.  
 Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of January 5, 2026 claims listing as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.  
**CLAIM DATE: January 5, 2026**  
 AGRILAND FS ..... 5,297.88  
 AHLERS & COONEY ..... 800.00  
 ALL AM PEST CONTROL ..... 45.00  
 ALLIANT ENERGY ..... 8,605.83  
 ALTORFER MACHINERY ..... 8,002.07  
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERV ..... 1,872.79  
 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY ..... 2,055.59  
 ASCENDANCE TRUCK MIDWEST ..... 420.17  
 ATWOOD ELECTRIC ..... 553.41  
 BAILEY OFFICE ..... 1,102.77  
 BOND, RICHARD ..... 36.53  
 BROADWAY SERVICE CTR ..... 21.00  
 CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC ..... 3,083.00  
 CENTRAL IA DIST ..... 361.00  
 CENTRAL IA DETENTION ..... 457.25  
 CLUBB, BONNIE ..... 226.20  
 CLUBB, BONNIE (MEI) ..... 300.00  
 COMPLETE CARE OF IA ..... 200.00  
 CONT RESEARCH CORP ..... 562.25  
 COPELAND AUTO/TOWING ..... 62.15  
 CUNNINGHAM ..... 2,218.77  
 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP .....

6,394.00  
 DENNY, TROY ..... 250.53  
 DESIGN HOUSE PLUS ..... 851.00  
 ELLIOTT OIL CO ..... 8.06  
 FARMERS COOP ..... 598.73  
 FARMERS COOP ASSOC ..... 490.00  
 FORCE AMERICA ..... 219.93  
 GALLS LLC ..... 100.00  
 GREENLEYS CORP ..... 45.00  
 H & M FARM & HOME ..... 1,465.58  
 HICKENBOTTOM INC ..... 520.83  
 I M W C A ..... 3,260.00  
 IDALS ..... 30.00  
 INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY ..... 79.02  
 IA BRIDGE & CULVERT ..... 66,634.73  
 IA COUNTY REC ASSOC ..... 250.00  
 IA STATE MED EXAM ..... 4,181.00  
 ISAC GROUP UNEMPLOY FUND ..... 699.56  
 J.J. NIGHTING CO ..... 15.60  
 JASPER CO SHERIFF ..... 49.00  
 JEFFERSON CO SHERIFF ..... 32.00  
 KEOKUK CO HEALTH CTR ..... 231.00  
 KEOKUK CO HWY DEPT ..... 96.32  
 KRIS ENGINEERING ..... 13,078.84  
 LENOVO (UNITES STATES) ..... 1,455.56  
 LINN CO AUDITOR ..... 503.66  
 LUSCO/LTDS ..... 133.00  
 LIJAN, KATIE ..... 459.40  
 MAHASKA CO ENVIRON ..... 3,975.00  
 MAHASKA COMM GROUP ..... 94.99  
 MAIL SERVICES ..... 467.72  
 MANCHESTER, RUTH I ..... 30.00

MARTINS FLAG CO ..... 3,237.98  
 MESSERSCHMITT, LAVADA ..... 115.96  
 MID-AMERICA PUB CO ..... 294.84  
 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH ..... 587.63  
 MMIT ..... 245.60  
 MOSE LEVY CO ..... 1,055.76  
 MUSCO CORP ..... 361.05  
 NBS/WAHLTEK-PYMT PROC CTR ..... 1,760.03  
 NETSMART TECH ..... 1,959.10  
 SADLER POWER TRAIN ..... 630.41  
 SANITY SOLUTIONS ..... 47.81  
 SCHMIDT, BARB ..... 129.00  
 SCHROEDER FR/ALIGN ..... 602.00  
 SELLERS, MICHAEL ..... 495.50  
 SHETTLER MEDIA ..... 100.00  
 SIGOURNEY LUMBER ..... 150.19  
 SIGOURNEY TREECARE ..... 400.00  
 SIGOURNEY, CITY OF ..... 907.22  
 SINCLAIR TRACTOR ..... 38.42  
 SMITH, TOMMY ..... 36.30  
 T I P REC ..... 178.00  
 TEAMALERT ..... 566.40  
 TRIKE INC ..... 600.00  
 TRUCK CENTER ..... 5,211.92  
 TUSING, STEPHANIE ..... 195.52  
 ULINE ..... 1,138.16  
 VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO ..... 5,595.00  
 VISA (SEC RD) ..... 1,814.68  
 VISA (IT) ..... 13.54  
 WASHINGTON CO SHERIFF ..... 37.00  
 WEBB, JESSICA ..... 600.00  
 WELLINGTON TOOL SALES ..... 485.50

WHITEHURST, JERRY ..... 37.67  
 WINDSTREAM ..... 415.55  
 WOOD, DARYL K ..... 270.00  
 TOTAL ..... \$177,432.46  
 Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of resolution regarding Keokuk County Employee Handbook, Section IV: Maternity leave amendment to include provisions to address parental leave for an employee who is a non-birthing parent or legal guardian, ensuring consistent application of benefits across departments as submitted, effective January 5, 2026. All ayes and motion carried.  
 Various Board and Committee reports were not held due to no scheduled meetings last week attributable to the New Year holiday.  
 Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics to discuss.  
 Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, performing as the County Compensation Board, will conduct an annual review and compare compensation for the offices of County Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, Supervisors and Treasurer pursuant to Iowa Code 331.907 and SF22442 to be held with elected officials and department heads regarding FY2027 compensation and possible approval thereof was held. Present were: Hite – IT, Clarahan - Second-

ary Roads, Reighard & Kephart – Conservation, Sanders – Assessor/GIS, Goldman – Recorder and Hinna – Sheriff. The Iowa Code sections and ISAC salary survey comparison were used regarding preparation for this meeting. Hadley opened the meeting for discussion. No comments were made by those present. Due to legislative restraints, Board consensus was in favor of a 3% increase, noting said increase will take the bulk of the new growth. Hadley moved, Wood seconded approval of a 3% salary increase across the board for FY2027. All ayes and motion carried.  
 On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.  
 The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
 Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber  
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# English Valleys Bearometer

January 21, 2026

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Issue: XX

## Sounds of School Spirit: Pep Band Energizes Bears Fans

By: Hunter Offerman

The English Valleys High School pep band has been a driving force behind the energy and excitement at home basketball games this season. Through their music and enthusiasm, the band has helped create a lively atmosphere that brings students, families, and fans together to cheer on the Bears.

This season, the pep band performed at eight home games. At each game, the band played an important role in the night's events. They began by performing the National Anthem, then energized the crowd at the start of the girls' basketball game. The band continued to play during halftime of the girls' game before returning to the stands to kick off the boys' game. Their music helped set the tone for the evening and kept school spirit high throughout the night.



In addition to playing the school song to hype up the crowd, the pep band performed a variety of popular and recognizable songs that fans enjoyed. Favorites included Iron Man, 25 or 6 to 4, Hawaii Five-O, and Holiday. One special tradition occurs when the girls' basketball team wins. The band plays Another One Bites the Dust by Queen; it echoes through the gym, adding even more excitement to the celebration.

Through their dedication and spirited performances, the English Valleys pep band played an important role in supporting the basketball teams and spreading school pride throughout the season.

## Gaming Meets Teamwork with New Esports Club at EV

By: Tyler Wiseman

English Valleys High School is excited to announce the launch of a brand new Esports Club, giving students a fresh opportunity to get involved through competitive gaming. The club is open to all high school students who are interested and is led by Mr. Hayes.

While esports is often associated with video games, the club emphasizes much more than just playing. Members will focus on teamwork, strategy, communication, and sportsmanship. These skills are essential both in gaming and beyond. The Esports Club aims to bring students together, create a strong sense of community, and provide a positive environment centered around shared interests. During its first year, the team will not compete competitively against other schools. Instead, this initial season will focus on building the foundation needed for future success. Students will work on developing team structures, learning game strategies, establishing expectations, and preparing for competitive play in the years ahead.



The Esports Club offers a unique chance for students to be part of something new at English Valleys. It allows them to get involved in an activity they enjoy while helping shape a positive and inclusive gaming culture at the school. Looking ahead, the club hopes to represent English Valleys in interscholastic esports competitions and tournaments, giving students another way to show school pride and work together as a team.

## Junior High Winter Sports – Girls Basketball & Boys Wrestling



### Upcoming Activities:

**January 22:**

JH Boys Basketball @ Belle Plaine - 4:15 pm  
HS Boys Wrestling @ Montezuma - 6:00 pm

**January 23:**

JH Girls Wrestling @ Colfax-Mingo - 4:15 pm  
HS Basketball @ BGM - 6:00 pm

**January 24:**

District Large Group Speech @ Pella  
HS Girls Wrestling @ Louisa-Muscatine - 10:00 am

**January 26:**

JH Boys Basketball @ Iowa Valley - 4:15 pm

SICL Tournament:

HS Girls Wrestling @ Belle Plaine - 5:30 pm

**January 27:**

JH Girls Wrestling @ Pleasantville - 4:30 pm

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## 2025 DNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants awarded to rural fire departments

Nearly \$350,000 in 50 percent cost-share grants were recently awarded to 105 Iowa rural fire departments to help their efforts to protect Iowan's and their property from wildfires. The grants offer valuable funding assistance for wildfire suppression, personal protective and communications equipment. Requests were received from 180 fire departments totaling over \$565,000 in requests, showing a great need across rural Iowa.

Since 2021, more than 500 grants have been awarded resulting in an investment of more than \$1,612,000 in wildland fire preparedness throughout the state.

The following fire departments will receive 2025 Volunteer Fire Assistance grants: Anamosa, Andover, Anita, Aplington, Atlantic, Avoca, Baxter, Belle Plaine, Bloomfield, Burt, Camanche, Castana, Center Point, Charles City, Chariton, Cherokee, Centerville, Cleghorn, Colfax, College-Ely-Putnam, Collins, Creston, De Soto, Decorah, Delmar, Denmark, Dexter, Donahue, Dow City-Arion, Early, Estherville, Fairfield, Floris, Fort Atkinson, Fostoria, Frankville Fire & EMS, Frederika, Garnavillo, Glenwood, Goose Lake, Grinnell, Grundy Center, Guttenberg, Harlan, Haverhill, Hopkinton, Humeston, Inwood, Jefferson-Monroe, Jewell,

Kamrar, Kingsley, Lawton, Little Sioux, Logan, Lohrville, Luana, Manilla, Maxwell, McGregor, Monticello, Montour, Moravia, Morning Sun, Moulton, Nashua, New Hampton, New Vienna/Luxemburg, Northern Warren Fire Department, Norway, Oak Township Fire & Rescue, Oakland, Oxford Junction, Oxford, Peterson, Pierson, Pleasantville, Polk City, Postville, Prescott, Protivin, Rolfe, Sabula, Saint Ansgar, Saint Olaf, Searsboro, Shelby, Sheldon, Shenandoah, Sidney, Solon, Strawberry Point, Terril, Tiffin, Toledo, Tripoli, Van Horne, Vining, Wallingford, Wapello, West Branch, West Union, Woodbine and Yale.

These grants are made possible through Iowa DNR Forestry, in cooperation with US Forest Service - State and Private Forestry.

Jason Walker, fire supervisor with DNR Forestry, reminds all fire departments of the importance of submitting Wildland Fire Reports whenever they respond to a wildland fire or provide assistance to a prescribed or controlled wildland fire.

Departments returning these reports receive priority points when the Fire Assistance grant applications are scored. These wildland fire reports are compiled locally and nationally and are reported to Congress.

## CO2 pipeline eminent domain ban advances from House committee

By: Cami Koons | Iowa Capital Dispatch

A bill that would prohibit the acquisition of land via eminent domain for carbon sequestration pipelines in Iowa advanced Wednesday from a House committee.

House Study Bill 507 is one of several expected bills related to property rights and carbon sequestration pipelines expected in the 2026 session.

Opponents of the bill said it would kill the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline which, according to lobbyists for the company, already has more than 1,400 easements with willing landowners for the pipeline.

Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, sponsored the bill and said it protects Iowans' "fundamental right" to private property.

"Eminent domain should be incredibly rare and must meet the constitutional requirement of a public use," Holt said.

Proponents of the bill said it is a simple bill, unlike the bill that Gov. Kim Reynolds vetoed last year that would have restricted the use of eminent domain by CO2 pipeline operators.

A group of Republican lawmakers have been vocal in their opposition to the carbon sequestration project, which was granted the right of eminent domain by the state utilities commission in 2024. The House passed a similar bill in 2025 to ban the use of eminent domain by carbon capture pipelines, but the Senate did not take up the bill.

Rep. Ross Wilburn, D-Ames, expressed hesitancy advancing the bill Tuesday during a subcommittee meeting on the proposed legislation, because of the Senate's inaction on the similar bill last year and the governor's veto.

Wilburn reiterated his concern Wednesday, noting that Reynolds was "silent" on the issue of eminent domain and property rights during her Tuesday Condition of the State address.

"So when I say nothing has changed, the political conditions around this have not changed," Wilburn, who was one of two no votes on the bill, said.

Holt responded that neither the House nor the Senate can control what the governor does, nor can the two chambers control one another.

"What we do is, we do what is right and we move forward and who knows what dynamics might change," Holt said.

In addition to bringing tax credits associated with the ultra-low carbon ethanol market, lobbyists for Summit argued in the subcommittee Tuesday the pipeline project would also be an economic opportunity for Iowa due to tax credits for enhanced oil recovery that were recently made available in the federal "big beautiful" law.

Ethanol producers would have access to 45Z tax credits for producing the low carbon fuel by sequestering carbon dioxide into the pipeline. The carbon sequestration pipeline would be eligible for 45Q



House Judiciary Committee members, from left, Rep. Judd Lawler, Rep. Steven Holt, and Rep. Ross Wilburn discuss legislation banning eminent domain for carbon pipelines Jan. 14, 2026. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

tax credits as it transports the carbon to underground storage and now, as that carbon is strategically pumped underground to increase the efficiency of oil wells.

Holt said the Summit project is not a public use project, but "an economic development project."

Holt said public use refers to infrastructure projects like roads, schools or essential energy projects that are "convenient and necessary."

"The use of government power to seize property for a private economic development project is not constitutional," Holt said.

Senate leadership has also indicated it plans to file a bill that would address the property rights issue by allowing pipeline operators to deviate from their state-approved routes in order to find willing landowners.

House Republicans appear

to be united over the eminent domain ban, despite the differences from the Senate. The only other dissenting vote on the bill in committee Wednesday came from Rep. Rick Olson, D-Des Moines.

House Speaker Pat Grassley said in a Wednesday taping of "Iowa Press" that the House's narrow eminent domain bill was rolled out early on to show that "it still is something that we really care about."

Grassley said the fact that the Senate is working on its own bill is a "positive sign towards finding some level of resolution."

"For the last several years, it's just been bill after bill from the House's perspective, heading over to the Senate," Grassley said. "Regardless if we agree with one another, I think it's a positive step forward ... that there's actual movement on both sides."

# Outdoor Notes

New year, new license. Iowa's 2025 hunting and fishing licenses expired on January 10. Licenses are available at 650 locations across the state, and online at [www.iowadnr.gov/GoOutdoorsIowa](http://www.iowadnr.gov/GoOutdoorsIowa).

Iowa's 2025-26 deer harvest through the late muzzleloader and archery seasons is currently just shy of 100,000, which is an increase of one percent over last year, but four percent lower than the five-year average. Iowa's deer harvest is available in real time by county at <https://gooutdoorsiowa.com/RealTimeHarvestReport.aspx>.

Iowa's final two deer seasons - the Population Management January Antlerless Season and the Excess Tag January Antlerless Season - close on January 25.

While most hunting seasons have closed, there are a few opportunities remaining. The central Iowa goose zone season closes on January 17; the southern Iowa goose zone season closes on January 24; quail, partridge, ruffed grouse and fox and

gray squirrel seasons closes on January 31; and rabbit season closes on February 28.

Furbearer seasons close on February 28, except for beaver, which closes on April 15.

Fish Art Contest: The Art of Conservation The Iowa DNR and Wildlife Forever encourages all Iowans ages 5-18 to enter the Iowa Fish Art Contest. Winning submissions will be featured in the DNR building at the 2026 Iowa State Fair. The art must include one or more of the following fish species: Rain-

bow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Walleye, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Bluegill, Crappie, Iowa Darter and/or Muskellunge. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 28, 2026. Only digital submissions are accepted.

The Iowa DNR is scheduling 20 public meetings across the state from March 2-5, to recap hunting seasons, discuss possible regulation changes and to accept feedback. Meeting dates and locations will be announced at the end of January.

## Iowa Farm Bureau to host meetings to help farmers navigate market challenges

By: Cami Koons | Iowa Capitol Dispatch

Iowa Farm Bureau is scheduled to host meetings across Iowa to help farmers navigate challenges like tighter margins, high interest rates and market uncertainty as they financially prepare for 2026.

The meetings will examine some of the current drivers in the markets and discuss crop insurance considerations, risk management tools and transition planning for farmers.

Iowa Farm Bureau Farmer Education Program Manager Zach Brummer said the organization wants farmers to have a "relevant look" at how these challenges affect profitability.

"Farmers are making decisions in an environment with a lot more unknowns than we've seen in recent years," Brummer said in a news release.

Brummer said the series

will give farmers steps they can take now to manage risks in 2026 as rising input costs, tariff volatility and "global uncertainty" are expected to persist as challenges for farmers.

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An early projection of net farm income predicted declines of more than 20% for farmers in 2026 compared to 2025. A survey of agricultural economists from December shows economists rate row crop sectors with overall poor financial health and 46% of agricultural economists expect the ag economy to stay the same in 2026 as it was in 2025. Fifteen percent of surveyed economists predict ag economy conditions will get worse over the next 12 months.

A contributing factor, as noted in the release from Iowa Farm Bureau about the

event series, is ongoing uncertainty with foreign trade partners.

China, the largest global purchaser of soybeans, did not purchase from the U.S. early in the season due to ongoing tariff conflicts with the U.S. and Chinese goods. While President Donald Trump secured a deal with China in October to purchase U.S. soybeans, farm groups have said they still need expanded markets — domestically and in other countries — to be profitable.

The federal government announced in December it would send \$12 billion in one-time payments to farmers to help alleviate some of the financial strain farmers have suffered from market disruptions. The farm payments are expected to reach farmers by the end of February.

The Farm Bureau meetings will take place between Feb. 16 and Feb. 25 at six locations

across the state. Economists, financial service consultants and crop consultants with Iowa Farm Bureau will be at the events, along with representatives from several local banks.

The events are free to Iowa Farm Bureau members, who can contact Ashley Lennon to register.

Event schedule:

Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Feb. 16 from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Wall Lake Community Center in Wall Lake, Feb. 16 from 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Dunlap Four County Fairgrounds in Dunlap, Feb. 17 from 9:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Feb. 24 from 7:45-10:45 a.m.

Jones County Farm Bureau in Anamosa, Feb. 24 from 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Cambridge Building on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Fairfield, Feb. 25 from 5-8:15 p.m.

Iowa Corn Growers Association is also hosting events, in collaboration with National Corn Growers Association and the U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council to teach producers more about the current agricultural trade market.

Both events, one in Atlantic and the other in Knoxville, will take place Jan. 27 and are open to the public. Registration for the "Beyond Your Field: Why Trade Matters" events can be completed online.

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