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Community CALENDAR

BINGO Nights Keokuk County Expo

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.

Keokuk County Democrats Caucus Meeting

Feb. 2, 2026, Doors open
at 6:00 p.m. at 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
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



"How Angel Peterson Got His Name"



"With A Hammer In His Hand"



"Brothers Grimm"

Keota Students Move Onto State Large Group Speech Contest

By Casey Jarmes |
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KEOTA - Keota High School speech students showed an excellent selection of Large-Group Speech performances on Jan. 21, at a special hometown showcase to prepare students for the district large-group speech competition at Wapello on Jan. 24.

The night featured the following performances:

• "Stick & Move," an Ensemble Acting piece where two people on an awkward date are coached between rounds of conversation by boxing coaches. Featured Emma

Greiner, Dacin Redlinger, Zoey Sieren and Grayson Sprouse.

• "How Angel Peterson Got His Name," a Readers Theater adapted from a Gary Paulson short story telling the story of teenagers attempting to break the skiing-speed world record by tying their friend to a back of a car. Featured Chase Hailley, Luke Moeller, Jake Morris, Gavin Sieren and Jackson Vittetoe.

• "With A Hammer In His Hand," a Choral Reading of the folk tale John Henry, about a steel-driving man who dies of exhaustion after racing against a steam drill. Featured Addyson Chapman,

Peyton Baughman, Grayson Sprouse, Zoey Sieren, Emma Greiner, Dacin Redlinger, Will Greiner, Jessalyn Aller, Addyson Miller and Rowen Horning.

• "Breaking Badly," an Ensemble Acting piece about a service helping people plan break-ups by showing tapes of increasingly ridiculous dumpings. Featured Ayden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Kaylee Kindred, Brennan McGuire and Jaylah Redlinger.

• Two improv teams, one featuring Ayden Galindo Jack Greiner and Brennan McGuire, and the other featuring Elyse Lyle, Emily Mahan and Addison Purkeypile. The

former team acted a scene about two old men pranking a server at a dining hall, while the latter performed a scene about fixing a tire.

• "Ditzies," an Ensemble Acting piece about one dumb teenager teaching another dumb teenager how to drive and getting stuck in the woods. Featured Peyton Baughman and Addyson Chapman.

• Capping off the night was the One Act Play "Brothers Grimm," a parody of classic fairy tales like Rumpelstiltskin, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and Cinderella.

"They've come so far in the last, well we started in

November, so two and a half months. Just a lot of growth in all of them," said Speech Coach Gina Bennett, after the show.

"It's good nerves. Nerves in a good way. So I know the kids will put 100% towards it," said Bennett, about the then upcoming competition.

On Jan. 24, the work Keota students put in paid off, with "How Angel Peterson Got His Name," "With a Hammer In His Hand," "Breaking Badly," the boys Improv team, "Ditzies," and "Brothers Grimm" all receiving I ratings and moving onto State. "Stick & Move" and the girls Improv team received II ratings.

English Valleys Speech Students Move onto State

By Casey Jarmes |
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PELLA - English Valleys students competed at the Pella District Large-Group Speech Contest on the very cold day of Jan. 24. Six teams competed in Improv, Musical Theatre, Short Film or Radio Broadcasting, with five re-

ceiving the coveted I rating that will allow them to compete at the State Contest in February.

The first group to compete was the Freshman Radio Broadcasting Team consisting of Davis Burdick, Drake Offerman, Joana Martinez, Bella Schott and Meika

Spies, who performed "104.8 Fresh," a news program hosted by old people, for old people.

"It is our first year, and we thought it'd be really fun to just try out radio news... As there is a lot of topics we could choose from, we feel like, talking as an old persons' home would be a more interesting thing, because it's just more fun to do," said Martinez.

"It's a new experience and we thought we'd give it a shot," said Offerman.

The Freshman Radio Broadcasting received a I.

Kaylee Frazier, Phoenix Sorden and Tyler Wiseman starred in the Short Film "Kitchen Safety," a safety PSA stylized like a cooking competition.

"We obviously wanted to



L to R: Betsy Wells, McKenna Rugg, Olivia Debevec, Lydia Smith, Zola Voss

make a short film, and we were in foods class and we were talking about safety and stuff and some funny like things that have happened, and just of like safety issues, and so we were kinda thinking that maybe we should make something to like dis-

play those and talk about the importance of kitchen safety, but in a fun way, so it wouldn't be boring, and keep your interest," said Frazier. "We were unsure of what we

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L to R: Davis Burdick, Drake Offerman, Joana Martinez



Sigourney



Pekin

Sigourney and Pekin Students advance to State Large Group Speech

By Casey Jarmes |
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CENTERVILLE - Sigourney and Pekin competed at the Centerville District Large-Group Speech Contest on Jan. 24. Acts receiving a I rating will move onto the State contest in February.

Both Sigourney performances and all Pekin performances except for the Spray/Atkinson/Heisdorffer Improv team received I Ratings. Performances on Saturday included:

Sigourney

• Group Improv (Jacob

Randall-Blaske, Chris McClellan)

• Reader's Theatre: "Literary Characters Support Group" (Jacob Randall-Blaske, Chris McClellan, Chloe Martin, Eden Hahn, Bianca Vega, Levi Weber, Tierney Greiner, Jasey Ingle)

• Group Improv (Liam

Guise, Dominic Cobler, Jax-

son Mefford)

• Short Film: "Conor and Crew" (Conor Cloyd, Rannen Harbison, Tatum Harbison, Hayden Miller, Will Daniels)

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Ag Secretary Mike Naig Visits What Cheer Beef Farm

By Casey Jarmes |
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WHAT CHEER — Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig visited Phillips Family Farm, a direct-to-consumer beef seller located outside of What Cheer, on Jan. 23. Phillips Family Farm owner, April Phillips, began selling bulk beef peer-to-peer at the Iowa City Farmers' Market last year. This year, she plans to begin selling beef by the piece. She stated that it had been a little slow during her first year, but that she believed business would pick up with the smaller amounts sold. "This way they can try it and know the quality before they go with a bigger amount," said Phillips.

She also intends to begin selling 10 or 15 pound monthly meat subscription boxes, that will also have chicken and eggs. Phillips stated that she did not plan to ship these subscriptions and would instead deliver at the farmers' market.

Phillips noted that, because calves are born in the spring, weaned in the fall, and not ready until the next August or September, it's hard to know how many to sell or keep. Phillips told the secretary that she had difficulty getting appointments to get her meat inspected for sale at

lockers last year, forcing her to sell bulk halves or quarters. She stated that she had managed to get appointments this year, but that they had told her they were otherwise full for the rest of the year.

Naig stated that he heard people talk about this difficulty all the time. He stated that there was a lot of difficulty dealing with poultry, due to labor issues at lockers. He noted that, after COVID, lockers were booked for two entire years. Naig stated that he would like USDA inspected facilities to allow inspected meat to be approved across state lines. He recommended Phillips look into the Cooperative Interstate Shipping Program.

Phillips helped her father raise cattle in her youth. A year and a half ago, with her father getting older, she came back to help her father on the farm, starting her beef business as a way to add extra income.

"We have really good genetics in our beef, and they grow good, and we have the genetics for marbling and everything like that. So it just seems like it made sense to feed some out and start selling them this way," said Phillips.

Naig brought up his Choose Iowa program, which tries to

promote locally grown meat and produce. He stated that there is increasing demand for local farm goods and that surveys overwhelmingly showed that Iowans wanted to and were even willing to spend a little more to buy local goods. He stated this was more than a passing trend. He stated he was working to try and get farmers in contact with schools, grocery stores and restaurants that want to buy from Iowa farmers like Phillips.

April's husband Nate Phillips told Naig that the biggest thing holding his wife back was not having the resources to develop those relationships. He stated that they did well but not great and that it was hard, as a family of five, to set aside enough money to expand their business through things like building a cooler building to store meat, especially when things are so expensive. Naig stated that things were tight, with a lot of farmers only needing a little bit of support to be able to expand. He mentioned a grant program that helps farmers build coolers. Naig also talked about labeling rules, property taxes, trade missions to Vietnam and Indonesia, new world screw worms, E-15 gas, and Chinese soybean demand.

Nationwide Cold Wave Hits Iowa

By Casey Jarmes |
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KEOKUK COUNTY — Last weekend was miserably cold, with temperatures

reaching as low as -10 on Friday, Jan. 23, and staying horribly cold into Saturday. All five of the local schools the News-Review covers closed

on the 23, with Pekin and Keota using virtual learning days. Sigourney, Pekin and Keota opened two hours late on Monday, Jan. 26.

Pekin Schools partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for upcoming community service day

By: Katie Phillips |
The News-Review

PACKWOOD — Pekin Schools have partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Washington/Keokuk County as part of an upcoming Community Service Day focused on helping children in need in Keokuk County.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor. The organization provides beds to children ages 3-17 who are currently sleeping on floors, sofas or in other unsafe or uncomfortable conditions. Through the partnership, Pekin Schools will take a hands-on role in supporting local families.

On April 8, Pekin students and volunteers will help build beds that will be delivered to children in the community. In preparation for the build, Pekin Schools are hosting a Community Bedding Drive to ensure each bed includes a complete and comfortable bedding set.

The bedding drive is accepting new, unopened twin-size items, including sheet sets, comforters, bed-in-a-bag sets, standard pillows and waterproof mattress protectors. Because the beds are delivered to children ages 3-17, neutral or kid-friendly colors and patterns are encouraged.

To make donating easier, organizers have created an Amazon storefront where community members can purchase needed bedding items online. Items will be shipped directly to the school. Donations may also be purchased from local retailers and dropped off in person.



Every child deserves a warm place to sleep.

Scan the QR code to visit the Amazon storefront and purchase items for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Community Bedding Drive.



Through community service and collaboration, Pekin Schools and Sleep in Heavenly Peace aim to ensure no child in the community sleeps on the floor.

Fairfield crash kills teen; two Pekin school staff injured

By Katie Phillips |
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FAIRFIELD — An 18-year-old Fairfield woman was killed and two others were injured in a two-vehicle crash late Friday night in Fairfield, according to the Iowa State Patrol accident report.

The crash occurred at about 10:18 p.m. in the 2100 block of Hemlock Avenue near Cedar Creek. According to the report, a vehicle traveling north on Hemlock Avenue lost control due to weather conditions and was struck on the side by another vehicle.

According to the Iowa State Patrol report, Lyman was not transported for medical treatment and was wearing a seat belt. Hotchkiss was

accident report, Miller was not wearing a seat belt.

Two people injured in the crash were teachers at Pekin Community School District's high school. In an email sent to community members Sunday afternoon, district officials said staff members James Lyman, 26, of Fairfield, and Ashlyn Hotchkiss, 24, of Urbana, currently living in Fairfield, were involved in the crash and were receiving medical care. The district said additional details would be shared as appropriate.

Agencies assisting at the scene included the Iowa State Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield Police Department, Fairfield Fire Department, Libertyville Fire Department, and Jefferson County Ambulance.

transported to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by Jefferson County Ambulance and was not wearing a seat belt.

Morgan Anderson, 20, of Fairfield, was identified as the driver of the second vehicle involved. No injuries were reported for Anderson, according to the Iowa State Patrol report.

The crash remains under investigation.

Agencies assisting at the scene included the Iowa State Patrol, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield Police Department, Fairfield Fire Department, Libertyville Fire Department, and Jefferson County Ambulance.



Jackson Vittetoe and Kennedy Jackson were crowned Keota's 2026 Homecoming King and Queen before the homecoming game against HLV-TC. Other Homecoming Court members include Addison Purkeypile, Olivia Lyle, Dakota Dodd, Jake Morris, Chase Hafley, and Gavin Sieren. Also pictured: Eagle Escorts Reese Conrad and Garrett Greiner.



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Community CALENDAR

information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library

Mondays 10-6pm
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10-5pm
 Fridays 10am-5pm
 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 5:00 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

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

Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)

Jan. 29th
 Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Sandwich, Peaches, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Bosco Sticks, Iceberg Lettuce Blend, Green Beans, Marinara Sauce, Pears, Milk.

Jan. 30th
 No School

Feb. 2nd
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Potato Wedges, Steamed Broccoli, Cucumbers, Peaches, Milk.

Feb. 3rd
 Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Wrap, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slices, Steamed Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Rice Pudding, Milk.

Feb. 4th
 Breakfast: Egg Bites, Toast & Jelly, Orange, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce, Garden Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Grapes, French Garlic Bread, Milk.

Feb. 5th
 Breakfast: Tot N Egg Casserole, Fruit Muffin, Assorted Cereal w/ Fruit Muffin, Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Rattlesnake Pasta/ Italian Bread, BBQ Pork on a Bun, Seasoned Fries, Salad Bar w/ Italian Bread, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 6th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 7th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 8th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 9th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 10th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 11th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 12th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 13th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 14th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 15th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 16th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 17th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 18th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 19th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 20th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 21st
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 22nd
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 23rd
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 24th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 25th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 26th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 27th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 28th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 29th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 30th
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 31st
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

Feb. 1st
 Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal w/ Toast w/ Margarine, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 2nd
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk.

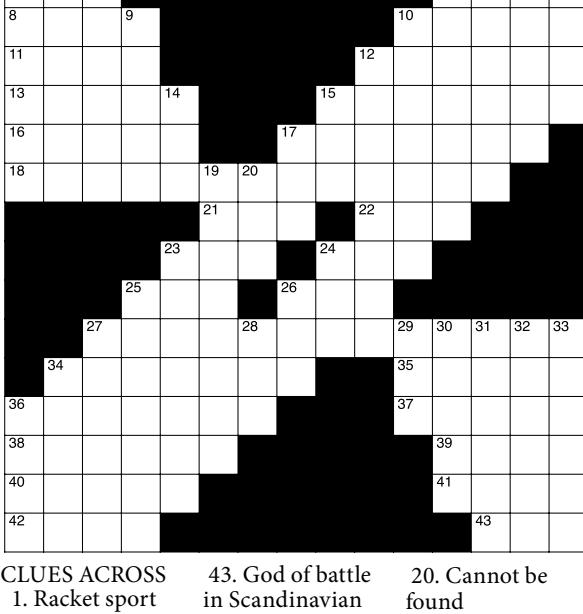
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Lunch: Glazed Wings w/ Queso w/ Focaccia Bread, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Fruit, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Feb. 4th
 Breakfast: Honey Glazed Chicken Biscuit, Assorted Cereal w/ Cinnamon Toast, Pancakes, Fruit

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- Racket sport pros
- Make tea
- City South of Moscow
- Spanish bull-fighting term
- Egg-shaped
- Could not remember
- French modernist painter
- Persons
- Painful intestinal obstruction
- Is up to the task
- Wood or metal bolt
- Tax collector
- A way to save for the future
- Georgia rockers
- Midway between north and northeast
- High schoolers' test
- Does not accept responsibility
- One who prepares
- Gout-indicative deposits
- Place to play games
- Book of Genesis character
- Cleans oneself
- Unloaded for money
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- Take a puff
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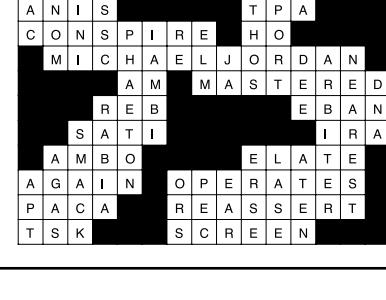
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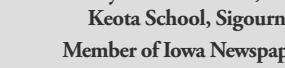
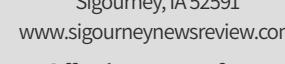
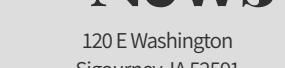
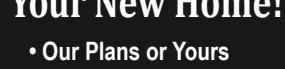
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Worship Guide

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Please check with your church for updates, online services, postponements and cancellations. In light of COVID-19 measures, please contact your church to find out how services are being held or streamed online before attempting to attend.

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.

Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

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.hedrickcumc.org

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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

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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 Sned

Sunday: Sunday School 9 a.m.;

Worship 10 a.m.

Wednesday: WOW Kids 6:30 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 Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

6:30 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.

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“ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Seeking Out Lasting Patience

About a month removed from Christmas, we should take time to rest and reflect on our actions during the season. While the craze leading up to the holidays can seem lasting, the feeling of them is fairly fleeting. In understanding this, we can develop an attitude of great patience as the rush subsides down and we go about our normal lives. While we may not always be able to spend our time with loved ones, regular reflection on these holiday memories we make can increase the effect of the experiences greatly. Further, as we may remain patient leading up to these holiday festivities, it is likely we will find greater enjoyment and relaxation through them.

-James Stone

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Sigourney NHS Raises Over \$500 for Charity, Pies Coach and Players

The Sigourney National Honor Society hosted the Pennies for Patients event throughout December. They collected donations for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. All donations make the house truly a home away from home for families indeed.

Collection buckets were placed in the high school lobby, and NHS members collected donations during the home sporting events.

The coaches collected \$29.08, with Coach Van Den

Heuvel securing a four-peat by collecting the most donations.

The student athletes' collection totals were:

Wells Clark \$32.35

Charli Smothers \$45.83

Kia Montgomery \$78.56

And our top two student-athlete winners with the most donations were:

Owen Menke \$96.70

John Berg \$139.05

The following winners graciously accepted a pie-in-the-face:

Wrestling Coach Van Den

Heuvel
Boys' Wrestling Captain
Owen Menke
Boys' Basketball Captain
John Berg

They were able to collect over \$100 more than last year. The members also decided to donate the funds from the Candy Cane sales for a total donation of \$530.21 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Thank you to all who donated. The NHS appreciates your generosity.

Fidelity Bank & Trust Will Award Scholarships

Fidelity Bank & Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2026 Senior Scholarship Program.

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank & Trust or visit www.bank-fidelity.bank. Applications must be returned by March

31, 2026.

Under the program, thirty-four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four-year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be Fidelity Bank & Trust customers.

The scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic standing, extra-curricular activities, community in-

volvement, financial need and a short essay on why the individual should be considered for this scholarship.

Interested high school students should contact their high school guidance office or Fidelity Bank & Trust for further assistance in completing the scholarship application. Scholarship winners will be announced in early April.

House GOP property tax bill released with 2% revenue cap

By Robin Opsahl

Iowa Capital Dispatch

House Republicans released their property tax plan Wednesday, starting down the path toward finding a compromise with the governor and the GOP Senate majority on one of their top session priorities.

House Speaker Pat Grassley and Rep. Carter Nordman, who chairs the House Ways and Means committee, unveiled House Study Bill 596 Wednesday. It joins the list of property tax bills to be considered this year, alongside Gov. Kim Reynolds' proposal announced in her 2026 Condition of the State address and Senate Republicans' proposal released last week, Senate Study Bill 3001.

Nordman said House GOP lawmakers crafted their legislation with a focus on "real, tangible relief for all homeowners."

"While there may be three different proposals out there right now, I am confident that we'll be able to find common ground and accomplish property tax reform this year," Nordman said. "... This plan prioritizes the taxpayer over the taxing entities. It brings simplicity, it brings transparency, and most importantly, it brings relief."

There are some similarities between the House proposal and the governor's plan, such as a 2% revenue cap for local governments outside of new construction, with exemptions for school funding and the debt levy. Both bills also call for a focus on finding local government efficiencies and ways for local entities to cut spending.

There are also several differences. While the governor's bill includes a \$10 million pot of one-time money for localities to finance consolidation and shared service agreements, the House bill does not have a funding mechanism to

support this effort. Instead, it tasks the Iowa Councils of Government (COGs) to provide assistance with "coordination, planning and technical assistance for local government entities for the purpose of consolidating, sharing or regionalizing services."

Grassley said COGs have already worked extensively with local governments on economic development, and said these boards were identified as a good "conduit" for working with local governments across a larger region on consolidation efforts. He also said he believes there is not necessarily a need for the fiscal backing included in Reynolds' bill, as these changes will be driven by the revenue cap.

"Some communities have done really good with efficiency, so I'm not just blaming them in this conversation, but I'm saying with the ability to continue to collect more and more revenue, the incentive to find efficiencies, I don't think it is always taken as seriously as it should be," Grassley said.

"So I think that when revenue gap, it will just naturally lead to more efficiencies."

Both the governor's and Senate's proposals also include a measure specifically lowering property taxes for seniors.

Reynolds' bill proposes freezing property taxes for seniors age 65 and older in homes valued at \$350,000 or less, while the Senate bill goes further,

eliminating most property taxes for Iowans over age 60 who no longer pay a mortgage for their home.

The House bill takes a different approach, proposing a new \$25,000 exemption for all residential properties. This provision, which would mean all properties are not taxed for the first \$25,000 in assessed home value, will help Iowans at all stages in their life, Nordman said.

"It gives relief to seniors, it gives relief to the working families, it gives relief to young

couples who are buying a new home," Nordman said. "So rather than just looking at one section, we're given relief to everyone."

The House proposal also requires bonds payable through property taxes to receive a 60% vote of approval to pass, in addition to adding new requirements on information sent to property taxpayers explaining how the tax money is used.

This bill does not include any of the measures related to changing Iowa's "rollback" system of calculating property taxes which appeared in the Senate GOP proposal, as well as property tax plans introduced by legislative leaders in 2025.

Grassley said the House Republicans' goal was to introduce a "simplified" property tax plan in comparison to previous discussions, which is why the caucus settled on advocating a 2% revenue cap.

Grassley said as the conversation on property taxes progresses, he does not see any specific points in the House bill as "deal breakers" if they are not included in a final draft.

Negotiations are ongoing, he said. He added that he did not know how a consensus will be reached, but the fact that the House and Senate GOP's and governor's proposals are all out early in session shows that all three parties are serious about taking action on the issue this session.

"Ultimately, regardless of

what the process is, our goal is to find a situation where we can find certainty for the taxpayer," Grassley said.

"So however we get there, I'm not as concerned about. But we are already engaged in those conversations."

Read more from Robin Opsahl online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com

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Tri-County CSD 2nd Quarter 2025 Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

4th Grade:

Sofia Marie Berg.

5th Grade:

Nora Hall, Grant Sowers.

9th Grade:

Lillian McDonald.

10th Grade:

Lia Hastings, Karley Moore.

11th Grade:

Nazareth Davis, Drayvon Dennis, Alyssa Hadsell, Aubrey Zittergruen.

12th Grade:

Hailey Brackelsberg, Boston Roorda, Marley Van Patten.

6th Grade:

Natalie Terwilliger, Dax Tuttle.

7th Grade:

Braxton Krumm, Quinn Stanley.

8th Grade:

Keota Honor Roll

Adam Bos Rauch, Aubree Cranston, Eva Domenech, Griffin Hall, Memphis Hastings.

9th Grade:

Sloane McKain, Leah Triplett.

10th Grade:

Keira Cooper, Xavier Jandrisovits, Gracen MacCready, Layla Shilling, Sullivan Stanley.

11th Grade:

Emery Hall, Saige McKain, Sienna Molyneux.

12th Grade:

Tuesday Davis, Emma Lindley.

Keota Honor Roll

To make the Honor Roll, high school students must receive a GPA of at least 3.2. Junior high students must receive a GPA of at least 3.0. * Denotes 4.0 GPA

Quarter 2 2025 Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

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

Eighth Grade

Josephine Greiner, Skylar Greiner, Xander Myers

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Tenth Grade

Reese Conrad, Dakota Dodd, Garrett Greiner, Chase Hailey, Kennedy Jackson, Olivia Lyle, Emily Mahan, Emily Moeller, Luke Morris, Addison Purkeypile, *Gavin Sieren, *Jackson Vittetoe

Semester 1 Honor Roll

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• Group Improv (Brogan Spray, Zoey Atkinson, Zoe Heisdorffer).

This group has worked very hard to prepare for District competition, and I am very excited to see how well their hard work pays off on Saturday in Centerville," said Sigourney Speech Coach Alex Holt prior to the competition. "The Reader's The-

ater goes through their twenty minute script over three times a day for the past three weeks and has constantly worked to become their characters for those twenty minutes of performance. I think they have a great opportunity to make some noise this weekend. I am also very excited about how Group Improv team. These two boys

feed off of one another for their improv performances and have also been working tirelessly to make sure they are ready for any character or any scenario they may come across Saturday. I'm excited for what Centerville brings and can't wait to see their hard work pay off.

**Dexter, The Ice Fishing Machine**

By Rick Janssen

Jan 26, 2026

Once a year my grandkids will humor their old Papa and agree to go ice fishing with me. Of course it must be a nice day out, not too cold. A few weekends ago, the temps were fine and the wind was not gusting, so my grandson Dexter agreed to go with me.

Even though they only go once per year the two grandkids have a competition going on to decide who can catch the most fish. Granddaughter Zoey had the record at 17 from last year, so when I picked up Dexter at his house, he announced that he was going to catch 20 in order to have the record. Game on!

I take the kids to Maynes Grove to fish because it is a small body of water and we don't have too walk far. Also, the ponds are full of small bluegills. It is almost guaranteed that we will catch fish. That is the most important thing when fishing with kids. You want them to be successful, especially when there is a record on the line.

The ice at Maynes Grove was very smooth and slippery. I have cleats on my boots, and I told Dexter to sit down so I could put some cleats on his boots. He informed me that he did not want any cleats

because he wanted to slide around on the ice. HMMM sounds like me at his age. I agreed to his terms as long as I did not hear any crying when he fell.

I always let the kids decide where to start drilling. Once I had a hole drilled, I started up the depth finder and taught Dexter how to read the "marks" on the screen so that he could look for fish. I drilled the holes, and he searched each hole for fish. Soon he will be tall enough to run the ice drill.

He found fish in a few holes and selected the holes we should start fishing in. We pulled the ice sled over, sat down and pulled the top over us. My ice sled is very small and made for one person. I do fine by myself, but with two people it is tight. Dexter is now at the point when he gets bigger, both of us won't fit in the house. When my granddaughter comes with me, I am going to have to come up with a different plan.

I got our poles ready and was demonstrating how to lower the jig down into the water and watch the depth finder. I caught a fish instantly. To my surprise it was a crappie. I then gave the pole to Dexter and he went to town. He was catching fish so fast I did not even have time to get my pole ready. After he caught 10 fish it was time for a break.

My grandkids love to eat my homemade deer jerky and dehydrated apples. Nana makes the best hot chocolate (says Dexter) so we broke out the snacks. We also have a fun rule that says you can't have jerky until you catch a fish.

It was a successful day on the ice. A new record was made, and the ice sliding did not produce any injuries. When I dropped him at his house his sister announced she would catch 25 when she went out fishing. Game on!

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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

January Jokes

By Sheryl L. Carter

I actually don't have too many jokes to share, but if you happen to be on Face-Book, this lady is the one to read: Amanda Rae Hartley, Backyard Chickens, from South Carolina, (be aware there are a few choice words here and there) but this lady is just hilarious as she describes the woes of having chickens; the nice little hens, and the three roosters: Rooster Cogburn, Chad, and the ever popular, but all-around naughty boy, Ricky Bobby, who it looks like he has finally done his last bad deed. Oh, heavens, she writes so good, and needs to put this all in a book—it would sell like hot-cakes!!

What have I been up to this past week? Let me tell you—Amanda has her clucks; I have my purrs—and this was the week that Miss Cherry cat was to have her tutor. I could barely sleep Sunday night, getting up and down looking at the clock, as I had to be up by 6, and out of the house by 7:15, and people, I don't like getting up early. No kids or husband to worry about, so can sleep in a bit if I want.

But Monday morning I made it up dark and early, bundled Miss Cherry in her carrier, and we were off. I relinquished her to the friendly vet tech, all the while praying that everything would go well—she's just a baby of six months, is not skittish now, having settled into our little

family fine. But not so with Petey and Pippi, who HATE the ground she walks on, and don't miss an opportunity to tell her so. They have been the top kitties here for the last five and a half years, so what on earth was I thinking to bring in another cat??

Cherry had to stay overnight, so Tuesday morning, I head back over to Grinnell to get groceries before stopping at the vet clinic. I kid you not, I walked into Walmart, and my gut was in a twist—how would she do when we got home, etc, etc? I had a couple of homeopathic type pills in my purse, Mood Sync, which helps if you get a bit anxious—I rarely need these, but that day I did, got some drink, popped two, and in minutes I felt fine, finished my shopping, and drove to the clinic.

I walked up to the counter the pay the bill, whilst the tech brings a frightened screaming Cherry out in her carrier. I didn't know she was a soprano. We got her in the car, where she began to calm down hearing my voice, and were soon home.

Then came the unveiling. I had the cat crate all fixed with a clean folded towel, a small plastic box of kitty litter, and two little bowls of food and water. Opened the carrier and gently ushered her in. Now I should tell you that the sheet of instructions they send home with you are "no exercise, no running, jumping, etc, etc." They must

be kept quiet to allow the incision to heal, as horrors, you don't want the thing to bust open, and have to haul her back to the vet!!

The only thing wrong with this scenario is Cherry can't read. And even if she could, she wouldn't care, as my carefully laid and prayed for plan went out the window in less than five minutes. I sat beside her crate as she adjusted to everything, and it was going so good—she drank some water, used the litter box, all was going according to plan, when her foot accidentally caught the edge of the litter box where it fell over spilling the contents, so out she came, and I quickly cleaned it up, and stuck her back inside. This time with no towel. About then Pippi, who Cherry has had more than run in with, scared her, and over went the litter box along with the bowl of water, so when I let her out to clean it up, she was walking in wet litter on her paws tracking it all over the floor. Oh yes.

Well, I soon realized Cherry and the crate were not going to work, as she wanted to be free, and you could not keep her down. I put all her toys away so she wouldn't get crazy and run after them to play, but she was still jumping up on the couch, the chairs, on the old sewing machine that sets in front of the big window that they like to get up there and look out. Up on my bed. Oh people, I was so worried, and the Lord

was receiving a whole lot of requests.

Tuesday and Wednesday went by, and she was walking around waving her big black fluffy tail, "There's not one thing wrong with me! Watch this!" I read the protocol online of what to do when your cat gets spayed; how woozy they are after the anesthetic for a few days, to keep them confined for a week to ten days, etc. Shoot, she hadn't read that one either. I checked her incision; it was a little pink on one end.

Last Thursday was my day out with some friends for our monthly get-together, and I had to leave by 11, be home by five. I wasn't going to go, but things had calmed a bit. Oh, boy. I prayed on the way to our friend's house that the Lord would keep His hand on her wound. Please. Just before five, I barreled home and walked in to check on them, got her up on the washer to take a good look. The incision looked great! I took a photo and sent it to the vet. He texted back, "It's healing well!!" Whew!!

And it is. She sleeps all night, and takes good naps in the day, but is hopping up everywhere she wants. No bad run-ins with the big cats. Oh, me, this is making an old woman out of me.

I bet those of you animal keepers can probably tell many similar stories.

That's all for now. I need to rest.

THE SUN SPOT

MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Monday, January 26, 2025...It is still dark this early morning, wonder if the sun will shine today? We saw the sun yesterday and enjoyed a drive to Grinnell to visit Larry and Sonda Peterman. We had not been there for quite some time and had a nice visit along with cake for Sonda's birthday. Ant here we are, off to the final week of January!

In the past few years, I have seen several farm houses in the area disappear. On the way to Ottumwa last week, I saw that the home I knew as Ralph and Gladys Meyer, just north of the Hedrick Y, was gone. I remember going to their home and was amazed that Gladys had several south windows in the kitchen filled with blooming African Violets. It will be interesting to see what happens there next.

It is pretty quiet around here, but three appointments this week, although not fun, will fill up the days. I also hope to tackle taking down the Christmas decorations. It is my usual plan to take them down following the Twelfth Day of Christmas, but not this year.

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wanted to do, but we wanted to be involved in speech, and so (Coach Carrie) Burdick told us that it would be a good idea to try this and get out of our comfort zone and try some new things."

Their Short Film received a I.

Ambryn Hoylman, Ellie Patterson, Kaylynne Hoylman and Pantera Spies competed in Radio Broadcasting with "64.1 - FAITH," a Christian-themes radio broadcast discussing Christian musicians. They received a I.

"We just thought it was a really creative idea, and all of us go to youth group together, so it was cool to be able to put that in perspective and apply what we learned there," said Patterson.

"And we're all pretty fond of like, the music and everything. Like, we'll listen to music going there, and we'll listen to like Forrest Frank and Josiah Queen, and it just makes a big impact on us," said Hoylman.

The third English Valleys Radio Broadcast, 1950s newscast "80.08," featured Betsy Wells, Lydia Smith, McKenna Rugg, Olivia Debevec, and Zola Voss.

"It's something we're really comfortable with, and editing wise, it's really easy to do," said Wells. "I just thought it would bring a laugh."

Peyten Conrad and Miley Clubb sang together in Musical Theater with the song

lightful time! Since the kitchen was closed, we enjoyed a pot luck, and boy were we in luck! I experienced "Dilly Beans" for the first time and they were fabulous! I acquired a couple new recipes, and as always enjoyed the groups I was amongst.

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It's from a musical I really like and I thought Miley would be able to sing the male part," said Conrad.

"It was very difficult, and we thought it would be really good to have some difficulty. It also, as (the judge) said, is a very brutally honest song, and we're very brutally honest people," said Clubb.

Conrad stated she practiced the difficult song through Karaoke, while Clubb said "I personally had to listen to that song a lot. This weekend, I listed to that song only this weekend. Peyten must know, that's really hard for me, as someone who can't stand listening to one song all the time. Then I looked up the Karaoke with just the male part going on."

The Freshman Improv team, consisting of Davis Burdick, Drake Offerman and Sage Scheibe, received the only II rating of the day.

"I thought it went well. I feel like we could have practiced more earlier. We didn't do a good time of setting up times to really rehearse them, so it's kinda on the spot," said Scheibe.

Tri-County, who were also scheduled to compete on Jan. 24, postponed their performances due to the windchill, instead performing at their school on Jan. 27.

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down the property values of your neighbors. Councilman Heath McDonald noted that there were some houses in town with no one living in them that needed to be cleaned up and stated they needed to talk to the property owners and find out their plans for the properties. The council discussed putting the information on water bills, before instead deciding to send out a separate spring newsletter containing property standards and ordinances. Carr stated that, if they wanted a good looking community, people needed to police themselves and had to take pride in their town.

Jane Westendorf stated that, when sending letters out, attitude made a big difference. For example, the letter could have a positive attitude and say to keep things clean because Fun Days were coming. Conrad agreed and suggested putting an event calendar on the newsletter.

The council discussed a complicated utility billing situation caused by one local renter's divorce. The resident remained in the home he shared with his wife after they divorced, but the water account is currently still in his ex-wife's name. This account became past due, but the former city clerk agreed to a deal where the renter would pay \$150 per month, to keep his water from being shut off. This is not enough to pay off the renter's deficit and the owed balance has continued going up month after month, due to penalties on the account. Currently, the renter owes \$760.53.

In a letter sent to the city by the property's owner, who is the renter's father, the owner stated that the renter had been advised by his lawyer not to pay the outstanding balance, due to the account being under his ex-wife's name. The letter stated that, if the account were transferred to the renter's name, he would be unable to pay the \$200 deposit required for new accounts. The letter asked if the account could be transferred to the renter's name, with the penalties waved if he agrees in writing to keep the account going forward.

Conrad stated that, because the deposit was in the

ex-wife's name, the renter would need to open a new account. He said the outstanding balance would stay with the ex-wife and that they needed to notify her. Bruns stated that the renter had been paying on the account for a long time. She stated that they could waive the late fees, bringing the outstanding balance down drastically, then put the account under the renter's name. Conrad stated that it was his understanding that a large chunk of the outstanding balance was from the couple was married. Bruns stated that the renter had been current since he made an agreement with the city.

Chad Greiner asked if they could prove the man had been a resident in the house during the time that was billed and Bruns stated they could.

Carr asked how long the account had been getting late fees. Bruns stated that, when she started in July, the balance was \$1,300 behind.

Public Works Director Micah Harmsen stated that, at that time, the wife had moved out and the renter had asked for the account to be changed to his name. However, they were unable to do this until the renter gave them a decree saying they were actually divorced.

Since then, the renter has been paying the account that is under his wife's name.

Carr asked if they could get the renter to agree to

wave all late fees and penalties, in return for prorating the bill over the course of a year.

Bruns stated that they currently had an agreement with him where he pays \$150 a month, but that this didn't even cover what the renter was using, resulting in him never getting caught up. Carr asked why they had an agreement for the renter to have a budget bill, while everyone else pays what they owe.

Councilman Matt Greiner stated it was set up by the previous clerk.

Bruns stated that, when she was hired as clerk, there were multiple residents with outstanding bills in the hundreds or thousands of dollars range.

She stated that they had allowed these people to not have their water shut off if they agreed to a payment agreement, and that, if they missed one payment, the city

would shut off their water until they paid to have their water reconnected. She stated that the renter was paying, but Carr countered that he was never gaining. Carr stated that they unfortunately couldn't null and void the contract, unless the renter made a mistake.

Bruns stated that the renter was now "making a fit," saying he shouldn't have to pay his ex-wife's bill. Chad Greiner said it wasn't the ex-wife's bill, it was their bill. Conrad stated that the man had been there the whole time and the bill was his portion.

Harmsen stated that they had shut the man's water off at least once since Bruns started.

Carr stated that they had been lenient for long enough and needed to look into the renter's contract.

Bruns stated that he was the last resident with a bill that high.

Conrad asked if they could assess the outstanding bill on the house's property taxes. Matt Greiner stated they couldn't, because the property is owned by the man's father. He suggested having the ex-wife's \$200 deposit, which the city still has, be put against the bill. Conrad stated that the man had been there the whole time and the bill was his portion.

Bruns stated that they didn't have to put it under the property owner's name, because the renter still lives there, noting that they don't have landlord own the account for apartments with separate water meters.

Matt Greiner asked who gets assessed if apartment renters get behind. Harmsen said that's the problem.

Conrad looked a legal question up and stated that, after a divorce, responsibility for bills is usually clearly

stated in the divorce agreement, with the occupant usually paying. He stated that the renter was "SOL."

Matt Greiner stated they could agree to get rid of the amount owed.

Carr stated that they shouldn't, because the man was already going over the \$150 worth of water he was being billed.

Matt Greiner stated that the problem was,

the way it was set up now, the city couldn't get out of

the deal and things were going to continue to get worse.

Carr stated not if they shut off the renter's water. Matt Greiner stated they couldn't, if the renter was paying his bill.

McDonald suggested giving the man a deadline to get current, shutting off his water if he doesn't meet the deadline, and letting the renter sort things out with his ex-wife.

Harmsen stated that's what they did when the renter's water was shut off,

with them giving a week for him to pay \$150.

Harmsen stated that the account wasn't even in the man's name and that they

needed to figure out a way to get it back under his name.

Matt Greiner stated that the bill was going to keep getting bigger.

Bruns stated that 10% of the outstanding balance is added onto the bill each month.

Matt Greiner stated they were "in a bad deal right now."

McDonald stated that they used to have fifteen properties with deals like this and Bruns stated that the renter was the last one left.

She stated that, going forward, all new accounts would have both members sign to the account and be responsible.

Carr stated that they had more questions than answers and would need to revisit this in the future.

The council tabled the issue.

Sigourney basketball both earn back-to-back wins

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY -- Warming up is usually a good idea this time of the year.

A late January warm up not only makes the outside chills seem to disappear, but it also helps a team prepare for the journey that will await them on the tournament path. For the Sigourney girls basketball team they were able to warm up with a pair of wins last week.

Playing in back-to-back home games the Sigourney girls started their week off with a 65-37 win over Colfax-Mingo. Right away it was clear that Sigourney was in control of this game.

The Savages were able to start with a 22-4 run in the first quarter. That lead sustained the Savages through the rest of the game. By half-time the lead had ballooned to 38-16. The Savages would add another 28 points in the second half. They limited Colfax-Mingo to 21 points.

Bailey Gretter led the Savages with 15 points. Addy Fineran and Charli Smothers both would score 11 points each in the victory.

Brynn Claranhan scored nine points in the win. She added 10 rebounds. Becca Gretter finished with eight points and six rebounds. Kinsley Clubb and Adalynne Tremmel both finished with three points each.

On Thursday night the Savages were able to win a 56-53 thriller over WACO.

In the Thursday game, the Savages once again were able to use a strong first half to set

the seeds to an eventual win. After the first quarter the Savages led 18-10. By half-time the lead had grown 29-17 over the Warriors.

Things would close up in the second second half as WACO used a 19-point third quarter to close in on the Sigourney lead.

Both teams battled throughout the fourth quarter. Although they were challenged, Sigourney made just enough of their shots to gain the narrow win, and improve to 10-4 overall on the season.

Brynn Claranhan finished the game with 23 total points. She added 10 rebounds and six steals with five assists. Becca Gretter finished with 10 points. Bailey Gretter added eight points and Addy Fineran added another five points. Charli Smothers added another five points.

Adalynne Tremmel finished with three points and Devyn Smallwood added two points.

Sigourney boys earn two lopsided wins

Like the girls, the Sigourney boys were able to gain two wins last week. It started with an 82-35 victory over Colfax-Mingo on Tuesday night.

The game started off a little too close for comfort as Sigourney led 15-10 after the first quarter. Over the next two quarters the Savages were able to take complete control of the contest as they outscored Colfax-Mingo 53-18 in the second and third quarters.

John Berg led Sigourney in scoring with 22 total points.

He added eight rebounds. Brayden Wood had 17 points and three rebounds.

Ike Molyneux added 12 points. Jordan Tremmel finished with eight points in the win.

In their Thursday night game against WACO the Savages were able to win 53-42 over the Warriors.

This time the first quarter would set the tone for the rest of the game. Sigourney outscored WACO 21-16 in the first frame. They were able to lead 32-24 at halftime. The Savages were able to score 21 points in the second half, while holding WACO to just 18 points.

Berg was able to lead his team in scoring once again. He had a double-double with 14 points, 11 rebounds. Ike Molyneux and Solon Yates both had 10 points each. Wood finished with nine points. Landon Conrad finished with four points. Landon Fisch and Hunter Sellers both had three points each in the win.

With the two wins the Savages move to 10-3 overall on the season.

Both the boys and girls team have a busy week as the Sigourney boys will host Highland and Lynnville-Sully on Monday and Tuesday. The Savages travel to play Belle Plaine on Thursday, before hosting Keota on Friday.

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S-K boys wrestling wins Redhawk Invite

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

TRAER - On Saturday there was no better team.

At least not at the Redhawk Invite. The Sigourney-Keota boys wrestling team was able to win the Saturday tournament with a total of 120.5 points. Hudson finished second with 108 total points.

Ryker Van den Huevel was able to continue his successful season as he won the 138-pound bracket. In the first round Van den Huevel was able to pin his opponent in 1:08 to move on. In the quarterfinals he won by tech fall 20-2. The semifinals were quick for Van den Huevel as he needed just 1:20 to pin his opponent.

In the championship match Van den Huevel was

able to win over a BGM opponent with an 11-5 decision.

Dillon Menke was able to win the 165-pound bracket. He won his first match with a pin in 1:33. In the semifinals he needed just 50 seconds to earn in the pin.

It was a short day for Menke as he won the first place match with a pin in 2:39.

Luke Flynn was able to finish third in the 150-pound bracket. In the round robin style bracket Flynn was able to go 3-2. His three wins were all by first period pins.

Owen Menke was able to finish third in the heavyweight bracket. Owen Menke won his first match by pin in 1:59. In the semifinals Owen came up short in a 10-4 decision.

Owen would win the consolation semifinal with a pin in the closing seconds of the second period. In the third place match Menke was able to win 12-1 over a Beckman Catholic opponent.

Nash Baker was able to place fourth in the 190-pound bracket. He was pinned in his first match, but would win his next two matches. In the third place match Baker was pinned in the first period.

Brayden Sines was fourth in the 215-pound bracket. Overall Sines went 1-3 in his four matches.

Jacob Libe was able to place fifth. After being pinned in his opening match, Libe would win his next three matches, two by pins and one by an injury forfeit.

Sigourney-Keota wrestlers takes third at Colfax

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

COLFAX - Once again they went up against the best of the best and proved that they belonged.

The Sigourney-Keota girls wrestling team wrestled at the Colfax Girls wrestling tournament this weekend and they were able to take third overall with 143 total points. Pella won the meet with 193 and Iowa Valley was second with 178.

Karley Greiner was able to win her 155-pound bracket. In the first round Greiner needed just 1:13 to pin her opponent. She won the quarterfinals with a 3-2 win over a Pella opponent. In the semifinals Greiner won based off a 5-0 decision.

In the championship Greiner bested a Saydel opponent 5-2.

Kia Montgomery was third overall in the 125-pound bracket. Montgomery was able to win her first two matches with first period pins.

After she was defeated 11-6 in the semifinals, Montgomery won the consolation semifinal match and then pinned her third place opponent in just 39 seconds.

Izzy Heisdorffer was third in the 140-pound bracket. Heisdorffer was pinned in

her first match, but that was the last defeat she would face.

Heisdorffer would win her next three consolation matches all by pins. In the third place match Heisdorffer was able to pin a Pella opponent early in the second period.

Aubrey Utterback placed fourth in the 110-pound bracket. She won her first match with a pin, but was pinned in the semifinals.

In the 115-pound bracket Bristol Ward placed fourth overall. After being pinned in her first match, Ward would win her second and third round consolation matches.

In the third place match Ward was pinned in the first period.

Neveah Beinhart was fifth in the 130-pound bracket. Beinhart won her first two matches by a pin. She then was pinned in the semifinals.

In the 135-pound bracket she was pinned in the first period, but won the fifth place match with a pin of her own in the first period.

Sadie Claranhan fin-

ished sixth overall in the 120-pound bracket. Claranhan won her first match with a first period pin.

She was pinned in the quarterfinals, and would go on to win her next two consolation matches. After being pinned in the consolation semifinals, she

was pinned in the first period of the fifth place match as well.

Abyl McCulley finished sixth in the 135-pound bracket. After being pinned in her opening round match McCulley would win her next three consolation matches. In the consolation semifinals McCulley was pinned in the second period.

In the 115-pound bracket Bristol Ward placed fourth overall. After being pinned in her first match, Ward would win her second and third round consolation matches.

She then pinned a Raccoon River Northwest opponent in the consolation semifinals.

In the third place match Ward was pinned in the first period.

After being pinned in the consolation semifinals, Woodsman was able to pin a Clarke wrestler in the fifth place match.

The Cobras have a busy week as they wrestled at the SICL conference meet on Monday before heading to Wapello on Friday for their state qualifying meet.

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Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Anna Hadley



A slow start to the week just seemed to only wake her up.

In last Monday's 46-35 setback to Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont, Pekin senior, Anna Hadley only scored eight points. For the rest of the week, eight points seemed to fly to the senior before the first quarter would even end.

On Tuesday night Hadley led the Panthers with 28 total points. If that wasn't enough she was able to add 15 rebounds and one block.

After the Tuesday night performance, Hadley proved she wasn't done yet. In Thursday night's game against Lone Tree Hadley would add another 20 points. She had nine rebounds and three steals, although the Panthers were unable to best Lone Tree.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Hadley on her outstanding week of play, and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



John Berg

As he has done throughout his career, last week he just couldn't not score points.

Sigourney senior John Berg was able to add a lot of offense to the team last week. It started in a Tuesday night game against Colfax-Mingo when Berg was able to score 22 points. He added eight rebounds and three steals in the win over the Tigerhawks.

Berg wasn't done yet. When the Savages returned to the floor during their Thursday

night game against WACO, once again the senior was at the top of the scoring charts.

In the Jan. 22 game Berg was able to score another 14 points. He added 11 rebounds for the double-double. He also had one assist.

With a total of 36 points scored for his team, John Berg has been named this week's Athlete of the Week. The News-Review would like to congratulate Berg for his outstanding week of play.



Alijah Brock from Pekin prepares to take a layup during a Jan. 20 game played in Packwood. Pekin won the game 72-41 and stand at 13-3 overall on the season.



Pekin's Anna Hadley (middle) prepares to go for a shot against the heavy defense of Louisa-Muscatine's Kiki Enriquez (right) and Taylor Morrison (left) during a Jan. 20 game.

Pekin basketball continues to pick up wins

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

PACKWOOD - Everyone is trying to gain something a little extra this time of year.

For the Pekin basketball teams they were able to pick up some extra confidence with some of their victories they picked up the last week.

There may not have been a more attention grabbing win than the one the Pekin girls picked up last Tuesday against Louisa-Muscatine.

Earlier in the season Louisa-Muscatine had been able to best the Pekin girls. This was their time to show just how much the team had been able

to grow up since that first meeting.

Eventually the Panthers were able to pick up a 54-49 victory. In order to do that they had to get a come-from-behind victory in the second half.

"The girls played really, really well in the second half," said Pekin head coach Neil Hartz. "We had some girls playing in spots they aren't usually used to playing in. All of our girls did an awesome, awesome job today just focusing on what they needed to do to get the win. Really, defense won that game for us."

Headed into the final eight minutes the Panthers trailed 43-34, but soon that deficit was closed up. To start the quarter the Louisa-Muscatine head coach was charged with a technical foul. The Panthers used the momentum from that to close within three of the Falcons lead.

Pekin remained aggressive on defense and seemed to shake the Falcon players away from what they are used to playing on offense. Halfway through the quarter the Panthers were within one point, but the Louisa-Muscatine lead was about to fully crumble.

After the Panthers tied the game at 46, a steal by the Panthers gave them the ball right back.

They rushed down the court, but Louisa-Muscatine fouled Mya Glick, which sent her to the free throw line.

At the line Glick was able to knock down both of her free throws, and that gave the Panthers the lead. With their first lead since the first quarter the Panthers were look-

ing for more.

That's when Anna Hadley seemed to take complete control. On the defensive side of the floor Hadley fought through the arms of players and grabbed the free rolling ball. She would then pass to teammates, or just take the ball for her own shot.

Louisa-Muscatine, at first, freely fouled Hadley, not fearing her ability to shoot the free throws. As she started to make more and more free throws, Hadley became more of a threat. In the final quarter Hadley scored nearly 10 points from the free throw line as the Panther lead started to grow.

Louisa-Muscatine didn't go away. They were able to pull within three points in the final 15 seconds, but the Pekin defense kept the three pointer from falling.

After a few more free throws the Panthers were able to grab a six point win, and show off just how much they had improved from the beginning of the season.

"This is big for us," Hartz said. "We knew that we didn't play well in the first game against them, and I think the girls had really focused on making sure we got the win the second time around. Tonight we made sure of that."

The other games for the rest of the week weren't what

Pekin had in mind. They started on Monday night with a 46-35 setback against EBF. In that game the Panthers trailed by two after the first half, but a two point fourth quarter sealed the win for the Rockets.

On Thursday night the Panthers were back in action again. They hosted Lone Tree, but fell 53-43.

Lone Tree led 34-21 at half-time and despite a fourth quarter run by the Panthers, they were unable to grab the lead.

Overall the Panthers stand at 9-7 this year.

Pekin boys continue winning streak

Consistency helped the Pekin boys pick up three wins last week.

Last Monday the Panthers were able to down EBF 60-41. The difference in that game came in the second quarter when the Panthers were able to hold EBF to just five points. Meanwhile the Pan-

thers scored 16 points to help secure the lead. The Panthers added 25 points in the second half to secure the win.

The next night the Panthers were able to gain a 72-41 victory over Louisa-Muscatine.

From the beginning the Panthers were able to grab the lead as they doubled the amount of points the Falcons scored in the first quarter. By halftime the Panthers led by 21. That lead grew to nearly a 30-point lead at the end of the third quarter. The Panthers would score nearly another 20 points in the final frame.

In their Thursday night game against Lone Tree the Panthers were able to win 77-45. Pekin started off that game in style as they scored 31 points in the first quarter, which ultimately set them up for the win.

With the win the Panthers stand at 13-3 overall on the season.

Photo by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Ezra Parsons (right) lines up a shot against the defense of a Louisa-Muscatine player during their Jan. 20 game played in Pekin. The Panthers won 54-49.

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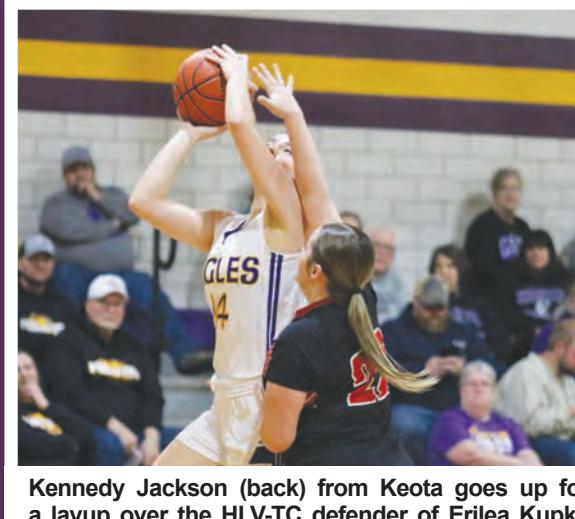
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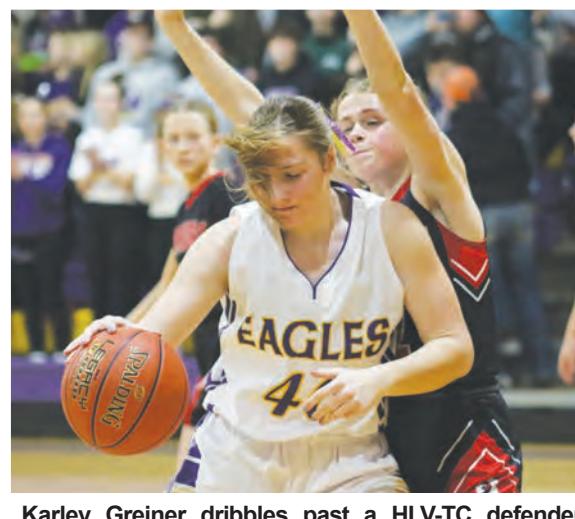
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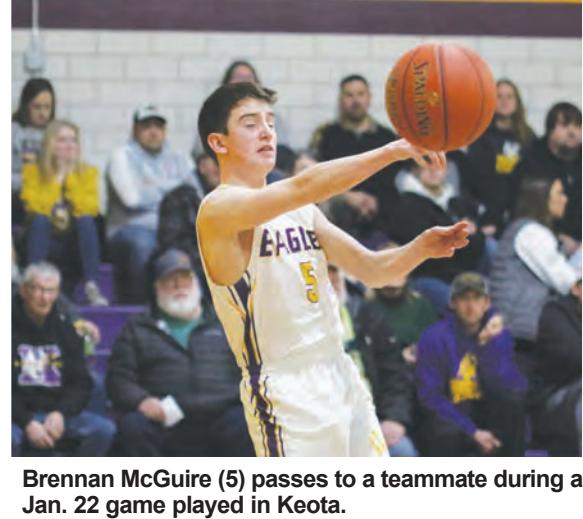
Keota's Jessalyn Aller (10) attempts to get a pass over the head of HLV-TC's Brenna Hawkins (left) during the game played in Keota.



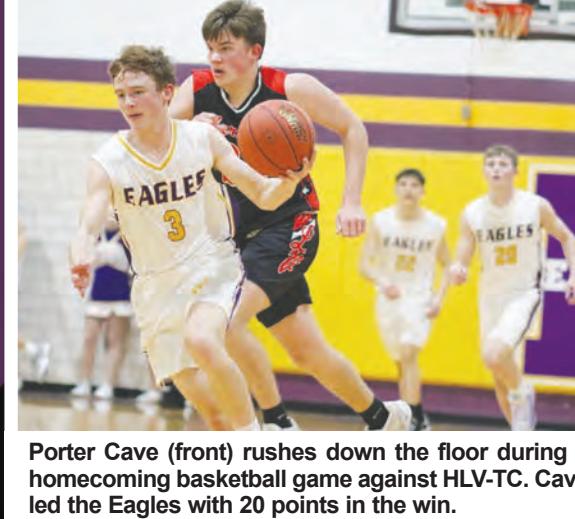
Kennedy Jackson (back) from Keota goes up for a layup over the HLV-TC defender of Eriea Kupka (front) during the Jan. 22 homecoming game.



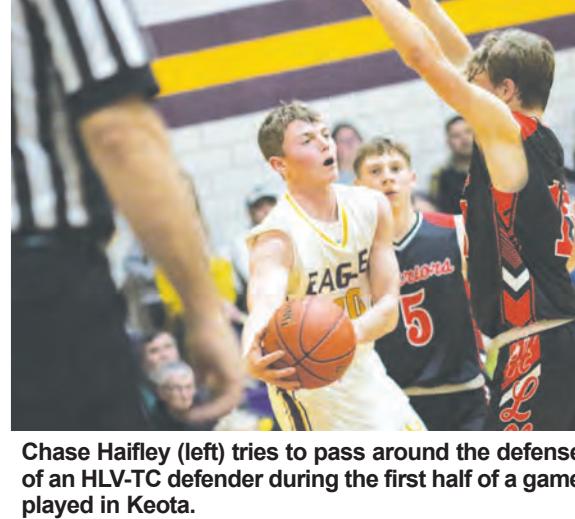
Karley Greiner dribbles past a HLV-TC defender during a Jan. 22 game.



Brennan McGuire (5) passes to a teammate during a Jan. 22 game played in Keota.



Porter Cave (front) rushes down the floor during a homecoming basketball game against HLV-TC. Cave led the Eagles with 20 points in the win.



Chase Hailey (left) tries to pass around the defense of an HLV-TC defender during the first half of a game played in Keota.

Eagles fly high on homecoming night with pair of wins

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

KEOTA - A little added fuel seemed to make all of the difference on Thursday night.

Both the Keota boys and girls basketball teams were able to walk away with a homecoming wins which added a little bit of warmth to the impending chilly temps outside.

In the girls game the Eagles were able to sustain their lead throughout the game, eventually earning a 47-32 victory over the Warriors.

The boys game was in complete control of the Eagles as they led early and eventually earned a 62-33 victory.

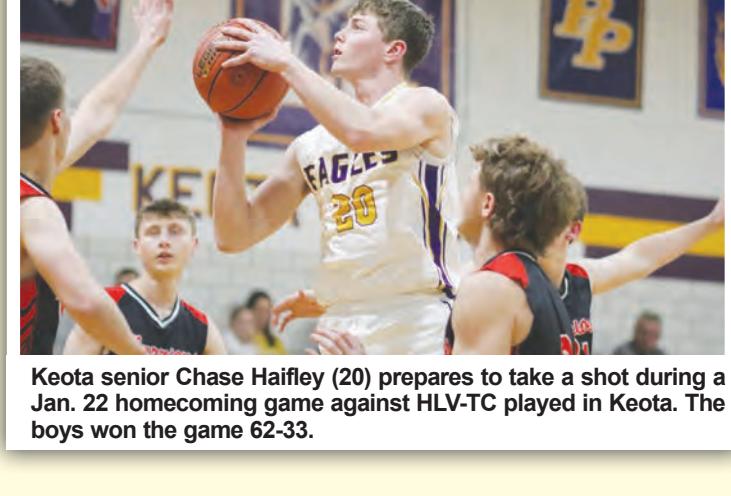
"It is a unique thing for us (to play homecoming during the basketball season) and it is always nice to continue to get wins, it is especially better when both the boys and girls get a win on homecoming," said Dan Stout, the boys head basketball coach for Keota. "On the boys side the seniors have never lost a homecoming game in their four years. We look forward to playing homecoming all year. The kids play harder and play better when the crowd is as loud as they were. I think the kids really get into playing homecoming during the basketball season."

There was plenty to cheer on for both teams in both games.

Starting in the girls game, Keota, at first, looked like they were going to run away with the ball game. The Eagles scored the first six points of the game and would eventually stride out to an early 11-6 lead over HLV-TC. Both offenses seemed



Cameron Hailey (right) starts to dribble past the defense of HLV-TC defender Aubrey Zittergruen (left) during the first quarter of the homecoming basketball game played Thursday night.



Keota senior Chase Hailey (20) prepares to take a shot during a Jan. 22 homecoming game against HLV-TC played in Keota. The boys won the game 62-33.

to find a little bit extra in the second quarter as a total of 26 points were scored.

By halftime the Eagles led 25-18, but their lead was threatened in the third quarter.

Although the Eagles started off on another 6-0 run to seemingly put the game out of reach, the early scores to start the second half would prove to be the only offense that Keota would muster in the third quarter.

After the Eagles made two-straight three pointers in the third quarter their lead shots seemed to disappear. Shots that had easily fell through the net in the first half rolled off the rim. Worse yet, HLV-TC was focusing more and more on their rebounding. Suddenly, the Warriors were making a comeback, and there was little the Eagles could do to stop them.

"We definitely got a little too stagnant on offense at times tonight," said Jeff Sprouse, the head coach for the Keota girls basketball team. "Overall defensively, we were able to hold HLV-TC off the board at

times, which is what we wanted, and ultimately what we needed to do to get the win."

The lead dipped down to eight points for the Eagles.

Soon, the offense would return though. In the final quarter the Eagles were able to get their shots again. Despite turning it over a few more times than they would have liked, the Eagles were able to build their lead.

"We just have to make sure that we take care of the ball and make the right passes at the right time," Sprouse said. "There were times that we were a little disjointed, but we were able to do just enough to make sure things didn't get too far out of hand."

Near the end of the game the Eagles were able to embark on one last 7-0 run which helped them grow their lead. That would prove to be the final push that the Eagles would need to grab the homecoming victory.

"Our biggest thing is we know we have a lot of girls that can shoot, we just need to make sure we are taking some of the right

shots at the right time," Sprouse said. "One thing we need to probably realize is we can take the same shots, just a lot later in the shot clock. If we can add some more flow and move inside and outside then we will be a lot better as we focus on the rest of the season."

Sophomore Cameron Hailey would lead the Eagles in scoring with 18 points on Friday night. She added seven rebounds. Emily Conger added another 12 points, half of those points coming from three pointers. Jessalyn Aller had five points. Kennedy Jackson added four points. Karley Greiner added three points and Elyse Lyle had two points.

The win moves the Keota girls to 12-4 this year.

"Anytime you win a homecoming game by 15 points, you don't worry too much about how you get the win, because it wasn't too many years ago that we weren't able to consistently get a homecoming victory," Sprouse said. "We just need to continue to go out there and

take care of business like we know we can."

One team that didn't have any problems taking care of business, after a bit of a shaky start was the boys team.

In the first quarter it wasn't always looking like it was going to be a walk-away win for the Eagles.

Their defense was working as it should. Several steals in the first few minutes of the game helped the Eagles get down the floor, but their layups wouldn't fall. An early 5-0 run by Keota helped them get the lead, but HLV-TC

would make a charge at the end of the first quarter.

After the first quarter the Eagles led 9-8, but the Warriors would fight back and tie the game at 11 early in the second quarter.

If the trajectory of the game continued on the same path then it was going to bring a bad end to the Keota homecoming winning streak. Then, a steal and a layup by Porter Cave seemed to open up the floodgates, which eventually would drown out the Warriors.

In the second quar-

ter the Eagles scored 28 points, holding HLV-TC to just nine points. That gave the Eagles a 20-point lead at halftime and put the Eagles on a more than comfortable path for the second half.

"In the second quarter we were really able to ramp up the pressure with our full-court press," Stout said. "We don't play it a lot because we don't want our guys to get into foul trouble, but we've been working on it and working on it, and felt comfortable putting it out on the court tonight. We scored 28 points in the second quarter and that was huge for our offense."

The Eagles were able to continue to pour on the points in the second half as they limited HLV-TC to just 16 points in the final 16 minutes. Meanwhile the Eagles scored 11 points in the third quarter and another 14 points in the final frame to keep the homecoming winning streak alive.

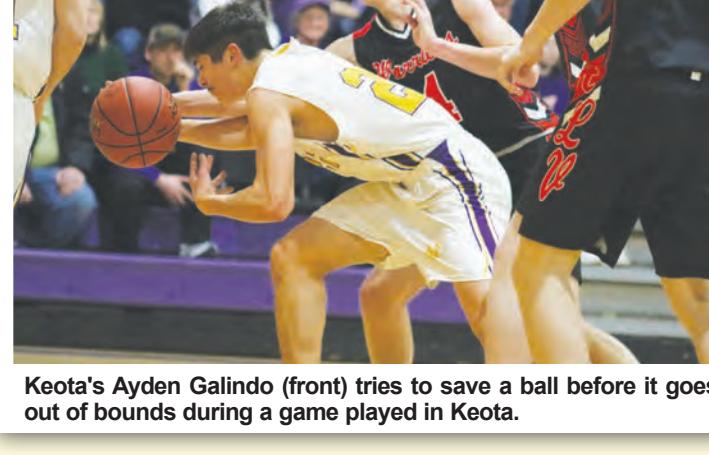
"We were passing the ball well tonight and we got everyone involved," Stout said. "When you do that then the rest of the game just seems to come easily."

Porter Cave led the scoring with 20 points on Friday night. He added five steals and four assists.

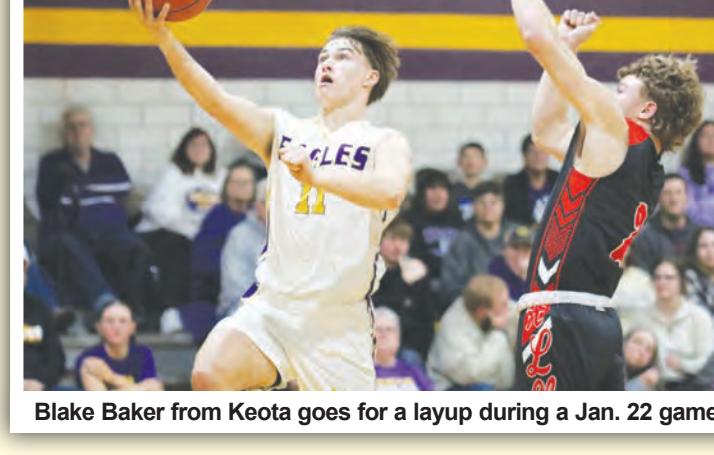
Chase Hailey added another 15 points with five rebounds. Ayden Galindo added seven points with 10 rebounds. Blake Baker came off the bench for 11 points. Brennan McGuire added three points. Jackson Vittetoe finished with two points.

The win improves the Keota boys to 11-4 on the season.

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Keota's Ayden Galindo (front) tries to save a ball before it goes out of bounds during a game played in Keota.



Blake Baker from Keota goes for a layup during a Jan. 22 game.

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Jan. 21st

Counter Defendant Samantha M. Hendrickson; Counter Plaintiff Slater Paul Williams; Petitioner Slater Paul Williams; Respondent Samantha M. Hendrickson; Order Setting Trial.

Criminal

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Information

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Jan. 22nd

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Domestic Abuse

Jan. 21st

Defendant Paul Anthony Davis; Plaintiff Lorna Davis; Motion for Continuance.

Schedule Traffic

Jan. 16th

Defendant Paul Joseph Gent; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

Defendant Terry L. Starkey; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Jan. 18th

Defendant Jennifer Lynn Di-

eter; Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Defendant James A. Sines; No Deer License or Tag.

Defendant Ryan Robert Warren Porter; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1-5 Over), Registration Violation.

Jan. 19th

Defendant Harry James Reed; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11-15 Over).

Jan. 20th

Defendant Ethan Cole Laughery; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Jan. 21st

Defendant Edward Brian Tumlin; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Faith Renee Reyes; Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jan. 12th

Court Officer Deed: Hazel L. Greiner Estate, Paul Dean Greiner Co Executor, Paul D. Greiner Co Executor, Rebecca Sue Callahan Co Executor to Paul Dean Greiner; PT NW NE 22-74-10, EXCEPT LAND DEED RECORD B59 P516.

Deed Quit Claim: Judith A. Winn, Judy Winn to Dana C. Miller Co Trustee, Jill A. Winn Co Trustee, Jill Amber Winn Co Trustee, Amber Winn 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 Lot: 02 SW SE 23-74-11, PLAT B2 P105,

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Jan. 13th

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Jan. 15th

Trustee Warranty Deed: Donna Jean Strand Trustee, H. Dean Appleget Revocable Trust, M. Jean Appleget Revocable Trust, H. Dean Appleget and M. Jean Appleget

Revocable Trust to Donna J. Strand; PT SE SE 22-75-12, NW SE 22-75-12, SW SE 22-75-12, Lot: 01 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 02 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 03 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 04 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 05 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 06 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 07 SE NE 22-75-12, Lot: 08 SE NE 22-75-12, EXCEPT PLAT 2025-2201, NE SW 23-75-12, SE SW 23-75-12, SE SW 23-75-12, PT SW NE 22-75-12.

Jan. 16th

Trustee Warranty Deed: Marilyn J. Horras Living Trust, Marilyn J. Horras Trustee to Marilyn J. Horras; UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN, NE NE 33-75-11, SE NE 33-75-11, NW NW 34-75-11, PT SE NW 34-75-11, NE SW 34-75-11.

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Deed Quit Claim: Gloria Jean Bestland, Gloria Kriegel to Gloria Jean Bestland, Allen Bestland; SOUTH ENGLISH

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Jan. 13th

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Jan. 15th

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • 2025 Payroll

CITY OF WHAT CHEER PAYROLL 2025	
EMPLOYEES	\$4093.25
MELANIE VERMILLION	\$48993.58
GARY J. VAN PATTEN	\$54575.02
JUSTIN VAN PATTEN	\$15033.75
DON NORTHUP	\$9600.00
IDA DAY	\$11379.31
KETH MOLYMEUX	\$7483.75
CHERYL McDONALD	\$1567.50
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Receipts & Disbursements

CITY OF WHAT CHEER RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS	
GENERAL FUND, \$8428.33	\$6550.36
ROAD FUND, \$6780.91	\$7169.50
DEBT SERVICE, \$0.00	\$6175.00
TRUST & AG, \$1736.07	\$2324.60
GARBAGE FUND, \$5493.84	\$6548.38
WATER FUND, \$7083.39	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • January 2026 Library Claims

JANUARY 2026 LIBRARY CLAIMS	
Access Systems (Services)	\$527.54
Access Systems Leasing (Firewall)	\$151.89
All American (Services)	\$35.00
Alliant Energy(Services)	\$831.89
Amazon Business (Collection)	\$1,324.61
Amazon Business (Supplies)	\$984.59
Baker and Taylor (Video Collection)	\$6.99
Bankard (Collection (movies/music/books)	\$10.30
Bankard (Fees)	\$122.93
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City of Sigourney • January 2026 Library Claims

Bancard (Postage)	\$22.46
Bancard (Restricted Gifts-Freezer Meals)	\$869.92
Bancard (Miscellaneous)	\$282.23
Brother's Market (Supplies)	\$102.61
Greenley's Corp. (Supplies)	\$74.30
ICN Comm. Network (Services)	\$6.51
MCG (Internet/Phone)	\$93.08
Sha-Ran Enterprises (Services) ...	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$5,476.85
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Jeannie C. Hackert ESPR038658

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOUK 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.	
Dated January 16, 2026.	
Buffie Gier, Executor of Estate	
17277 185th 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	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition • Case No. CDCV006184

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOUK COUNTY	
Upon the Petition of	
Shayna Kate Fullilove, Petitioner and concerning	
Justin Jermaine Fullilove, Respondent	
Case no. CDCV006184	
Original Notice by Publication	
If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator (information at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada). Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942).	
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1. Information for Respondent	
• Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.	
• Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case:	
Shayna Kate Fullilove	
300 North St. Ollie, IA 52576	
Keokuk County	
(641) 541-0692	
Skerue@gmail.com	
2. Respondent's deadline for filing a response	
You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within 20 days after February 4, 2026.	
3. Instructions to Respondent	
You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the	

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above county within 20 days after the date provided above. If you do not respond, the court may enter a judgment against you giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.	
Notice to Respondent	
• You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.	
• If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for self-represented litigant information and free guided interactive interview court forms or free fillable .pdf court forms under Divorce.	
• You must register through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/ada and obtain a log in and password to electronically file and view court documents in your case and to receive service and notices from the court.	
• For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules.	
• For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules.	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • 2025 Wages

2025 WAGES	
EMPLOYEE	TOTAL
DARRELL WILKENING	\$2430.00
DONALD L. NORTHUP	\$2,506.22
RANDY L. HEMSLEY	\$79,186.95
BRENT F. GILLILAND	\$86,791.28
LOGAN M. NORTHUP	\$1,309.50
JONATHON UTTERBACK	\$50,051.09
TERESA L. GRAHAM	\$12,327.80
ASHLEY L. FRY	\$55,133.77
KADIE CONRAD	\$47,514.57
JESSICA WEBER	\$15,161.56
HOLLY ELLIS	\$6,000.00
LARA DAVIS	\$2,500.00
ALAN L. SELLERS	\$2,500.00
BROOKE A. GARRINGER	\$6,489.47
JENNIFER BELL	\$703.14
HALLE I. GARRINGER	\$3,952.95
COURTNEY HEMSLEY	\$2,650.50
TY GOLDMAN	\$3,424.39
BRADEN HEMSLEY	\$2,469.50
SADIE CLARAHAN	\$2,380.25
DEYYN SMALLWOOD	\$2,047.75
ELLA BRUNS	\$1,553.75
ABYL MCCULLY	\$1,724.75
SANDRA JONES	\$1,021.47
AMANDA L. KELLY	\$4,175.04
SHARON C. STOUT	\$5,548.55
CATHY J. YOCK	\$20,488.90
EILEEN E. MCBEATH	\$3,297.63
BRANDY STANGL	\$3,800.09
CONNIE M. SLECHTA	\$7,750.78
EDWARD M. CONRAD	\$1,000.00
GARY D. IOSBAKER	\$1,000.00
RANDY SCHULTZ	\$1,040.00
STEPHANI LENTZ	\$1,000.00
ADAM J. CLARK	\$1,000.00
JIMMY L. MORLAN	\$4,500.08
TOTAL	\$647,208.25

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • ORDINANCE # 01-2026

ORDINANCE # 01-2026 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of What Cheer, Iowa

Section 1. Pursuant to published notice, a public hearing has been duly held and the City Council of What Cheer, Iowa hereby adopts the What Cheer Code of Ordinances of 2026 as the 2026 Municipal Code.

Section 2. An official copy of the Municipal Code, as adopted including a certification by the City Clerk as to its adoption and effective date, is on file at the office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. Copies of the code shall be kept available at the City Clerk's office for public inspection and sale at cost.

Section 4. All general ordinances or parts thereof passed prior to January 13th 2026, not contained in the What Cheer Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed except as hereafter provided, or special ordinances not named.

Saved from repeal:

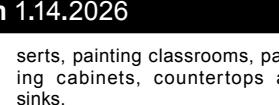
Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon publication as required by Iowa law.

Passed by the City Council of What Cheer, Iowa on the 13th day of January, 2026 and approved this 13th day of January, 20



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PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • Work Session 1.14.2026

THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 14TH, 2026.

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

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Brennen Grimm, Carrie Burdick, Marty Baker, Amy Harger, Karen Sieren.

The work session was called to order at 4:37pm.

Administration discussed that a survey was sent out to patrons and staff members on what the board should consider as priorities for projects in the future.

Katie Taukei arrived at 4:37pm.

The board entered discussion on a facility improvement plan and PPEL spending plan for the summer of 2026. The board received a listing of projects that have been completed and projects that are still on the improvement list.

The board continued discussion on whiteboards for the district. The board discussed pros and cons for new whiteboard and installing sleeves on the current boards, retrofitting to the frame, inserts or a total replacement. The board went and visited the classrooms that had a sleeve installed and an insert installed. The board agreed that they wanted to go with getting bids for inserts. The board discussed updating classrooms.

The board decided the following: Getting bids for whiteboards in-

serts, painting classrooms, painting cabinets, countertops and sinks.

The board discussed replacement/updates to the football pressbox. The board discussed getting more information on what is needed to replace the structure and to see if an engineer is needed to guide the district in the improvement.

The board discussed having another work session on February 11th, 2025 at 4:30pm to continue planning for improvements.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to adjourn at 5:57pm. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • Minutes 1.14.2026

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 14TH, 2026.

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

Members absent:

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Amy Harger, Zach Weilbacher, Tami Marsh, Karen Sieren, Pam Nachtmann, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Leah from OPaa, Daniel from OPaa, Marissa Allison, Renee Allison, John Conrad.

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

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

1. Regular Business- Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of Meetings Held December 10, 2025

B. Approve Payment of Activity Bills

C. Approve Payment of Bills

D. Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 12/31/25

E. Receive and Take Action on Resignations

F. Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts

i. Audeanna Fritz- Elementary Para

ii. Brennen Grimm Junior High assistant wrestling

iii. Brennen Grimm Varsity assistant girls wrestling

A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote.

Schaefer aye, Voss aye, Forrest

aye, Axmear aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum - No speakers

Good News:

The board discussed the At Risk/Drop Out Prevention application and plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The MSA amount for next year is \$174,345. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Axmear to approve the At Risk plan.

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

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$176,663 for MSA for the purpose of expenditures related to drop out prevention/at risk curriculum for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote.

Axmear aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Voss aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment Out Acknowledgements

i. Cooper Schmidt- CCA move back 6th grade

ii. Maddox Easley- CCA move back 3rd grade

iii. Trennan Lucas- Online school iv. Austin Welch- Online School v. Alice DeRoo 2026-2027 to Iowa City

Open Enrollment In Acknowledgment

vi. Karter Brecht- 9th move back Superintendent/Board Communication

vii. Legislative Meeting in Brooklyn- January 29, 2026 6pm

Principal Harger discussed their recent diagnostic testing information.

Principal Weilbacher discussed the semester is wrapping up at the high school and the staff is focusing on grades.

The board discussed holding another work session in February.

Superintendent Rheingans discussed that work has begun on developing the calendar for next year.

Next Regular Meeting: February 11th, 2026 with a Work Session prior to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Axmear, seconded by Forrest to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Sigourney • Minutes 1.21.2026

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the regular city council meeting on January 21, 2026.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, with Mayor Pro-Tem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Conrad, Schultz, McLaughlin, Hannan and Goldman. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Department I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Department II; and Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Kadir Conrad, Deputy City Clerk and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Conrad moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: 5

Schultz moved, seconded by

Goldman, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2026; Council Account Payable. Claims in the amount of \$43,095.25, January 2026 Library Claims; City Clerk Financial Reports, Payroll Expenses, Miscellaneous Expenses, ACH and Monthly Transfers for December 2025; Approval of Liquor License for Toby's Pizza at 102 E Washington Street, Sigourney, IA 52591; Approval of Liquor License for Dollar General at 704 E Jackson St Sigourney, IA 52591; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the February 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call Vote Ayes: 5

Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem

Ashley Fry, City Clerk

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Roll call vote Ayes: 5

Conrad moved seconded by Schultz, to approve the purchase of a Z970R ZTrak Lawn Mower, including the trade-in of the 2022 Z970R, for a total cost of \$6,763.31.

Roll call vote Ayes: 5

Schultz moved, seconded by Goldman, to adjourn the meeting.

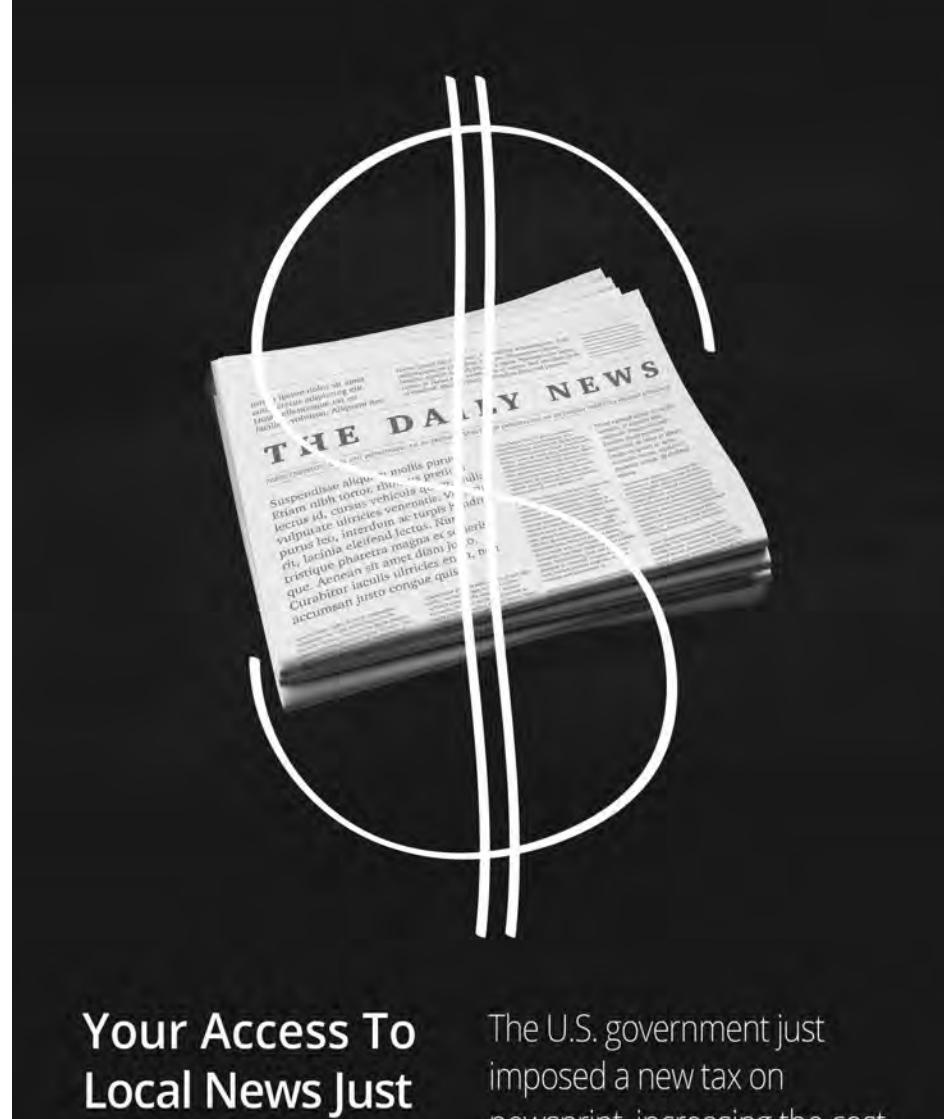
Roll call vote Ayes: 5

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem

Ashley Fry, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE English Valleys CSD • December 2025 Claims

	December ~ 2025,		
Amazon Business,Construction Supply50.99	Library World Inc.,Library renewal fee,540.00
Class Construction Account,**	.....	Marengo Farm & Home,Bus Supplies,.....	.....61.97
BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	.....50.99	Tami Marsh,tech maintenance fee,	.....4,200.00
General Account,December ~ 2025,	.....	McCloud Services,Pest Control,.....	.....192.29
Bender Angie,vb line judge,.....	.....200.00	MCI,phone,.....	.....113.83
BGM Community Sch. District,JH Boys Wrestling Fe,.....	.....375.00	Medical Enterprises,driver drug test fee,.....	.....700.00
BMO Harris Commercial Card,fa travel,.....	.....3103.02	Menards - Iowa City,Industrial Tech Supp,.....	.....118.81
BSN Sports,Boys BB Shooting Shi,.....	.....622.13	Midwest Alarm System,fire alarm monitor,.....	.....414.54
Jordan Challis,Wrestling Official,.....	.....180.00	Ahlers Law Firm,legal fees,.....	.....418.50
Chance Blake,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	AIG Retirement,Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	.....435.00
Ryne Christner,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	Alliant Energy,Electricity,..1974.51	.....
Greg Davies,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	Amazon,youth basketball rim,.....	.....695.58
Elite Sports,State Cross County S,.....	.....944.50	City Of North English,Water Sewer,.....	.....868.61
Julie Foglesong,assignee fees,.....	.....430.00	thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.,elevator maintenance,.....	.....314.59
Freeman Foods,script cards,.....	.....308.54	Push Pedal Pull,equipment repair,.....	.....340.00
Freese Jay,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	RevTrack,online fees,.....	.....330.90
Jeff Frese,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	Curt Rheingans,mileage reimb,.....	.....1,835.00
Kelby Homeister,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	S & S Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning,Plumbing repair,.....	.....352.94
Iowa FFA Association,FFA Dues,.....	.....1256.00	Scholastic,Elem Supplies,.....	.....40.67
Iowa Sports Supply,Athletic Supplies,.....	.....369.46	School Bus Sales,bus repair parts,.....	.....119.24
Nathan Klingenberg,Basketball Official,.....	.....166.51	Schoolsin,Whiteboard shipping,.....	.....2329.09
Joe Koehn,JH Basketball Offici,.....	.....80.00	Sigourney Body Shop,bus repair,.....	.....170.00
John Koehn,Basketball Official,.....	.....320.00	Sigourney Chiropractic and Wellness,DOT Physical,.....	.....135.00
Lane LeBahn,Wrestling Official,.....	.....293.09	SkillsUSA Iowa,Membership fees,.....	.....224.00
Eric Lenox,Wrestling Official,.....	.....160.00	Swift, True Value Home Center,custodial supplies,.....	.....47.98
Zachary Liddle,Wrestling Official,.....	.....165.97	T I P Rural Electric Coop,electricity,.....	.....3420.69
Alan Ling,official starter fee,.....	.....150.00	The Joy of Music,music therapy fees,.....	.....160.00
Main Street Pub & Grub,script cards,.....	.....250.00	The News-Review,Legal Notice,.....	.....229.03
Mid West One Bank & Trust,Athletic supplies,.....	.....160.16	Tifco Industries,vehicle repair parts,.....	.....158.78
National FFA Organization,FFa Registration fee,.....	.....638.00	Treasure State Of Iowa,State Income Tax,.....	.....7024.00
Michelle Patterson,fundraiser reimb,.....	.....8596.01	Tremmel Backhoe Services,Drain repair,.....	.....300.00
Bryan Sylvester,Wrestling Official,.....	.....162.86	Tri-State Automatic Sprinkler,sprinkler maintenanc,.....	.....318.00
Leighton Tjaden,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	U S Postmaster,PO Box fee,.....	.....358.00
Varsity Spirit Fashions & Supplies LLC,Cheer Uniforms,.....	.....2393.75	UMB Bank,bond interest paymen,.....	.....7269.50
Wapello School District,volleyball tourney f,.....	.....200.00	Verizon Business,phone,.....	.....91.61
Mark Watts,Basketball Official,.....	.....160.00	Voya,Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	.....2795.00
Travis Zaputil,Wrestling Official,.....	.....204.19	West Music Company,HS Band Supplies,.....	.....54.75
Activity Account,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	.....25260.39	White State Bank,wire fees,.....	.....30.00
ISFIS,Background Checks,.....140.30	Williamsburg Community School,engine control modul,.....750.00
J B Repair,bus repair,			



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English Valleys Drama Department Presents: Laughs, Drama, and Royal Mayhem

By: Phoenix Sorden

The English Valleys High School Drama Department is excited to announce this year's school play, *Game of Tiaras*, written by Don Zolidis and directed by Mrs. Burdick. *Game of Tiaras* is a creative adaptation inspired by William Shakespeare's *King Lear*, *Game of Thrones*, and classic fairytale princesses.

The aging king of a magical kingdom (England), played by Tyler Wiseman, makes the fateful decision to divide his empire among his three daughters. Cinderella (Olivia Debevec), Belle (Kaylynne Hoyleman), and the Snow Queen (Kaylee Frazier), who in no way resembles a copyrighted character, quickly turn that decision into chaos and comedy. Along the way, the audience will also meet other familiar fairytale princesses, including Snow White (McKenna Rugg) and the Little Mermaid (Peyton Corad). As if that weren't enough trouble, two princes, played by Jack Osborn and Chyar McGaffee, enter the mix and further complicate this power struggle.

This production puts a fresh and funny spin on a classic tragedy, mixing dramatic twists with playful humor. Phoenix Sorden and Ellie Patterson serve as narrators, guiding the audience through a kingdom in turmoil as alliances change and tensions rise. The result is an entertaining blend of drama, comedy, and unexpected moments.



The cast and crew invite you to join the *Game of Tiaras*. You won't want to miss this entertaining and memorable production. Come see what happens when ambition, rivalry, and fairytale magic collide on stage. The performances take place at English Valleys High School in Gene's Gymatorium on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21. The shows start at 7:00 PM, and doors open at approximately 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$4 dollars for students and \$6 for adults.

Join us for a night of laughter, drama, and fairytale fun as crowns clash and the game begins—because in *Game of Tiaras*, only one can rule the kingdom.

Big Night for English Valleys Basketball: Both Teams Secure Thrilling Wins Over Keota

English Valleys basketball fans were treated to an exciting doubleheader on January 15 as both the girls' and boys' teams came away with hard-fought victories over Keota.

The girls' team edged out Keota 52–48 in a nail-biter, showing focus and determination down the stretch to seal the win. Addison Achenbach led the team with 15 points, followed by Anna Luers with 13 points.

The boys' team followed with a 55–49 victory, marking a historic moment for EV basketball. This win is the boys' first home victory over Keota in several years. The last time they defeated Keota was on February 1, 2022, at Keota, making this home win even sweeter. Kane Axmeier led the Bears with 20 points, while Christian Tripses added 18 points, powering the team to the victory.

Coaches and teammates alike praised both squads for their effort, teamwork, and resilience throughout the games. It was a night to remember for English Valleys basketball, showcasing the talent, heart, and determination of the Bears.

Way to go, Bears!



Senior Night Highlights: Boys Wrestling



Upcoming Activities:

January 29:

JH Boys Basketball vs Colfax-Mingo - 4:15 pm
JV Boys Basketball @ Pekin - 4:30 pm
V Basketball @ Pekin - 6:00 pm

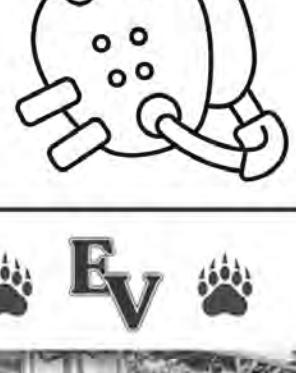


January 30:

Girls Wrestling State Q. Meet @ Wapello - 4:00 pm
HS Basketball @ Montezuma - 6:00 pm

January 31:

Boys Wrestling SICL Tour. @ Iowa Valley - 10:00 am



February 2:

JH Girls Wrestling @ Iowa Valley - 4:15 pm
HS Boys Basketball vs Valley Lutheran - 6:00 pm

February 3:

HS Basketball @ North Mahaska - 6:00 pm

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AVAILABLE POSITIONS 2025 - 2026:

AM Bus Driver
Elem. Special Ed. Paraeducator

MS/HS Special Education Teacher

PK-12 Substitute Teacher

AVAILABLE POSITIONS 2026 - 2027:

Assistant HS Football Coach

Assistant HS Volleyball Coach

HS Science Teacher

6-12 English Teacher

Please apply through iowa.schoolspring.com. For questions, please contact the District Office or jrugg@english-valleys.k12.ia.us



DNR sets public meetings to recap hunting, trapping seasons, discuss possible rule changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff will provide updates on recently completed hunting and trapping seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting and trapping rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

"We want people to come out to these meetings, listen to the seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Comments received during previous listening sessions have resulted in regulation changes, including modifying and removing areas closed to Canada goose hunting, establishing later goose season dates and increased bag limit, expanding the raccoon hunting and trapping season on private land, modifying Iowa's antlerless deer quotas in north central and western Iowa, and extending the regular trapping season through the end of February.

Meeting date, time and location

Waverly, March 2, 6 p.m., Waverly Public Library, 1500 W. Bremer Avenue
Bloomfield, March 3, 6 p.m., Pioneer Ridge Nature Center, 1339 Hwy. 63

Boone, March 3, 6 p.m., Wildlife Research Station, 1436 255th Street

Burlington, March 3, 6 p.m., Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St.

Chariton, March 3, 6 p.m., Pin Oak Lodge, 45996 State Hwy. 14

Creston, March 3, 6 p.m., Performing Arts Building

multi-purpose room (124), 1201 West Townline Street
Decorah, March 3, 7 p.m., Franklin W. Olin Building, Room 102, Luther College, 700 College Drive, next to the Prues Library

Des Moines, March 3, 6:45 p.m., Des Moines Izaak Walton, 4343 George Flagg Parkway

Maquoketa, March 3, 7 p.m., Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street

Spencer, March 3, 6:30 p.m., Iowa Lakes Community College, 1900 Grand Ave. Suite B1, Entrance #1-West side of the North Mall

Iowa City, March 4, 5:30 p.m., Johnson County Extension Office, 3109 Old Hwy 218 South

Charles City, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Public Library Zastrow Room, 910 Clark Street

Okoboji, March 4, 6 p.m., Maser Monarch Lodge, 22785 Nature Center Road

Perry, March 4, 6 p.m., Dallas County Conservation Board, Forest Park Museum administration building, 14581 K Avenue

Algona, March 5, 7 p.m., Tietz Entrepreneurial Center at the Algona campus of Iowa Lakes Community College, 2111 Hwy 169 North

Council Bluffs, March 5, 5:30 p.m., Bass Pro Shops, 2901 Bass Pro Drive

Hinton, March 5, 5 p.m., Dennis L. Sohl Center for Outdoor Learning, Hillview Recreation Area, 25601 C60

Lake View, March 5, 6:30 p.m., Speaker Park Shelter House, 418 North Blossom Street

Toledo, March 5, 5:30 p.m., Tama County Nature Center at Otter Creek Lake Park, 2283 Park Road

Ventura, March 5, 6 p.m., Clear Lake Wildlife Unit Office, 15326 Balsam Ave.

Any person attending the public meeting that has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.



Grain Bins (photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection)

Bins of Tomorrow Webinar to Focus on Grain Conditioning for Profitability

By: Kapil Arora

AMES – Farmers are invited to participate in an upcoming "Bins of Tomorrow" webinar on Feb. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. The webinar is offered by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach agricultural engineering team and will focus on issues encountered during the 2025 grain harvest, grain quality and its storability in 2026.

Kapil Arora, field agricultural engineer with ISU Extension and Outreach, noted that the 2025 corn and soybean harvest had its unique challenges.

"Cooled grain with low moisture content is typically good for winter storage. The conditions of grain bins in the distance under a blue sky both soybeans and corn should be looked into as spring 2026 approaches," he said. "Dry grain kernels are prone to shattering and splitting, which can cause issues during storage. Additional-

ly, there is an economic loss when such grain is sold, as weights are not adjusted for corn with a moisture content below 15% or soybeans with a moisture content below 13%."

Webinar topics include how to adjust weights using sensors, weather data and bin monitoring, using apps for decision-making and how to improve grain quality during storage, especially for soybeans. The webinar will be led by Dirk Maier, professor and director of the ISU Kent Feed Mill and Grain Science Complex.

Visit the Bins of Tomorrow website to register for the webinar or learn more about the Bins of Tomorrow programs. This webinar is offered to all participants at no cost, but registration is required.

Questions regarding the webinar can be directed to Kapil Arora at pbtiger@iastate.edu, Kris Kohl at kkohl@iastate.edu or Tony Mensing at tmensing@iastate.edu.



Virtual Field Day to Explore Prairie Establishment and Management with Carl Kurtz

Iowa Learning Farms virtual field day is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. CST

By: Elizabeth Ripley

AMES – Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with C-CHANGE: Grass2Gas, will host a virtual field day on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. CST. The event, which is available at no cost, will feature a live discussion with Carl Kurtz, a professional writer, teacher, naturalist and photographer with over 50 years of prairie establishment and management experience.

This field day aims to assist farmers, landowners and conservation professionals with Carl Kurtz establishing and maintaining prairie perennial vegetation. These areas provide numerous benefits, such as creating pollinator habitats, reducing soil erosion in sensitive locations, improving soil health, enhancing wildlife presence, increasing landscape beauty and serving as biomass feedstock for renewable natural gas production.

"About 50 years ago, I was introduced to the prairie by Roger Landers, who was a botanist at Iowa State University, and with my background in wildlife biology, I began to see that this is probably some

Ag Pest Control Course Set for February 11

Preregister before February 4 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course

Sigourney – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County will host an Ag Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, February 11, 2026. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave. Suite A. Sigourney, IA 52591. Pre-registration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before February 4 and \$60 after February 4.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

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

4-H "Know Your Swine" Project & Exhibitor Meeting Feb 10

4-H'ers involved in the swine project area have several important events coming.

February 10 at 6 pm at the Extension Office will be the annual "Know Your Swine" Workshop and Exhibitor Meeting for new and beginning swine showman. This is an introductory meeting to the Swine Project and current swine industry topics.

ISU Swine Specialist Matt Romoser, 4-H swine superintendents and mentor families, and 4-H staff will discuss early care management, facilities and equipment, feeding, bio-security issues, showmanship tips, African Swine Fever and ractopamine-free projects.

Questions regarding how to get involved with the swine project area as an exhibitor or community partner may be directed to the Washington County Extension Office, 319/653-4811.

Seed Treatment and Ag Pest Control Course Set for February 18

Preregister before February 11 for spring commercial pesticide applicator Continuing Instruction Course

Sigourney – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County will host an Seed Treatment and Ag Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 4, 1A, 1B, and 1C. Topics covered will include personal protective equipment and safe handling; professionalism, storage of pesticides, including chemical security; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 4, 1A, 1B, and 1C. Topics covered will include personal protective equipment and safe handling; professionalism, storage of pesticides, including chemical security; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

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

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Course Offered March 4

Preregister before February 25 for fall commercial pesticide applicator training recertification

Sigourney – Iowa State University and Outreach Keokuk County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 4, 2026. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave. Suite A. Sigourney, IA 52591. Pre-registration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before February 25 and \$60 after February 25.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, and 3OT. The IDALS-required topics to be covered are personal protective equipment and safe handling; professionalism, storage of pesticides, including chemical security; and pests, pest management; and pesticides.

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

